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RESULT DAY: WINNER TAKES IT ALL

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ NEW DELHI/MUMBAI/RANCHI

One-and-a-half months after an interesting day of counting of votes for the Haryana Assembly elections which ultimately retained the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government for a third straight term with initial trends showing a massive lead by Congress, another season of a bitterly contested election, in Maharashtra, and Jharkhand, as well as bypolls in Wayanad Lok Sabha seat, and Assembly segments in Uttar Pradesh, will conclude on Saturday afternoon with the declaration of results. While Wayanad is set to pave the way for Congress candidate Priyanka Gandhi to Lok Sabha who shall join her brother Rahul and mother Sonia in the Parliament, stakes are high for BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA), and Congress-led INDIA bloc in both states, as well as a battle of prestige in the by-polls of Punjab, Kerala, Uttarakhand, and a crucial one in Uttar Pradesh, post the BJP's dismal performance in this year's General Elections. The results of Uttar Pradesh by-polls will be a huge contributing factor in setting a narrative for the next Assembly polls in the state, due in 2027. By-elections to 48 Assemblies constituencies and two Parliamentary constituencies spread across 15 states were also held simultaneously. The Elections for the 81-seat Jharkhand Assembly took place on November 13 and 20, while Maharashtra, which has 288



Security personnel stand guard outside a strong room ahead of the counting of votes for the Maharashtra Assembly elections, in Nagpur, Maharashtra. PTI

Assembly seats, went to polls in a single phase on November 20. But in Maharashtra fissures have emerged within the ruling BJP Shiv Sena combine Mahayuti and the Opposition Congress, Shiv Sena (Udhav) Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) as who will head the next government with several contenders for the chief minister's post currently held by Shiv Sena's breakaway faction Eknath Shinde who toppled Congress and NCP backed Uddhav Thackeray regime. According to media reports from Mumbai, Maharashtra

Congress remarks that voting trends suggest the Congress will get the maximum number of seats has not gone down well with alliance Shiv Sena (UBT), whose tall leader Sanjay Raut insisted the chief ministerial face will be decided by all alliance partners jointly once the MVA secures majority. The Rajya Sabha MP said if the Congress high command has told State Congress chief Nana Patole that he will be the Chief Ministerial face then the national party's president Mallikarjun Kharge, and its top leaders Rahul Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi

and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra should announce the same. On the MahaYuti side, Shiv Sena MLA and party spokesperson Sanjay Shirsat said the Assembly elections were contested with Chief Minister Eknath Shinde as the face. "Voters have shown their preference for Shinde through voting. I think it is Shinde's right (to be the next CM) and we are confident that he will be the next CM," Shirsat said. However, BJP leader Pravin Darekar batted for Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis for the top post. "I think if anyone from the

BJP is becoming the CM then it will be Devendra Fadnavis," he said. On the other hand another partner NCP advocated for their party chief and Deputy CM Ajit Pawar for the coveted job. Down South, elaborate arrangements have been made for the counting of votes in the three bypolls in the state, Wayanad Lok Sabha and the Palakkad and Chelakkara Assembly seats. Wayanad seat attracted national attention due to the electoral debut of Priyanka Gandhi, who is contesting against Communist Party of India (CPI) veteran Sathyan Mokeri and BJP's Navya Haridas. The UP by-elections are seen as a litmus test for the BJP's organisational discipline and electoral strategy. While the party hopes for favourable results, senior leaders are bracing for potential fallout if outcomes fall short of expectations. For by-polls to Punjab's four Assembly seats, Gidderbaha, Dera Baba Nanak, Chabrewal (SC) and Barnala, the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Congress and BJP are looking to register victories in these seats. Congress on Friday also appointed observers for Maharashtra and Jharkhand to oversee the post-election scenarios. Senior party leaders Ashok Gehlot, Bhupesh Baghel and G Parameshwara will be AICC observers to Maharashtra, while Tariq Anwar, Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and Krishna Allavuru have been named observers for Jharkhand.

Centre opposes ex-SC judges panel

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Friday opposed in the Supreme Court a proposal to form a committee of former SC judges to oversee the implementation of measures to curb stubble burning, a key contributor to Delhi-NCR's air pollution. The suggestion was put forth before a Bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih, hearing a case related to the rising pollution in Delhi-NCR, by senior advocate and amicus curiae Aparajita Singh. Meanwhile, the Bench said it would consider on November 25 whether or not to ease the anti-pollution GRAP-IV restrictions in Delhi-NCR keeping in view the drop in air quality index levels. The amicus said the judges had previously dealt with air pollution and stubble burning issues. A Bench headed by former Supreme Court's Justice Madan B Lokur had



File photo: Ranjan Dimri/The Pioneer

heard pleas related to pollution and the role of stubble burning as a contributing factor in the past. In 2020, a bench headed by the then CJI Justice S A Bobde set up a panel headed by Justice Lokur to deal with the issues relating to stubble burning. The order was later recalled. On Friday, the amicus curiae proposed that a committee of these judges could monitor and hear all stakeholders, including farmers and government authorities, for a

comprehensive approach to address the crisis. "A committee of experienced judges familiar with these issues could efficiently oversee the situation and hear individual grievances," said Singh. The proposal, however, was met with strong resistance from Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, representing the Centre. Bhati asserted the Centre and the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) were taking adequate measures and that adding another oversight layer would be counterproductive. "We strongly oppose this suggestion. There is no need for an additional judicial committee as your lordships are already monitoring the situation. We are answering all concerns, correcting shortcomings, and making progress," said ASG Bhati while opposing the creation of "any more tier". The amicus clarified her suggestion was for a fact-finding committee, but Bhati countered the statement, saying the government was already working with the available data and frameworks to address the issue effectively.

Temperature falls, AQI rises

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Residents of the National Capital Region (NCR) woke up to a cold morning with a minimum temperature of 11.3 degrees Celsius on Friday. The air quality also plunged to a 'severe category' reaching an AQI of 401 by the evening, as a clear sky and bright sun failed to neutralise the cocktail of slow winds, dipping temperatures. Out of 38 monitoring stations in the city, 19 have already reported AQI levels in the "Severe" category. Jahangirpuri

recorded the highest AQI at 445. By the evening fog engulfed the National Capital, reducing visibility which led to disruption of road, rail and flight operations. This November, Delhi has already seen seven "severe" pollution days. Last year's winter experienced four similar episodes. An AQI of 400 or higher is classified as "severe" and poses significant health risks. The PM2.5 concentration is currently 68.1 times the World Health Organization annual PM2.5 guideline value.



Canada dismisses report linking PM, Doval to criminal activities

PTI ■ OTTAWA

The Canadian government has dismissed a media report linking Prime Minister Narendra Modi, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval to criminal activities in Canada, including the alleged plot to kill Sikh separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, terming it as "speculative and inaccurate". The denial made by Nathalie G Drouin, National Security and Intelligence Advisor to Canadian Prime Minister, on Thursday came a day after India strongly trashed the report as "smear campaign". Quoting an unnamed senior national security official, "The Globe and Mail" newspaper on Tuesday reported that Canadian security agencies believe Prime Minister Modi knew about the killing of Nijjar and other violent plots. The official said Canadian and American intelligence tied the assassination operations to Home Affairs Minister Amit Shah. Also in the loop, the official said, was Doval and Jaishankar.

Déjà vu for AAP, LG Saxena now praises CM Atishi

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

In a rare gesture, Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena praised Delhi Chief Minister Atishi on Friday, and said she is "a thousand times better" than her predecessor Arvind Kejriwal. The praise of Atishi comes amidst a backdrop of political friction between the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government and the LG over a range of issues, including governance, air pollution, and control of bureaucracy ever since he attained the office at Raj Niwas. These remarks have set the political circles abuzz about the CM's future since her former cabinet colleague Kailash Gehlot, once close to AAP supreme, was also reportedly favoured by the L-G who just quit the party and joined BJP. LG Saxena made the remarks during the convocation ceremony of the Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women in the national Capital. "I am happy



Delhi Lt. Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena, Chief Minister Atishi, Vice Chancellor of the University of Delhi Yogesh Singh (L) and others during the 7th Convocation of the Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women (IGDTUW), in New Delhi. PTI

today that Delhi's CM is a woman, and I can confidently say that she is a thousand times better than her predecessor," the L-G said, glancing at Atishi who was present during the convocation ceremony and also addressed the students. In his speech, Saxena told the students, "As you move ahead, you have four guiding stars. First is your

responsibility towards yourself, the second is your responsibility towards your parents and family while the third responsibility is towards the society and nation building. "The fourth responsibility is to prove yourself as women who have broken the glass ceiling of gender and stand on par with others in all fields," he said.

RHYTHM OF LIFE



Artists take selfies during 'Jangal Mahal Utsav', a festival to promote tribal arts and culture, in Kolkata. PTI

Ten Naxalites killed in Sukma

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ SUKMA

Ten Naxalites were killed in an encounter with security personnel in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district on Friday, a senior police official said. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai hailed security forces and said the era of peace and progress has returned to the Bastar region, which includes Sukma. The gunfight broke out in the morning in a forest within the jurisdiction of the Bhejji police station when a joint team of security personnel was out on an anti-Naxalite operation, said Inspector General of Police (Bastar Range) Sundarraj P. The operation was launched based on inputs about the presence of Maoists belonging to Konta and Kistaram area committees of Naxalites on forested hills of Korajguda, Dantespuram, Nagaram and Bhandarpadar villages, he said. Bodies of 10 Naxalites have been recovered from the spot so far, he said. Besides, a cache of weapons, including an INSAS rifle, an AK-47 rifle and a Self Loading Rifle (SLR), were also seized, he said.

The search operation by the District Reserve Guard (DRG) and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) is still underway in the area, he added. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai praised security forces and asserted that his government's priority is to establish peace, facilitate development and ensure the safety of citizens in the Bastar region. "Security forces gunned down 10 Naxalites in a major operation in Sukma district this morning. The state government has been working on the policy of zero tolerance towards Naxalism. Ensuring development, peace and safety of citizens in Bastar is the top priority of the state government. The era of peace, development and progress has returned to Bastar," Sai said in a statement.

BGT: Team India fights back, after a flop show

PTI ■ PERTH

Skipper Jasprit Bumrah made amends for his debatable toss call to bat first with a mesmerising opening spell that left Australia scurrying for cover at 67 for 7 and helped India make an emphatic comeback after a flop show with the willow on the opening day of the first Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy 2024. The match, which was billed as a battle between two out of form batting units, lived up to the prediction at least on the first day. As many as 17 wickets fell, which is the first time in seven decades for a Test match on Australian soil. The stand-in India skipper, much to everyone's surprise, opted to bat on a track with a liberal grass cover which generated appreciable seam movement and midriff high bounce. But neither the youngsters nor the seasoned ones in the

Indian line-up were up to the task. It was debutant Nitish Reddy's gutsy 41 and Rishabh Pant's 37, including an unbelievable sixer, that got India to 150 in 49.4 overs with Josh Hazlewood (4/29), Mitchell Starc (2/14 in 11 overs), Pat Cummins (2/67 in 15.4 overs) and Mitchell Marsh (2/12 in 5 overs) sharing the spoils. In the driver's seat when they came out to reply, Australia had no answer to Bumrah's (4/17 in 10 overs) quality that was on display. Defending a low first innings total cannot be a one-man show and Mohammed Siraj (2/17 in 9 overs) and debutant Harshit Rana (1/33 in 8 overs) stepped up to support their skipper. The lengths they hit were immaculate, around five metres from the stumps and on the off-stump channel. The live grass did the rest whenever the ball landed on the seam. Debutant Nathan McSweeney



(10) got a nip-backer and DRS ruled him leg before. Usman Khawaja (8) just froze in his crease once Bumrah decided to square him up by coming round the wicket. Virat Kohli, who had earlier dropped Marnus Labuschagne (2 off 52

balls), didn't make any mistake on this one. But it was out of form Steven Smith (0), who got a very difficult first delivery that zoomed in and dipped catching him plumb in front. Once Bumrah set the tone, debutant Harshit, with a bustling action, got one that pitched on middle stump, drawing Travis Head (11) forward before it deviated to dislodge the off-bail. Australia were reeling at 31 for 4. Labuschagne took 24 balls to

get off the mark and also found himself at the receiving end of some heated words from an agitated Siraj. The Indian then pitched one up to Mitchell Marsh and the resultant edge was brilliantly snapped by KL Rahul before ending Labuschagne's 52-ball agony with an in-cutter. Bumrah then came for his final spell of the day to remove the rival skipper as India took control of the proceedings. But this resurrection was preceded by a horror show with the bat. Reddy's grit and Pant's brief daredevilry were the only saving grace against a disciplined Australia. Pant and Reddy had added 48 when rival skipper Cummins, who had dropped a skier, got a fuller delivery to straighten as the southpaw closed his bat face and the thickish leading edge flew to the second slip. Pant and Reddy were the only two players who were intent on a pushback. Among the

top-half, KL Rahul (26 off 74 balls) was ready to grind it out before getting a contentious caught behind decision. Young guns like Yashvi Jaiswal (0) and Devdutt Padikkal (0) looked completely out of place during a brilliant opening spell bowled in tandem by Starc and Josh Hazlewood. Virat Kohli (5) was done in by a short ball from Hazlewood. The star Indian batter couldn't remove his bat from the line of the ball and the resultant edge became a regulation slip catch. Rahul followed the basics during this course, playing the one coming into his body while leaving all other deliveries from length. He got out when Starc, back for his second spell, got one to move a shade and the snicko showed deflection although the batter suggested that his bat hit the pad at the same time when the ball went past the edge.

MP and Maharashtra join hands for collaborative progress: CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav emphasized that Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra will collaborate to bring agro-based industries to every household, stating, "One and one will not make two, but will work as eleven." Addressing at the inauguration of the Agrovision National Agricultural Fair in Nagpur, Yadav highlighted that the event is more than just a fair—it is a cornerstone for fostering good governance, paving the way for prosperity in India and its states. Chief Minister Yadav said that Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari is an expert in resolving social issues. He said that the state is identified on the

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basis of rural agriculture-based works. I appreciate that the Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra governments are encouraging domestic industries like agriculture-based fisheries, animal husbandry, and milk production in every household. He said that production is not limited to productivity but also to providing adequate markets for the products. A team of ministers and officials from Madhya Pradesh will be sent to observe and study the fair.

Cattle rearing will increase income

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav highlighted that the Madhya Pradesh government has introduced several schemes to boost the income of cow herders. He stated, "We are followers of Shri Krishna, who is known as Gopala—the protector of cows. A household with cows is a Gokul." Drawing a connection to Marathi traditions, he noted that calves and heifers are called Gaura and Gauri. "We

have devised a plan to provide Gauri instead of cows to herders," he explained. Under this plan, cow herders can rear five cows, keep two at home, and the government will purchase the remaining three. By selling milk, cow herders can increase their income significantly. **Freedom from the prison of Kanji House** Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that we will build cow shelters in urban areas to provide shelter to the abandoned and destitute cows whose milk-yielding capacity has become low or zero and the cow herders have abandoned. The Bhoomi puja of a cowshed with a capacity of 10 thousand cows is going to be held in Bhopal. < This will also curb accidents caused by destitute cattle on

the roads. The Chief Minister said that we have also decided to close down Kanji Houses, Khedas in Madhya Pradesh. Keeping mute animals in jail is not justified. **Maharashtra my ancestral home** Chief Minister Yadav said that after coming to Maharashtra, it felt as if I had come to my home. Mata Ahilya and Mahadji Sindhia hail from Maharashtra state. I salute Mata Ahilya, who at that time got wells constructed as an irrigation system for farming. On this occasion, Chief Minister Yadav greeted Vice Chancellor Sharad Ghatak, Vice Chancellor Nitin Patil, Abdullah and President of PESA Act TR Keshav, Deepak Shah, Vikram Bhag and G Patil.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav being greeted by the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways at India's Premier Agri Summit, in Nagpur, Maharashtra on Friday. Pioneer photo

Cong wants to defame nation and state: Sabnani

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Reacting to the press conference of State Congress president Jitu Patwari, BJP state general secretary and MLA Bhagwandas Sabnani said that the only objective of the Congress state president has been to defame the country and the state. Congress cannot tolerate the progress of the country and the state. Today the state is ahead in the category of developed states, while India's economy is growing rapidly and will soon come to the third place in the world. Congress does not have any issue, so every time it make baseless allegations against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP. Due to the MoU of Italian Congress with China, the industrialists of India do not like them.

Patwari gives such statements to cover up his incompetent leadership. Sabnani further said that Congress had raised the issue of Rafale even before the 2019 elections and had strongly called it a big scam, even gave the slogan 'Chowkidar Chor Hai'. Even during the Covid-19 pandemic, the Congress tried to create a sensation, but in the end the Congress leaders had to apologize before the Supreme Court. The sole objective of the Congress has been to defame the country and the state and to cast aspersions on the prestigious institutions of the country. The Congress repeatedly targets the institutions that work for the security and strength of India and creates controversy. Patwari should know that the legal process is going on against the Adani Group and

the law will do its job. There is no interference from anyone in this. Sabnani said that the four states whose names have appeared in the document include Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Tamil Nadu. Between July 2021 and February 2022, there were Congress governments in these four states. He said that Chhattisgarh was ruled by former Chief Minister Bhopesh Baghel, Andhra Pradesh by Congress-backed YSRC's Jagan Mohan Reddy, Tamil Nadu by Congress alliance partner party DMK and the state of Odisha at that time had a BJD government led by Naveen Patnaik. The names of the four states which have come up in America, at that time neither BJP nor BJP supported governments were in those states.

4 year RI in bribery case

Bhopal: The Id Special Judge for CBI cases, Indore has on Friday sentenced accused Rajeev Kumar Sinha, then Assistant, Weaver's Service Centre, Indore to four years' Rigorous imprisonment (RI) in a case of bribery. A case was registered on the basis of a complaint dated May 04, 2017 of a Multi Tasking Staff (MTS), Weaver's Service Centre, Indore against Rajeev Kumar Sinha, Assistant, Weaver's Service Centre, Indore alleging therein that Rajeev Kumar Sinha had demanded an illegal gratification of Rs 10,000. Later, accused Rajeev Kumar Sinha, Assistant agreed to accept Rs 3,000 as bribe money from complainant for confirmation of his services. CBI laid a trap and caught the accused red-handed while demanding and accepting bribe amount of Rs 3,000 from the complainant.

Demand to register FIR against All India Muslim Jamaat chief for his statement

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Members of pro-Hindu organisation Sanskriti Bachao Manch have strongly objected to the statements made by National president of the All India Muslim Jamaat Maulana Mufti Shahabuddin Razvi Barelvi against Dhirendra Shastri and demanded an FIR against during their visit to Bhopal. In Bhopal, the Sanskriti Bachao Manch has strongly objected to the statement. The Maulana had said that there should not be a riot during

An FIR has been demanded against Maulana Mufti Shahabuddin Razvi Barelvi who made a statement on the visit of Pandit Dhirendra Shastri of Bageshwar

Pandit Shastri's visit. The Maulana is the national president of the All India Muslim Jamaat. On Friday, the Sanskriti Bachao Manch members met Police Commissioner Hari Narayanchari Mishra and submitted an application demanding registration of a case against the Maulana. Led by the president Chandrashekar Tiwari, Yogendra Sharma, Romi Sahu, Nilesh Namdev, Rudra

Tripathi, Nilesh Rajput, Chhotelal Giri, Ramswaroop Rajput submitted an application to Police Commissioner Mishra. President Tiwari said, Sanskriti Bachao Manch fears that Shahabuddin Rizvi may have already conspired to spread riots and there may be stone pelting during the 160 km long yatra. Pandit Shastri and lakhs of Sanatanis are participating in the yatra, so the administration should be alert beforehand and register a criminal case against Shahabuddin Rizvi and arrest him. National President of All India Muslim Jamaat Barelvi had issued a statement on Pandit Dhirendra Shastri's yatra on Thursday. He had said that "The yatra of Peethadheeshwar of Bageshwar Dham Pandit

Dhirendra Krishna Shastri will be a hate-filled yatra. In this, the slogan of making our country a Hindu nation will be given. Baba ji's yatra is 160 km long. I fear that there may be riots. Because he always spoke against Muslims, kept threatening Muslims. He kept announcing plans to make the country a Hindu nation.' Pandit Dhirendra Krishna Shastri's 'Sanatan Hindu Ekta' padayatra started from Bageshwar Dham in Chhatarpur, Madhya Pradesh on Thursday morning at 11.15 am. The national flag and saffron flag were hoisted and the national anthem was sung. After this, Hanuman Chalisa was recited collectively. He will cover a distance of 160 km in 9 days. The journey continued on Friday as well.



Women entrepreneurs participate in a Fruit Maceration Ceremony for the preparation of cakes ahead of the Christmas and New Year celebration, at Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, in Bhopal on Friday. Cake mixing involves mixing dry fruits, nuts and spices with rum or wine, to create a sweet and flavorful base for Christmas cakes. Pioneer photo

National-level hackathon organized at SISTec Gandhi Nagar

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering of Sagar Institute of Science and Technology (SISTec) has organised a 36-hour national-level hackathon 'Samadhan 1.0' at its Gandhi Nagar Campus. 'Samadhan 1.0' hackathon was organised in collaboration with the multinational software company Marktine Software Sol. Pvt. Ltd. The hackathon was inaugurated by Professor Suresh Kumar Jain, Vice-Chancellor Barkatullah University along with Alok Sharma, Co-founder and Director of Marktine Software Sol. Pvt. Ltd., Prashant Rikhar, Vice President Marktine Software Sol. Pvt. Ltd in the presence of Sudhir Kumar Agrwal Founder and Chairman Sagar Group, Siddharth Agrawal Managing Director Sagar Group, Dr Jyoti Deshmukh, Group Director SISTec, Dr Aditi Lunawat



Director of Development SISTec and Dr D K Rajoria Principal SISTec. The 'Samadhan 1.0' Hackathon witnessed the presence of 90 teams comprising 360 participants across the country. The teams will be working on innovating using AI-powered solutions to develop AI chatbots. In the next 36 hours, teams will compete to address the challenges in diverse fields - finance, healthcare, education, smart cities, automation and banking. The hackathon will conclude on November 23, 2024. The top three teams will be selected based on problem understanding, innovation and creativity, technical execution, user experience, impact of solutions, presentation and communication skills, collaboration and teamwork. Representatives from Marketing Software Company and the Calm Chase community, and Mr. Shankara Reddy Thamma, DC Technical Delivery Master II,

Deloitte Consulting LLP, will evaluate the participants and will guide on the originality, quality of work and ability to solve real-world problems followed by an award ceremony with prizes upto Rs 75000 to honour the winning teams. Amit Mishra Head of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering SISTec co-ordinated the Hackathon. Speaking on the occasion, Suresh Kumar Jain, said "The importance of balancing technological advancements with human intellect, stating that platforms like Samadhan 1.0 foster innovation and learning". Guiding the budding technocrats Alok Sharma said, "The significance of emerging technologies like blockchain, AI, data analytics and adding that Samadhan 1.0 hackathon serve as a launchpad for fresh talent which companies like Marktine eagerly seek." Thanking the guests, Chairman Sudhir Kumar Agrawal in his speech directed students to utilise the platforms to their advantage.

