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GRAP-IV till Dec 2, was an abject failure: SC

ambasting authorities over the high ⊿level of air pollution in the National Capital and surrounding areas, Supreme Court on Thursday termed the implementation of Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP-IV) measures as an "abject failure" saying GRAP-IV measures in Delhi will continue till Monday (December 2, 2024), except for schools and colleges. A Bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih noted that the Court Commissioners' showed an "abject failure" on the part of authorities to control trucks and other inter-state vehicles' traffic into Delhi to implement GRAP-IV curbs in letter and spirit.

Meanwhile, amid escalating pollution levels in Delhi, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has empowered member of secretaries pollution control bodies in Uttar Pradesh, Harvana, Rajasthan and Delhi to take legal action against project proponents and agencies for gross violations of pollution control norms at construction sites.

"We make it clear that all GRAP IV measures except the measures which are modified in respect of the schools will continue to operate till Monday. In the meantime, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) will hold a meeting and come out with the suggestion about moving from GRAP IV to GRAP III



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or GRAP II. We also make it The SC also asked the CAQM clear that it is not necessary that all measures which are provided in GRAP IV should be dispensed with," the Bench said. The SC further clarified that the entry of all trucks, those carrying essential goods or providing essential services and LNG/CNG/electric/BS-VIfitted trucks, were banned in the National Capital as per GRAP-IV measures. The Court also said that the

Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) will meet and suggest easing the easing of GRAP IV norms to GRAP III or II on December 2. The Court also said that action against officials for 'serious lapse' implementation of GRAP-IV measures needs to be

to consider implementing a "combination" of GRAP IV and III measures in New Delhi, and the measures have to be put on record for discussion on the next date of hearing on Monday. The CAQM's submission that show cause notice has been issued to authorities, including the Delhi Police Commissioner, under Section 14 of the CAQM Act, 2021 was also taken into record. The SC said it expects replies to the notice by Monday (December 2, 2024). On the issue of action against

officials for a "serious lapse" in ensuring the GRAP IV curbs, Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati said notices have been issued to commissioner of police, commissioner

(traffic), additional chief secretary, transport commissioner, commissioner (MCD) seeking explanation by December 2. The Bench said the action against officials needed to be expedited. Bhati said the AQI was in "manageable limits" and the court should consider relaxing the norms. The Bench took note of a

media report related to Punjab wherein a land record officer and president of the Sangrur Block Patwari Union, reportedly admitted to advising farmers to burn stubble after 4 pm, to avoid satellite detection. "We are not sure of the

correctness of this news but if it is correct it is very serious. The (Punjab) state officials cannot permit any farmer to take advantage of the fact that

detected which take place during a few hours of the day. The Punjab government should immediately issue instructions to all officers not to indulge in any such activities," the Bench said. In a recent meeting, the

CAOM issued directions to strengthen the monitoring and enforcement of orders issued for air pollution control construction and demolition sites. The CAQM said member secretaries pollution control boards and committees in Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi, as part of the statutory sub-committee "Safeguarding

Enforcement", could take legal action against project proponents and agencies responsible for violations at construction sites, according to a statement. It also directed the officials to shut down noncompliant sites and recover environmental compensation charges. The CAOM also reviewed the implementation the GRAP, which prescribes measures to tackle pollution based on air quality levels, and emphasised the need for strict enforcement. Meanwhile, pollution levels

Delhi marginally increased to 325 at 4 pm, maintaining the air quality within the 'very poor' category as the national capital recorded the season's coldest morning of the season on Thursday with the minimum temperature settling at 10.1 degrees Celsius, 0.2 notches below



Blast in Prashant Vihar, near Crime Branch office

SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW DELHI

 A^{low} intensity blast occurred on Thursday near the Crime Branch office and PVR cinemas in Prashant Vihar area in Delhi's Rohini, this explosion took place about 500 meters away from the Central Reserves Police Force (CRPF) school where a bigger blast had ripped through the boundary wall. However, even though the blast on Thursday was of lower intensity, a 28-year-old driver was injured.

The blast was reported by people at around 11.47 am when the residents in the vicinity heard a loud explosion. While initially they assumed it to be a gas cylinder blast, on stepping out they saw a cloud white smoke rising from the area, which had a bad chemical smell.

The victim who sustained minor injuries has been Chetan identified as Kushwaha, who was talking on a phone next to a three wheeler parked near to the place where the blast took place. Kushwaha was working

as a driver for Kalpana Sharma, who told The Pioneer that he was waiting for the three-wheeler to be repaired

When we heard the loud blast, we all immediately came out of our homes and saw Chetan injured. He had bloody red eyes, an injury on his lips and his clothes also got soiled and hence we took him to the doctor immediately. We also made a PCR call and the police came in sometime," she said, adding that ever since she inhaled the smoke from the explosion, she has had trouble in her throat. Around the crime scene, white powder marks were seen on the street. His son also said that when he rushed to the spot, he saw a white stone-like substance there.

Coincidently, this blast took place on a day when former Chief Minister and AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal was holding a press conference on "the deteriorating condition of law and order in the Capital".

The explosion took place in

front of a sweet shop near a park in the same area where a strong blast ripped through a wall of a CRPF school on October 20. The spot was near to the Crime Branch office, Fun City mall, St. Margaret's Senior Secondary school, Bansi Sweet among other residential places. The entire area was cordoned off immediately after a bomb detection team, dog squad, Special Cell, Crime Branch and Delhi Fire Services reached the spot. White power was recovered from the spot. However, a probe is underway to ascertain more details about the explosion, officials said.

A senior police officer said film screenings inside underway multiplex at the time of the blast. Panic ensued among visitors and residents as smoke engulfed the area. A video showing a cloud of smoke around the multiplex emerged on social media following the incident. The distance between the PVR and blast site is a few

Chief highlighted that Germany,

technical excellence.

with a population of 85

million, has emerged as a

global leader after World War

II, setting an example of

However, he acknowledged

the language challenge for

those seeking employment in

Germany and announced



Jaishankar mav speak on **Bangladesh issue** in Parliament

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, on Thursday, briefed Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the issue of attacks on Hindus and other minorities, recent arrest of a monk Chinmoy Krishna Das and vandalism of a temple in Chattogram district in Bangladesh. Jaishankar is likely to update both houses of Parliament on Friday regarding these issues.

Meanwhile, India Thursday said it is Bangladesh's responsibility to ensure safety of minorities including Hindus there and places of worship.

Making this assertion in Parliament, Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh condemned the recent attacks on there and minorities expressed deep concern over the escalating violence in Bangladesh since the fall of the Sheikh Hasina -led government.

Responding to a question on the issue in Rajya Sabha, he said "Several incidents of desecration and damages to Hindu temples and deities in Bangladesh have been reported in the past months. Government of India has expressed its concerns about such incidents, including the attack on a Puja Mandap in Tantibazar, Dhaka, and the theft at the Jeshoreshwari Kali temple at Satkhira during Durga Puja 2024."

The minister reiterated India's stance, urging Bangladesh to uphold the protection of life and liberty for all its citizens, especially minorities.

Meet Priyanka Gandhi Vadra MP

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

olding up a copy of the Holding up a copy of Constitution, Congress Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Thursday took oath as a Lok Sabha Member Parliament, to begin her elected journey as an representative of the people five years after she joined politics Dress cream Kasavu saree from Kerala, Priyanka Gandhi rose to take oath amid cheers of in the Lok Sabha during the Winter 'Jodo Jodo, Bharat Jodo' from the Congress benches.

Priyanka entered into Lok Sabha with her brother and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi and other Congress MPs. The MP from Wayanad in Kerala held up a red and black bound copy of the Constitution, which Rahul Gandhi has been displaying at his public meetings, as she

took her oath.

She took the oath with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, her mother and Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) chief Sonia Gandhi, husband Robert Vadra, son Raihan and daughter Miraya watching from the galleries. The 52year-old, who joins her mother Sonia and brother Rahul as an MP in what is a instance of three members of a family together Parliament,

affirmation in Hindi. Congress MPs earlier met at the CPP office in the Parliament premises where Priyanka Gandhi was greeted and congratulated by leaders. After taking oath, Priyanka completed the formalities and then shared a warm hug with Rahul Gandhi. She then went for it".



Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra takes oath as a Member of Parliament session of Parliament

and sat in the fourth row with fellow Congress MPs. Ravindra Chavan (Congress) who won the Nanded by-poll also took oath in Marathi in the name of God. The House was adjourned after the oaths as opposition members came to the Well of the House and

raised slogans, demanding a

discussion on the Adani issue and the Sambhal violence. As MPs exited the House, leaders made a beeline to congratulate Priyanka Gandhi and on the steps of the Makar Dwar. Congress MPs gathered as Rahul Gandhi clicked a photograph of Privanka Gandhi with the Samvidhan Sadan in the background. strengthen Rahul Gandhi, the party and the principles of the Constitution because we

are fighting for that," she told

reporters when asked about

the impact of her entering Parliament. Asked about taking the oath holding up the Constitution, Priyanka Gandhi said it signifies that "nothing is above the Constitution for us and we will continue to fight

CCI directs probe against Google on real money gaming apps

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $F^{\text{air trade regulator CCI on}}_{\text{Thursday ordered a probe}}$ against Google and its affiliates for alleged unfair business practices with respect to listing of real While passing the Store. order, CCI said the Commission directs Director General ('DG') to cause an investigation to be made into the matter under the provisions of Section 26(1) of the Act".

Commission The directed the DG to complete the investigation and submit a consolidated report within 60 days. The probe follows a complaint by Winzo Games, accusing Google of abusing its dominant position and unfairly favouring select gaming categories, thereby

distorting competition. In its 24-page order, the regulator noted that the selective inclusion of DFS and Rummy apps gives them an undue competitive advantage. "Direct access to end-users via the dominant Play Store provides a significant edge to DFS and Rummy apps, potentially disadvantaging other RMG applications," the Commission said in its order. The CCI also flagged concerns regarding Google's sideloading warnings displayed when users attempt to download RMG apps. Winzo These warnings, tarnish claimed, reputation and discourage potential users accessing its app.

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL reating an ideal cultural Chackdrop for investment

between the two great nations under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Thursday said a German language institute would soon be established in Madhya On the first day of his tour of the European nation, Chief Minister Yaday met Florian Herrmann, Head of the Bavarian State Chancellery and Minister of State for

> collaboration opportunities at the state level. During the discussion, both CM Yadav and Herrmann expressed their commitment to strengthening state-level partnerships in line with the growing Indo-German relations under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The leaders discussed potential areas including cooperation, innovation, technological supercomputing, automotive sector,

> aeronautics, and space technology Chief Minister Yadav was deeply impressed by the German delegation's timemanagement skills, remarking, "Those who conquer time can conquer the world."He praised Germany's economic resilience and transformation as an inspiring model of national development and strategic Both sides viewed the

meeting as the beginning of a



long-lasting and mutually beneficial relationship between Madhya Pradesh and Bavaria.

Chief Minister Yadav spoke of the importance of addressing climate policy challenges, promoting technological innovations, fostering higher education exchange facilitating programmes, technology transfer, and creating job opportunities for the citizens of Madhya

Pradesh. The Chief Minister also discussed the plan to establish a dedicated state government liaison office in Madhya Pradesh to facilitate smoother coordination with existing German investments in the industrial areas of Mandideep and Pithampur. Chief Minister Yadav stated that the cooperation between Madhya Germany

Pradesh would open new doors for industrial development.

He said that in discussions with Herrmann, they had explored opportunities for German experts to bring technology to Madhya Pradesh. The two countries, through mutual coordination, will set new benchmarks for industrial growth in Madhya Pradesh. He noted that Germany has a

long-standing relationship with India, and its civilisation is known for its unique approach to development. On his arrival in Munich, Chief Minister Yadav and the industrial delegation were warmly welcomed by India's Consul General Shatrughan Sinha, Indian President Rana Hargovind Singh, and other members of

side," the Prime Minister

in Australia and enjoy

exploring the country and its

the Indian diaspora.

plans to establish a "Language in Madhya P to overcome this barrier. CM Yadav noted that German technical expertise would be

invaluable for enhancing industries in his state, especially in engineering, polytechnic education, and ITIs. He emphasised the advanced level of German technology in the automotive sector and acknowledged the challenges that may arise in implementing

technology.
Through sharing technical experiences, both states will work towards overcoming these challenges. He also announced that a Global Investors Summit would be organised in Bhopal after the foreign visit, German representatives industrialists would be invited.

Chief Minister Yadav assured that administrative challenges related to sending officials from one state to another would be resolved, which will ease the path for trade and business development. He expressed hope that this dialogue would mark the beginning of a new chapter in international and state-level cooperation focused on collaborative development, technological advancement, and economic prosperity.

Indian players love the challenge of playing in Australia: Rohit Sharma

PTI ■ CANBERRA

ustralian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on Thursday hosted a reception for the travelling Indian cricket team ahead of its twotwo-day pink ball practice match against PM's XI here from November 30. The game will take place at the Manuka Oval serving as good preparation for the day-night Test in Adelaide from December 6.

win on Australia soil when they hammered the hosts by 295 runs in the opening game of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Perth. Following the protocol, India skipper Rohit Sharma introduced all his teammates to Albanese, who praised heroes of the first Test including Jasprit Bumrah and Virat Kohli. "Anthony Albanese @AlboMP Big challenge ahead for the PM's XI at Manuka Oval this week India recorded their biggest against an amazing Indian



Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, centre, poses for a photograph with members of the Indian cricket team during a reception at Parliament House in Canberra, Thursday, November 28, 2024

posted on X after the meeting at the Australian parliament. The PM's XI led by Jack Edwards also called on Rohit also Albanese. addressed the parliament briefly. In his speech, he highlighted the rich history of bilateral relations between India and Australia including their shared love for cricket. He also said Indian players love the challenge of playing

India clinched back to back series wins Down Under and Rohit said the team is looking to build on that success and entertain both Australian and Indian fans. diplomacy is an integral part of India-Australia relations. Albanese, with his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi, had met players of both teams during a Test in Ahmedabad last year when the Australian Prime Minister was in India on an official visit.

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Centre committed to combat of terror funding and money laundering 👺

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

overnor Mangubhai Patel emphasized that the 41st plenary meeting of the Eurasian Group (EAG) coun-tries, held in Indore, will serve as a significant milestone in the fight against money laundering and terrorism financing.

He called for unity among all major nations to take decisive actions in addressing these global challenges. Highlighting the collective efforts of EAG member countries, he praised their unified approach as a critical step toward combating terrorism worldwide. Governor Patel also acknowledged the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in implementing effective measures to curb money laundering and terror funding, setting an example for global cooperation in this endeavor.

Governor Patel said that special efforts were made for a transparent financial system in India through demonetization and digitalization.

He said more special efforts need to be made to prevent illegal financial activities through modern technology. For this, the EAG Group countries need to make strong diplomatic and forceful efforts. For this, the EAG Group countries need to make strong diplomatic and forceful efforts. The efforts of EAG group countries for peace at the international level will prove to be effective.

Addressing the programme, Union Minister of State for Finance, Pankaj Choudhary said that the group of Eurasian countries is important for the prevention of money laundering and terror financing. He said

combatting terror funding with full strength.

The Black Money Act in India has been a special effort to prevent economic crime and is continuing. Special efforts have been made under GST, Digital India for a clean and transparent financial system in India. UPI digital transactions are being given special incentives. The Transformation Directorate is continuously becoming stronger in India.

All the agencies of India together are taking effective and strict action against those funding terrorism, extremism, and money laundering. The EAG Group meeting will prove important in further strengthening these efforts of India.

Water Resources Minister Tulsiram Silavat said that the meeting of EAG Group in the that the Government of India is city of Lokmata Ahilyabai

Holkar is a matter of pride. He said money laundering directly threatens a country's economy, but when it feeds terrorism, it poses serious challenges to world peace and harmony. Financial support for terrorism remains a cause of concern for the entire world. To deal with it, major countries of the world will have to unite. This event is a big step towards the global integrity and welfare of humanity. He said that Naxalism and drug

trade are also increasing due to money laundering dealing with which is a big challenge for us. EAG Group Chairman Yuri Chikanchin said India's efforts in EAG Groups are fruitful, effective and commendable. The Group countries have discussed important decisions regarding countering terror funding efforts and money laundering during the meetings in various sessions. He said that future challenges and their prevention were also discussed in the meeting. Funding terrorism is a serious challenge in other regions of the world including Eurasian and African countries. In the EAG Group meeting, discussions were held regarding technology and better use of technology. He said that India's efforts under the leadership of Prime Minister

Modi are praiseworthy. Sanjay Malhotra, Finance Secretary, Government of India, gave detailed information regarding the steps taken to prevent terrorism financing, money laundering, and a transparent economy. He said that EAG Group has an important role in controlling new challenges including terror funding and money laundering in the Eurasian region.



Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel inaugurated the EAG (Eurasian Group) meeting in Indore by lighting the

Cong legislator Sapre's fate in balance, both parties refuse to accept

GIRISH SHARMA ■ BHOPAL

¬he fate of Congress legislator from Bina, Nirmala Sapre, hangs in a precarious balance as both the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the main opposition Congress are refusing to accept her in their ranks.

In the run-up to the Lok Sabha elections, the BJP had wooed Sapre to improve its chances of a win in the Sagar parliamentary constituency, which encapsulates the Bina assembly segment.

Sapre too had responded by joining the BJP campaign and opposing Congress candidate Chandra Bhushan Singh Bundela.

Taking cognisance of her videos and pictures showing Sapre sharing the stage with top BJP brass, Congress filed a complaint with the State

Leader of the **Opposition in the** State Assembly, **Umang Singhar,** filed a petition in the Indore bench of High Court

Assembly accusing Sapre of crossing over and seeking her immediate disqualification

from the House. However, the State Assembly has not yet taken any action against her

As warned in the past, Congress leader and Leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly, Umang Singhar, filed a petition in the Indore bench of the Madhya Pradesh High Court seeking her disqualification as a member of the House.

Congress has approached the High Court.

Indore High Court against its own leader. This petition has been filed by the Leader of Opposition, Umang Singhar, in the Indore bench of the Madhya Pradesh High Court. Congress has demanded that Bina MLA Sapre be disqualified, as she has changed party affiliation, so her assembly membership should be cancelled.

However, Congress sources said that unless the State Assembly Speaker takes a final decision on the plea from the Leader of the Opposition, the court would

not accept the petition. Legal experts say that the State Assembly Speaker might finally take a decision on Sapre's membership. If he fails to do so before the winter session of the State Assembly, Congress' plea would be accepted in the

Leader of the Opposition, Umang Singhar, said, "We had given a letter to the Assembly Speaker in July. The Assembly lost the papers. Even after 90 days, the Speaker did not take any decision, so we had to approach the High Court."

With the defeat of Forest Minister Ramniwas Rawat from Vijaypur, the BJP is not willing to accept Sapre into the party. Rawat was a Congress MLA from Vijaypur and, before the Lok Sabha elections, he had joined the BJP and become Forest Minister. Congress has already decided not to allow Sapre to sit with Congress legislators in the State Assembly during the winter session, commencing from December 16. The party has also decided that she would not be invited to the meeting of party legislators

First arrest in 'digital arrest' case, accused nabbed from Kanpur

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

yber crime branch made first arrest in the ✓ case of telecom engineer of Gayatri Nagar's digital

Nagar of Bajaria area was digitally arrested on the night of November 12 in Bhopal, cyber crime Branch has arrested the accused from Kanpur.

The accused used to do e-KYC in the name of updating the Aadhar card of the villagers and used to get SIM cards issued in their name. He used to sell these SIM cards to cyber thugs at the rate of Rs 1,000 per SIM. In this way, the accused has sold about 150 SIMs to different cyber thugs. After the digital arrest, the Crime Branch took the engineer and his family out of the house on November 13. The engineer and his family were said that large amounts of

so afraid that they did not come out of the house even after the video call of the cyber criminals was disconnected.

The thugs had asked them to remain under surveillance for 24 hours. The thugs were even aware of whose call was coming on their mobile. Due to this, they were not able to pick up anyone's call.

In the incident the victim received a call on November 12, the fraudsters said if the number is disconnected, then

the arrest will be made. Additional DCP Crime Branch Shailendra Singh Chauhan said that Pramod Kumar who lives in Gayatri Nagar, Kararia, is a field engineer in a private telecom company. On November 12, at 4.15 pm, he received a call on his mobile. The caller introduced himself as an EOW officer and online money have been transacted from your number to different bank accounts.

Caller claimed that his number should not be disconnected as he is from Mumbai. In case of disconnecting the number, the arrest will be made from Bhopal. The fraudsters already knew much information saved in Pramod's mobile.

In the second call, he was told to be from Mumbai Crime Branch. Soon after the first call was disconnected, Pramod received a video call from another number. As soon as he received the call, three people in police uniform were seen on the screen. They introduced themselves as officers of Mumbai Crime Branch and said that ransom has been demanded from a person from vour number.

When Pramod tried to explain

was told that the crime he has committed is punishable by a fine of Rs 3.50 lakh and two years in jail.

On information from the victim's boss, the police reached his house. After this, he was taken

The thugs talked to Pramod and got all his information from him. Meanwhile, the thugs also knew whose calls were coming while waiting on his mobile. This made Pramod even more scared. On the instructions of the accused, he locked himself in a room. He remained under the surveillance of the thugs till 11.30 pm. Later, the accused themselves disconnected the call. Due to fear, Pramod did not pick up anyone's call till 11.30 am on Wednesday. He did not attend office meetings either. A day before this, Pramod was about to leave office in the evening without updating atten-

मध्यप्रदेश काग्रह Congress candidate from Vijaypur Mukesh Malhotra, who won the by-election recently, was welcomed at the Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) headquarters in

Police personnel felicitated for their excellence in duty better. He added that people

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felicitation ceremony A was organized at the International Center of was organized at the Media Excellence (ICOM), to honour the CSP and his team from Padav police station. It is to be noted that the team under the CSP caught a culprit who had stolen a bag full of gold ornaments worth lakhs of rupees within thirty minutes and returned it to the complainant.

The purpose of the program was not only to encourage honest policemen but also to give the message to the sociand dedication even in difficult circumstances is always com-

mendable. It's hoped that this initiative will also inspire other members of the police force and further strengthen the positive image of the police in the soci-

Center Director Keshav



Pandey said that honest and incomparable. dedicated policemen are the hard work and honesty.

He added that taking inspiration from such officers, other policemen will also perform their duties towards the society with more devotion. Pandey also said that the contribution of the police force in maintaining peace and law and order in the society is

Editorial in-charge Vijay backbone of the society and Pandey said that policemen that it is the duty of everyone working with honesty and strong pillar of law and order, but they are also an inspiration to the society. He added that it is one's responsibility to recognize their honesty and hard

CSP Ashok Singh Jadoun said that this honour is a matter of pride for him and that it gives him inspiration to perform

should be sensitive towards the police and those who come to the police station should also have some patience. He concluded his speech by saying that when people have a positive attitude, it increases the morale of the police personnel, which brings good results. Padav police station in-charge

Santosh Singh Bhadoria said that the results of work done honestly are pleasant and that they could catch the culprit only with the cooperation of the team.

During the meeting, Inderganj CSP Ashok Singh Jadoun, Padav police station in-charge Radheshyam Dixit, Head Constable Virendra Bhadoria and Constable Shriram Bhilala were honored by Dr. Keshav Pandey, Vijay Parashar, Shailendra Mishra, Vijay Pandey, Manju Soni, , Vijay Gupta, PD Pandey, Vivek Sudele and Sachin Pandey

Rape accused Dy Collector missing, officially on leave till November 30

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

eputy Collector Rajesh Sorté who was booked for rape remains missing from office even his office opens every day; he has applied for leave till November 30.

A case has been registered against Deputy Collector Sorte on November 14 at Pachor police station in Rajgarh district on the charge of rape. A woman had complained against Sorte on October 25. The police had taken up the matter for investigation. When the case was not registered even after 19 days, on November 14, the victim lodged an e-FIR on the portal. Sorte has not been coming to the office since before the case was registered. Neither is he receiving anyone's call. Meanwhile, his leave application has been received.

Joint Collector Iqbal Mohammad said Deputy Collector Rajesh Sorte's leave application is till November 30. No application has been received for further leave.

Deputy Collector Sorte's chamber is open every day in Bhopal Collectorate, but the chair remains vacant. Here, his

at Piplani locality Bhopal: Body of a premature responsibilities have been

So, the work is not affected. Other works including public hearing were the responsibility of Sorte. The woman had released a video. It was claimed that Sorte had done shopping for the body. her son's wedding a year ago. In this case, Sarangpur SDOP Arvind Singh said, Deputy

handed over to other officers.

arrested. A team has been dis-Former Chief Minister Digvijay Singh has issued two letters in this case demanding arrest and suspension. He has written one letter to the Additional Chief Secretary of MP Government and the other letter to SP Rajgarh.