No Rain Basera meals without mobile numbers: Govt order

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Scores of people are forced to sleep on an empty stomach as a government order now makes it mandatory for poor, homeless residents at the city's largest night shelter to provide their mobile phone numbers to earn free meals. Municipal staffers, who earlier helped out the hungry by listing their own phone numbers, have backed out since civic officials accused them of misuse. The night shelter at Yadgar-e-Shahjahan Park distributes food from 10 AM to 3 PM and again from 7 to 8 PM. People without phone numbers can no longer make the evening distribution list. Those in extreme poverty and drug addicts are the worst hit. The staff are now seeking permission to feed individuals without a phone number or documents. They fear potential repercussions and job loss if they continue without official approval. Pankaj Rai, a

The night shelter at Yadgar-e-Shahjahan Park distributes food from 10 AM to 3 PM and again from 7 to 8 PM

shelter worker, said, "Out of humanity, we gave our phone numbers to feed the poor. Without permission, we risk action. We simply want to ensure that no one goes hungry." Nearly 150 to 200 people pay Rs 5 each to stay at this night shelter. Until now, they were offered free meals. However, the shelter no longer serves evening meals to those without proof. Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) Additional Commissioner Tina Yadav said, "The shelter distributes food regularly. We will investigate any irregularities and ensure proper processes are followed."

CM to lay foundation for hi-tech Gaushala

Bhopal: Chief Minister Mohan Yadav will lay the foundation stone marking the commencement of construction of a state-of-the-art Gaushala at Barkhedi Dob village on the outskirts of the state capital on Saturday. The State Minister for Animal Husbandry and Dairy (Independent Charge), Lakhna Patel, will be present at the ceremony. The Gaushala will encompass a total of 25 acres, house 10,000 bovines, and boast modern maintenance methods, as well as a fully equipped medical ward. Continuous monitoring of the shelter will be carried out through CCTV. With a planned outlay of Rs 15 crore, the Gaushala will be built by the Rural Engineering Department, while the Municipal Corporation and Animal Husbandry Department will be the nodal agencies. The Smart City Project and District Panchayat are funding the project, which will run under the direct supervision of the Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC). The construction will take place in three phases, with the first phase catering for nearly 2,000 bovines. Fodder, green grass, and animal feed will be delivered to cows via conveyor belts.

Will Ijtema market worsen traffic woes around Hamidia?

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Lack of coherence between the district administration and Hamidia Hospital authorities is causing a harrowing time for patients and caregivers, who must negotiate bad roads and diversions to reach the main medical facility. Traffic problems in the area have worsened considerably since hospital authorities boarded up the main gate, in front of Taj Market, to give it a facelift, and told citizens to use either of the two other two gates to get to the facility. An apparently simple solution, only this one is riddled with complications as patients coming in from the densely populated Shahjahanabad-Igdah side must take a long detour via Peer Gate and Moti Masjid to reach the old gate at Fatehgarh, or navigate some really confusing barricades before Imami Gate and drive on the wrong side of the road for a few metres to get to the hospital. Adding to this jumble of vehicular is the abruptly halted road construction activity on the Taj Mahal-GPO road. Garnish this with the pop-up Ijtema

Market at the Taj-ul-Masajid complex, which opens on December 1, and you may well have your worst traffic nightmare come true. Originally held on the west flank of the mosque complex, the Ijtema Market now spills over into the streets in front of the currently closed Hamidia Hospital gate. Bands of local goons charge fees from gullible visitors for allowing them to park their two-wheelers on the main road. It is standard global practice to allow easy access to vehicles headed for large hospitals, as even a minute-long delay may prove fatal for a patient. But the delay in this case is incomprehensible, especially as a few minor tweaks—like opening of barricades at Imami Gate—could easily resolve the issue at least for patients headed to Hamidia. Though the traffic department has written to hospital authorities to either open the closed gate or make alternative arrangements until its completion, the district administration is yet to issue traffic advisories for the Ijtema Market, or even provide a schedule for the completion of the Taj Mahal-GPO route.

Workshop on ULBs role of water supply and sewerage projects

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Madhya Pradesh Urban Development Company (MPUDC) organised a workshop on the role of urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the operation and maintenance of water supply and sewerage projects in the state capital on Friday. The workshop was attended by public representatives and chief municipal officers, including the chairpersons of 21 city bodies under Bhopal,

Narmadapuram, and Sagar divisions. In his keynote address, Additional Commissioner and Additional Managing Director of MPUDC, KL Meena, said that the workshop aims to increase dialogue between the public representatives of the local bodies and the company. He said that the participation of local public representatives is critical to the success of the project, as it is meant for the local bodies alone.

In his speech, ENC Anand Singh said that with the rapid growth of urban areas, water supply and sewerage management have emerged as critical development parameters for any developed city. At the beginning of the workshop, Deputy Project Director (Technical) Shailendra Shukla outlined the objectives of the workshop and the projects implemented by MPUDC, an undertaking of the Urban Development and Housing Department.

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Infighting mars day 2 of Congress State executive meet

GIRISH SHARMA ■ BHOPAL

The infighting within the Madhya Pradesh Congress has reached at its peak, as the resentment with the State Congress president Jitu Patwari has come to fore in open on the behalf of senior party leaders. In the past, there have been instances of few party leaders getting annoyed with the PCC chief. But in the history, this is for the first time that all senior party leaders, altogether have opened a front against the PCC Chief. The two-day State executive body meeting of the Congress commenced was started on Thursday, but all the senior party leaders remained absent from the meeting on both the days. On the first day, it was the



meeting of Political Affairs Committee and the State Executive, while on the second day, on Friday, it was the meeting of office-bearers and legislators. Those who remained absent on Thursday included former chief Minister Kamal Nath, Rajya Sabha member Digvijay Singh, former

from Bhopal Central Arif Masood and others. On Friday, Congress MLA and son of Digvijay Singh, Jaivardhan Singh attended the meeting. PCC insiders said that on the second day, the name slip of Leader if the Opposition Umang Singhar, that was placed on a chair on the stage, was removed. While talking to mediaperson on Friday, PCC Chief Jitu Patwatwari said that the whole Congress is united. All the senior leaders who remained absent had in advance told about their inability to remain present in the meeting due to unavoidable reasons. The absence of these heavyweights sends a strong message to the Congress high command about the eroding

confidence in the current state leadership, as all this happened in the presence of AICC general secretary and in-charge of Madhya Pradesh Bhanwar Jitendra Singh. Recently, during the Congress protest with the demands of farmers, with the efforts of PCC Chief Jitu Patwari, all senior leaders had participated in the agitation in their respective divisions. Then, it was believed that the whole State unit of Madhya Pradesh Congress was united in the leadership of Patwari. However, the situation changes fast in the State unit of the Congress, after the State executive body if the PCC and Political Affairs Committee were declared.



Women take part in a face painting event during 'Gramin Vikas Utsav' an exhibition cum sale of the products and artifacts of the women of self-help group from various states, organised by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) at Bhopal Haat, in Bhopal on Friday. Pioneer photo



Students go through a state level skill exhibition under Stars Project, organised by MP School Education department at Government Subhash excellence school in Bhopal on Friday. Pioneer photo

BMC sets fresh deadline for possession of Awas Yojana flats

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Setting a year-end deadline for handing over possession of three Middle Income Group (MIG) apartment blocks at the 12-Number Residential Project, Municipal Commissioner Harendra Narayan, on Friday, said that further delays would result in penalties for contractors. Speaking to stakeholders following an inspection of the project, being built under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Narayan emphasised the need for timely completion of work. He warned contractors that delays would result in penalties. During the inspection, Narayan interacted with residents and beneficiaries of the

project and assured them of prompt resolution of their concerns. During the review, officials informed Narayan that in the MIG category, three blocks with 216 houses have been completed. In the LIG category, eight blocks with 576 houses are under construction, and in the EWS category, nine blocks with 432 houses are being developed. Construction of one MIG block is nearly complete, while only finishing touches remain in the second and third blocks. The LIG category work is expected to be finished by March 2025, with two more blocks completed by April and May. For EWS houses, one block will be completed by April, and two others will be ready by May.

Bhopal experiences coldest night at 9.4 degree Celsius

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The State capital witnessed the coldest night of the past decade on Thursday as mercury dipped to 9.4 degree Celsius. The 10-year record of cold was broken on the night of 21-22 November in Bhopal. The temperature fell to 9.4 degrees. This is the lowest temperature of November since 2014. In 2017, the temperature was definitely recorded at 9.6 degrees Celsius. For the first time this season in Bhopal, the mercury dipped below 10 degree Celsius. On Thursday night, it came down to 9.4 degree Celsius after a drop of 0.8 degrees. The weather has remained intensely cold since Friday morning and some relief was provided from the sunshine.

In the morning, light fog was also seen in many areas including Kolar, Berasia Road, Ayodhya Bypass, while fog is still present in many areas including Upper Lake. According to the Meteorological Department, similar weather prevails in Bhopal in November. After November 15, the effect of cold increases, which remains till the end and this time the effect of the cold has intensified. According to the data of weather of November month in Bhopal in the last 10 years, in the year 2017, the mercury was recorded below 10 degrees i.e., 9.6 degrees Celsius, while twice it was below 10.5 degrees and this is the second time in November that the mercury has been below 10 degree Celsius. Madhya Pradesh is currently shivering with northern winds.

Bhopal witnessed the coldest night of the season on Thursday. The night temperature has dropped below 15 degrees in almost all the cities of the state. Cold is coupled with fog and due to chilling icy winds, the lowest night temperature was recorded in Pachmarhi, Mandla, Umaria and Rajgarh. The Meteorological Department has warned of further drop in night temperature in the coming days. According to meteorologists, the intense cold in Madhya Pradesh has increased due to snowfall in Kashmir. Snowfall is witnessed in the hilly areas. At the same time, jet stream winds are also blowing in West-North India, due to which northern winds are entering the state. This is the reason why the mercury at night is continuously dipping.

Woman ends life by jumping into dam

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A 24-year-old woman in Bhopal committed suicide by jumping into Kaliyasaot dam, before committing suicide, she told her brother over phone "I am harassed by my husband and mother-in-law. That is why I am going to die". The audio of this conversation between brother and sister has also surfaced. The incident took place at 12 noon on Friday. Ras Bihari Sharma, in-charge of Ratibad police station, said that Neha Patil, wife of Rohit Patil (24), resident of Kolar, had come to visit the dam with two friends on Friday. Meanwhile, she received a call and while talking on mobile phone she suddenly jumped into the dam. Police are investigating the matter. Neha used to work as a computer

operator in JK Hospital while her husband drives a car for an officer in the Municipal Corporation. The woman's brother Roshan said that she had left the house this morning saying she was going to work. There was a dispute between the husband and wife over the phone. The husband had used some abusive words. After which the sister called me and said- Husband and mother-in-law are harassing me a lot. That is why I am giving up my life. The audio of brother's last conversation with Neha has been provided by the family. Neha and Rohit had an arranged marriage two years ago. Both are residents of Multai district Betul and from the marriage they do not have any children. Neha's parents have alleged the husband and father-in-law of harassing her for dowry.

Teachers' orientation held at Sanchi

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal and Archaeological Survey of India, Bhopal Circle jointly organized One Day Teachers Training Workshop on Friday on the theme "Natural History in Buddhist Art" during World Heritage Week - 2024 at Sanchi: A World Heritage Site. Teachers from various schools & colleges Madhya Pradesh participated in this programme. In the beginning of the workshop, Scientist-C of the RMNH, Bhopal Shri Manik Lal Gupta informed that our earth evolved 4.5 billion years ago and various plants & animals evolved during evolutionary process.

Collector bans stubble burning in Bhopal, warns of strict action

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Soon after satellite images pointed towards stubble burning in the district, Collector Kaushalendra Vikram Singh banned the burning of crop residues in the district and warned of strict action against those failing to comply. In orders issued late on Thursday evening, Singh banned the burning of crop residues and warned erring farmers of action under the provisions of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. The ban will remain in force for an initial period of two months. The orders stated that the practice must be stopped, as it often causes

uncontrollable fires, damaging property, natural vegetation, and wildlife, and also results in a loss of soil fertility. Singh also underlined the damage caused to the environment and the resultant loss of human and animal life and biodiversity. He called on farmers to desist from the practice and instructed administration officials and police station in-charges to monitor their areas and ensure the ban is strictly enforced. They will take immediate action against those violating the order, said Singh. The orders come on the wake of a significant downturn in the quality of breathable air in and around the state capital.

UNICEF organises social media meet on education

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Social media meet on theme of education and career guidance was held by UNICEF today at Bhopal. Around 50 social media influencers participated. It was interactive meet wherein there was session on career guidance programme being run in Government schools of Madhya Pradesh which was technically supported by UNICEF. Anil Gulati, Communication Specialist, UNICEF facilitated the meet and he said that our aim is to share information about the efforts in the State on career guidance and how social media influencers can disseminate this information and help to increase its reach. F A Jami, Education Specialist, UNICEF shared career guidance programme has 500 career cards in 21 domains which is being implemented in the State. He took the participants through the career portal and it was requested that these social media influencers can spread the information of this career portal to all using their power of social media. He also shared that there is another programme Fundoo based on UReport for skill development, which has 11 micro courses for school children. These could be accessed by children to build skills for career development. The portals to look for scholarships, were also shared. Rekha Patidar, Teacher with Government School in BHSL shared her positive experiences with career guidance programme and how it is exposing students of her school and giving them overview on careers available in 21 domains. Ms Onkush shared her experience of career portal and also



how she works with students in guiding them to learn information on various careers. She explained about the variety of career options available and how inquisitive are the students. Influencers like Sagar Sharma, Nidhi Shukla Pandey, Neeta Manwani, Arpit Jain, Pinki Tiwari, Jyoti Dubey, Madhu Choudhary, Nidhi Rawatiya shared their experience while they were growing up or as parents of children. One of the suggestion given was to include parental engagement also in the career guidance program, so that parents could also support their children in their understanding of the same. Sujan Sarkar, Monitoring officer and representatives of DIIYM (Development Initiative Igniting Young Minds) were present at the meet.

Adopting floriculture can boost farmers income: Minister Kushwaha

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Horticulture and Food Processing Minister Narayan Singh Kushwaha has said that farmers can earn good profit through floriculture. In the last 4 years, the area under floriculture cultivation in Madhya Pradesh has increased by 5 thousand hectares. As a result, more than 4 lakh 71 thousand metric tonnes of flowers have been produced by the farmers of the state, which is a record. Minister Kushwaha said that

small-scale farmers in the state who have one or half hectare of land can also earn good income from flower production. Flower cultivation is ready in less time and it is a cash crop. With this, farmers get immediate cash payment of the crop. Flowers of Madhya Pradesh have a good demand in metros like New Delhi, Mumbai, Nagpur, Ahmedabad, Jaipur. The Horticulture Department is encouraging flower producing farmers. Nurseries are being made high tech Minister Kushwaha said that

nurseries of the state are being made high tech. For this, an e-nursery portal has also been created. Through this flower and fruit producers are getting good quality seeds and plants at discounted rates. In the 100-day action plan in the state, 20 thousand farmers and youth have been trained in modern techniques. In this sequence, the first high tech floriculture nursery is being developed in Gwalior at a cost of Rs 13 crore under the National Agricultural Development Scheme. This nursery will use the latest techniques in

flower cultivation. Director Horticulture and Food Processing said that there has been significant progress in the production of flowers in the state in the last four years. In the year 2021-22, flower cultivation in the state spanned 35 thousand 720 hectares, yielding a total production of 4 lakh 12 thousand 730 metric tonnes. Whereas in the year 2023-24, 4 lakh 71 thousand 584 metric tonnes of flowers were produced on 41 thousand 49 hectares, which is 58 thousand 854 metric tonnes more than 2021-22.

Pedestrian hit to death by unidentified vehicle

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A 32-year-old man died after he was hit by an unidentified vehicle while crossing the road at Berasia on Thursday, he met with an accident while on his way to meet his sister. The impact of the accident was severe which caused the death of the man on the spot. The deceased, identified as Nilesh Saini had left to meet his sister at her in-laws' house. The police have registered a case and started an investigation in the matter. The accused vehicle and the driver have not been identified yet.

According to the police, Nilesh Saini hailed from Ganjbasoda. He currently worked at a dhaba located at Sukhi Sewania on Vidisha Road and also lived there. On Thursday afternoon, Nilesh had gone to meet his elder sister Kamala Saini living in Runaha, Berasia. He had left for home after meeting his sister at around 11 pm. During this, an unknown car hit him hard at Runaha trisection. The driver fled from the spot along with the car. The police are examining the footage of CCTV cameras installed nearby to identify him. The deceased's brother Suresh Saini said that Nilesh had come to Bhopal two years ago in search of work. He worked as a cook and had a dream of settling in Bhopal. He used to get a salary of Rs 20000 and was also looking for a girl to marry.

Sulemania School restoration rekindles nostalgia

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

If you're the sort who can be transported in time by period architecture, the historical Sulemania School building, currently under restoration, is an absolute must-visit. Tucked away but approachable from several streets, the arched gateway, in the Retghat locality of the old city, leads into an angan (courtyard) that has a passageway and another courtyard to your right, and an ugly socialist-era concrete structure to your left. People in the area inform that the latter structure was added to the red sandstone construction from the mid-19th century to accommodate extra pupils when the city registered an exponential growth in population after it was named the capital of Madhya Pradesh. A long-time resident of the area and history buff, Khalid Ghani, says that the building



was not originally built to house a school at all. "It used to be the Unani Shifakhana (a Unani dispensary), while the legendary Sulemania School used to be run from the premises where the Shifakhana stands today." Though it lost its eminence in later decades, the Sulemania School, established by Nawab Shahjahan Begum as a tribute to her departed grandchild, Sulaiman Jahan, was one of the more prominent

centres of learning anywhere in the world, stresses Ghani, who spends his days reading and interacting with fellow old-timers at his quaint little office above the Ibrahimipura mosque. "Barkatullah Bhopali, after whom the local university is named, studied at Sulemania, as did various prominent scholars of the day," he says, sitting on a seasoned wooden chair. The school was shifted to the

Shifakhana at Retghat post-1947, adds Ghani, who studied here up to Class 5 in the mid-1960s. "Boys were allowed to study here till Class 5, after which I went to a different school at Itwara," says the elderly gentleman wistfully as he lowers his voice, remembering his teachers, Sheela Behanji and Suleman Aapa. The old boy laments that one part of the school was leased out to a builder, who has constructed a multi-storey apartment complex on the plot. He wonders if the restored structure will again open its doors to young pupils or if the landmark building will now be used differently. Oblivious to all the history that surrounds them, two young lads are painting an inner room at the restoration site with limestone. The slurry seems a little coarse, and one is left wondering if it has been left that way on purpose.

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BJP leader demands apology from Congress over baseless allegations

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

BJP leader Vinod Tawde has demanded an apology from Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi for making "false and baseless" allegations against him in the cash-for-votes incident in Maharashtra, saying if they do not he would sue them for defamation. He sent a legal notice to Congress seeking apology in 24 hours.

Tawde was accused by Bahujan Vikas Aghadi, a regional party, of distributing Rs 5 crore to woo voters, with its members barging into a hotel room on November 19 in a Mumbai suburb, where the BJP leader was present. The former Maharashtra minister and BJP national general secretary claimed innocence, saying the alleged amount was not recovered in the probe by the Election Commission and police.



"The Congress only believes in spreading lies, and this incident is a proof of the party's low level politics to dent me and my party's image," Tawde said. The two Congress leaders and the party spokesperson Supriya Shrinete seized on the row to accuse the BJP of using money power to influence the November 20 assembly polls in the state. The legal notice sent to the three claimed that they were aware that they were pushing

a "totally false story fabricated" by them. "You all have deliberately, mischievously with the sole intention of damaging the reputation of our client intentionally fabricated the story distribution of money. You all have published false, baseless allegations against our client on various media for tarnishing his image in the eyes of right thinking people in the society," the notice read. The Congress leaders were in a "great hurry" to damage

Tawde's reputation, they did not bother to check the fact and or despite knowing the entire fact they made the false, baseless allegations, it said. "The entire imputation made by you all are totally false, baseless, malicious and mala fide and as our client is in no way involved in any such illegal activity and as a responsible office bearer of the national political party he is aware of his duties," it added.

The notice demanded an "unconditional apology" to Tawde within 24 hours from the time the receipt of the notice, which was sent on November 21, and published in newspapers and social media. If they do not offer apology, then Tawde will initiate criminal proceedings under Section 356, which covers defamation, of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and also civil proceedings for the damages of Rs 100 crore against the three Congress leaders, the notice said.

Over 1.12 lakh trees will be felled to make way for Kanwar Yatra route: UP Govt informs NGT

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has been informed by the UP government's environment department that over 1.12 lakh trees will be felled in the protected forest area in the state to make way for the upcoming Kanwar Yatra route. The NGT had sought a reply from the secretary of the state's environment department in a case pertaining to the felling of more than one lakh trees and shrubs in the protected forest area.

The area in question spreads across three forest divisions of Ghaziabad, Meerut and Muzaffarnagar for the proposed route between Muradnagar in Ghaziabad and Purkaji in Muzaffarnagar. The reply, filed by UP principal secretary, Department of Environment, and dated November 19 said, "It is important to mention that the Public Works Department (PWD) received permission to cut 1,12,722 trees/plants for



the Kanwar Marg project, as approved by the (Union) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on February 28, 2023." It said at present, 25,410 trees had been marked and assigned for felling, of which 17,607 were cut by the PWD under the supervision of the Uttar Pradesh Forest Corporation. "Presently, the tree-cutting work has been suspended by PWD since August 9, 2024, and tree felling in certain stretches of the proposed alignment has not commenced," said the

reply uploaded on the tribunal's website on Friday. Noting that the tribunal asked the secretary to enumerate the number of trees under the UP Tree Protection Act provisions, the reply stated such an enumeration was not possible in the stretches where tree cutting was completed as plants and bushes were also cleared during the drive. "In the future, once PWD finalises a revised road alignment with width of 15-20 metre, joint inspections will identify and enumerate any remaining trees to be felled.