Collector Sorte has not been

In this, he had demanded suspension of the Deputy Collector by conducting a departmental inquiry for violating the Civil Services Conduct Act.

At the same time, Singh has written a second letter to the Rajgarh Superintendent of Police. In this, he had complained about not applying the sections as per the statement of the victim and demanded to increase the sections as per the rules.

Newborn found dead

newborn was found in 40 quarters of Piplani when it was torn apart by street dogs, on Wednesday night a street dog was scratching the body. The children playing in the field chased the dog away and rescued

The children informed the family about the matter. After this, the police were informed. The police have recovered the body and started investigating the case. The police are searching the footage of CCTV cameras installed around the incident

ACP Deepak Nayak said that CCTV footage has been found from many places nearby to establish the identity of the accused who dumped it. Information about deliveries that took place in recent days in all the nearby hospitals is also being collected.

According to the ACP, looking

at the body, it seems that there has been a premature delivery. All these things will become clear in the autopsy report. Earlier in the Aishbagh area, the female nurse had thrown the body of the newborn in a sack. Two days later, the newborn girl

died. After this, the newborn was

found near a pond in Bhopal

countryside.

Kolar police solve murder case, cousin of the deceased nabbed

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

olar police have arrested two persons includ-ing a woman who killed a 40-year-old man; he was murdered by his cousin who was attracted towards the wife of the deceased.

The accused had a one-sided love affair with the deceased's wife. The deceased was angry with the accused after having known about the love.

The accused killed the deceased's wife by attacking her on the head and face with a sharp knife in a fight over a one-sided love affair. The accused went absconding after committing the murder. On November 25 Kolar police received information through an FIR in Dial 100 that the body of an unknown person was found in the bushes near Holy Cross School.

On receiving the information, a police team reached the spot and found 3-4 deep wounds visible on the face of the deceased. A small Hawkin Bajaj cylinder and a small stove were found lying near the deceased. During the inquiry the deceased was identified as Rakesh Ladia of Kajlikhedi

Kolar Road. During investigation, when the cameras around the crime scene and city surveillance were seen, the deceased and an unknown person were seen fighting in the footage. On the basis of the said footage, when people around the spot were questioned, the informer identified the person with the appearance seen in the footage as Rahul Ladia, the cousin of the deceased. To verify the information, when the deceased's house in Kajlikheda was reached and enquired about Rahul, Rahul's family told that Rahul had gone to work from home on the morning of November 26 and had not returned and his mobile phone was also found to be switched off.

Information of Rahul after he spotted near Mandideep was received and police tracked him at Kotra village near Mandideep and was detained who was identified as Rahul Silawat of Kajlikhera Kolar Road Bhopal and the deceased Rakesh was said to be his aunt's son.

World Bank delegation reviews aided projects



STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

World Bank delegation Areviewed projects assisted by the global organisation at the headquarters of the Madhya Pradesh Development Urban Company in the state capital on Thursday.

The delegation included Task Team Leader Raghukeshavan and experts Riddhiman Saha, DM Mohan, and Navika Choudhary.

Anand Singh, EnC of the Madhya Pradesh Urban Development Company—an undertaking of the Urban Development and Housing Department-provided updated information regarding both completed and ongoing projects. Success stories related to community achieve-

ments of the projects were also shared with the team during the meeting. Additionally, the results and achievements of the Reform Support Consultants were discussed.All concerned parties, including Deputy Project Director Technical Shailendra Shukla, were present in the meeting. The meeting was coordinated by Technical Officer Kamlesh Bhatnagar.

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Educating everyone is top priority of the govt: Minister

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

→ cheduled Caste Welfare Minister Nagar Singh Minister Ivagai oiiigi. Chouhan emphasized the significance of Gyanodaya schools in providing education to underprivileged children, calling it a matter of great for-

He stated that educating every individual is a key priority of the government. Chouhan urged efforts to create a con-ducive learning environment for students, identifying those who are academically weak and addressing their challenges. He emphasized the importance of building a strong foundation for students as soon as they are admitted, preparing them to contribute to the nation's empowerment. The minister made these

operations of Government Gyanodaya Residential Schools at the Gyanodaya Residential School in Katara Hills, Bhopal, on Thursday. During his visit, Chouhan also conducted an inspection of the school.

Minister Chouhan also discussed with the students about academic, extracurricular activities, facilities available during the inspection. He inspected the science lab, social science lab, music room and class room established in the school. He appreciated the equipment and exhibition made by the students. He also had lunch with the students. Chouhan reviewed the examination results of Gyanodaya schools. He said that students selected on the basis of merit from across the state take

is the responsibility of all teachers to boost the educational level of children. The examination results in all schools should be cent percent. All students should pass the board examinations with first division. He also gave instructions to take strict action against the responsible teachers and officers if there is no improvement in the examination results. He said that the government has established fully equipped Gyanodaya residential schools, we have to work with team spirit to maintain the trust of parents and students on these institutions. Minister Chouhan said that the vacant posts in all the Gyanodaya residential schools of the state should be filled

soon. Sports complexes should

be built in all schools. In those

building complexes has not started due to non-availability of land, write a letter to the collector of those districts to allot land. He directed to take up the process of land allotment for Gyanodaya Residential School, Rewa soon. He also reviewed the operation, maintenance and material supply of hostels of these schools, facilities given to the students and available budget utilization.

Principal Secretary, Scheduled Caste Welfare Dr. E. Ramesh Kumar said that to improve the exam results, all the principals should grade the students. After grading, the level of education of weak children should be improved by hand holding them. He directed the principals to do subject-wise mapping of students and prepare model questions and answers

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ewly elected Congress

MLA from Vijaypur, Mukesh Malhotra, who

defeated BJP candidate and Forest Minister Ramniwas

Rawat, has alleged that when his

name was being considered for candidature from Vijaypur, he

The Congress MLA alleged that

Ramniwas Rawat's relative, who

is a TI, came to me with the

SDOP. "He told me not to con-

test the election, otherwise you

can understand what we can do. I was offered Rs 5 crore, I was

told to take Rs 2 crore now and

3 later.MLA Mukesh Malhotra

said that when I contested the

election, an attempt was made to

kill me. BJP called dacoits and

tried to kill me. But I was not

scared and contested the elec-

tion. Police and officers, every-

was threatened and lured.

for board exams. He also discussed with the students of the school. He gave instructions to guide the students about various competitive exams from high school level and to do career counseling. On this Commissioner Varshnev Drive Sanior

Varshney, Principal Gyanodaya Vidyalaya Bhopal Neeraj Abraham were also present. Gyanodaya residential schools have been established at every divisional headquarters for the education of talented students of Scheduled Caste category. The main objective of these schools is to provide quality education, skill enhancement, personality/leadership development for the preparation of competitive examinations. Gyanodaya schools are operating in all the 10 divisional headquarters of the state.

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Even Congressagents sitting at

the booth were kidnapped, oth-

erwise Congress would have

won the election by 50 thousand

Malhoyta reached the state

Congress office on Thursday and

state Congress leaders welcomed

him enthusiastically. PCC Chief

Jitu Patwari congratulated him.

The Congress MLA said, "We

were told to withdraw the form,

I replied to them that Mukesh

Malĥotra is not a tribal who can be sold. We are self-respecting

people. After this, the entire elec-

tion was over, he did not contact

me. He kept threatening our

people. Many challenges came in front of me and the workers.

This election proved that if the

son of any poor laborer farmer

works hard and honestly, fights

for the area, then anyone can

become an MLA.

BJ," he added.



Jamaats arrive at Bhopal railway station to participate in the largest religious gathering Aalimi Tablighi Ijteme at Eintkhedi, on

Various events held to mark child marriage free India

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

eading the campaign for a Child Marriage-Free India, ✓ the Just Rights for Children (JRC) alliance organised various events in support of the 'Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat' initiative of the central government.

Thousands took to the streets and campaigned at schools, roads, and markets across Madhya Pradesh to participate in programmes to pledge support for the campaign. Awareness drives were held in 5,250 villages spanning 41 dis-

The effort resulted in citizens holding candlelight marches and roadshows against marriages in contravention of applicable laws. The unprecedented support for the cause came from police stations, courtrooms, panchayat members, faith leaders, school children, teachers, and survivors of child marriage, all of whom took pledges to end child marriage and report it.