However, the total number of affected trees/plants should not exceed 1,12,722," it stated. The UP tree act provisions did not apply to the reserved and protected forest land, the reply added. "The land used for the construction of above-mentioned Kanwar Marg is a protected forest and the implementing agency has obtained in-principle approval from Government of India for Kanwar Marg Project. Thus, enumeration of trees as per the provisions of UP Tree Act 1976 was not carried out," it said.

Regarding the definition of trees, as asked by the tribunal in its previous order, the reply cited the Centre's Parivesh Portal, according to which trees were categorised based on girth size such as 0-30 cm, 31-60 cm, and more than 150 cm, and included provisions for also counting smaller plants and trees having a girth between zero and 30 cm. "This ensures that all relevant vegetation is comprehensively accounted," the reply said.

There is need to broaden definition of jobs and employment: Pradhan

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Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan on Friday here said there is a need to broaden the definition of jobs and employment adding technological disruptions will change the nature of jobs and economic activities. He stressed the need to continuously up-skill and re-skill the workforce for future-proofing them.

He made these assertions after launching along with Minister of Labour and Employment and Youth and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya a report titled Jobs at Your Doorstep: A Jobs Diagnostics for Young People in Six States. Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy Sanjay Kumar; Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Atul Kumar Tiwari; Country Director, World Bank, India

Auguste Tano Kouame; Lead Education Specialist, Shabnam Sinha, World Bank, India, officials of the Ministries and some school Principals were also present at the event.

Speaking at the event, Pradhan complimented the World Bank team for the detailed report on six states. He also suggested the World Bank team adopt a pan-India framework. Such in-depth diagnostics on skilling and jobs will enable stakeholders to create new architectures and make progressive policies for empowering our population, he said.

He highlighted the need to broaden the definition of jobs and employment. Pradhan said the framework has to be broadened and viewed from the perspective of economic opportunities and empowerment.

Expressing his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra

Modi's vision to transform India into a global skills hub, the Minister said the population of the country will be the driver of the global economy. For this, skilling needs to begin right at schools and NEP 2020 has envisioned mainstreaming skilling in schools, he said.

Pradhan also said technological disruptions will change the nature of jobs and economic activities and it is needed to continuously up-skill and re-skill the workforce for future-proofing them. A 'whole-of-a-government' approach and working collaboratively to skill, up-skill and re-skill our large population is needed to emerge as the skill capital of the world, he mentioned.

Mandaviya, in his address, mentioned that in the last budget, it was proposed to develop a curriculum to harness the potential of region-specific skills and employ-



ment, following a hub-and-spoke model. He also stressed on correcting the definition of job beyond employment. It is important to include informal education in academic education, he added. Sanjay Kumar reaffirmed Prime Minister Modi's vision of a 'whole-of-government'

approach, which has inspired collaboration between the two Ministries to develop systems in schools for inculcating the culture of skill education. Emphasizing the significance of practising a skill to achieve mastery, he noted that the NEP 2020 recommends instilling diligence and con-

sistent practice in students. The Government of India has an ambitious plan to transform the economy towards a high-income country status by 2047.

To achieve the goal of India becoming a productive economy, she needs to urgently address challenges facing its employment landscape and prepare its workforce. Multifaceted, dynamic, convergent approaches aligned to educational reform and market-linked skill development (SD) will help India reach its job growth potential.

Key reforms by Government of India will help strengthen the vocational education sector to become a decentralized, local market-led, inclusive and fiscally sustainable sector, to train the workforce for the skills required for a high-income India.

The Ministry of Education has made major strides on this front by launching the

National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2023. Both policies emphasize the importance of skilling in schools, with the NEP setting ambitious targets of 50 per cent of students accessing skill education by 2025 and all secondary schools offering skill education by 2030.

As India sets out to achieve these targets, the "Jobs at Your Doorstep" report serves as both a diagnostic and roadmap to providing strategic linkages and convergence between education and the jobs agenda of India. It goes deep into the job landscape of six states: Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Rajasthan (collectively the STARS states). STARS Scheme has a national component under which key reforms are shared and disseminated for implementation. This report underscores the significant benefits of embedding skill-based education from grades 9-12 to prepare students for diverse career paths relying on a bottom-up approach, going deep in districts of the six states. These present varying socio-economic profiles offer a nuanced view of how industry and government can both contribute towards the jobs agenda.

The World Bank assists the Ministry of Education with its program called Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) covering six states namely Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Rajasthan (collectively the STARS states). STARS Scheme has a national component under which key reforms are shared and disseminated for implementation.

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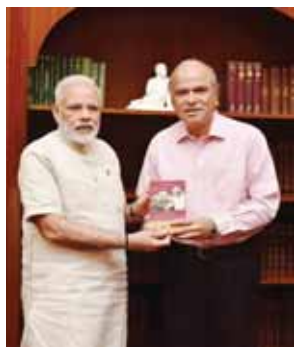
PM Modi expresses grief at death of former IIS officer SM Khan

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his grief at the death of retired Indian Information Service (IIS) officer and Press Secretary to former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, S M Khan, calling it "irreparable loss to the society".

In his message to bereaved family Thursday from Guyana where he was on the last leg of five-day and three-nation visit, Modi said Khan was a hardworking and dedicated officer of Indian Information Service and worked in various departments.

"With his experience and expertise, he handled various challenging responsibilities with dedication. His humane approach and nature taking everyone along was worth mentioning," the Prime Minister said. He will be remembered for his efforts for needy people and



his demise is an "irreparable loss to the society," he said. "It is difficult to put in words the pain of loneliness in your life. He is not in this world in physical form but his memories and values will always be with the family," Modi said. A distinguished officer, who was spokesperson for the Central Bureau of Investigation for 15 years before joining as press secretary to former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, Khan died at a private hospital on Sunday after a brief illness.

Throughout his tenure, he became the face of the CBI, regularly addressing the media during high-profile cases, including the Bofors scandal, stock exchange scams and various white-collar crimes. Following his extensive service with the CBI, Khan was appointed as the press secretary to the late President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, a role in which he further solidified his reputation in public communication. After Kalam's term, Khan moved to a prestigious position as the director general of News at Doordarshan.

In addition to his notable career in public service, Khan authored a book titled "People's President," which was released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He also held the position of vice president and trustee at the India Islamic and Cultural Centre, contributing to cultural dialogue and community development.

PM Modi participates in 31 bilateral meets, informal interactions during tour

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in 31 bilateral meetings and informal interactions with world leaders during his five days of three-country tour, officials said on Friday.

The whirlwind diplomatic engagements included a bilateral meeting with the Nigerian president in Nigeria, 10 bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Brazil and nine during Modi's visit to Guyana.

In Brazil, Modi held bilateral meetings with the leaders of the country, besides those of Indonesia, Portugal, Italy, Norway, France, the UK, Chile, Argentina and Australia. These were marked by his maiden bilateral meetings with Indonesian leader Prabowo Subianto, Portugal's Luis Montenegro, the UK's Keir Starmer, Chile's Gabriel Boric, and Argentina's Javier



Milei, the officials noted. Modi also had informal interactions and pull-aside meetings in Brazil with the leaders of Singapore, South Korea, Egypt, the USA and Spain and with the heads and executives of various international organisations like Ursula von der Leyen of the European Union; Antonio Guterres of the United Nations; Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala of the World

Trade Organization; Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus of the World Health Organization; and Kristalina Georgieva and Gita Gopinath of the IMF. In Guyana, the officials said, Modi held bilateral meetings with the leaders of Guyana, Dominica, Bahamas, Trinidad & Tobago, Suriname, Barbados, Antigua & Barbuda, Grenada and St Lucia.

Two fishermen go missing as boat collides with Indian Navy's submarine

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Two fishermen were missing after their boat collided with an Indian Navy submarine late Thursday evening 70 nautical miles off Goa Coast. There were 13 fishermen onboard the boat and 11 of them were rescued, navy said here on Friday adding search operations were on for the remaining members.

"An Indian fishing vessel Marthoma with a crew of 13 reportedly collided with an Indian Naval unit on November 21 about 70 nm North West of Goa," an Indian Navy spokesperson said. "Search and rescue efforts were immediately launched by the Indian Navy with six ships and aircraft. Eleven crew have been rescued so far," he said.

The search operation to find the two missing crew members is ongoing and was being coordinated with the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) in Mumbai. The Navy has ordered a high-level probe into the matter. A spokesperson from the Navy said additional assets, from the Coast Guard as well, were being mobilised and diverted to the area of the incident to help with the rescue efforts. The Navy deployed six ships and surveillance aircraft in the rescue mission.

The fishing vessel collided with a Scorpene class submarine - which is a crucial part of India's naval strength, capable of executing a wide range of functions, including anti-surface warfare, anti-submarine warfare, intelligence gathering, mine laying, and area surveillance. It has superior stealth techniques and low noise levels, making it a deadly and precise weapon.

Nitish lays foundation stones for rural road, bridge projects

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PATNA

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Friday inaugurated and laid foundation stones of multiple road and bridge projects of the state Rural Works Department (RWD) worth Rs 8,837.77 crore.

The Chief Minister asked officials to ensure that priority is also given to the maintenance of rural roads, bridges or causeways in the state.

"With a view to improving rural connectivity, the CM on Friday virtually inaugurated and laid foundation stones of 6,199 projects of the RWD worth Rs 8,837.77 crore", a statement issued by the Chief Minister's Office said. "All roads and bridges of the RWD, for which foundation



stones were laid, the CM directed officials to complete the projects on time and ensure that there should not be any compromise on the quality of works and materials. He also asked officials that all

the roads and bridges which were inaugurated on Friday, should be inspected regularly and their continuous maintenance must be given the top priority", said the statement. The event was organised at CM's official residence, 1

structured/strengthened/widened) at a cost of Rs 92 crore. Projects for which foundation stones were laid included: 1,472 roads (total length 1,571 km) and 5 bridges (total length 304 metre), which will be constructed at a cost of Rs 1,824 crore under the Chief Minister Gram Sampark Scheme. Under the Chief Minister Rural Road Maintenance Programme, 2,306 roads (total length 4,148 km) will be repaired at a cost of Rs 2,350 crore. Under the Mukhyamantri Gramin Sadak Unnayan Yojana, the work of upgradation (reconstruction/strengthening/widening) of 442 roads (total length 1,701 km) and one bridge (total length 27 metre) is to be done at a cost of Rs 1,739 crore.

Rise in sea levels likely to increase risk for millions of coastal residents, says study

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Climate-driven hazards such as rise in sea levels are likely to increase risk for millions of coastal residents, a study has warned.

Published in the journal Nature Climate Change, the study estimates that a 1-metre sea level rise by 2100 would affect over 14 million people along the Southeast Atlantic coast, from Norfolk, Virginia, to Miami, Florida. The study holds relevance for India which has a large number of people living not only along the coastal areas but also dependent on sea for their livelihood.

It showed that by 2100, 70 per cent of the coastal population will also be exposed to shallow or emerging groundwater -- a

beach loss, could displace millions and damage critical infrastructure unless robust adaptation strategies are implemented," said Shirzaei.

The findings, in collaboration with the US Geological Survey, are based on assessments of the cumulative impact of multiple climate-driven coastal hazards, including sea level rise, flooding, beach erosion, sinking land, and rising groundwater. All these are expected to worsen significantly by the end of the 21st century. Further, the researchers noted that coastal storms and hurricanes will amplify the risk of flooding over land. With 1 metre of sea level rise, overland flooding will affect up to 50 per cent of residents in the region, impacting US\$770 billion in property value.



far more significant exposure than daily flooding. This groundwater hazard is likely to affect approximately \$1 trillion in property value, creating new challenges for infrastructure such as roads, buildings, septic systems, and utilities. The scale of these interconnected hazards is much greater than anticipated, said Manoochehr Shirzaei from Virginia Tech's Department of Geosciences. "The risk of flooding, compounded by sinking land and

Mizoram government plans to relocate refugees to single location

PTI ■ AIZAWL

The Mizoram government is planning to relocate all refugees taking shelter in different parts of the state and to bring them in one place, according to Lalmuani Punte, political adviser to the chief minister. Punte on Thursday convened a meeting with officials of south Mizoram's Lawngtlai district to discuss issues concerning over 2,000 Bangladeshi refugees taking shelter in the district. He told the meeting that proper guidelines should be formulated to prevent the refugees from settling and shifting anywhere they want. Punte said that the government is taking steps to relocate and bring the refugees together in one place rather than be



scattered in different villages for administrative convenience. The plan will also help the government in providing humanitarian assistance in a more convenient way, he said.

Punte further said that plans are afoot to relocate 2,014 refugees from Bangladesh's Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) currently taking shelter in different villages in Lawngtlai district to four villages within the district.

Lawngtlai shares border with both Myanmar and Bangladesh and the southernmost district currently hosts 6,030 refugees from Myanmar and 84 internally displaced people from Manipur

besides 2,014 Bangladeshi refugees, according to deputy commissioner Cheemala Siva Gopal Reddy. Earlier, Young Mizo Association (YMA), the largest civil society organisation in the state, urged the state government to constitute a systematic mechanism, including proper shelter homes, for housing and handling over 42,000 refugees and internally displaced people. According to the state Home department, over 33,000 Myanmar nationals, including 12,572 children, are currently taking shelter across all the 11 districts of the state. Besides, 7,756 internally displaced people from Manipur also took shelter in different parts of the state, it said.

Jama Masjid controversy, Mayawati urges government and SC to intervene

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ LUCKNOW



BSP chief Mayawati has strongly reacted to the controversy surrounding the Shahi Jama Masjid in Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal district. She has termed it an attempt to disrupt communal harmony in the state and country, urging the state government and the Supreme Court to take cognizance of the matter. Taking to social media platform X, Mayawati stated, "The sudden controversy, hearing, and subsequent hasty survey regarding the Shahi Jama Masjid in Sambhal district have become a topic of national debate and media headlines. Such actions threaten peace and harmony. The government and the honorable Supreme Court must take serious note of this." On Tuesday, a petition was filed in the Chandausi District Court, claiming that Sambhal's Shahi Jama Masjid was originally the Harihar Temple. The Civil Judge (Senior Division) Aditya

Kumar Singh appointed a court commissioner to investigate the matter. On the same day, a two-hour videography and photography survey was conducted inside the mosque. The findings are being compiled and will be reviewed in detail. The court has set November 29 as the date for the submission of the report. A member of the mosque committee expressed disappointment over the survey, stating, "This mosque has been here for 500 years, and namaaz has been offered continuously, unlike the Babri Masjid. Yet, a survey was carried out immediately after the court order. Nothing was

found-no idols, no evidence supporting the claims." The survey sparked protests from local residents, but the intervention of Sambhal MP Zia Ur Rehman Barq helped defuse tensions, allowing the survey to proceed. The petition claims that the Jama Masjid was originally a Hari Har temple located in Mohalla Kot Purvi and was converted into a mosque in 1529. It argues that the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has a duty to take control of the site. Given the sensitivity of the situation, the administration has heightened vigilance in the district. The District Magistrate has imposed Section 163 of the Indian Civil Security Code (BNS), which prohibits gatherings of more than five people and bans protests or demonstrations. The DM stated, "Strict enforcement of Section 163 will be ensured, and violations will result in legal action." The Jama Masjid controversy has sparked political debate across the spectrum.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh meets Japanese and Philippines counterparts at ASEAN meet in Laos



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday met his Japanese and Philippines counterparts on the sidelines of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM)-Plus meeting in Vientiane, Laos, defence ministry said here. Giving details, officials said Rajnath met his Japanese counterpart Gen Nakatani and Secretary of National Defence (Defence Minister) of the Philippines Gilberto Teodoro on the final day of

his three-day visit to Laos. India and Japan reiterated the importance of defence industry and technology cooperation between the two countries. Recalling the milestone event of signing of Memorandum of Implementation of UNICORN mast in Japan last week, both sides agreed to enhance cooperation in co-production and co-development in the defence manufacturing sector. To further improve interoperability between the Indian and Japanese forces, Reciprocal Provision of Supply and Services Agreement between the two countries and participation of militaries in various bilateral and multilateral exercises were discussed by both the Ministers. They also agreed to explore new areas of cooperation in the air domain. Rajnath Singh welcomed the

Philippines as country coordinator for India in ASEAN and ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM)-Plus forum for the next cycle. Both sides agreed to expand and deepen cooperation in exchange of subject matter experts, defence industry, counter-terrorism, space and maritime domain. Prior to his departure to New Delhi, Rajnath Singh also visited the Wat Sisaket Temple (a Buddhist Temple) in Vientiane, and sought blessings from Shri Mahaveth Chittakaro, Abbot of Sisaket Temple. During his three-day stay in Vientiane, Rajnath Singh attended the 11th ADMM-Plus, and held bilateral meetings with his counterparts from Malaysia, Lao PDR, China, US, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Australia, Japan and the Philippines.

Suspects involved in looting properties of ministers and MLAs identified: CM Biren Singh

PTI ■ IMPHAL

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh on Friday said that suspects involved in looting the properties of ministers and MLAs during protests on November 16 were identified and legal actions initiated. He condemned incidents like torching the photograph of a minister's late father in his house, looting the residence of an MLA and firing inside a car showroom, and wondered whether these could be part of any agitation. "In the name of democratic movement, some gangs have looted and burnt the residences of ministers and MLAs. Suspects have been identified through CCTV and appropriate legal actions have been initiated. I feel ashamed to publicly say that such things are



happening in Manipur," Singh told reporters. Urging people not to get involved in any activities that led to suspension of internet, the chief minister said, "Do not blame the government only. We need to correct ourselves as well." He said he has no objections against anyone who genuinely protested against the killing of children and

women in Jiribam district. "But those politically motivated gangs who took advantage of the situation, we will take legal action (against them)," Singh said. Had not CRPF gunned down 10 or 11 militants in Jiribam, some 100 civilians would have been killed on November 11 since the attackers wanted to over run a relief camp in Borobekra

and a police station, the CM claimed. So, the steps taken by the central forces should be appreciated, Singh said. "When the situation improves, we will make sure to lift suspension on (mobile) internet. Operations are on to apprehend the attackers. Though the NIA is also handling the case of the killing of innocents in Jiribam, the state government is not silent. We are also looking for them. The government will seek to protect lives and properties of civilians," Singh said. Manipur has seen a fresh wave of protests after six people - three Meitei women and three children - went missing from a camp for displaced persons in Jiribam last week, following a gunfight between armed men and security forces that

resulted in the deaths of 10 Kuki youths. More than 220 people have been killed and thousands rendered homeless in ethnic violence between Imphal Valley-based Meiteis and adjoining hills-based Kuki-Zo groups since May last year. The CM also slammed Congress leader P Chidambaram for advocating for regional autonomy in an X post, which he later deleted. To a question on Rahul Gandhi urging Prime Minister Narendra Modi to arrest of industrialist Gautam Adani in the backdrop of charges of bribery and fraud against the Adani group in the US, Singh alleged that America is trying to pull down India. "Will India do what the US says? The allegations are baseless," he said.

President Droupadi Murmu stresses 'Nation First' for a developed India

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

President Droupadi Murmu on Friday stressed the importance of instilling a sense of "Nation First" among citizens to make India a developed nation. She addressed a gathering at the inauguration of LokManthan-2024, a colloquium of "nationalist thinkers" in Hyderabad. The President said colonial rulers not only "exploited India economically" but also sought to "dismantle its social fabric". "The rulers who disregarded our rich intellectual traditions created a sense of



cultural inferiority among citizens. Such practices were imposed, undermining our unity. Centuries of subjugation left citizens with a mentality of slavery. Instilling the feeling of 'Nation First' is essential to

develop India," she said. Murmu cited the replacement of three old criminal laws, the renaming of Rajpath in Delhi as Kartavyapath, and the renaming of Durbar Hall in Rashtrapati Bhavan as 'Ganatantra Mandap', as

notable instances, reiterating these renaming aligns with the ancient tradition of democracy. Murmu also referred to the installation of the new 'Lady Justice' statue in the Supreme Court of India, describing it as another commendable step in eradicating colonial mentality. She stressed the importance of citizens understanding India's cultural and intellectual heritage and contributing to the strengthening of its invaluable traditions. Efforts to divide Indian society and create artificial differences were aimed at

weakening unity. However, she noted that the spirit of Bharatiyata (Indian-ness) kept the flame of national unity alive. "Whether we are 'vanvasis' (forest dwellers), villagers, or city dwellers, we are all Indians first. This sense of national unity has kept us united despite numerous challenges," she added. Highlighting India's ancient global influence, Murmu said the country's religious beliefs, art, music, medical systems, technology, language, and literature have been widely appreciated. "Indian philosophical

systems were the first to offer ideal life values to the global community. Strengthening this glorious tradition is our responsibility," she remarked. The president lauded all stakeholders for organising LokManthan-2024, calling it a praiseworthy effort to reinforce "the threads of unity in India's rich culture, traditions, and heritage." Telangana Governor Jishu Dev Varma, Union Coal and Mines Minister G Kishan Reddy, Telangana Women and Child Welfare Minister D Anasuya, and RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat attended the event.

Karnataka: BJP president BY Vijayendra slams Siddaramaiah-led Government over Waqf land notices



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Karnataka BJP president BY Vijayendra on Friday launched a blistering attack on the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government, accusing it of issuing controversial Waqf land notices to farmers and discontinuing central schemes to fund its poll guarantees. In an interview to PTI, Vijayendra claimed growing dissent within Congress ranks, with MLAs reportedly frustrated over frozen constituency development funds and the chief minister's leadership style. "Siddaramaiah consistently blames the Centre to hide his administrative failures. The state's resources are poorly managed," the BJP state chief said, highlighting what he called a "desperate" situation in Karnataka's governance. He alleged that on one hand the ruling party is unable to fulfil the poll guarantees, while on the other hand the development activities have come to a standstill across all 224 assembly constituencies as legislators are unable to secure grants for local projects, he said. "Out of 224 assembly constituencies, no MLAs are getting grants for development activities," the son of former chief minister of Karnataka BS Yediyurappa claimed. The BJP chief particularly criticised recent policy decisions that he claimed hurt the poor, including hikes in milk prices, fuel costs, stamp duty, and a 20 percent increase in government hospital charges. "All these decisions of the Siddaramaiah government are affecting both the poor and farmers," he stated.

The comments by Vijayendra came even as BJP intensified its protests against notices issued to farmers under the Waqf law. "We are holding dharnas across the state. Our senior leaders will tour Karnataka in December first week against this move," he said, adding, "In the name of Waqf, poor farmers should not be cheated and their land should not be taken away." He alleged that Siddaramaiah has directed district commissioners to issue notices to farmers, triggering widespread protests. On controversy over cancellation of 12 lakh BPL cards in the state, Vijayendra said, "We don't oppose removing illegal beneficiaries, but cancelling cards just because someone has a PAN card is unscientific." Regarding internal party dynamics, he acknowledged some resistance to his leadership but expressed confidence in uniting all factions. "Few senior leaders might need some more time to accept. At the end of the day, I am confident that I will be successful in taking everybody together in the interest of the party," he said. The BJP leader also predicted BJP victories in Sandur and Shigoan, while expressing confidence in JD(S) candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy's win in Channarayana. The party is currently focused on strengthening its presence in Hyderabad Karnataka and Old Karnataka regions, he added, as part of their strategy to return to power with an absolute majority.

Punjab Aam Aadmi Party names Aman Arora as party president

PTI ■ CHANDIGARH

The ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Punjab named New and Renewable Energy Minister Aman Arora as the new president of its state unit on Friday. The development comes a month after Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said he would speak to the AAP leadership on the appointment of a full-time president of the party's state unit, expressing a desire to step down from the post. Arora, a prominent Hindu face of AAP in Punjab, will be the president of the party's state unit and MLA Amansher Singh Sherry Kalsi its working president. The move also comes a day before the results of the recent bypolls to four assembly seats - Gidderbaha, Dera Baba Nanak, Chhabawal (SC) and Barnala. The by-elections were necessitated after the incumbent legislators were elected to the Lok Sabha earlier this year. The bypolls are being seen as a litmus test for Mann, whose government has completed two-and-a-half-



years in office. "Today, I have handed over the responsibility of party president to two of my close colleagues, Cabinet Minister Aman Arora and MLA Amansher Singh Sherry Kalsi. The party has decided that Aman Arora will serve as the party president and Sherry Kalsi as the working president," the chief minister posted on X. "I have full confidence in both my colleagues that they will strengthen the party and the organization in Punjab in the coming time and take it to new heights," he added. Last month, after addressing a rally in Chhabawal, Bhagwant Mann said he had

been holding the post of the party president in Punjab for seven years. "Being chief minister, I have big responsibilities. I have 13-14 departments. I will speak to the party to appoint a full-time state unit chief so that the responsibilities can be divided," he had said then. Mann was appointed AAP's Punjab unit chief in 2017 when he was the MP from Sangrur. He led the party in Punjab during the 2019 Lok Sabha election and the 2022 assembly polls. AAP stormed to power in 2022, winning 92 seats in the 117-member Punjab assembly.

TTDC sets record with ₹213 per kilogram average price at Guwahati tea auction

PTI ■ AGARTALA

Finished tea of Tripura Tea Development Corporation Ltd (TTDC) sold at an average price of Rs 213 per kg at the Guwahati tea auction centre, the highest-ever price earned by the government-run public sector undertaking, an official said. Last year the average selling price of finished tea of TTDC was pegged at Rs 129 per kg at auction markets. The northeastern state, which has 54 tea gardens and 24 tea processing factories, produces 90 lakh kg to 1 lakh kg of finished tea annually. "The TTDC for the first time sold finished tea at an average price of Rs 213 per kg at auction markets which is the highest ever price earned by the corporation. This is a big achievement not only for TTDC but also for hundreds of small tea growers who supply tea leaves to us", TTDC chairman Samir Ranjan Ghosh told PTI on Friday. TTDC has produced around 6.84 lakh kg of finished tea in the current year (2024-25) till October, 2024 while it had produced 7.18 lakh kg of finished tea during 2023-24 financial year.



"After joining TTDC, I emphasized quality right from plucking to finished product to get a better price at auction markets. I told the small tea growers that if they supply quality leaves, we will get the best price. From collection to finished product we maintained quality and it paid off", Ghosh said. Asserting that the tea sector had largely been ignored in the northeastern state in the past, he said it was the BJP-led government that had given due importance to the tea industry since 2018. "A logo has been unveiled for the state's tea to promote the tea on the national stage. Besides, tea produced in the state has been named as Tripureswari tea.

An Rs 85 crore scheme for development of tea industry and tea workers was launched. All these factors have contributed to the present day's tea industry", Ghosh said. "Having knowledge about tea industry, I personally talked to registered brokers at the Guwahati auction market to bring the best price for the finished tea produced by TTDC", he said. At present, the TTDC runs two tea processing factories one at Durgabari and another at Brahamkunda in West Tripura. "With growing demand for finished tea of TTDC, construction work has already begun for setting up another tea processing unit at Machmara in Unakoti district", he added.



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Cars the main culprit

Delhi's residents continue to bear the brunt of the city's toxic air, which is mostly driven by cars and not stubble burning

Come November and the capital city of Delhi turns into a gas chamber with AQI shooting to severe category. Most often the farmers are blamed for burning stubble and winds taking the fumes to Delhi. But that is not the true picture. Delhi vehicles are the main culprit, as has been indicated by many studies. So nothing is done and till it is swept away by the wind, smog hangs over the city. This year is no different. Delhi's air pollution has escalated to catastrophic levels, with the Air Quality Index (AQI) frequently crossing into hazardous territory hovering in the vicinity of 500. This public health emergency has fueled political blame games between the State and Central Governments, with stubble burning by farmers in neighbouring states often cited as the primary cause. However, research and scientific studies tell a different story: the real culprit behind Delhi's toxic air is not stubble burning but the city's overwhelming vehicular emissions. Vehicular traffic is consistently identified as the leading source of pollution in Delhi. A 2019 study by the Council on Energy, Environment and Water found that vehicles contributed between one-third and two-thirds of Delhi's harmful particulate matter. This alarming contribution is tied to the city's explosive growth in vehicle ownership. Between 1990 and 2018, the number of registered vehicles in the National Capital Region increased fivefold. Delhi alone accounts for over 11.8 million vehicles, 90 per cent of which are cars and two-wheelers. The volume of vehicular traffic has turned the capital into a pollution hotspot, with transport emissions driving air quality deterioration throughout the year.

In contrast, stubble burning, often portrayed as the main villain in Delhi's pollution narrative, plays a far smaller role. A 2017 study revealed that stubble burning contributed less than 3 per cent to Delhi's annual particulate matter. Even during its peak season from mid-October to early November, the share of pollution from crop residue burning is limited to 8 per cent, according to a 2023 report by the Centre for Science and Environment. Most of Delhi's pollution originates locally, with vehicular traffic contributing the largest share. This pattern becomes even more evident when air quality fails to improve after the stubble-burning season ends. Despite these findings, public discourse and policy responses disproportionately focus on stubble burning. This misplaced focus has real consequences. While interventions like subsidies for crop residue management have reduced farm fires, the overall air quality in Delhi remains dire because transport emissions and other local sources remain largely unaddressed. Addressing Delhi's air pollution crisis requires an urgent shift in priorities. Expanding and improving public transportation is crucial to reducing dependence on private vehicles. Cleaner fuels and technologies, such as electric vehicles, must be promoted alongside stringent enforcement of emission standards. Recognising this reality and acting accordingly is imperative. Until then, the capital's air will remain a health hazard.

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A monk of Panch Dashnam Avahan Akhara during 'Nagar Praveshi' procession, in Prayagraj. PTI

Manipur in turmoil: Unraveling the roots of violence

The State is caught in the throes of a complex conflict fueled by ethnic tensions, socio-economic disparities and narco-terrorism

Manipur, one of the seven northeastern states of India, holds strategic importance due to its geographical location. It shares borders with Nagaland to the north, Mizoram to the south, Assam to the east, and Myanmar to the west. Often referred to as the gateway to Southeast Asia, this state is home to diverse ethnic communities, including the Meiteis (approximately 53 per cent), Nagas (around 24 per cent) and Kuki-Chin-Zomi tribes (about 16 per cent). However, Manipur has recently experienced its worst violence in over a decade. More than a year of unrest has left over 226 people dead, more than 1,500 injured, and displaced over 60,000 residents. Understanding the root causes of this conflict requires examining several interconnected issues. (a) **Demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) Status** The spark for the current violence was a Manipur High Court directive urging the state government to consider granting the Meitei community Scheduled Tribe (ST) status. This decision was met with strong opposition from



the Kuki community, culminating in protests and clashes. **Understanding the ST Status Debate:** Manipur is geographically divided into two main regions: The valley (10 per cent of the total area): Predominantly occupied by the Meitei community, it is more developed and politically influential, with Meiteis holding 40 out of 60 legislative Assembly seats. The hills (90 per cent of the total area): Primarily home to tribal communities, these areas lag behind in education, employment, infrastructure, and representation. While residents from the hills can migrate to the valley for opportunities, valley residents are restricted from purchasing land in the hills due to tribal land ownership laws.

The Meiteis fear that an increasing number of hill residents settling in the valley threatens their identity and culture. ST status for Meiteis would limit land purchases in the valley, potentially safeguarding their heritage. On the other hand, the Kukis argue that Meiteis already dominate key sectors such as governance, education, and the economy. Granting them ST status, they claim, would exacerbate the marginalisation of hill tribes. (b) **Narco-Terrorism** Manipur's proximity to the Golden Triangle and Golden Crescent has made it a hotspot for drug trafficking. Illegal poppy cultivation in the region is reportedly controlled by powerful drug lords, whose operations are threatened by government crackdowns. These drug lords, facing intensified enforcement efforts, have allegedly fueled violence by supplying arms and ammunition to militant groups, further destabilising the region. (c) **Eviction of Encroachers** Approximately 32 per cent of Manipur's forests are classified as protected under the Indian Forest Act and Wildlife

Protection Act. Encroachments by hill tribes and illegal immigrants for farming and settlements have led to significant deforestation. Recent government-led eviction drives have targeted these encroachments, prompting accusations of anti-tribal bias and deepening tensions between the valley and hill communities. **Voices from the Hill Tribes** Many people from the Kuki-Chin-Zomi communities claim to oppose violence, emphasising their peaceful protests against the High Court's order. They argue that militant groups responsible for the initial clashes do not represent their community. **A Way Forward for Peace** over half of the insurgencies in northeastern India are concentrated in Manipur, making its stability crucial. Fostering dialogue among all stakeholders, addressing grievances equitably, and ensuring inclusive development are essential steps toward lasting peace in the region. (The writer is Independent Research Scholar; views are personal)



YOGESH CHAUHAN

Global concerns over gender bias in politics

In the wake of Donald Trump's victory, a survey unveils deep concerns over the future of women's rights, reproductive autonomy and gender equality in the US



ARCHANA DATTA

In the aftermath of Donald Trump's electoral victory for the second term, a prominent US daily conducted a survey among more than five thousand women voters for their reactions. A majority of them expressed concerns about the erosion of 'rights', and 'their reproductive future', and aired an array of emotions such as 'sadness', 'scariness', 'disappointment', 'hurtfulness', 'betrayal' and 'heartbreaking'. Comments of some first-time voters also denoted despair, as many of them felt that their voices were 'more silenced than ever' and that they had been 'left empty-handed'. While a 36-year old woman rued that 'it is clear that men wanted to hold onto power... sexism won this election'.

While, another leading US daily attributed Harris's defeat to her greater emphasis on issues like 'abortion rights' and the 'protection of democracy', and for not paying adequate attention to the state of the economy or immigration, which many Americans viewed as the most pressing issues. Harris, on the other hand, in her concession speech urged her supporters to 'remain vigilant' and keep fighting for their values. Nevertheless, many non-profits working for reproductive freedom urged Democrats to 'developing a long-term plan to directly confront the sexism - both within their party and the nation - that hampered, both Harris and Hillary Clinton, the only women to win a major party's presidential nomination. In the US, women occupied 28 per cent of congressional seats in 2023, while Democrats had an edge over the Republicans, with 41 per cent of seats, and Republicans with only 15.4 per cent of members. Women are 32.7 per cent of all state legislators, 48 per cent of Democrats and 20 per cent of Republicans. Democratic women are at or above parity with Democratic men in 26 state legislatures. While Republican women fall short of parity with Republican men in all states, holding one-third or less of Republican seats in 47 state legislatures. Studies commented that prevailing beliefs and attitudes



about gender roles in the parties control political representation, and more traditional perceptions among conservatives persist that 'women's success is at the expense of men' (Centre for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University). However, it is not the USA alone that didn't ever elect a woman in the highest political office, but, several most socially and economically advanced countries like Sweden, despite having a good record of women's representation in most institutions, 47.5 per cent in Parliament and 54.5 per cent in the council of ministers, has never had a woman as a Prime Minister. Countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia have only closed 15 per cent of a hypothetical 100 per cent gender gap in political empowerment (WEF). While India, the largest democracy, has a scant presence of women (13.62 per cent) in the current Lok Sabha. Last year a law was passed, reserving one-third of seats in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies for women, but, its implementation stands postponed till the process of delimitation of constituencies is over. India did have a woman Prime Minister and two women Presidents. But, deep structural and systemic difficulties (Raje, 2019), created women's poor representation, resulting in 'a democratic deficit' in

LAST YEAR A LAW HAS BEEN PASSED, RESERVING ONE-THIRD OF SEATS IN LOK SABHA AND STATE ASSEMBLIES FOR WOMEN, BUT, ITS IMPLEMENTATION STANDS POSTPONED TILL THE PROCESS OF DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES IS OVER

governance and decision-making (Rahman and Rao, 2004). India ensured women's participation in the rural-urban local bodies since the early 90s, yet, several surveys found that a majority of women elected representatives reported 'gender-based discrimination', and in many places, their male relatives, especially husbands, played 'proxy' roles. While explaining reasons for this uneven power equation in politics, studies (Fox and Lawless, 2004) explicated that there is a 'gender gap in ambition', as many eligible women with the required professional and economic credentials as political candidates, often feel 'less encouraged to run for executive offices and tend to believe that they are less qualified for such offices than men'. Evidence also suggests that women's political careers are often influenced by 'family and relational considerations', and if they face higher costs for their career achievements, they shy away from pursuing such objectives. At the same time, other researchers pointed out voters' bias and discrimination which matter qualitatively in women's electoral prospects. Even political party leaders, act as gate-keepers, if they are aware of voters' bias against women, and are inclined to promote male candidates, as a votes-maximising strategy

(Esteve-Volart and Bagues (2012). Nevertheless, data from the latest wave of the World Value Survey (2017-2020), in Western Europe found that less than 20 per cent of survey respondents express agreement with the statement 'Men make better political leaders than women do'. Now, what is the way out? The introduction of gender quotas in candidate lists in different countries like Sweden (Besley et al., 2017) is more or less effective in empowering women, and improving the 'quality' of the elected politicians, particularly by regulating the composition of candidate lists (Campa and Hauser, 2020). Many also suggested that a combined politico-economic strategy that emphasises women's inclusion in the labour market, and the re-distribution of economic roles within couples, could change gender-role attitudes and help women to make entry into positions of political power (Folke and Rickne, 2020 and Campa and Serafinelli, 2019). As the world remains deeply entrenched in patriarchal mindset, sexism and gendered divisions of labour, women's share as chief political executive is still outnumbered by men by more than 9 to 1. (The author is former Director General Doordarshan, All India Radio; views are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

US COURT INDICTS ADANI

Madam — A US court indicted billionaire Gautam Adani and seven others, including his nephew Sagar and three other executives, on charges of fraud and bribery. The case pertained to a deal between Adani Green Energy and a US seller for 12 gigawatts of solar power to be sold to various states. The charges came on a day when the firm planned a green bond launch in the US. The Adani subsidiary eventually cancelled the sale. The US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has charged Adani, founder and chairman of the Adani Group, with allegedly defrauding American investors and bribing officials. The SEC alleged that the bribery scheme was orchestrated to enable renewable energy companies Adani Green and Azure Power to capitalise on a multi-billion-dollar solar energy project awarded by the Indian government. The complaint charges them with violating the antifraud provisions of the federal securities laws and seeks permanent injunctions, civil penalties, and officer and director bars. But the beneficiaries of these kickbacks were Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha - all non-BJP governments at that time. But the blame goes to the BJP government. Basically, the current Biden government wants Adani to waive off Bangladesh's balance of payment of electricity and power bills. **Dorai Ramani Suresh | Ghaziabad**

MONEY DOMINATES ELECTIONS

Madam — The voter turnout in urban areas of Maharashtra shows the desperation of the literate voters over the way the election campaign is carried on. Money playing a dominant role, uncertainty over the elected candidates staying with the same party without falling prey to offers of purse or posts, and the campaign being far from the issues concerning the voters must have discouraged them from taking the pain of standing in line to cast their vote and bearing with the act of getting fooled by the politicians. Even the tall leaders spoke more on hate lines than touching upon the liveli-

Manipur needs solutions



Proposed to 'Douse the fire' published on November 21. Manipur has been burning since May 2023, murder, abduction, rape and arson, it has seen it all. The strife-torn northeastern state has also witnessed complete apathy of the double engine of central and state government. And

the government's actions have been restricted to empty rhetoric, imposing an internet ban and issuing vague promises of dialogues. The Centre's move to bring warring communities to the negotiating table has not inspired confidence. What is really baffling is that Prime Minister Modi has not bothered to visit the state. And surprisingly, the BJP has reposed the trust in Biren Singh, conveniently ignoring his lapses and the growing clamour for his removal. He must be shown the door without any further delay. Confidence-building measures with affected groups should be carried out as ethnic identities have played a great role in the socio-economic life of Manipur. **Bal Govind | Noida**

RAFAEL NADAL RETIRES FROM TENNIS

Madam — Rafael Nadal, a self-made glorious jewel of the tennis field, needs no introduction for his glittering career of winning 22 Grand Slams, 2 Olympic Gold medals, ATP Masters, and several French Open championships. He shares the 'Trinity of Tennis Gems' with Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic. Despite being in his 38th, Nadal always makes sure to be the tennis new learner, full of zeal with utmost calmness and maturity like an experienced player. In the milieu of tennis stars throwing tantrums and breaking racquets, Nadal never ever hurt the sport that pays him. Despite he had paid adieu to this sport, he will always shine in this sport's history for his incredible accolades and invincible spirit for continuing his sport for more than two decades. He is and will always remain a true inspiration for all the budding tennis aficionados across the world. **Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur**

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G20: COPING WITH NEW REALITIES

G20 Summit's toned-down declarations on Ukraine, climate finance and West Asia



KUMARDEEP BANARJEE

The recently concluded G20 summit in Brazil, could well serve as an early preview in what could be the realignment of global forces in the next year and beyond with the new incoming President of the USA. First, some major optics moments, such as the family picture for G20 leaders, which didn't have US President (of course some others were missing too). Second, winding down of several commitments from the Delhi declaration to just passing mention regarding the situation in Ukraine and climate finance. Third, the entire G20 summit is being riddled with speculation on whether the multilateral platform would survive a Trump presidency, and if so, with what effectiveness.

The view in Washington DC is similar, especially in the government circles. Every government official, some of whom may have served under Trump's first presidency, is well aware of his working ways. The incoming administration has an additional extra non government supervisor, the world's richest person Elon Musk, who has his own unique style of functioning. Many in DC, understand that their managers have one foot out of the door, and things would change, at least for the next four years post the inauguration on January 20. Trump's foreign policy outlook, if the past presidency is any reference, is likely to be transactional. Trump can parallel have public shouting matches and back door negotiations with friends and foes. He has already talked about ensuring long lasting peace in Ukraine, at a time, when under President Biden's patronage, US missiles are landing in Russian territory. Similarly, the proposal to impose higher tariffs on Chinese products, may sound sweet to



many, but knowing the sharp businessman Trump is, he may well cut a sweet deal with President Xi Jinping, which could potentially be of benefit to both nations. On India, Trump has called it out to be the tariff king and likely to make a case for imposing tariffs in reciprocal approach, for sectors where he thinks, US exports are getting impacted. India's chief economic advisor has already sounded out a cautionary note on incoming Trump presidency. He has been quoted as saying that with Trump administration's views on trade and tariffs, plus a slowing global economy, India may have to look beyond exports as the primary drivers of growth. India has taken several steps such as providing incentives for manufacturing in various sectors, but except for mobile phones, the growth has been slow. It would not be hard to assume that the sluggish uptake for India for manufacturing in sectors it has recently provided incentives, may well be on the slow lane for some years. What can however, change the game would be the transactional style Mr Trump has, which is well known not just to senior India ministers and bureaucrats but the PM Modi himself (who is known to share a warm relationship with Trump). Coming back to G20, while Delhi declarations had significant paragraphs on India promoted "not an era of war for Ukraine, the Rio De Janeiro declaration just mentioned, " Specifically concerning the war in Ukraine, while recalling our discussions in New Delhi, we highlight the human suffering and negative added impacts of the war with regard to global food and energy security, supply chains, macro-financial stability, inflation and growth." Clearly the world leaders didn't want to come out with any peace formulas, in face of President Trump assuming office next year. Similarly, the paragraph on West Asia focused on humanitarian aid, instead of taking either party's side. It read " While expressing our deep concern about the catastrophic humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip and the escalation in Lebanon, we emphasize the urgent need to expand the flow of humanitarian assistance and to reinforce the protection of civilians and demand the lifting of all barriers to the provision of humanitarian assistance at scale."

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Hope floats for Sri Lanka in Dissanayake



NILANTHA LANGAMUWA

Dissanayake's unprecedented mandate in Sri Lanka's newly elected parliament presents a mix of hope and immense challenges in the quest to rebuild the nation

Anura Kumara Dissanayake, Sri Lanka's newly elected President, has emerged victorious in the November 14, 2024 parliamentary elections, securing an unprecedented landslide victory that will undoubtedly reshape the nation's political landscape. Known for his Marxist leanings, Dissanayake and his National People's Power (NPP) coalition have shocked the political establishment by gaining significant traction in minority-dominated regions—undermining the caste-driven politics that have long dominated the North, East and Central provinces. This triumph, achieved through a focused, strategic campaign, signals a bold rejection of the entrenched political elites and offers a forceful critique of Sri Lanka's frail democratic institutions. The magnitude of this victory speaks to a populace disillusioned by years of political stagnation and corruption.

After casting his vote, Dissanayake attended the 35th-anniversary commemoration of JVP founder Rohana Wijeweera, paying homage to the movement's resilience in the face of relentless oppression. Recounting its history of brutal suppression and bans, Dissanayake framed the JVP's struggle as an enduring fight for democracy, justice, and equality, despite decades of violence and persecution. "The history of our movement is one of unyielding resilience," he stated, honouring the sacrifices of fallen comrades. His rhetoric was one of defiance, and he emphasised that the JVP's ability to withstand adversity has kept its ideals intact.