Comprising over 250 NGO partners in over 400 districts across the country, the JRC alliance has been working with the state government and local administrations in Madhya Pradesh's 41 districts to eliminate child marriage. JRC alliance partners have prevented more than 250,000

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child marriages across India through persuasion and legal interventions.

The programmes reverberated with pledges such as: "I pledge to make every possible effort against child marriage. I pledge to ensure that no child marriage takes place in my family, neighbourhood, or community. I pledge to report any attempt at child marriage to the panchayat and the government offi-

A child victim of marriage lives a life of abject slavery with no agency or freedom. Moreover, child marriage is the biggest contributor to the non-participation of women in the workforce.

The National Family Health Survey-V (NFHS 2019-21) reports that, nationally, 23.3% of

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women between the ages of 20 and 24 were married off before attaining the age of 18. The statistics were marginally lower in Madhya Pradesh, which reported 23.1% such cases.

'The pain and resilience of millions of girls and mothers, along with the tireless efforts of my colleagues across more than 250 NGOs in the Just Rights for Children alliance, have brought us to this historic moment. As we move forward, we look to the government's leadership at the state level to cultivate a culture where prevention, protection, and prosecution work in harmony and complement each other, leveraging partnerships to drive lasting behavioural change," said JRC founder, Bhuwan Ribhu.

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Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) Commissioner Harendra Narayan inspected Rain Baseras in the State capital and issued

Municipal Commissioner inspects Rain Basera

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

day after Divisional Commissioner Sanjeev Singh called for improvements in facilities at Rain Basera night shelters run by the civic body, Municipal Commissioner Harendra Narayan on Thursday conducted a surprise visit to the facility at Yadgar-e-Shahjahani.Narayan's visit to the night shelter for the homeless came hours after Additional Commissioner Tina Yadav inspected amenities at the premises late on Wednesday

evening. Yadav heads the National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) operations in the city, which is responsible for the Rain Basera Shahjahani night shelter is the largest such facility in the state capital, as it provides boarding and lodging facilities to over 150 people each night.Residents

inspections provide a better picture of the facility where only some manage to secure the bunk beds while others are forced to sleep on mattresses strewn across cold floors. They say that an official visit at night would result in the discovery of the decay surrounding the facility.

The out-of-order exhaust fans result in an inhuman stench that lingers in the place. The night shelter has not had a dedicated cleaning staff in months, and several of the televisions, CCTV cameras, and lights are non-functional, they claimed. Though NULM provides free food for all residents at the shelter, several of the homeless are not receiving their meals under the Antyodaya body made it mandatory to record phone numbers of beneficiaries partaking in the for food distribution at the shel-

ter, admits that several of the inhabitants don't have phone numbers.

He, however, adds that the matter is under consideration and should be resolved within a week. The caretaker of the night shelter, Arif, stated that their effort is to ensure that people do not face any inconvenience while staying overnight.

During his visit, the Municipal Commissioner called for an enhancement in sanitation levels at the shelter and also sought community participation to maintain a vigil over the humanitarian facility.Speaking to The Pioneer, Tina Yadav said that the visit by the Municipal Commissioner was meant to check sanitation and other amenities at the shelter. discussions are underway regarding the requirement of phone numbers for food distribution meals.Pankaj Rahi, responsible and expressed optimism about an early resolution of the matter.

BMC levies Rs 35k in spot fines **STAFF REPORTER** BHOPAL three incidents of illegal con-

I was offered Rs 5 cr to join BJP: Malhotra

oming down heavily against those refusing to ⊿heed sanitation advisories, Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) on Thursday initiated action against construction and demolition (C&D) waste dumpers and encroachers, collecting Rs 35,700 in spot fines. At least one major case involving a Rs 10,000 fine has been notified to legal authorities. The enforcement measures came in the wake of directives issued by Municipal Commissioner Harendra Narayan during his routine morning inspection.

BMC teams conducted inspec-Zone 21, a contractor at the TT Nagar construction site faced penalties and legal proceedings for failing to install green safe-

struction and demolition (C&D) waste dumping on Hoshangabad Road resulted in fines totalling Rs 27,000. Additionally, in Zone 14, six cases of waste dumping violations led to fines amounting to

Anti-encroachment drives were also carried out at TT Nagar and 1100 Quarters in Ward 49. Authorities seized construction materials and confiscated four carts during the operation.Commissioner Narayan emphasised the importance of maintaining urban cleanliness and ensuring strict compliance with municipal regulations. He commended the health and antiswift and effective action. The municipal corporation plans to continue these enforcement efforts to promote a cleaner ty nets. Meanwhile, in Zone 13, and more organised city.

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however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice. 1. Mohammad Rizwan

PM approves coal allocation for 4100 MW power generation

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hief Minister Mohan Yadav has announced ✓ that a new thermal power station will be established in Madhya Pradesh to accelerate industrial development in the

electricity generation. This will facilitate the establishment of thermal power stations with a total capacity of 4100 MW. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav, expressing gratitude towards Prime Minister Modi, said that he has provided all departments with opportunities for progress. He acknowledged that development is impossible without electricity and described

this as a significant opportuni-

state. Prime Minister Narendra

Modi has granted approval for

coal allocation for coal-based

ty that would allow the state to set up its own power plants. Chief Minister Yadav stated

that while the state is currently in a surplus position regarding electricity production, the growing demand for electricity due to the establishment of new industries requires an increase in power generation. From a future perspective, new

thermal power stations will be necessary. The coal allocation will serve as a lifeline in meeting this demand. He emphasized that the government will encourage entrepreneurs to set up new thermal power stations. At the same time, Dr. Yadav highlighted that the state is also making significant strides in renewable energy. Energy Minister Pradhuman

Singh Tomar said that based on

the projected long-term electricity demand for Madhya Pradesh, the Government of India's high-level inter-departmental committee approved the coal allocation for the establishment of 4100 MW of new thermal power plants on November 27. In this regard, the state's energy department will issue tenders for setting up the plants.

This initiative is expected to attract an investment of approximately Rs.25,000 crore. Additionally, it will generate thousands of direct and indirect employment opportunities. The state will continue to supply affordable and high-quality energy to industries, domestic consumers, and agricultural irrigation, while also becoming selfreliant in energy production.

Soccer League in Bhopal from Dec 6



Bhopal: A three-day Football Premier League cum Knockout tournament will be held in the state capital between December 6 and 8.

The tournament, offering cash rewards for talented players, will attract teams from across the country, said organisers. The league will comprise three age categories: under 14, under 17, and the open age group. While trophies will be given to winning teams and outstanding players in the under-14 group, the other two categories involve cash rewards for both teams and individual players.

Organisers say they expect 20-25 teams to participate in the tournament. They also mentioned that the entire three-day event will be live-streamed on video-sharing platforms.

Minister of Ports and Youth Welfare, Vishwas Sarang, will preside over the final match and prize distribution ceremonies on December 8.

CM lauds MPTDC on

hief Minister Mohan

Chief Minister Yadav said that it is a proud moment for the people of the state to have the Tourism Department honoured with the prestigious award.

This honour is a reward for the innovations made to preserve and promote the state's unique natural beauty, rich cultural heritage, and world-class tourist destinations. He congratulated the officers and employees of the Tourism Department.

of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Date : November 29, 2024, Place: Jabalpur Authorized Officer, ICICI Home Finance Company Limited **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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Hearty voluntary effort culminates as litema begins AKBAR KHAN BHOPAL

he arrival of devotees for the 77th Aalmi Tablighi Ijtema intensified on Thursday as volunteers welcomed guests at all entry points into the state cap-

Welcome arrangements were in place on both sides of Bhopal Junction, Bairagarh, and the award-winning Rani Kamlapati railway stations, in addition to the Inter-state bus terminus, Nadra bus stand, and Bairagarh bus stop. At the Ijtema venue in the village of Eintkhedi, large crowds of Jamaats, or groups, were seen at all four Istagbal gates where the arriving guests were being registered for participation in the fourday event

Official spokesperson for the Ijtema, Ömar Hafeez, said that all routes leading to the venue were clear and devotees faced no trouble getting there. A 2,500-strong law and order contingent is keeping a strict vigil over the state capital in view of the Ijtema, one of the largest Muslim congregations in the world. The start of the Ijtema, which will comprise Bayaans, or sermons, by some of the biggest leaders of the Tablighi movement, marks the culmination of months of preparations by volunteers, the state government, and the district administration. For the first time this year, the lady Minister for Minority

Affairs in the state, Krishna

Gaur, has led the government

otherwise all-male pro-

gramme. The residential canopy this year sprawls across 300 acres, while a similar acreage is dedicated to makeshift food zones, parking facilities, a full-fledged media centre, and medical facili-Hafeez says that the organis-

ers have made every effort to minimise the carbon footprint of the event.