Looking to the future, Dissanayake invoked the symbolism of "donning new garments," suggesting that the time has come to shed the old and embrace transformative change. The message was clear: Sri Lanka's political and economic systems are overdue for an overhaul, and his leadership intends to deliver just that. This moment represents more than a simple electoral win; it marks the dawn of a new political order, one rooted in the principles of progressive change and democratic service to the people.

The economic crisis that has ravaged the nation since its 2022 bankruptcy and subsequent default on foreign debt, looms large over this electoral victory. While Dissanayake's rise reflects a demand for systemic change, it also places him at the epicenter of an economic storm, where recovery will require deep structural reforms. Yet, his victory cannot be divorced from the grim reality: Can a country reeling from financial collapse truly embark on the path to transformative change? The pressure to reform and recover is intense, both from within Sri Lanka and from international actors, and failure to meet these expectations could spell disaster.

Sri Lanka's long and tumultuous democratic journey provides critical context to this election. Since gaining independence in 1948, the country's democracy has been a paradox: simultaneously resilient and fragile, moving between progress and decline. Nationalist policies have repeatedly sidelined minority communities, with discriminatory measures like the Sinhala-Only Act of 1956 deepening ethnic divides. Successive governments,



THIS ELECTION IS NOT JUST A TRIUMPH OF THE NPP; IT IS A BELLWETHER FOR SRI LANKA'S FUTURE, REVEALING WIDESPREAD DISILLUSIONMENT WITH TRADITIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES

often manipulated for political gain, have left a trail of unresolved grievances, and this fractured political landscape has stymied meaningful progress. Despite civil wars, uprisings, and systemic inequality, Sri Lanka's democracy has endured, offering fleeting moments of hope—only to be followed by setbacks and challenges that have hindered its progress. This backdrop of violence and division underscores the difficulty in achieving a truly inclusive democracy.

In this historical context, Sri Lanka managed to hold another parliamentary election, notable not for its violence but for the absence of it.

The Election Commission confirmed that the election was conducted freely and fairly—a rare glimmer of progress in a nation accustomed to electoral turmoil. The results, released on November 15, 2024, were nothing short of historic. Dissanayake's NPP secured 159 out of 225 seats, gaining a two-thirds majority, a feat unprecedented under Sri Lanka's proportional representation system. The NPP's 61.56 per cent share of the vote shattered records, surpassing the United People's Freedom Alliance's (UPFA) 2010 high. In a remarkable surge, the NPP secured 152 constituencies and 21

districts—again, setting new benchmarks. With 6.86 million votes, their victory represents a stunning political realignment, shifting from a meager 3 per cent in the previous election to an electoral force capable of rewriting the country's political script. In stark contrast, the main opposition party, the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB), led by Sajith Premadasa, secured just 40 seats, a distant second.

While the SJB's defeat is a blow to the opposition, Premadasa's ability to hold the opposition leadership could provide an awkward but necessary check on the NPP's power, particularly given the inexperience of most of its members. Dissanayake's administration, already facing an inexperienced and fragmented legislative body, will have to navigate internal rifts while ensuring political stability. The introduction of anti-defection laws will likely be one of the first challenges on the horizon.

This election is not just a triumph of the NPP; it is a bellwether for Sri Lanka's future, revealing widespread disillusionment with traditional political parties, which are increasingly seen as inept and corrupt.

yet, the mandate for change is not without its contradictions. Voter turnout plummeted to just 68.93

per cent, with over 5 million people abstaining from the vote. This decline in electoral participation is a sobering reminder of the disconnect between the electorate and the political system—a symptom of the deep distrust that persists in Sri Lanka's democratic framework. For the NPP, this poses both an opportunity and a challenge: Can it unite a fractured nation while addressing the systemic inequities that continue to stifle its potential?

Dissanayake's sweeping victory provides him with the political leverage to pursue bold reforms, including the drafting of a new constitution, a task made possible by his overwhelming mandate. But his agenda is audacious: economic self-reliance, social equity, and fiscal discipline, all while addressing the deep-seated ethnic divides that have long plagued Sri Lanka. The NPP's ambition is to overhaul the nation's political and economic systems, but entrenched political factions will not surrender their power easily. Dissanayake's rise is a rejection of the old order—but whether he can truly dismantle it, or merely become another cog in its machinery, remains to be seen.

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Trump's re-election sparks climate policy shift: US at a crossroads amid global action

As the world shifts toward renewables, the US faces mounting pressure to balance its growth with environmental responsibility

With the re-election of Donald Trump, the United States is poised to enter a critical period of climate policy retrenchment. Trump's policies promise increased fossil fuel production and the reversal of major clean energy investments, threatening global efforts to combat climate change.



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Trump's proposed energy policies suggest a substantial setback for climate action. His administration aims to roll back the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), which has allocated billions of dollars in tax credits for renewable energy projects and EV incentives, spurring substantial private sector investment. In 2024 alone, global clean energy spending hit \$2 trillion, dou-

bling the amount invested in fossil fuels. Yet, Trump's proposed policies could throttle US participation in this growth, reinforcing dependency on fossil fuels rather than joining the global trend toward clean energy, where renewables now constitute the most economical choice in many regions. The implications of a second US withdrawal from the Paris Agreement—a prospect Trump

has not ruled out—are profound. When Trump first exited the Agreement in 2017, it allowed other nations to delay action under the guise of US non-participation. If Trump follows through again, it could stymie global climate funding negotiations, particularly for developing countries. Although the US has committed to contributing to a \$100 billion global fund for climate adaptation and mitigation, the administration's climate skepticism puts these financial obligations at risk. Without US leadership, experts fear slower progress on international agreements crucial to keeping global warming within the 1.5°C target. Domestically, Trump's policies would deepen the US dependency on fossil fuels. His



administration's strategy emphasises maximising domestic oil and gas production, particularly from reserves Trump calls "liquid gold." However, the fossil fuel industry's employment numbers tell a different story: the US green economy supports over 10 million jobs compared to 300,000 in fossil fuel industries. The economic case for green energy is clear, yet Trump's vision includes reestablishing subsidies for oil, coal, and natural gas, effectively sidelining the renewable sector. In 2023, electric vehicles comprised 18 per cent of global car sales, a significant jump from just 2 per cent five years prior. Yet, Trump has criticised electric vehicles and promised to impose tariffs on imported Chinese EVs, potentially rais-

ing prices and diminishing EV adoption in the US market. These policies might inhibit US competitiveness in EV manufacturing and battery technology, where other nations—especially China—have taken the lead. Another concerning proposal from Trump's allies involves dismantling federal programs that support climate research and environmental regulation. Plans under "Project 2025" advocate for

defunding key agencies like the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and scaling back the Environmental Protection Agency's greenhouse gas monitoring. Without federal support for climate research and mitigation, the US could lose critical insight into atmospheric changes. In a geopolitical context, Trump's re-election could weaken the US influence in global climate governance.

Given the US role in controlling financial institutions that facilitate climate finance, its withdrawal or failure to meet commitments could reduce climate funding, a key agenda item at the COP29 summit in Baku. As the world's largest historical emitter, the US has a responsibility to lead by

example. Yet, with US emissions having only fallen 5 per cent since 1990—compared to the EU's 35 per cent reduction—the country's role as a climate leader is increasingly tenuous under Trump's leadership. Despite federal opposition, analysts believe that state governments, corporations, and financial markets will continue advancing climate action, albeit at a potentially slower pace. Over the past decade, bipartisan support for renewable energy has increased, driven by job creation and energy independence rather than environmental motives alone. With or without federal backing, the economic engine for clean energy remains robust, with new manufacturing plants and energy storage facilities rapid-

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Many in Gaza eating once a day, as hunger spreads amid aid issues

AP ■ DEIR AL-BALAH

Yasmin Eid coughs and covers her face, cooking a small pot of lentils over a fire fed with twigs and scrap paper in the tent she shares with her husband and four young daughters in the Gaza Strip. It was their only meal Wednesday — it was all they could afford. “My girls suck on their thumbs because of how hungry they are, and I pat their backs until they sleep,” she said. After being displaced five times, the Eids reside in central Gaza, where aid groups have relatively more access than in the north, which has been largely isolated and heavily destroyed since Israel began waging a renewed offensive against the militant group Hamas in early October. But nearly everyone in Gaza is going hungry these days. In the

north experts say a full-blown famine may be underway. On Thursday, the International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his former defence minister, accusing them of using “starvation as a method of warfare” — charges Israel adamantly denies. In Deir al-Balah, the Eids are among hundreds of thousands sheltering in squalid tent camps. The local bakeries shut down for five days this week. The price of a bag of bread climbed above \$13 by Wednesday, as bread and flour vanished from shelves before more supplies arrived. The United Nations humanitarian office warned of a “stark increase” in the number of households experiencing severe hunger in central and southern Gaza. It appeared to be linked to the robbery at gunpoint of

nearly 100 aid trucks last week-end in southern Gaza, close to Israeli military positions. Israel blamed Hamas but appears to have taken no action to stop the looting, while Hamas said it was the work of local bandits. Aid groups say the looting is one of many obstacles to getting food and other vital aid to the territory’s 2.3 million Palestinians. They also have to contend with Israeli movement restrictions, ongoing fighting, and heavy damage wreaked by the Israeli bombardment of roads and critical infrastructure.

FOR THE EIDS, HUNGER IS THE DAILY ROUTINE

For months, Yasmin and her family have gone to bed hungry. “Everything has increased in price, and we cannot buy anything,” she said. “We always go to sleep without having dinner.” She misses coffee, but

a single packet of Nescafe goes for around \$1.30. A kg (2 pounds) of onions goes for \$10, a medium bottle of cooking oil for \$15 — if available. Meat and chicken all but vanished from the markets months ago, but there are still some local vegetables. Such sums are astronomical in an impoverished territory where few people earn regular incomes. Crowds of hundreds wait hours to get food from charities, which are also struggling. Hani Almadhoun, co-founder of the Gaza Soup Kitchen, said his teams can offer only small bowls of rice or pasta once a day. He said they “can go to the market on one day and buy something for \$5, and then go back in the afternoon to find it doubled or tripled in price”. Its kitchen in the central town of Zuweida operated on a daily budget of around \$500 for much of the war. When the

amount of aid entering Gaza plummeted in October, its costs climbed to around \$1,300 a day. It can feed about half of the 1,000 families who line up each day.

THE SHARP DECLINE IN AID, AND US ULTIMATUM

Israel says it places no limits on the amount of aid entering Gaza and has announced a number of measures it says are aimed at increasing the flow in recent weeks, including the opening of a new crossing. It blames UN agencies for not retrieving it, pointing to hundreds of truckloads languishing on the Gaza side of the border. But the military’s own figures show that the amount of aid entering Gaza plunged to around 1,800 trucks in October, down from over 4,200 the previous month. At the current rate of entry, around 2,000 trucks would come into Gaza

in November. Around 500 trucks entered each day before the war.

The UN says less than half the truckloads are actually distributed because of ongoing fighting, Israeli denial of movement requests, and the breakdown of law and order. Hamas-run police have vanished from many areas after being targeted by Israeli airstrikes. The war started Oct 7, 2023, when Hamas-led fighters stormed into Israel, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting around 250. Around 100 hostages are still inside Gaza, at least a third of whom are dead, and Hamas militants have repeatedly regrouped after Israeli operations, carrying out hit-and-run attacks from tunnels and bombed-out buildings. Israel’s retaliatory offensive has killed over 44,000 Palestinians, more than half of them women

and children, according to local health authorities, who do not say how many of the dead were fighters.

The United States warned Israel in October that it might be forced to curtail some of its crucial military support if Israel did not rapidly ramp up the amount of aid entering Gaza. But after the 30-day ultimatum expired, the Biden administration declined to take any action, saying there had been some progress. Israel meanwhile passed legislation severing ties with UNRWA. Israel accuses the agency of allowing itself to be infiltrated by Hamas — allegations denied by the UN. Israeli news outlets have reported that officials are considering plans for the military to take over aid distribution or contract it out to private security companies. Asked about such plans Wednesday, government spokesman David Mercer said

“Israel is looking at many creative solutions to ensure a better future for Gaza.”

Yoav Gallant, the former defence minister who was seen as a voice of moderation in the far-right government before being fired this month, warned on X that handing over aid distribution to a private firm was a “euphemism for the beginning of military rule”. As that debate plays out in Jerusalem, less than 100 km (60 miles) away from central Gaza, most Palestinians in the territory are focused on staying alive in a war with no end in sight. “I find it difficult to talk about the suffering we are experiencing. I am ashamed to talk about it,” said Yasmin’s husband, Hani. “What can I tell you? I’m a person who has 21 family members and is unable to provide them with a bag of flour.”

UN reports heavy clashes in Lebanon

AP ■ JERUSALEM

Israeli troops fought fierce battles with Hezbollah fighters on Friday in different areas in south Lebanon, including a coastal town that is home to the headquarters of UN peacekeepers. A spokesman for the UN peacekeeping force known as UNIFIL told The Associated Press that they are monitoring “heavy clashes” in the coastal town of Naqoura and the village of Chamama to the northeast. UNIFIL’s headquarters are located in Naqoura in Lebanon’s southern edge close to the border with Israel. “We are aware of heavy shelling in the vicinity of our bases,” UNIFIL spokesman Andrea Tenenti said. Asked if the peacekeepers and staff at the headquarters are safe, Tenenti said: “Yes for the moment.” Several UNIFIL posts have been hit since Israel began its

ground invasion of Lebanon on October 1, leaving a number of peacekeepers wounded. The fighting came a day after the International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, his former defence minister and a Hamas military leader, accusing them of war crimes and crimes against humanity over their 13-month war in Gaza and the October 2023 attack on Israel respectively. The warrant marked the first time that a sitting leader of a major Western ally has been accused of war crimes and crimes against humanity by a global court of justice. Israel’s war has caused heavy destruction across Gaza, decimated parts of the territory and driven almost the entire population of 2.3 million people from their homes, leaving most dependent on aid to survive. Israel launched its war in Gaza

after Hamas-led militants stormed into southern Israel on October 7, 2023, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting another 250. Around 100 hostages are still inside Gaza, at least a third of whom are believed to be dead. Israel has also launched airstrikes against Lebanon after the Hezbollah militant group began firing rockets, drones and missiles into Israel the day after Hamas’ attack last October. A full-blown war erupted in September after nearly a year of lower-level conflict. A German official has suggested that his country would be reluctant to arrest Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on a warrant issued by the International Criminal Court. The ICC’s warrants for Netanyahu and former Defence Minister Yoav Gallant put Germany, a staunch ally of Israel, in an awkward position.

The government said in a statement on Friday that it is one of the ICC’s biggest supporters, but “at the same time, it is a consequence of German history that unique relations and a great responsibility connect us with Israel”. The government said it takes note of the arrest warrants and that “we will examine conscientiously the domestic steps”. It said that any further steps would only be an issue if a visit by Netanyahu or Gallant were “foreseeable”. Government spokesperson Steffen Hebestreit was pressed repeatedly at a regular news conference on whether it would be conceivable to arrest an Israeli prime minister. He replied: “It’s hard for me to imagine that we would carry out arrests in Germany on this basis.” Meanwhile, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov on Friday refused to comment on

the International Criminal Court’s arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and others, saying that the court’s rulings are “insignificant” for Russia, which doesn’t recognise the court’s jurisdiction. The ICC last year issued an arrest warrant for Russian President Vladimir Putin and a number of other top Russian officials, accusing them of war crimes in Ukraine. The Kremlin has brushed off the warrants, saying that in Moscow’s eyes they’re “null and void”. Asked if the ICC warrants for Netanyahu and others can help resolve the tensions in the Middle East, Peskov said: “Well, in general, the actions of the ICC are unlikely to help anything. That’s the first thing. And secondly, we don’t see any point in commenting on this in any way, because for us these rulings are insignificant.”



Smoke and flames erupt from a building hit in an Israeli airstrike in Chiyah, in the southern suburb of Beirut, Lebanon, on Friday. AP/PTI

Hungary PM vows to disregard int’l arrest warrant for Netanyahu

AP ■ BUDAPEST

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban on Friday denounced the International Criminal Court’s issuing of an arrest warrant for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, saying he would defy it by inviting him to Hungary. In comments to state radio, Orban accused the International Criminal Court (ICC), the world’s top war crimes court based in The Hague, of “interfering in an ongoing conflict for political purposes,” saying the decision to issue the warrant for Netanyahu over his conduct of the war in Gaza undermined international law and escalated tensions. Member countries of the ICC, such as Hungary, are required to detain suspects facing a warrant if they set foot on their soil, but the court has no way to enforce that. The ICC issued the arrest warrant on Thursday for Netanyahu as well as for his former defence minister and Hamas’ military chief, accusing them of crimes against humanity in connection with the 13-month war in Gaza. The warrants said there was reason to believe Netanyahu and former Defence Minister Yoav Gallant used “starvation as a method of warfare” by restricting humanitarian aid



and intentionally targeted civilians in Israel’s campaign against Hamas in Gaza — charges Israeli officials deny. In his comments Friday, Orban, a close Netanyahu ally, called the arrest warrant “outrageously impudent” and “cynical.” He said he would invite Netanyahu to Hungary later Friday and vowed to disregard the warrant if the invitation is accepted. “We will defy this decision, and it will have no consequences for him,” Orban said. Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijarto earlier criticised the ICC’s warrant as “absurd.” Israel and its top ally, the United States, are not members of the court. But other Israeli allies, including some of its close European friends, are put in an awkward position by the warrants. Several, including France, welcomed the court’s decision and signaled they might arrest Netanyahu if he visited.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said President Joe Biden’s administration was “deeply concerned by the prosecutor’s rush to seek arrest warrants and the troubling process errors that led to this decision.” Netanyahu on Friday praised Hungary for its stance on the warrant, saying in a statement: “Against the shameful weakness of those who stood by the outrageous decision against the right of the State of Israel to defend itself, Hungary — like our friends in the United States — is displaying moral clarity and standing by justice and truth.” The action by the ICC came as the death toll from Israel’s campaign in Gaza passed 44,000, according to local health authorities, who say more than half of those killed were women and children. Their count does not differentiate between civilians and combatants.

Trump nominates Bondi as his next Attorney Gen after Gaetz’s withdrawal

Washington (PTI): President-elect Donald Trump has selected Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi as his nominee for Attorney General, hours after his initial pick Matt Gaetz withdrew his name amid controversy over alleged sexual misconduct. Former Congressman Gaetz on Thursday announced his decision to withdraw from the nomination process for the post. “I am proud to announce former Attorney General of the Great State of Florida, Pam Bondi, as our next Attorney General of the United States,” Trump said in a statement on Thursday. He noted that Bondi served as a prosecutor for nearly 20 years, during which she was “very tough on violent criminals, and made the streets safe for Florida families.” “Then, as Florida’s first female Attorney General, she worked to stop the trafficking of deadly drugs and reduce the tragedy of Fentanyl overdose deaths, which have destroyed many families across our country,” he said. Trump praised Bondi for doing an “incredible” job. He alleged that the Department of Justice (DOJ) had been weaponised against him and other Republicans. “Not anymore,” said the President-elect. “Pam will refocus the DOJ on

its intended purpose of fighting crime and Making America Safe Again. I have known Pam for many years — She is smart and tough, and is an AMERICA FIRST Fighter, who will do a terrific job as Attorney General!” Trump said. Earlier in the day, Gaetz withdrew himself from the nomination after facing backlash from both the opposition and his own Republican Party Senators. He made the surprising announcement a day after he met with Senators on Capitol Hill. “I had excellent meetings with Senators yesterday. I appreciate their thoughtful feedback — and the incredible support of so many. While the momentum was strong, it is clear that my confirmation was unfairly becoming a distraction to the critical work of the Trump/Vance Transition,” he said. “There is no time to waste on a needlessly protracted Washington scuffle, thus I’ll be withdrawing my name from consideration to serve as Attorney General. Trump’s DOJ must be in place and ready on Day 1,” Gaetz wrote in a post on social media. Gaetz said he remains fully committed to seeing that Trump is the most successful President in history.

Second Australian teen dies in tainted alcohol case

AP ■ VANG VIENG (LAOS)

A second Australian teenager who fell critically ill after drinking tainted alcohol in Laos has died in a hospital in Bangkok, her family said Friday, bringing the death toll in the mass poisoning of foreign tourists to six. Holly Bowles, 19, had been in critical condition on life support following the poisoning in Laos more than a week ago. “We are so sad to say that our beautiful girl Holly is now at peace,” her family said in a statement sent to Australian Network 10 and other Australian media. “We find comfort and solace in knowing that Holly brought so much joy and happiness to so many people.” An officer at Vang Vieng’s Tourism Police office, who refused to give his name, told The Associated Press on Friday that a “number of people” had been detained in the case but that no charges have yet been filed. Staff at the Nana Backpacker Hostel, which was still operating but not accepting new guests, confirmed that the manager and owner were among those taken in for questioning. Tourist police offices are common in Southeast Asia and are set up specifically to help with incidents involving tourists and other foreigners.

The US State Department on Friday issued a health alert for citizens traveling in Laos, warning of “suspected methanol poisoning in Vang Vieng, possibly through the consumption of methanol-laced alcoholic drinks,” following similar alerts from other countries whose citizens were involved. Australia’s prime minister had announced on Thursday that a 19-year-old citizen, Bianca Jones, had died in a Thai hospital where she had been evacuated for emergency treatment, and that her friend — Bowles — remained in a hospital “fighting for her life.” A 28-year-old British woman, Simone White, also died from suspected methanol poisoning in Laos, the British Foreign Office said. An American and two Danish tourists also died, though specifics about the causes of death have not been released. New Zealand’s Foreign Ministry said one of its citizens was sickened in Laos and was a possible victim of methanol poisoning. Laos is a one-party communist state with no organised opposition and the government keeps a tight lid on information. In this case, officials have released almost no details. The Foreign Ministry has refused to comment, and in Vang Vieng, the small hospital where some of the victims are

believed to have been treated, initially referred all questions to the town’s health office on the hospital grounds. The town health officials refused to comment, saying they lacked proper permission. Methanol is sometimes added to mixed drinks at disreputable bars as a cheaper alternative to ethanol, but can cause severe poisoning or death. It is also a byproduct of poorly distilled homebrew liquor, and could have found its way into bar drinks inadvertently. Landlocked Laos is one of Southeast Asia’s poorest nations and a popular tourist destination. Vang Vieng is particularly popular among backpackers seeking partying and adventure sports. Neil Farnilore, a New Zealander who owns the Kiwi Kitchen restaurant in town, said a lot of his customers were very worried about the incident. “I think it’s never happened before, so it is hopefully just a one-off incident,” said Farnilore, who has lived in Vang Vieng for 20 years. “It’s very sad all around. I’m sure nobody intended to cause injury, but it’s happened.” The two 19-year-old Australian women who have both now died fell ill on November 13 following a night out drinking with a group.