Single-use plastics remain banned at the venue, which boasts a mini recycling unit as well as composting infrastructure for wet waste.

He was all praise for the support received from the state government and the district administration, which he describes as 'critical' for the success of an event of this effort for the success of the magnitude. In an effort to provide quick support to

devotees in medical distress. the organisers unveiled a remarkably designed bike ambulance, which will move patients to the medical centre being run by the Department of Ayush. In addition to the state and

administrative machinery, 25,000 volunteers are working round the clock to ensure the smooth functioning of the event this year. The heartwarming effort is at

the very core of the success of the Ijtema.Lakhs of devotees throng the Ijtema venue for the annual congregation. Attendance peaks on the final day, when millions of devout beg the Almighty for mercy and forgiveness, and for peace, amity, and prosperity as they raise their hands in

Tourism award

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

Yadav has congratulated ✓ the people of the state on being awarded the 'Best Tourism State of the Year' at the prestigious Travel and Tourism Conclave and Awards in New

J and K, internal security, pro-Khalistan elements to figure at DGP, IGPs conference

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

 $\mathbf{I}_{ ext{security}}^{ ext{ssues}}$ related to internal security, Jammu and Kashmir, pro-Khalistan elements and cyber crimes are likely to be discussed at the three-day conference of top police officers in the country beginning Friday in Bhubaneswar, officials said. Prime Minister Narendra

Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval among others will attend the Directors General of Police (DGP) and Inspectors General of Police (IGP) conference where Maoist menace, challenges posed by AI tools and threats emanating from drones are also expected to be discussed. About 250 officers of DGP and IGP ranks will physically attend the conference while

participate in it virtually. Many officers have been tasked with delivering presentations on specific subjects such as counter-terrorism, online fraud, cross-border terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, activities of pro-Khalistani groups and left wing extremism (LWE) among others, an official said. There will be detailed deliberations on how to face all these emerging internal secu-

rity challenges. While the home minister will inaugurate the conference, the prime minister will be present on the remaining two days and deliver the concluding address on Sunday. The conference also provides an opportunity to identify tangible action points and monitor their progress, which is also presented before the prime minister every year. The conference is the culmination of extensive delibera-



tions involving police and intelligence officers from district, state and national levels on identified themes, the official said.

Best practices from states and Union territories under each of the themes will be presented at the conference so that the states can learn from Since 2014, the prime minis-

ter has taken a keen interest

in the DGP conference. Free flowing thematic discussions over breakfast, lunch and dinner have also been planned in this year's conference.

This will provide an opportunity to the senior police officials to share their views and recommendations with the prime minister on key policing and internal security issues affecting the country. Till 2013, the annual meet was held in New Delhi. The following year, after the Modi government came to power, it was decided to hold the event, organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the Intelligence Bureau (IB), outside the national capital. Accordingly, the conference was organised at Guwahati in 2014, Dhordo in Rann of

Kutch in 2015, National Police

Academy, Hyderabad in 2016;

BSF Academy, Tekanpur in 2017; Kevadiya in 2018; IISER, Pune in 2019; Police Headquarters, Lucknow in 2021; National Agricultural Science Complex in Pusa, Delhi in 2023 and Jaipur in 2024. Continuing with this tradition, the conference is being organised in Bhubaneswar this time.

Number of business sessions and topics has increased significantly, with a focus on improving policing in the service of the people.

Before 2014, the deliberations largely focused on

tions largely focused on national security matters. Since 2014, these conferences have a twin focus on national security as well as core policing issues, including prevention and detection of crime, community policing, law and order and improving the police's image, among others, another official said. Earlier, the conference was Delhi-centric with officers coming together only for the meet. Residing on the same premises over two to three days has served to build a heightened sense of unity among officers of all cadres and organisations since 2014, the official added.

Direct interaction of the police's top brass with the head of government has resulted in a convergence of views on crucial challenges faced by the country and the emergence of doable recommendations, the official further said. In the past few years, the topics have been selected after detailed discussions with the highest echelons of the police service.

Once selected, several interactions on presentations are held before committees of DGPs to encourage participation and incorporate ideas from the field and from

As a result, all presentations are now broad-based, content-intensive and carry a set of cogent and actionable recommendations.

Since 2015, detailed follow-up of recommendations of past conferences has become the norm and is the topic of the first business session which is attended by the prime minister and the home minister, the

Recommendations are tracked closely by the conference secretariat, led by the IB with the help of nodal officers in the states.

official said.

Decisions made in the past few conferences brought in significant policy changes, leading to improvement of policing, including setting nigher standards for effective policing in rural and urban areas and improved methods of modern policing based on smart parameters, the official

LS extends tenure for Waqf Bill Joint Committee amid Opp walkout

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Lok Sabha on Thursday adopted a resolution to extend the tenure of the Joint Committee on the Waqf (Amendment) Bill till the last day of the Budget session of Parliament next year. Committee Chairman and BJP leader Jagdambika Pal moved the resolution in the Lok Sabha, which approved it with a voice vote.

The parliamentary panel's meetings have become a virtual battleground between the opposition and the ruling party members, who have been vociferously debating the changes to the Waqf Bill proposed by the Government. On Wednesday, the opposition members of the committee staged a walkout and slammed Pal for asserting that the panel's draft report was ready

Pal and the BJP members of the committee then reached out to opposition members and indicated their willingness to press for an extension



of the committee's deadline of November 29 to submit its report to the Lok Sabha. The Lok Sabha had constituted the committee on August 8 and asked to submit its report on the last day of the first week of the Winter session, which is on Friday.

Following the last meeting of the committee on November 21, Pal had said its draft report is ready. He indicated that the committee's consultation with stakeholders is over and its members will now discuss the report and suggest changes, if any, before it is adopted. The opposition members took strong exception to this stand in Wednesday's meeting and soon stormed out. They claimed that Birla had assured them that its tenure would be

Opposition parties have stridently criticised the amendments proposed by the bill in the existing Waqf Act, alleging they violate the religious

that the amendments will bring transparency in the functioning of the waqf boards and make them

LeT member extradited from Rwanda in CBI, NIA, Interpol op

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

R wanda extradited to India on Thursday a member of Pakistan-based terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) fac-ing an Interpol Red Notice in an operation coordinated by the NIA and the CBI. Salman Rehman Khan, a member of the internationally proscribed terrorist organisation, had assisted in providing arms, ammunition and explosives to further terrorist activities in Bengaluru, officials said.

"The Global Operations Centre of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has closely coordinated with the NIA and Interpol National Central Bureau - Kigali for the return to India from Rwanda of Salman Rehman Khan, wanted by the NIA for terrorrelated offences," a CBI spokesperson said in a state-

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) had lodged a case in 2023 related to criminal conspiracy to spread terror in Bengaluru, they said. An FIR was also registered at Hebbal Police Station,



Khan, who was previously imprisoned in a PÔCSO case (2018-2022), had allegedly facilitated the collection and distribution of explosives for other terror accused after being radicalised and recruited during his incarceration by T Naseer, a life convict in a terror case, according to the NIA probe. Naseer had allegedly orchestrated the radicalisation and subsequent criminal activities to further LeT operations in the coun-

try besides plotting his escape en route to the court from the prison, the agency said. When the terror module was busted, Khan escaped from the country, it said.

NÍA chargesheeted him in stringent anti-terror law and Indian Penal Code and court declared him a fugitive," it said. "The CBI on request of the NIA had got a Red Notice issued against the subject from Interpol on August 2, 2024. It was circulated to all

law enforcement agencies globally for tracking of the wanted criminal," the CBI statement said. Based on the Red Notice, he was apprehended by authorities in Kigali, Rwanda. The information was passed on to the CBI which is the designated agency for coordination of Interpol affairs in India and the NIA. After legal proceedings, he was extradited to

"He was returned to India on

28.11.2024 by a security team from NIA," the CBI statement said. The return of Khan comes soon after similar operations in coordination with Interpol wherein two accused -- one wanted by the CBI and another by the Kerala Police -- were brought back from Saudi Arabia. Barkat Ali Khan, who had an Interpol Red Notice, was wanted in a 2012 case of rioting and use of explosive substances. He was brought back from Saudi Arabia on November 14.