Decks cleared for Scholz to seek second term as chancellor

AP ■ BERLIN

Germany’s popular defence minister has taken himself out of contention to become the country’s next leader, clearing the way for Chancellor Olaf Scholz to seek a second term in an early election after a week of arguments that exposed deep divisions in his struggling party. Defence Minister Boris Pistorius said in a video Thursday night that he has informed the centre-left Social Democrats’ leadership that he is “not available for a candidacy for the office of chancellor.” He said that “Olaf Scholz is a strong chancellor and he is the right candidate for chancellor.” Pistorius’ announcement

resolves the question of who will run in the election expected on Feb 23, but a week of very public arguments is widely viewed as having damaged a party that was already far behind the main opposition centre-right Union bloc in polls. Rather than building momentum from Scholz’s firing of his finance minister two weeks ago, which put an end to his unpopular three-party coalition, party members have aired public doubts about the chancellor. The Social Democrats’ rivals have already determined who will lead their campaigns. The Union nominated Friedrich Merz as its challenger in September. Scholz’s remaining coalition partners,

the Greens, named Vice Chancellor Robert Habeck to head their challenge on Sunday. While Scholz has made clear for months that he intends to run for a second term and his party’s leadership had made clear that it backed him, the lack of a formal nomination so far created space for persistent speculation that the party might instead choose Pistorius, who enjoys much higher popularity. On Monday, two influential lawmakers said Scholz’s “current standing is strongly linked” with the failed coalition, which collapsed in a dispute about how to revive Germany’s stagnant economy, and that they were hearing a lot of compliments for Pistorius.

Merkel says she felt sorrow at Trump’s comeback, recalls ‘non-handshake’

AP ■ BERLIN

Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel says she felt “sorrow” at Donald Trump’s return to power and recalls that every meeting with him was “a competition: you or me.” In an interview with German weekly Der Spiegel published Friday, Merkel said that Trump “is a challenge for the world, particularly for multilateralism.” “What awaits us now is really not easy,” she said, because “the strongest economy in the world stands behind this president” with the dollar as a dominant currency. Merkel worked with four American presidents while she was German chancellor.

She was in power throughout Trump’s first term — easily the most tense period for German-US relations of her 16 years in office, which ended in late 2021. She recalled as “a typical scene” a famously awkward moment in the Oval Office when she first visited Trump at the White House in March 2017. Photographers shouted “handshake!” and Merkel quietly asked Trump: “Do you want to have a handshake?” There was no response from Trump, who looked ahead with his hands clasped. “I tried to coax him into a handshake for the photographers because I thought in my constructive way that maybe he hadn’t noticed they wanted such

a picture,” Merkel was quoted as saying. “But of course his refusal was calculation.” The pair did shake hands at other points during the visit. Asked what a German chancellor should know about dealing with Trump, Merkel said he was very curious and wanted details — “but only to read them for his own advantage, to find arguments that strengthen him and weaken others.” The more people there were in the room, the greater was his urge to be the winner, she added. “You can’t chat with him. Every meeting is a competition: you or me.” Merkel said she felt “sorrow” at Trump’s victory over Kamala Harris in the November 5 presidential election.

Australia rejects Musk’s claim that it plans to control access to internet

Melbourne (AP): An Australian Cabinet minister on Friday rejected X Corp owner Elon Musk’s allegation that the government intended to control all Australians’ access to the internet through legislation that would ban young children from social media. Treasurer Jim Chalmers said Musk’s criticism was “unsurprising” after the government introduced to Parliament on Thursday legislation that would fine platforms including X up to 150 million Australian dollars (\$133 million) if they allow children under age 16 to hold social media accounts. “The idea that Elon Musk is not delighted with our steps to try and protect kids online is not an especially big surprise to us, nor does it trouble us greatly,” Chalmers told reporters.

The spat continues months of open hostility between the Australian government and the tech billionaire over regulators’ efforts to reduce public harm from social media. Parliament could pass legislation as soon as next week that would oblige X, TikTok, Facebook, Snapchat, Reddit and Instagram to ban young children from their platforms. The legislation introduced on Thursday will be debated by lawmakers in Parliament on Monday. Musk responded to the legislation’s introduction by posting on his platform, “Seems like a backdoor way to control access to the Internet by all Australians.” Asked if that was the government’s intention, Chalmers replied, “Of course not.”

Ukraine's Parl cancels session after Russia fires new missile

AP ■ KYIV
Ukraine's parliament canceled a session on Friday as security was tightened after Russia deployed a new ballistic missile that threatens to escalate the nearly three-year war.

NATO and Ukraine will hold emergency talks next Tuesday, the alliance said, following a request from Ukraine. The meeting will be held at the level of ambassadors and will most likely address the new missile threat.

Russian troops also struck Semy with Shahed drones

overnight, killing two people and injuring 12 more, the regional administration said Friday morning. The attack targeted a residential district of the city.

Ukraine's Suspilne media, quoting Semy regional head Volodymyr Artiukh, said the Russians used Shaheds stuffed with shrapnel elements for the first time in the region. "These weapons are used to destroy people, not to destroy objects," said Artiukh, according to Suspilne.

Separately, Czech Foreign Minister Jan Lipavsky arrived on a visit to Kyiv. He posted

a photo from Kyiv's railway station on his X account Friday morning. "I am interested in how the Ukrainians are coping with the bombings, how Czech projects are working on the ground and how to better target international aid in the coming months. I will discuss all of this here," Lipavsky wrote.

Three Ukrainian lawmakers confirmed that the parliamentary session previously scheduled was canceled due to the ongoing threat of Russian missile attacks targeting government buildings in

the city centre. Not only is the parliament closed, "there was also recommendation to limit the work of all commercial offices and NGOs that remain in that perimeter, and local residents were warned of the increased threat," said lawmaker Mykyta Poturaev, who added this is not the first time such a threat has been received.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's office continued to work in compliance with standard security measures, a spokesperson said. Russia on Thursday fired a new intermediate-range ballistic missile

in response to Kyiv's use of US and British longer-range missiles capable of striking deeper into Russian territory, Russian President Vladimir Putin said in an address on Thursday. It struck a missile factory in Dnipro in central Ukraine. Putin warned that US air defence systems would be powerless to stop the new missile, which he said flies at 10 times the speed of sound and which he called Oreshnik — Russian for hazelnut tree, Ukraine's Main Intelligence Directorate also released details. It said the missile was fired from the 4th

Missile Test Range "Kapustin Yar" in Russia's Astrakhan region, and flew 15 minutes before striking Dnipro. The missile had six warheads each carrying six submunitions. The peak speed the missile reached was 11 Machs. Test launches of a similar missile were conducted at the range in October 2023 and June 2024, the directorate said. The Pentagon confirmed that Russia's missile was a new, experimental type of intermediate-range missile based on its RS-26 Rubezh intercontinental ballistic missile.

Govt employees warned against supporting Imran's protest

PTI ■ PESHAWAR
Government employees in Pakistan's northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province have been officially warned of dire consequences against their participation and use of government machinery for the proposed protest march by jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's party on Sunday. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) chief secretary Aslam Nadeem Chaudhry, and provincial police chief Akhat Hayat Gandapur issued separate official letters on Thursday barring the employees the use of government resources under their command and from participation in the protest march to Islamabad by Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI).

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'Russia supplied air defence missiles to North Korea in return for its troops'

Seoul (AP): Russia has supplied air defence missiles to North Korea in exchange for sending its troops to support Russia's war efforts against Ukraine, a top South Korean official said Friday. The US, South Korea and Ukraine say North Korea

sent more than 10,000 troops to Russia in October, some of whom have recently begun engaging in combat.

It has been unclear what Russia would give North Korea in return. Shin Wonsik, national

security adviser for President Yoon Suk Yeol, told a SBS TV program Friday that South Korea has found Russia provided missiles and other equipment to reinforce its air defence network for Pyongyang, the capital.

China expanding visa-free entry to more countries

Beijing (AP): China announced Friday that it would expand visa-free entry to citizens of nine more countries as it seeks to boost tourism and business travel to help revive a sluggish economy. Starting Nov 30, travellers from Bulgaria, Romania, Malta, Croatia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Estonia, Latvia and Japan will be able to enter China for up to 30 days without a visa, Foreign Ministry spokesman Lin Jian said. That will bring to 38 the number of countries that have been granted visa-free access since last year. Only three countries had visa-free access previously, and they had been eliminated during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Notice is hereby given that my client Dhananjay Kumar Singh is in process to purchase the Freehold Residential Plot Bearing No. 6 G, area measuring 100 sq. yds. Out of total area measuring 615.29 Sq. Yds., out of Kharsa No. 285, Situated Within extended abadi (Lal Dora), the revenue of Village Devdi, Tehsil Huz Khas (M.B Road) New Delhi-110080 (availing loan from PCHFL) from Smt. Murti Devi, having acquired the said property vide Gift Deed dated 21/12/2023 (Document No. 10973) executed by her husband Ganga Ram. All persons having any claim against or in respect of the said Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable/registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, family arrangement, maintenance, bequest, partnership, possession, lease, sublease, tenancy, license, lien, charge, pledge, easement or otherwise whatsoever, are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned below within 7 days from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned.

Kamal Kant Gupta (Advocate)
Deed dated 21/12/2023 (Document No. 10973)
Unit No. FF-2, First floor, Mahalaxmi Metro Tower
Sec-4, Vashi, Gzb., U.P., Mob. 9810603351

U GRO Capital Limited
4th Floor, Tower 3, Equinox Business Park, LBS Road, Kurla, Mumbai 400070

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE OF 15 DAYS FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSET(S) ["SECURED ASSET(S)"] UNDER THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISIO TO RULE 8 AND 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Secured Asset(s) mortgaged / charged to U GRO Capital Limited ("Secured Creditor"), the possession of which has been taken by the authorised officer of Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is what is" and "As is where is" and "Whatever there is" on the date and time mentioned herein below, for recovery of the due mentioned herein below and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of realization of amount, due to Secured Creditor from the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below. The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and last date of EMD deposit is also mentioned herein below:

Details of Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Details of Demand Notice	Details of Auction
1. Akshat Enterprises, 2. Vinod Yadav 3. Pramod Yadav, 4. Sunita Yadav 5. Aditya Plastic, 6. Shanti Yadav	Date of Notice: 19-10-2023	Reserve Price : Rs. 2,19,79,350/- EMD : Rs. 21,97,935/-
Outstanding Amount: Rs. 2,39,30,103/- as on 18-10-2023	Last date of EMD Deposit : 12-12-2024	Date of Auction : 13-12-2024
Loan Account Number: HCFDELS0001043233	Time of Auction : 11 AM to 01 PM	Incremental Value : Rs. 1,00,000/-

Description of Secured Asset(s): "All that Piece and Parcel of immovable property being Free-Hold Property No. 109 & 110, Each, admeasuring 25.90 Sq. Meter, Block-H, Pocket - 1, Sector-11 Situated in the Layout, Plan of Rohini Residential Scheme Rohini, Delhi."

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in U GRO Capital Limited/Secured Creditor's website. i.e. www.ugrocapital.com or contact the undersigned at authorized.officer@ugrocapital.com

Date: 23-11-2024, Place: Delhi
Authorised officer, UGRO Capital Limited

सूचना
प्रतिश्रील नव शिक्षा संस्थान के समस्त सम्मानित आजीवन/ साधारण सदस्यों को सूचित किया जाता है कि प्रतिश्रील नव शिक्षा संस्थान पूर्वी पुराना सोलमपुर दिल्ली-31 को कार्य कारिणी का चुनाव कार्यक्रम इस प्रकार है:

1. नामांकन की तिथि एवं समय :-	07/12/2024	अपरान्ह 1:00 बजे से सायं 5:00 बजे तक
2. जांच की तिथि एवं समय:-	08/12/2024	अपरान्ह 1:00 बजे से सायं 5:00 बजे तक
3. नाम वापिस लेने की तिथि एवं समय :-	11/12/2024	अपरान्ह 2:00 बजे से सायं 4:00 बजे तक
4. मतदान की तिथि एवं समय :-	17/12/2023	प्रातः 8:00 बजे से अपरान्ह 1:30 बजे तक
5. मतगणना की तिथि एवं समय :-	17/12/2024	अपरान्ह 1:30 बजे से प्रारम्भ
6. परिणाम की घोषणा की तिथि एवं समय :-	17/12/2024	मतगणना के पश्चात

श्री बी.पी. त्यागी, श्री अमित तंवर (चुनाव अधिकारी)
प्रतिश्रील नव शिक्षा संस्थान, सोलमपुर दिल्ली -31

CLIX HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Clix Housing Finance Limited, a Housing Finance Bank Company under the National Housing Bank Act under the provision of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "SARFAESI Act, 2002") having its Registered Office: Agarwal Corporate Tower, Plot No. 23, 5th Floor, Goidind Lal Sikka Marg, Rajendra Place, New Delhi- 110008 (hereinafter referred to as "CLIX"), and is engaged in the business of providing financial assistance to meet the needs of over millions of its customers all over India, hereby issues to you the following notice :-

Name & Address of Borrower/Co-Borrower : 1. DEEPAK PAWAR S/O JAI PAL SINGH, H No. 353, SECTOR 10, GURUGRAM-122001. 2. SUNITA W/O DEEPAK PAWAR, A-14/1 2ND FLOOR NEAR MOONGA HOSPITAL H No. 353, SECTOR 10, GURUGRAM-122001. ALSO AT: HOUSE NO. 95, FRIENDS COLONY, HISAR, HARYANA-125001. 3. HUKUM SINGH S/O JAG RAM H No. 353, SECTOR 10, GURUGRAM-122001. ALSO AT: HOUSE NO-142/1, GALI NO-1 DEVILAL NAGAR, GURUGRAM, HARYANA-122001. 4. LAKHMI CHAND S/O JAI PAL SINGH, H No. 353, SECTOR 10, GURUGRAM- 122001. ALSO AT: D BARR RATAN DAS MADNIR, KADIPR, GURGAON, HARYANA-122001.

Loan A/C Numbers/Date : HGJHJM0000000822 / 24.12.2021, Loan Amount Availed : Rs. 25,75,000/-
Date of 13(2) Notice : 17-jun-2021, NPA Date - 02.10.2024
Demand Date and Amount as Per Sec. 13(2) Act. Notice : Rs. 25,59,382/- as on 18.10.2024

Mortgage Properties : "ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF PLOT NO.348, ARAZI JARAI KHEWAT/RHATA NO. 120/105, KHATINI NO. 156, MU NO. 29, KILA NO. 3 (8-0), 7(8-0), 8(1) (5-16), 8(2/2-7), 13(8-0), 14(8-0), KITA 7, 5/960 PART OF AREA 48 KANAK O MARLA, BAKOIA AREA A KANAK O MARLA (150 SQ. YARDS), WAKA SHIVANA MOUDA MOLAHEDA TESHIL AND DISTRICT GURUGRAM, BARUIE BAYANAMA WASKHA NO. 10492/ EAST: OTHERS PROPERTY, NORTH: OTHERS PROPERTY, WEST: WIDE 20FT ROAD, SOUTH: OTHERS PROPERTY

Further with reasons, we believe that you are evading the service of demand notice, hence this publication of demand notice. You are hereby called upon to pay CLIX HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED within a period of 60 days of date of publication of this demand notice the aforesaid amount alongwith further interest, cost, incidental expenses, charges etc., failing which CLIX HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED will take necessary action under all or any of the provision of Section 13(4) of the said Act against all or any one or more of the secured assets including taking possession of this secured assets of the borrower/s. Further you are prohibited U/S 13(13) of the said Act from transferring either by way of sale/lease or in any other way the aforesaid secured assets. Please note that no further demand notice will be issued.

Date - 23.11.2024, Place - GURUGRAM Authorised officer, CLIX HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

THE PIONEER CLASSIFIEDS
CHANGE OF NAME

I, Vijay Kansal S/o Perhald Rai Kansal R/o G-11 First Floor Naveen Shahdra Delhi -110032 inform that I have changed my name from Vijay Kumar Kansal to Vijay Kansal for all future Purposes.

PD(956)A

I, Nandini Oraon D/o Sanjay Oraon R/o House No. 184, Masjid Moth, Andrewsganj, South Delhi, Delhi- 110049 declare that My name is wrongly mention Nandini Orav in 10th marksheet. My correct name is Nandini Oraon.

PD(957)C

I, Sanjay Oraon S/o Binoy Oraon R/o Kandaran Uhpurbapada Chorolmoni, Malda, West Bengal-732139, declare that My daughter marksheet bears the incorrect surname as Sanjay Orav instead of Sanjay Oraon.

PD(958)C

I, Mrs. Pooja Oraon W/o

Cooperative renaissance opens new doors to development and prosperity



DR. MEENESH SHAH

India which is producing 231 million tonnes of milk annually is the largest milk producer in the world, contributing approximately one-fourth of global production. Through cooperatives, millions of small and marginal farmers have been united, creating a network of over 1.7 lakh dairy cooperative societies in the country and establishing massive plants with a processing capacity of 100 million liters of milk per day. This historic success is the result of seven decades of relentless hard work and efforts by cooperative institutions across the country. In India, dairy is not limited to milk production; it serves as a livelihood source for over 80 million families, empowers women, provides nutrition and financial security, and acts as a key driver of inclusive rural development. The establishment of a separate and dedicated Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying in 2019, followed by the formation of the Ministry of Cooperation in 2021, reflects the Government of India's faith in the cooperative model and its potential to bring prosperity to the nation. This has advanced the vision of "Sehkar Se Samridhi" strengthening the cooperative movement in the country. Within a short span of three years, the ministry has initiated several significant measures for the holistic and inclusive development of the entire cooperative sector. Dairy Cooperatives in India India has over 8 lakh cooperative societies operating across 29 different sectors, serving nearly 29 crore members. Among these, agriculture-related cooperatives, such as Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), dairy, and fisheries cooperatives, play a crucial role in providing rural communities

dairy sector in India is evolving from "women's participation" to a dairy industry led by "women's leadership." The primary goal is to strengthen the cooperative movement and take it to the grassroots level in order to realize Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of "Sehkar Se Samridhi". Under the leadership of Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah, the Ministry of Cooperation has set the objective of establishing new PACS (Primary Agricultural Credit Societies), dairy, and fisheries cooperatives in panchayats and villages where they currently do not exist. Additionally, the existing PACS, dairy, and fisheries cooperatives will be further empowered with the support of NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development), NDDB (National Dairy Development Board), and NFDB (National Fisheries Development Board). To revive cooperatives, it was essential to transform grassroots-level cooperatives into prosperous business entities. It is crucial that all panchayats/villages come under the coverage of a capable PACS/dairy/fisheries cooperative. This will enable millions of small and marginal farmer members to gain equal benefits from regional development and help in achieving rural prosperity. There are approximately 2.7 lakh gram panchayats (GPs) in the country. Around 1.6 lakh gram panchayats do not have a PACS (Primary Agricultural Credit Society), and nearly 2 lakh gram panchayats lack a dairy cooperative society. In this regard, in February 2023, the Union Cabinet approved the establishment of 2 lakh PACS, dairy, and fisheries cooperatives over the next five years. To

ensure timely implementation and monitoring of the plan, the Home and Cooperation Minister launched a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) guide. According to the plan, NABARD will establish approximately 70,000 new multi-purpose PACS (M-PACS), NDDB will form and strengthen around 1,03,000 dairy cooperative societies (DCS), and the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) will establish approximately 11,500 fisheries cooperative societies (FCS). Additionally, state governments will set up around 25,000 new M-PACS, dairy, and fisheries cooperatives. In the last six decades, through the collaborative efforts of NDDB and the state and central governments, approximately 1.44 lakh active dairy cooperatives have been established across the country. Now, under the "White Revolution 2.0" initiative, there is a plan to form 1.03 lakh new multi-purpose dairy cooperative societies (M-DCS) and empower existing ones over the next five years. This will be a significant achievement and will take milk production and distribution in the country to new heights. Multi-purpose PACS (M-PACS) are emerging as commercial hubs. By adopting new model bylaws, these societies are now conducting over 25 different business activities, including dairy. Three national-level multi-state cooperatives have been established to link grassroots-level cooperatives to national and international value chains: 1. National Cooperative Organics Limited (NCOL) 2. Bhartiya Bej Sahakari Samiti Limited (BBSSL) 3. National Cooperative Export Limited (NCEL) These initiatives represent a revolutionary step in the history of India's cooperative movement. They aim to connect local cooperatives with broader markets, enhance their capabilities, and open new avenues for growth. By focusing on organic products, quality seeds, and exports, these cooperatives are positioned to bring cooperative enterprises into the global spotlight, benefiting farmers and rural communities across the country. The National Cooperative Organics Limited (NCOL) aims to realize the potential of organic products and create a healthy agricultural ecosystem. Bhartiya Bej Sahakari Samiti Limited (BBSSL) promotes the production, processing, and distribution of high-quality seeds.

Markets stage recovery; Sensex reclaims 79k level, Nifty surges

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark equity indices rebounded sharply on Friday, with the Sensex climbing 2.54 per cent to reclaim the 79,000 level, driven by across-the-board rally and value buying at lower levels. Strong buying by domestic institutional investors and a firm trend in the US markets also helped the indices, traders said. The BSE benchmark Sensex jumped 1,961.32 points or 2.54 per cent to settle at 79,117.11. During the day, it surged 2,062.4 points or 2.67 per cent to 79,218.19. The NSE Nifty soared 557.35 points or 2.39 per cent to 23,907.25. All the 30 Sensex firms ended in the green. Hectic buying in blue chip counters like Reliance



Industries, IT and teck shares boosted market sentiment. State Bank of India, Tata Consultancy Services, Titan, ITC, Infosys, Larsen and Toubro, Reliance Industries and Bajaj Finance gained the most. The majority of the listed Adani group firms ended

higher, bouncing back from the previous day's sharp fall after billionaire industrialist Gautam Adani was charged in the US for alleged bribery and fraud. Ambuja Cements surged 3.50 per cent, ACC jumped 3.17 per cent, Adani Enterprises climbed 2.16 per cent, Adani

Ports (2.05 per cent), Adani Total Gas (1.18 per cent) and NDTV (0.65 per cent) on the BSE. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 5,320.68 crore on Thursday, while Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) bought shares worth Rs 4,200.16 crore, according to exchange data. In Asian markets, Seoul and Tokyo settled in the positive territory while Shanghai and Hong Kong ended lower. European markets were trading lower. The US markets ended higher on Thursday. Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.19 per cent to USD 74.37 a barrel. On Thursday, the BSE benchmark tanked 422.59 points or 0.54 per cent to settle at 77,155.79 points. The Nifty slumped 168.60 points or 0.72 per cent to 23,349.90.