Raihan Arabikkalalarikkal, who also had an Interpol Red Notice against him and was wanted by police in Pattambi, Kerala for committing rape and sexual offences against a minor, was brought from Saudi Arabia on Ñovember The CBI, as National Central

Bureau for Interpol in India, coordinates closely with all Law Enforcement Ágencies in India for cooperation over Interpol channels. Since 2021, as many as 100 wanted criminals, including 26 this year, have been returned to India through coordination via Interpol channels," the statement said.

Over a third of children under five enrolled in anganwadis are stunted: Government data



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 $P_{\text{the latest government data}}^{\text{ainting a worrying picture,}}$ shows that over a third of children under five enrolled in anganwadis- childcare centers—are stunted, a condition that signals long-term nutritional deficiencies and devel opmental setbacks.

The findings, shared by Union Women and Child Development Minister of State Savitri Thakur in response to a Rajya Sabha query, paint an alarming status of children's health across the country. As of the latest figures, 7.54

crore children under five years old are enrolled in anganwadis and registered on the Poshan Tracker, a digital platform launched by the Ministry of Women and Development (WCD) to monitor nutritional outcomes and ensure effective delivery of ser-

Out of these children, 7.31 crore were assessed for growth parameters, revealing that 38.9 per cent are stunted, 17 per cent are underweight, and 5.2 per cent are wasted. Stunting, wasting, and being underweight are all forms of malnutrition, which indicate serious deficiencies in a child's nutrition, leading to long-term health and developmental issues.

The statistics are equally concerning for a broader age group of children aged 0-6 years. With a projected population of

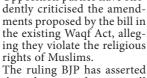
16.1 crore children in this category in 2021, around 8.82 crore are enrolled in anganwadis. Growth measurements taken for 8.55 crore children in this group show that 37 per cent are stunted and 17% are

underweight.
The findings indicate the enduring problem of child malnutrition in India, which is primarily linked to an imbalance in energy and nutrient intake. Malnutrition can lead to developmental delays, weakened immune systems, and increased vulnerability to diseases, thereby impeding a child's overall well-being and future potential.

The Poshan Tracker plays a crucial role in tracking and improving these outcomes, aiming to ensure that children receive the necessary nutritional support to thrive.

However, the high incidence of stunting, underweight, and wasting among India's young children indicates that significant efforts are still needed to address the root causes of malnutrition, which include poverty, lack of access to nutritious food, and insufficient healthcare resource

A child is considered stunted if their height is below the recommended level for their age. A child is considered wasted if their weight is below the rec-ommended level for their height while a child is considered underweight if their weight is below the recommended level for their age.



Survey of Ajmer Sharif: CPI(M) seeks SC's intervention

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The CPI(M) on Thursday sought Supreme Court's immediate intervention on a local court in Ajmer's decision to entertain a petition seeking a survey of the Ajmer Sharif shrine. Terming the local court's decision as unwarranted and without legal standing, the CPI(M) polit bureau said that the decision goes against the provisions of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, which decrees that no legal dispute can be raised on a religious place that existed prior to August 15, 1947.

A local court in Ajmer on Wednesday directed that notices be issued to the dargah committee, the Union Ministry of Minority Affairs



and the Archaeological survey of the masjid in Survey of India in a civil suit Sambhal that has led to viotemple in the shrine of Sufi saint Moinuddin Chishti. The suit, filed in September, sought directions to start worship at the site.

"The decision of a civil court in Ajmer, Rajasthan, to entertain a petition seeking a survey of the Ajmer Sharif dargah to ascertain if there was a temple beneath it is unwarranted and has no legal stand-

It goes against the provisions of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, which decrees that no legal dispute can be raised on a religious place that existed prior to August 15, 1947.
"The violation of this Act has

already resulted in the flawed decision with regard to the

persons," said CPI(M) in a statement.

The notice came days after four people were killed in Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal in violence following a local court ordering a survey of a Mughal-era shrine, which petitioners said was built after destroying an old temple.

The Left party also said that the Supremé Court must immediately intervene to put an end to such legal proceedings, in line with the Places of Worship Act, which the apex court itself had upheld in its 2019 Ayodhya judgment. The Places of Worship Act states that the religious character of any place of worship as it existed on August 15, 1947, must be maintained.

More than 1.12 crore public grievances redressed in past five years using Govt portal: Jitendra Singh

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More than 1.12 crore public grievances were redressed in the last five years, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said on Thursday.

These complaints were raised on the Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) portal -- pgpor-System tal.Gov.In.

"A total of 1,12,30,957 grievances were redressed from 2020-2024 and an annual alltime high of 23,24,323 grievances have been redressed on CPGRAMS portal from January-October, 2024," he said in a written reply in the Rajya

The average resolution time has come down from 28 days in 2019 to 13 days in 2024, Singh

The government has adopted the 10-step reforms of CPGRAMS to make grievance redressal timely, meaningful and accessible and mapped



103,183 grievance officers on the CPGRAMS portal.

"This helped bring down the pendency in the Government of India to its lowest level of 54,339 public grievances as on 31 October 2024," the minister

The government also issued comprehensive guidelines for effective redressal of public grievances on August 23, 2024. These guidelines envisage integration of various public grievance platforms, creation of dedicated grievance cells in ministries/departments, appointment of experienced

and competent nodal officers, emphasis on root cause analysis of grievances and action on feedback, strengthening escalation processes by appointing appellate authorities, grievance closure guidelines with further reduction in the upper limit of resolution time from 30 days to 21 days, he said.

To enhance the outreach of CPGRAMS for rural and underprivileged population, the government has collaborated with common service centres to make it easier for citizens to file grievances, Singh

India-Russia Working Group on Military Cooperation holds fourth meet in Moscow

India and Russia reviewed the entire gamut of their defence ties in the fourth meeting of the Working Cooperation under the India Russia Inter Governmental Commission on Military and Military - Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-M&MTC)in Moscow, defence ministry said here on

Thursday. Giving details, officials said the meeting marked a significant milestone in advancing the long standing Strategic Partnership between the two countries.

The meeting was co-chaired by Lieutenant General JP Mathew, Chief of Integrated Defence Staff representing India and Lieutenant General Dylevsky Igor Nikolaevich, Deputy Chief of the Main Operational Directorate of the General Staff of the Russian Federation Armed Forces.



The Working Group emphasised the importance of continued knowledge-sharing and collaboration in areas of strategic interest. It also agreed upon expanding joint exercises to further solidifying the operational synergy between the two forces.

Both nations have conducted numerous joint exercises across land, air and sea domains. Exercises such as INDRA, AVIA INDRA and INDRA NAVY, have served as vital platforms for sharing best practices, refining joint

operational tactics drills and procedures, and deepening mutual understanding.
The Declaration on the India-

Russia Strategic Partnership was signed in 2000, which was elevated to the level of Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership in 2010.

The Working Group, a crucial forum for India-Russia defence cooperation, provides a platform to assess existing military engagements and identified new areas for collaboration to address evolving security challenges.

Opposition MLAs occupy teasury Hemant Soren takes benches in Bihar Assembly in protest oath as Jharkhand CM



Members of the Opposition were protesting the delay in deciding their petition with the Speaker on disqualification of MLAs who deflected.

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Tensions flared in Bihar assembly on Thursday when an opposition MLÁ threatened to sit in the seat reserved for the chief minister, sparking outrage from the chair.

The incident prompted Speaker Nand Kishor Yadav to call the marshals and warn the RJD legislator with eviction, adjourning proceedings till 2 pm. Trouble started after the

Question Hour, when CM Nitish Kumar left the House.

rose in his chair to raise an objection over rebel MLAs of his party occupying seats on the ruling side.

There should be proper arrangements. If people take their seats at will, it would lead to chaos," Mehta said, even as other opposition MLAs from the RJD, Congress and three Left parties hollered and stormed the well.

The Speaker was taken aback by the outbursts and he told the opposition members that nothing that they said will go on record unless they went back to their seats.

He looked alarmed when Maner MLA Bhai Virendra

stood in front of the CM's seat and posed as if he was going to sit down.