Govt notifies telecom cyber security rules, to access traffic data

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The government has notified the telecom cyber security rules, that aim to safeguard India's communication networks and services, through a host of measures including specified timelines for telcos to report security incidents and make disclosures. The rules also empower the central government and its authorised agency to seek traffic data and any other data (other than the content of messages) from a telecom entity for the purpose of ensuring cyber security. Telecom entities would also be required to adopt telecom cyber security policy, that would include security safeguards, risk management approaches, actions, training, network testing, and risk assessment. "The central government, or any agency authorised by the central government, may, for the purposes of protecting and ensuring telecom cyber security, seek from a telecommunication entity, traffic data and any other data, other than the content



of messages, in the form and manner as may be specified by the central government on the portal; and direct a telecommunication entity to establish necessary infrastructure and equipment for collection and provision of such data from designated points to enable its processing and storage," according to the rules framed under the new Telecom Act. The government and any agency authorised by it to collect data under these rules, as well as persons with whom such data is shared, will place adequate safeguards to ensure that such data is stored and maintained in strict confidentiality and prevent any unauthorised access, it said. The rules clearly outline telecom cyber security obligations. "No person shall endanger telecom cyber security by misuse of telecommunication equipment or telecommunication identifier or telecommunication network or telecommunication services or by fraud, cheating or personation; transmitting any message which is fraudulent; committing or intending to commit any security incident; engaging in any other use which is contrary to the provision, of any other law for the time being in force; or any other

means which may have security risk on telecom cyber security," according to the rules," it said. Under the rules, every telecom entity will be required to implement specified measures to ensure cyber security, including adopting a telecom cyber security policy (security safeguards, risk management approaches, actions, training, best practices and technologies, to enhance telecom cyber security). The policy, it said, should also encompass telecom network testing including hardening, vulnerability assessment and risk assessment, identification and prevention of security incidents among other aspects. The policy should entail a rapid action system to deal with security incidents including mitigation measures to limit the impact of such incidents; and forensic analysis of security incidents to ensure learnings from such incidents and further strengthening telecom cyber security.

कार्यालय नगर परिषद जतारा जिला टीकमगढ़ (म.प्र.)
Email-cmojatara@mpurban.gov.in Phone- 07681-299011

क्रमांक/2404/न.परि/निविदा/2024 **निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना** जतारा दिनांक 21/11/2024

निर्माण कार्य हेतु केन्द्रीयकृत प्रणाली में लोक निर्माण विभाग में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु ऑनलाइन निविदा आमंत्रित अर्मात्रित की जाती है। निविदा का विस्तृत विवरण बेबसाईट <http://www.mptenders.gov.in> पर देखी जा सकती है।

क्र.	टेंडर क्र./ जारी दिनांक	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की समाप्ति/ अनुमानित लागत (लाख में)	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य एवं (EMD)	निविदा की अंतिम तिथि
1	2024_UAD_383793_1 23.11.2024	वार्ड क्रमांक 15 में कार्यालय नगर परिषद भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	(1) 10 माह (2) 146.56 लाख/-	(1) 12500/- (2) 73500.00/-	23/12/2024

नोट :-निविदा से संबंधित किसी भी प्रकार के प्रकाशन ऑनलाइन <http://www.mptenders.gov.in> की बेबसाईट पर किया जावेगा. पृथक से समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशन नहीं किया जावेगा।

मुख्य नगर पालिका अधिकारी
नगर परिषद जतारा, जिला-टीकमगढ़ म.प्र.

797/2, Shanti Kunj, South Civil Lines, Jabalpur-482001

DEMAND NOTICE
NOTICE UNDER SECTION 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961

RC/207/2019 **12-11-2024**

Bank of Maharashtra Versus VIKRAM SINGH SINGH

To
(CD 1) VIKRAM SINGH SINGH, VILLAGE SAIPIPLIYA, SEHORE (M.P.)-466001 Sehore MADHYA PRADESH
(CD 2) SHANTI LAL VILLAGE SAIPIPLIYA SEHORE (M.P.) Sehore MADHYA PRADESH-
(CD 3) SHRI GAJRAJ SINGH VERMA S/O SHRI ANAR SINGH VERMA VILLAGE MUSKARA, DREAM CITY, SEHORE (M.P.)-466001

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JABALPUR in OA/162/2017 an amount of Rs. 4123867.00 (Rupees Forty One Lakhs Twenty Three Thousands Eight Hundred Sixty Seven Only) along with pendentelitte and future interest @ 12% Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 30/12/2016 till realization and costs of Rs. 44000 (Rupees Forty Four Thousands Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 26/12/2024 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **23/11/2024**

Ms. Priti Desai
Recovery Officer-II
Debts Recovery Tribunal
Govt. of India, Ministry of Finance, Jabalpur (M.P. & C.G.)

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, BHOPAL
(An Institute of National Importance under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Govt. of India)
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Advt. No.: Academic/AIIMS, Bhopal/Ph.D./2024/20 Date:19/11/2024

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Dean (Academics)

बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda Bareli Branch J.J. Road, Bareli GOLD AUCTION SALE NOTICE

The under mentioned persons are hereby informed that they have failed to pay off the liability in the loan accounts. Notices sent to them by Registered Post have been returned undelivered to the Bank. They are therefore requested to pay off the liability and other charges and redeem the pledged securities on or before 09-12-2024 public auction at the cost of the borrower at the Bank's premises at 11.00 A.M. on 09-12-2024 or on any other convenient date thereafter without further notice at the absolute discretion of the Bank

Sr. No.	Date of Loan	Loan Number	Outstanding Amt.	Name and address of the borrower
1.	05.06.2023	41350600001150	₹ 117235.08 + Intt. & other charges w.e.f. 29.09.2024	Kaushal Singh Rajput S/o Anokhe Lal Rajput Vill. Gaganwada, post Karamwada, Bareli Distt. Raisen (M.P.)-464668

Date : 20-11-2024 Branch Manager

Change of Name

My old name was YASMEEN BAGUM. Written in my previous passport. I have changed my name. My new name is now known as YASMEEN MAZHAR W/O SYED MAZHAR HASAN. Resident H. No. 538, Sharda nagar, Hanuman Mandir road, Nariyal kheda, Bhopal (M.P.) 462010

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office: Unit No. 802, Natraj Rustomjee, Western Express Highway and M.V. Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400069
Sagar Branch : 1st Floor, Sakhi Baba Matrix, Makronia Road, Sagar - 470004 (Madhya Pradesh)

POSSESSION NOTICE Appendix IV (for immovable property)

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

S. N.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co Borrower(s) (Name of the Branch)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Date of Possession
1	(Loan Code No. 02300000591 / Sagar Branch) Ram Charan Sahu (Borrower), Chokhe Lal Sahu (Co-Borrower), Haricharan Sahu (Guarantor)	All that part & parcel of property bearing, Khasra No 340 Situated At Vill Naryawali Ph No. 89, Tehsil Sagar District Sagar M.P. - 470002 Boundaries: East- Land of Purushotam Sahu, West - Plot of Brajesh Kumar and Rajesh Kumar, North-Land of Seller, South - Road	06-09-2024 & ₹ 5,10,062/-	21-11-2024
2	(Loan Code No. 02300000997 / Sagar Branch) Rajesh Kumar Vishwakarma (Borrower), Ramkali Vishwakarma (Co-Borrower), Hemant Rajpoot (Guarantor)	All that part & parcel of property bearing, House No 446/6 House Situated At Vill Banda Ph No. 22/92, RIC Banda Shastri Ward No 07 Tehsil Banda District Sagar M.P. - 470335 Boundaries: East- House of Laxman Mali, West - House of Raghu Nema, North- House of Maharaj, South - Way	06-09-2024 & ₹ 7,15,063/-	21-11-2024
3	(Loan Code No. 02310000072 / Sagar Branch) Hemraj Ahirwar (Borrower), Neetoo N (Co-Borrower)	All that part & parcel of property bearing, Khasra No. 777/1/2 And 778/1/2 Situated at Village Banda Ph No.43 RIC Banda Ward No.5, Lal Bahadur Shastri Ward, Teh. Banda District Sagar M.P. 470335 Boundaries: East- Land of Patel, West - Land of Seller, North- Land of Fheran Singh, South - Land Left by Seller for Way	06-09-2024 & ₹ 1,97,448/-	21-11-2024

Place : Madhya Pradesh
Date : 23-11-2024

Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

797/2, Shanti Kunj, South Civil Lines, Jabalpur-482001

DEMAND NOTICE
NOTICE UNDER SECTION 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961

RC/372/2024 **23-10-2024**

Bank of Maharashtra Versus SURAJ READY MADE GARMENT

To
(CD 1) SURAJ READY MADE GARMENT CHAR SHAHAR KA NAKAHAZIRA Gwalior,
(CD 2) SURAJ GAUTAM, 15 639 MAJOR COLONY GADIPURA GALI NO 03 BIRLA NAGAR, Gwalior, MADHYA PRADESH-

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JABALPUR in OA/708/2018 an amount of Rs 1011830 (Rupees Ten Lakhs Eleven Thousands Eight Hundred Thirty Only) along with pendentelitte and future interest @ 10.50% Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 13/06/2018 till realization and costs of Rs. 13000 (Rupees Thirteen Thousands Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 10/12/2024 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **23/11/2024**

Ms. Priti Desai
Recovery Officer-II
Debts Recovery Tribunal
Govt. of India, Ministry of Finance, Jabalpur (M.P. & C.G.)

797/2, Shanti Kunj, South Civil Lines, Jabalpur-482001

DEMAND NOTICE
NOTICE UNDER SECTION 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961

RC/207/2019 **12-11-2024**

Bank of Maharashtra Versus VIKRAM SINGH SINGH

To
(CD 1) VIKRAM SINGH SINGH, VILLAGE SAIPIPLIYA, SEHORE (M.P.)-466001 Sehore MADHYA PRADESH
(CD 2) SHANTI LAL VILLAGE SAIPIPLIYA SEHORE (M.P.) Sehore MADHYA PRADESH-
(CD 3) SHRI GAJRAJ SINGH VERMA S/O SHRI ANAR SINGH VERMA VILLAGE MUSKARA, DREAM CITY, SEHORE (M.P.)-466001

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JABALPUR in OA/162/2017 an amount of Rs. 4123867.00 (Rupees Forty One Lakhs Twenty Three Thousands Eight Hundred Sixty Seven Only) along with pendentelitte and future interest @ 12% Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 30/12/2016 till realization and costs of Rs. 44000 (Rupees Forty Four Thousands Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 26/12/2024 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **12/11/2024**

Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JABALPUR

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tendering Tender Dated: 12/11/2024
E-Tender (Two Stage Reverse Auction) on behalf of the President of India acting through Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction), West Central Railway, Khajuraho invites tenders for the following works.
Tender No.: DY-CE-C-KURJ-07-2024, Description of work: Construction of 1 No. Road Over Bridge (ROB-Composite Girder) & 2 Nos. Road Over Bridges (ROB-RCC Box) including substructure, Superstructure, RE Wall construction in approach Road work and other miscellaneous works in Panna-Khajuraho section (Km 74.550-80.00 and Km 105.00-130.00) in connection with Panna-Khajuraho New BG Rail Line Project. Approx cost of tender: 32.66 Crore, Earnest Money (Rs):1783100.00, Date of opening of tender: 10.12.2024 15:00 hrs, Completion period: 15 months. The complete information of above E-Tender is available in website IREPS (www.ireps.gov.in) and also placed on the notice board of the office of Dy.CE/C/KURJ. Tenders other than in the form of e-bids shall not be accepted against above tenders.
Dy. CE(Construction), WCR, Khajuraho

बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Appendix-IV-A [See proviso to rule 8(6) & 6(2)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to rule 8 (6) & (2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to Bank of Baroda the Secured Creditor the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of Amount mentioned below plus interest and other expenses due to Bank of Baroda the Secured Creditor from below mentioned Borrowers & Guarantors.

Sl. No.	Name of the Branch / Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgagor	Description of Secured Assets (Movable/Immovable Properties)	Reserve Price		Date and Time of E-Auction	Demand Notice Date Possession Date Outstanding Amount
			EMD Bid Increase Amt.			
Bank of Baroda, Railway Society Aera Colony Branch, Bhopal						
1	Borrower : M/s MP Biocare Solutions Proprietor- Dinesh Rajput s/o Hukum Singh Rajput Guarantor & Mortgagor : Mrs. Parvati Bai w/o Hukum Singh Rajput	Mortgaged property situated at House on Residential Plot no. 57, at part of Khasra no. 1478/1/1 "Udaygiri Colony", Udaygiri Grah nirman Sahakari Sammiti, Kasba Vidisha Near Bunti Nagar, ward no. 32, Tehsil & Distt. Vidisha (M.P.) Area-968.40 sqft. in the name of Smt. Parwati Bai W/o Shri Hukum Singh Rajput boundaries East land of others, West 7.50 mt road, North-plot no. 58, South-part of plot No. 57	₹ 13,60,000/-	₹ 1,36,000/-	10-12-2024 2:00 p.m. to 06:00 p.m.	03.06.2021 25-09-2023 ₹ 9,62,550/- + Interest & other charges

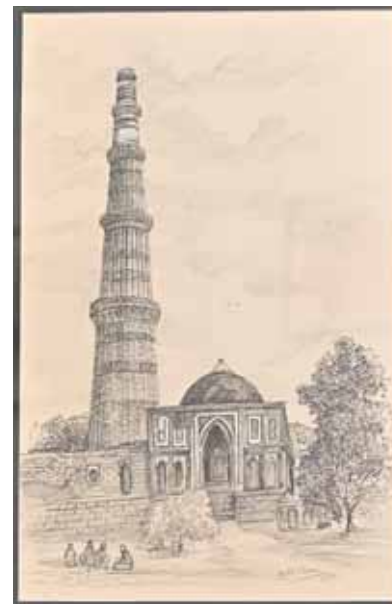
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Bank of Baroda website: <https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm> & <https://ebkraj.in>. Also, prospective bidders may contact the authorised officer on contact numbers as mentioned above in the table. Please Note : For any error(s) the details available on bank's website / ebkraj will be final. Date: 21.11.2024, Place: Bhopal

Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda



THE HEART OF THE CITY ON CANVAS

In "Contours of Delhi," Soumen Dutta brings the city's iconic architecture to life through his intricate sketches. From Mughal monuments to colonial-era buildings, his work offers a fresh perspective on Delhi's rich heritage, writes **SAKSHI PRIYA**



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structures, offering a fresh, heartfelt perspective. His dedication to visiting each location and drawing from his personal experiences gives the collection a unique depth. For anyone with a connection to Delhi, this exhibition is a powerful reminder of the city's timeless charm. The exhibition *Contours of Delhi* offers a profound reminder of how art can capture the soul of a city, evoking nostalgia and a deep connection to its landmarks. As *Dutta's* sketches invite us to experience Delhi through his eyes, they also remind us of the timeless beauty that lies within every corner of this city.

As I walked through the exhibition, I couldn't help but feel a deep sense of connection to the city. *Dutta's* art invites us to revisit these places, each sketch a gentle reminder of the stories these structures have witnessed over the years. From the bustling streets of *Chandni Chowk* to the tranquil spaces of *Lodhi Gardens*, his work allows us to experience Delhi in a way that words alone cannot.

Contours of Delhi is a celebration of Delhi's identity, its rich history and the emotional ties we all share with its landmarks. *Dutta's* work beautifully captures the essence of these iconic

"दिल्ली की गलियों में कुछ तो बात होगी, वरना इस शहर को हर कोई अपना क्यों कहता है?" (There must be something special about the lanes of Delhi, otherwise, why would everyone call this city their own?) Indeed, *Soumen Dutta's* exhibition brings this very sentiment to life, offering a heartfelt tribute to the city's enduring spirit.



Delhi, the heart of India, is a city that never fails to captivate. It holds within it a unique blend of history, culture and modernity. For those of us who call it home, the structures that define this city are more than just buildings; they are symbols of our shared heritage and memories. *Soumen Dutta's* latest exhibition, *Contours of Delhi*, at *Travancore Palace*, offers an intimate portrayal of these very landmarks that breathe life into the capital. The exhibition, inaugurated by *Dr. Sanjeev Kishor Goutam*, Director-General of the National Gallery of Modern Art, saw the participation of several distinguished guests, including *Shri Sunil Tandon*, Director of India Habitat Centre and *Bharatnatyam*

dancer *Pratibha Prahlad*. The presence of such prominent figures underscored the significance of the show. What made this collection so remarkable was *Dutta's* ability to capture not only the grandeur of Delhi's architecture but also the very essence of the city itself. Over forty-five paintings were displayed, each portraying the intricate details of Delhi's iconic landmarks. Using pen and colours, *Dutta* brought to life the city's monuments, temples, gardens, bridges, mosques and dargas, offering a fresh perspective on these architectural marvels. His personal connection to each structure was evident, with his ability to highlight unique features and evoke memories of the past. Among the most striking works in the exhibition were those of *Gole Market*,

Kota House, the *Red Fort*, *Jama Masjid* and *Lodhi Garden*. Each of these sketches felt like a living, breathing piece of Delhi's history. *Dutta* didn't just draw the buildings; he visited each one and captured its true spirit, visualising them from his own unique angle. His portrayal of *Aakashvani Bhawan*, for instance, showed pigeons fluttering around the building. These birds, much like the structure itself, have long served as messengers, connecting people across generations. *Dutta's* ability to combine the past with the present, through subtle details like this, demonstrated his exceptional skill. What stands out in *Dutta's* work is his attention to even the smallest details that make each structure so distinctive. It wasn't just about capturing the architecture, but about making the

viewer feel as though they were standing in front of these buildings themselves. His sketches evoke a sense of nostalgia and familiarity for anyone who has walked these streets or visited these monuments. The artist's dedication was clear: he had visited every single location, allowing himself to fully connect with each place before translating it onto canvas. For *Dutta*, Delhi is more than just a city; it is where he has spent most of his life. "Delhi is the heart of the country, and I have lived the majority of my life here. Every structure I encountered had its own unique aura, and it was this connection that I sought to depict in each of my sketches," he shares. His deep emotional bond with Delhi is clearly reflected in his work, making each piece feel personal and intimate.



SHOWCASING NORTHEASTERN CRAFT

The *North East Festival* is an annual celebration of the rich cultural heritage, art and traditions of Northeast India, bringing together diverse communities and showcasing the region's unique crafts, music, and cuisine, writes **SAKSHI PRIYA**

"Culture is the widening of the mind and the spirit," said *Jawaharlal Nehru*, a quote that captures the very essence of the *North East Festival*. This annual event, now entering its 12th edition, is a vibrant example of how culture can bridge divides, creating a space where diverse traditions, local crafts, and contemporary art come together in a celebration of unity. The festival is not only a cultural display but also a powerful reminder of the diverse heritage of *Northeastern India* and its place in the broader cultural landscape of the nation. The *North East Festival* expertly blends the traditional with the modern. The event showcases the diverse ethnic groups of the region through performances of folk dances, regional music, and exhibitions of local crafts. These cultural offerings offer a glimpse into the deep-rooted heritage of the *Northeastern* states. Alongside these traditional elements, the festival also embraces modern artistic expressions with vibrant street performances, contemporary music, dance battles, and digital art installations. This combination of old and new reflects the dynamic nature of the region, where heritage is celebrated while the future is eagerly welcomed. At its heart, the *North East Festival* is a platform for local artisans, craftsmen, and entrepreneurs. It provides them with an opportunity to showcase their work to a wider audience, bringing recognition to their skills and offering economic

opportunities. Hand-woven textiles, intricate bamboo crafts, and beautifully carved wooden items are just a few examples of the region's craft traditions. These artisans not only preserve ancient techniques but also innovate, ensuring their crafts remain relevant in the global marketplace. The festival thus supports the preservation of cultural heritage while simultaneously encouraging economic growth and sustainability in the region. One of the unique aspects of the festival is its celebration of *Northeastern* cuisine. With a rich culinary tradition that varies from state to state, the food stalls at the event offer a wide variety of flavours. From *Assam's* spicy curries to *Nagaland's* smoked meats, from the *sweet treats* of *Sikkim* to the *rice-based dishes* of *Manipur*, the food at the festival is a reflection of the region's diversity. It is not just about taste but also about the stories each dish tells, stories of family traditions, local ingredients and ancestral knowledge passed down through generations. Sharing a meal at the festival becomes an act of cultural exchange, connecting people to the heart of the *Northeast*. The *North East Festival* also plays an important role in shifting perceptions about the region. Historically, the *Northeast* has often been viewed as distant and separate from the mainstream. This festival challenges such misconceptions, creating an environment where the contributions of the *Northeast* to



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India's national identity can be celebrated. It brings people from all over the country together, providing a space where they can engage with the region's culture openly. By doing so, it reminds everyone that the *Northeast* is not a remote part of India, but an integral piece of the nation's cultural, social, and economic fabric. In addition to celebrating culture, the *North East Festival* contributes to the region's development. It provides a platform for business-to-business (B2B) interactions, opening opportunities for collaboration and investment in areas such as tourism, technology, and regional products. The festival creates opportunities for growth by connecting entrepreneurs, local businesses, and potential investors, helping build a stronger economy

in the *Northeast* and ensuring that its people have access to the resources they need to thrive. The festival also takes time to recognise the achievements of individuals from the *Northeast*, honouring those who have excelled in sports, education, arts, and entertainment. By highlighting their success, the festival inspires younger generations to dream big and strive for greatness. These role models show that the *Northeast* is a hub of talent and innovation, contributing to India's progress across various fields. Lastly, sustainability is a key focus of the *North East Festival*. In a world increasingly concerned with environmental issues, the festival sets an example by promoting eco-friendly practices. From using sustainable materials for decorations to highlighting local, organic produce, the festival ensures that its celebrations are not only about fun and enjoyment but also responsible and conscious of the environment. The *North East Festival* is more than just an event. It is a celebration of the region's culture, people and potential. It provides a platform for artistic expression, supports local artisans and promotes sustainable practices. By bringing together people from all walks of life, it creates a sense of pride and shared identity. The festival is a powerful reminder that, despite our differences, we are all part of a greater whole, and that celebrating our diversity strengthens the bonds that unite us as a nation.

Celebrating the Richness of Indian Culture Through Art

There is something magical about the way art can capture the essence of a place, turning intangible traditions and experiences into vivid, enduring images. At the *Bulgarian Embassy in New Delhi*, the group exhibition *Threads of Heritage* unfolds this magic, presenting a rich display of works that reflect the depth and diversity of Indian culture. Organised by *Lokayata Art Gallery*, this exhibition invites viewers to experience India's heritage through the eyes of 27 talented artists, each contributing their unique perspective to the cultural dialogue. From the moment you step into the space, the paintings draw you in, each one a vivid brushstroke of India's soul. The works on display, numbering more than 100, offer a journey through the country's traditions, landscapes, and customs, with both Indian and international artists showcasing their interpretations. Curated by *Qazi M. Raghieb*, the exhibition is a blend of modernity and tradition, offering a fresh lens through which to appreciate India's cultural wealth. A standout in this showcase is *Golden Temple, Amritsar* by Korean artist *Katrina Jughwa Kim*. Her oil on canvas captures the serene beauty of the *Golden Temple*, rendering it in such a way that the spiritual and historical significance of this sacred site is felt deeply. *Kim's* personal connection to India imbues her work with a tenderness that resonates with anyone who has ever been moved by the temple's quiet grandeur. Alongside *Kim's* work, *Amit Srivastava's* *Windkissed* commands attention with its expressive use of acrylic and oil on canvas. The painting conjures the raw energy of nature, where wind and breath are almost tangible, swirling in vibrant motion across the canvas. Similarly, *Ranjit Sarkar's* *The Echoes of Joy* captures the

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celebratory spirit of Indian festivals, the energy and vibrancy of the colours echoing the joyful rhythms of the country's many celebrations. The exhibition also honours the rich traditions of Indian art. *Bhavna Pandey's* *A Cultural Heritage*, a series of seven pieces painted on antique paper, delves into the symbolism of Indian culture. The delicate watercolours on aged paper offer a timeless connection to the past, while *Archanaa Panda's* *Heritage Rhythms* blends acrylic and oil to explore the fluidity and movement within Indian traditions. Not all of the pieces are rooted in the past, some artists bring a modern twist to Indian themes. *Indian Classical Dance*, Digital Sketch, by *Ananda Gupta*, for example, uses mixed media to capture the very essence of life and its connection to nature. The layers of texture and colour speak of continuity, blending past and present in a harmonious dialogue. Through works like these, *Threads of Heritage* becomes a celebration of India's dynamic identity, constantly evolving while remaining firmly anchored in its past. Artists such as *Kamal Kishore*, with *Indian Culture*, and *Chandana Bhattacharjee*, with *Love in Nature*, offer their own reflections on the intricate relationship between humans and the world around them. Whether through the bold oils of *Indian Culture* or the subtle mixed media of *Love in Nature*, both pieces illustrate the continuing relevance of traditional themes in today's world. Ultimately, *Threads of Heritage* is not just an exhibition of beautiful paintings. It's an invitation to immerse oneself in India's ever-evolving cultural landscape, to see its history and traditions through new eyes. The show weaves together past and present, offering a rich and thoughtful exploration of how art can honour tradition while embracing the modern world.

IPL 2025 Schedule: BCCI shares schedule for next three seasons

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
 Next year's Indian Premier League will be held from March 14 to May 25, the BCCI has told the IPL franchises while also setting aside similar windows for the event's 2026 and 2027 editions in an uncharacteristically elaborate plan. The BCCI has also decided to include injury-prone England pacer Jofra Archer, Indian-born American pacer Saurabh Netravalkar and uncapped Mumbai-wicketkeeper-batter

Hardik Tamore in the two-day mega players' auction to be held in Jeddah from Sunday. In its communication to the franchises, the Board has stated that the dates for the next three seasons are being shared at once to "assist the franchises in planning for the players' auction."
 The 2026 edition of the tournament will start on March 15 and the grand finale has been scheduled for May 31. The 2027 edition will once again start on March 14 with the final on May 30. All three



finals will be held on Sundays. The BCCI had plans to increase the number of matches in the IPL to ensure that it runs for 10 and half weeks and looking at the windows set aside, it looks imminent that the league's game count will increase.
 Archer did not feature in the IPL this year and his run in the 2023 edition was cut short by an elbow injury. Netravalkar was one of the breakout stars of the T20 World Cup in the USA earlier this year with impressive performances that were crucial to his side advancing to the Super 8s. The former India Under-19 player, who also turned up for Mumbai in Ranji Trophy, migrated to the USA to pursue computer engineering and is currently employed with Oracle. His omission from the pruned auction list at the expense of another India-turned-US player Unmukt Chand had raised eyebrows as the latter was not a part of the American team in the T20 World Cup.



Jannik Sinner leads Italy back to the Davis Cup semifinals

AP ■ MALAGA
 No. 1-ranked Jannik Sinner won matches in singles and doubles to lead defending champion Italy to a 2-1 comeback victory over Argentina, earning a return trip to the Davis Cup semifinals. "I'm here trying to do the best I can in the singles," Sinner said on Thursday. "If they put me on the court in doubles, I'll also try my best." On Saturday, Italy will face Australia in a rematch of last year's final, but this time it will only be for a chance to play for the championship. Australia eliminated the U.S. 2-1 earlier Thursday to reach the final four at the team competition for the third consecutive year. The other semifinal, to be contested Friday, is the Netherlands against Germany. The Dutch got past Rafael Nadal and Spain in the quarterfinals earlier in the week, sending the 22-time Grand Slam champion into retirement. Italy fell behind 1-0 in the quarterfinals when Argentina's Francisco Cerundolo defeated Lorenzo Musetti 6-4, 6-1 on an indoor hard court at the Palacio de Deportes Jose Maria Martina Carpena in southern Spain. But then in stepped Sinner, whose season already includes two Grand Slam trophies — at the Australian Open and U.S. Open — plus the title at the ATP Finals last weekend in Turin, Italy. First he overwhelmed Sebastian Baez 6-2, 6-1. Then Sinner teamed with 2021 Wimbledon runner-up Matteo Berrettini in the deciding doubles match to win 6-4, 7-5 against Andres Molteni and Maximo Gonzalez. "He carried me today," Sinner said about Berrettini. After arriving late to Malaga from Turin, Sinner did not get a

chance to practice on the Davis Cup competition court before taking on Baez and stretching his streak to 22 sets won in a row. "In three minutes, he was perfectly comfortable on court," Italy captain Filippo Volandri said. "He's a special one." Volandri swapped out his original doubles team, Simone Bolelli and Andrea Pavanetti, for Sinner and Berrettini, and the change paid dividends. Australia, the Davis Cup runner-up the last two years, advanced when Matt Ebden and Jordan Thompson beat the surprise, last-minute American pairing of Ben Shelton and Tommy Paul 6-4, 6-4 in that quarterfinals deciding doubles match. The Shelton-Paul substitution for Paris Olympics silver medalists Austin Krajicek and Rajeev Ram was announced about 15 minutes before the doubles match began. Ebden and John Peers beat Krajicek and Ram in the Summer Games final in August. The Australians broke once in each set of the doubles. In the second, they stole one of Shelton's service games on the fourth break opportunity when Ebden's overhead smash made it 5-4. Thompson then served out the victory, closing it with a service winner before chest-bumping Ebden. The 21st-ranked Shelton made his Davis Cup debut earlier Thursday in singles against 77th-ranked Thanasi Kokkinakis, who emerged from a tight-as-can-be tiebreaker by saving four match points and eventually converting his seventh to win 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 (14). No. 4 Taylor Fritz, the U.S. Open runner-up, then pulled the Americans even with a far more straightforward victory over No. 9 Alex de Minaur, 6-3, 6-4.

Cricket Australia to pay tribute to late Phillip Hughes on 10th death anniversary

PTI ■ PERTH
 Cricket Australia has planned a series of initiatives to mark the 10th anniversary of the tragic death of Phillip Hughes including a tribute before the start of the second Test between India and Australia at the Adelaide Oval scheduled from December 6-10. CA will also honour the late Australian cricketer during the upcoming three Sheffield Shield games, as players will wear black armbands and flags will fly at half-mast. A promising left-hander who played 26 Tests, Hughes lost his life just days before his 26th birthday in 2014 after being struck by a bouncer during a domestic match. Representing South Australia, Hughes was hit on an unprotected area below his left ear while attempting a hook shot against Sean Abbott at the SCG. Despite wearing a helmet, the impact proved fatal.

"We understand this will be a time of reflection for the many people who knew and admired Phillip Hughes," Cricket Australia (CA) CEO Nick Hockley said on Friday. "We wanted to ensure that the Hughes family, particularly, were comfortable with any commemorations and that we celebrate Phillip's life and incredible achievements appropriately," he added. The home association, which has produced a special documentary on him, will broadcast it ahead of the second Test, as part of a two-week commemoration programme. A moment's silence will also be observed before play on day four of all matches. Batting on 63, Hughes collapsed before receiving mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and was subsequently taken to St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, where he underwent surgery and was placed in an induced coma.

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DEMAND NOTICE

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said act) read with rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said rules). In exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) of the said act read with rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of HHFL has issued demand notice under section 13(2) of the said act, calling upon the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s), to repay the amount mentioned in respective demand notice issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the Borrower & Guarantor to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated here in below. The detail of the Borrower & Guarantor, amount due and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under :-

Name of Borrower/ Guarantor/Co-Borrower	1. Demand Notice issued Date 2. Loan Account No. 3. Amount Due as on Notice Date	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)
Mr. DHANNALAL BHATIYA (Borrower) Mrs. Narmada Bai (Co-Borrower) Mr. Pannalalji (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 11-11-2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000001187 3. Total Amount Due - Rs.4,99,288/- (Rupees Four Lacs Ninety Nine Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Eight Only)	H. No. 53, Situated At Village Kalmoda, Ph. No. 63, Tehsil- Badnagar, Dist- Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, 456337 Total Area - 3200 Sq.ft. Four Boundaries - East: Road, West: Govt. Open Land, North: House Of Pappu, South: Road & Govt Land
Mr. Dilip Singh (Borrower) Mrs. Santosh Bai (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 11-11-2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000000529 3. Total Amount Due - Rs.6,23,244/- (Rupees Six Lacs Twenty Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty Four Only)	Property Situated In Survey No. 1352, Near Suneer Nagar, Nagda, Dist- Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, 456335 Total Area - 450 sq.ft. Four Boundaries - East: Digar Ka Makan, West: Plot Of D Bhatiya, North: Road, South: Gali
Mr. GOPAL SHARMA (Borrower) Mrs. Guddi Bai (Co-Borrower) Mr. Sanjay Gopal (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 11-11-2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000001806 3. Total Amount Due - Rs.6,41,237/- (Rupees Six Lacs Forty One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Seven Only)	Plot House No. 67, Ph No. 45, gram Itawa, Mahidpur, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, 456443 Total Area - 732 Sq.ft. Four Boundaries - East: Road, West: House Of Chaganlal, North: House Of Mangilal, South: House Of Tulsiramji
Mr. Govind Malviya (Borrower) Mrs. Reena Bai (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 11-11-2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000001391 3. Total Amount Due - Rs.5,70,272/- (Rupees Five Lacs Seventy Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Two Only)	A House No. 104, Gram Bhuki Itwarpur, Ph No. 47, Tehsil- Tarana, ram Mandir, Ujjain, madhya Pradesh, 456550 Total Area - 1312.5 Sq.ft. Four Boundaries - East: House Of Ganeshlal, West: Road & House Of Dariyav, North: Road, South: Road
Mr. ISWAR S/O DULAJI (Borrower) Mrs. LALU Bai (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 11-11-2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000001260 3. Total Amount Due - Rs.6,12,987/- (Rupees Six Lacs Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Seven Only)	Gram Panchayat H. No. 96/2, gram Mahudi Aalam, PH. No. 58, Tehsil - Badnagar, Dist- Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, 456337 Total Area - 1271 Sq.ft. Four Boundaries - East: House Of Bablu Prajapat, West: Plot Of Rajaram, North: Plot Of Bherulal, South: Common Passage
Mr. JITENDRA GOUD (Borrower) Mrs. Manju Bai (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 11-11-2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000001564 3. Total Amount Due - Rs.12,08,007/- (Rupees Twelve Lacs Eight Thousand Seven Only)	556, Allonce Avenue, Agar Road, Gram Surasa, Near Rd Gardi Medical College, Tehsil - Ghatiya, Dist- Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, 456006 Total Area - 553 Sq.ft. Four Boundaries - East: 7.50 Wide Road, West: Plot No.553, North: Plot No.557, South: Remaining Part Of Plot No. 556
Mr. Devendra Mahesh (Borrower) Mrs. Muskan Panchal (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 11-11-2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000001307 3. Total Amount Due - Rs.15,04,455/- (Rupees Fifteen Lacs Four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Five Only)	LIG Block- D18, Maharana Pratap Nagar, Kanipura Road, Near Tirupati Dhsam Colony, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, 456006 Total Area - 60 Sq.Mt. Four Boundaries - East: colony road, West: Plot no. D-03, North: plot no. D-17, South: Plot no. D-19
Mr. NAGJIRAM S/O RAGUNATH (Borrower) Mrs. Jasoda Bai (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 11-11-2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000001270 3. Total Amount Due - Rs.9,58,953/- (Rupees Nine Lacs Fifty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Three Only)	Property Situated At H.no.- 132/1, Ph.No.-24, Gram - Singawda, Tehsil- Ghatiya, ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, 456337 Total Area - 918 Sq.ft. Four Boundaries - East: Road, West: House Of Umrao Singh, North: House Of Nanuram, South: House Of Jitendra
Mr. Pooja W/D Pappu Singh (Borrower) Mrs. Pappu Bai (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 11-11-2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000001078 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 6,09,094/- (Rupees Six Lacs Nine Thousand Ninety Four Only)	H. no. 01/2 situated at village Runaheda, p.h. no. 45, Tehsil-Ghatiya, Dist- Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, 456335 Total Area - 2600 SQ.ft. Four Boundaries - East: Road & House Of Bheru, West: Plot Of Karan Singh Mangilal, North: Road, South: House Of Bihari S/o Ramaji
Mr. Pooja Gujarvadiya (Borrower) Mrs. Vikas/s/o Govardhanlal (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 11-11-2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000001118 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 5,38,927/- (Rupees Five Lacs Thirty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Seven Only)	A House No.87/1, Situated At Gram Bhidawad No. 2, PH No. 93, Tehsil- Badnagar, Pashupatinath Mandir, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, 456010 Total Area - 1122 Sq.ft. Four Boundaries - East: Plot Of Dilip Ji, West: House Of Prakash, North: Road, South: Road
Mr. Prem Singh (Borrower) Ms. Malta kunwar (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 11-11-2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000000748 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 9,95,557/- (Rupees Nine Lacs Ninty Five Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Seven Only)	Gram Panchayat Haika No. 19, Ph No. 8, Situated At Village-keshtriya, Tehsil- Khachrod Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, 456010 Total Area - 1250 Sq.ft. Four Boundaries - East: Road, West: House Of Kalu Singh, North: House Of Kalu Singh, South: House Of Manohar Singh
Ms. SANTOSH BAI (Borrower) Mr. Ramesh Prajapat (Co-Borrower) Mrs. Kailashi Bai (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 11-11-2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000001457 3. Total Amount Due - Rs.1,52,936/- (Rupees One Lacs Fifty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Six Only)	498, N.A, Giriraj Ratan Block-B, near Padmawati Avenue, Kanipura Road, Distt. - Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, 456010 Total Area - 520 Sq.ft. Four Boundaries - East: Colony Road, West: Plot No. 470, North: Plot No. 497, South: Plot No. 499
Mr. SATISH S/O GABBAR SINGH (Borrower) Mrs. Bablu Bai (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 11-11-2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000001149 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 10,58,261/- (Rupees Ten Lacs Fifty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Sixty One Only)	A House No.39/1, Situated At Gram Shankarghar (Siddhipurnipanya), PH No. 20, Tehsil- Tarana, Dev Narayan Mandir, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, 456665 Total Area - 958sq.ft. Four Boundaries - East: House & Open Land Of Ramlal, West: Gali & House Of Bharath, North: House Of Bhagirath & Ramlal, South: Road
Mr. SURESH S/O NARAYANSINGH (Borrower) Ms. Kamla Bai (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 11-11-2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000001158 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 10,41,597/- (Rupees Ten Lacs Forty One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Seven Only)	A House No.42/1, Situated At Village Shankargad (Siddhipurnipanya), Ph No. 20, Tehsil- Tarana, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, 456665 Total Area - 2106 Sq.ft. Four Boundaries - East: Open Land Of Anup, West: Road, North: Road, South: House Of Vijay
Mr. Tikam Singh (Borrower) Mrs. Govind Kunwar (Co-Borrower) Mr. Lakhan Singh (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 11-11-2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000001263 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 5,44,472/- (Rupees Five Lacs Forty Four Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Two Only)	H.No. 214/2, Gram- ghatiya, PH No. 51 (Saral kramank 692), Ujjain MP- 456550, Total area- 810sqft Four Boundaries - East- House Of Kamal Prajapati, West- Common Road, North- Vaccant Land Of Bheru Singh, South- House Of Sher Singh
Mr. Vikram Singh (Borrower) Mrs. Girja Bai (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 11-11-2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000000914 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 10,51,855/- (Rupees Ten Lacs Fifty One Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Five Only)	A House No 658, Situated At Gram Nanded (Bherupura), Ph No. 26, Tehsil- Makhdone, Gram Nanded, Distt - Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, 456010 Total Area - 3440.20 Sq.ft. Four Boundaries - East: Land Of Kurnesh Ji, West: Road, North: House Of Karan Ji, South: House Of Ramesh Ji
Mr. Vinod Kachchawa (Borrower) Mr. Sevaram kachchawa (Co-Borrower) Mrs. Kailashi Bai (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 11-11-2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000000708 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 4,51,782/- (Rupees Four Lacs Fifty One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Two Only)	Gram Panchayat House No.29, Madhavgad, Gunava, Ph No. 17, Tehsil- Ghatiya & Distt. - Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, 456006 Total Area - 832 Sq.ft. Four Boundaries - East: Plot Of Ram Singh, West: Plot Of Karan Singh, North: Road, South: Agriculture Land
Mr. VISHNU PRASAD MEENA (Borrower) Mr. Ramkanya bai (Co-Borrower) Mrs. Kailash mina (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 11-11-2024 2. MP/IDR/UJJN/A000001531 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 7,13,603/- (Rupees Seven Lacs Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Three Only)	Property Situated At H.no.- 132/1, Ph.No.-24, Gram-singawda, Tehsil- Ghatiya, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, 456337 Total Area - 600 Sq.ft. Four Boundaries - East: Plot Of Vikram, West: Plot Of Seller, North: Colony Road, South: House Of Rupnarayan
Mr. AMIT DHARMA (Borrower) Mrs. LAXMI DHARMA (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 14-11-2024 2. MP/INE/IDCT/A000001041 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 895369/- (Rupees Eight Lakh and Ninety Five Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Nine Only)	Property Situated at Plot No. 72 A on Survey No. 226/4, PH No. 07, Kundan Nagar extension, Sector A, Village Bhukhedi, Total Area - 400 Sq.ft. Four Boundaries - EAST - Land of survey no 226/4, WEST - Road, NORTH - Plot no. 72 B, SOUTH - Plot No. 71
Mr. DHEERAJ SHARMA (Borrower) Mrs. PRACHI SHARMA (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 14-11-2024 2. MP/INE/IDCT/A000001141 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 3589200/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh and Eighty Nine Thousand and Two Hundred Only)	Property Situated at Plot no 100, Ward no 16, Scheme no 155 of IDA, Chota Bangarda, Near IDA multi of scheme 155, Indore, Madhya Pradesh, 452006 Total Area - 90 Sq.mt. Four Boundaries - EAST - Plot no 101, WEST - Plot no 99, NORTH - Plot no 79, SOUTH - 9 mt wide road
Mr. RAHUL THAKUR (Borrower) Mrs. SEEMA NINGWAL (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 14-11-2024 2. MP/IDR/LBNN/A000000044 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 5,69,068/- (Rupees Five Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand and Sixty Eight Only)	Property Situated At - 115-EWS, A- Block Satellite Township Nihalpur Mandi Road Bijalpur Indore, Indore, Urban, Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India - 452012 Total Area - 516 Sq.ft. Four Boundaries - East - A 110, West - Common Passage, North - 114 A, South - Common Passage
Mr. MUKESH PANCHAL (Borrower) Mrs. POOJA PANCHAL (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 16-09-2024 2. MP/IDR/RTLM/A000000997 3. Total Amount Due - Rs.6,21,772/- (Rupees Six Lakh Twenty One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Two Only)	House No. 38 Situated At Village Thambguradiya, Tehsil Tal Dist, Ratlam Madhya Pradesh Total Area: - 720 Sq.ft. Four Boundaries - East - Open Land Of Govt., West - Malakheda Road, North - House Of Mangu Singh, South - House Of Gopal Panchal
Mr. RAJENDRA SINGH (Borrower) Mrs. RACHNA RAJENDRA (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 03-10-2024 2. MP/UJJ/AGAR/A000000028 3. Total Amount Due - Rs.9,90,751/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Ninty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty One Only)	A Gram Panchayat House No. 275 Situated At Village Dontajagir PH. No.02, Tehsil Tonk Khurd Dist, Dewas Madhya Pradesh Total Area: - 1000 Sq. Ft. Four Boundaries - East - House Of Mr. Ishwar Singh, West - House Of Raghuvver Singh And Common Road, North - House Of Devi Singh, South - Bada Of Harsingh And House Of Omkar Singh And Raghuvver Singh
Mr. KULDEEP PATIDAR (Borrower) Mrs. PRIYANKA PATIDAR (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 11-11-2024 2. MP/IDR/LBNN/A000000043 & CO/CPC/CPOF/A000000943 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 40,60,790/- (Rupees Forty Lakh and Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Only)	House no. 27-A Parsvanatha Nagar gram tejpur gadbadi indore., Parshvanath Nagar, Near Vinay Nagar, Indore, Madhya Pradesh, 452009 Total Area: - 1000 Sq. Ft. Four Boundaries - East - Road, West - Plot No 30, North - Plot No 28-A, South - Plot No 26-A

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Place: Indore, Date: 23.11.2024
Authorised Officer, Hinduja Housing Finance Limited