"Don't do this. It would lead to serious consequences," the Speaker said, even as he summoned the marshals, but chose to adjourn the House instead of ordering the eviction of the MLA.

Leader of the opposition Tejashwi Yadav had a quick word with the Speaker inside the latter's chamber before he told the media, "Our grouse is against the Speaker's inability to decide our petition seeking disqualification of all MLAs who defected earlier this year." Notably, at least seven MLAs,

five of the RID and two of the Congress, had crossed over to the NDA in the budget

Yadav said allowing these MLAs to sit on the ruling side was 'arbitrary (ektarfa)' and claimed that the Speaker has given an assurance that the grievance would soon be looked into.

When Bhai Virendra was approached by journalists with queries, he said, "I only wanted to prove a point. My intention was to warn and not occupy that seat. The Speaker must either disqualify the rebels or direct them to take a seat on the other side



Governor Santosh Gangwar greets Chief Minister Hemant Soren after he took oath as Chief Minister of Jharkhand.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Tharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) leader Hemant Soren took oath as the 14th chief minister of Tharkhand in a grand ceremony here on Thursday, amid the presence of a galaxy of INDÎA bloc leaders.

The 49-year-old tribal leader was sworn in as the chief Jharkhand minister Santosh Kumar Governor Gangwar.

The governor administered the oath of office and secrecy to Soren at a function held in Morabadi ground in Ranchi, where Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal were present.

Prior to taking the oath, Soren,

donning a white kurta, pyjama and 'Nehru jacket', met JMM president and his father Shibu

This is the fourth stint of the JMM leader as the chief minister of Iharkhand.

Hemant Soren retained the Barhait seat by defeating BJP's Gamliyel Hembrom by a margin of 39,791 votes in the recent assembly polls.
The JMM-led alliance stormed

to victory, securing 56 seats in the 81-member Jharkhand assembly, while the BJP-led managed constituencies.

constituencies.
Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann,
CPI(ML)Liberation general
secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav and Bihar's Leader of Opposition Tejashwi Yadav were among the political leaders who attended the swearing-in ceremony.

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Thursday.

vacancies.

Tribal troupes, attired in traditional dresses, danced to the tune of 'dhol and nagara' at the venue, amid tight security arrangements.

Schools in Ranchi remained closed on Thursday in view of the swearing-in of the Hemant Soren government. Hours before taking the oath, Soren took to X, asserting that unity is the biggest weapon of people of the state, who can "neither be divided nor silenced".

In an apparent attack on the BJP-led central government, Soren also said whenever "they try to silence us", the revolution grows louder.

The JMM achieved its highestever tally in the elections, winning 34 of the 43 seats it The Congress contested. secured 16, RJD four, and CPI(ML)L managed constituencies in the INDIA

Judiciary short of over

Security heightened ahead of Friday prayers in Sambhal

BISWAJEET BANERJEE LUCKNOW

The Sambhal administration implemented security measures for Friday prayers following the recent violence during a survey at Jama Masjid.

District Magistrate Dr Rajendra Pansiya has issued an order deploying magistrates at key locations across the district to ensure peace and prevent any untoward incidents.

In the urban areas, 18 critical points have been identified for magistrate deployment. The district administration has

issued strict directives to ensure effective monitoring of security arrangements. Dr. Pansiya emphasised that no unauthorised would be tolerated, and violators would face strict action. He also warned against provocative activities or attempts to spread rumors, stating that immediate steps would be taken to counter such acts and penalize those responsible.

Police authorities have assured complete preparedness to handle any situation. All administrative officers and police personnel will remain on duty during Friday prayers to ensure the safety and security of the public.

Meanwhile, the Chandosi Court, where hearings related to the Jama Masjid survey case are taking place, is under drone surveillance as part of the heightened security measures.

Kerala finishes survey of unrecognised schools

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The survey of unrecognised schools in Kerala has been completed, and further measures are set to follow in the General weeks, Education Minister Sivankutty said on Thursday. Preliminary findings indicate

that there are 827 unrecognised institutions that remain outside the formal education system. the minister said in a statement. He added that further actions on this matter would be initiated soon.

by the chief minister to discuss the issue, and a list of schools

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 $P^{\text{arliament}}_{\text{continued for the third day}}$

on Thursday with both the

houses adjourned for the day

amid opposition protests over

the violence in Sambhal, Uttar

Pradesh, Manipur and the

In the Lok Sabha, Opposition members were in the Well of

the House raising slogans

demanding action against the

perpetrators of the violence in

Sambhal during a survey

being carried out in a mosque.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister

Kiren Rijiju flayed the protests

attempts by the Congress and

its allies in disrupting the

He said the opposition

members were protesting

House proceedings.

"I condemn the

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Adani issue.

saying,

along with available details will be handed over to him, Sivankutty said.

He emphasised that no activities negatively impacting the physical or mental well-being of students, such as bodyshaming, should be tolerated by teachers or school authorities. 'Similarly, issues such as demanding payment of transportation fees or any other charges should not be addressed in classrooms in the presence of other students. Teachers and school authorities should re access to mobile

phones," Sivankutty said. He also stated that no student accessible to all students.

Amendment Bill and debate in

However, as the opposition

protests continued TDP

member Krishna Prasad

Tenneti, who was in the chair,

adjourned the proceedings for

Earlier, the Lok Sabha adopted

Amendment Bill till the last

day of the Budget session next

year. The House also witnessed

disruptions during the

Question Hour, soon after two

Congress leaders -- Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Ravindra

Chavan -- took oath as

members of the Lok Sabha.

a resolution granting minute extension to the Joint noon, Committee on the Waqf adjour

the House on certain issues.

should be excluded from school excursions for financial reasons Guidelines concerning school trips and personal celebrations implemented immediately. The Director of Public Education has been tasked with submitting a report

Parliament continues to witness disruption

and Sambhal.

opposition

The opposition has been the beginning of the final

agreeing to their demands for extension of the tenure of the Joint Committee on the Waqf Sambhal violence.

minister said. Stating that school excursions are often reduced to mere recreational trips, with some schools charging exorbitant amounts and causing financial directly communicate these strain on economically matters to parents, as most of disadvantaged students, he said such excursions should be organised in a way that is

across both houses over Opposition demands

Proceedings of the Rajya

Sabha were washed out for the

third day in a row after opposition MPs created

uproar over the Adani issue

and the violence in Manipur

The proceedings of the Upper

House were adjourned within

minutes after it met at 12

adjournment soon after 11

Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar

to maintain decorum and

allow the Question Hour to

function went unheeded as the

continued with their protests.

The chairman said Wednesday

marked a historic milestone --

following

appeals made by

one

members

on the measures taken in this

regard within a week," the

Manipur schools, colleges reopen from November 28

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

The Manipur government In Thursday announced that classes in schools and colleges in Imphal Valley districts and Iiribam would resume from November 28 after a hiatus of 13 days.

Educational institutes in these districts have remained closed since November 16 after the dead bodies of three women and three children in Jiribam were recovered from the Jiri and Barak rivers in Manipur and Assam respectively.

An order issued by the Directorate of Education-Schools said, "Normal classes will resume for all schools of

Constitution turns 100 -- and

lamented that the House

opportunity to engage in a

This was a moment for our

House of Elders, guided by the

spirit of nationalism, to send a

powerful message of hope to

1.4 billion Indians, reaffirming

our commitment to their

dreams and our journey towards 'Viksit Bharat at

"Yet, with deep regret, I must

say we missed this historic opportunity. Where there should have been productive

dialogue echoing the collective

aspirations of our nation. We

fell short of our people's

Dhankhar said this chamber is

more than just a House of

Debate. It is where our

national spirit finds its voice

expectations," he lamented.

productive dialogue.

2247'," he said.

members

missed

the state, government, government aided, private and schools central November 29."

The government educational institutions or governmentaided colleges under the Technical Higher and Department, Education including state universities, will resume classes with effect from

Friday, a separate order said. Violence escalated in Manipur after three women and three children belonging to the Meitei community had gone missing from a relief camp in Jiribam after a gunfight between security forces and suspected resulted in the deaths of 10 insurgents on November 11.

great nation takes shape, he

"Parliamentary disruption is

not a remedy but a malady

that weakens the very

foundation of our democracy.

The sanctity of this house

demands debate, not discord;

dialogue, not disruption," he

said as opposition members continued with sloganeering

The chairman said, "When we

deviate from constructive

discussion, we fail to honour

the trust of millions who look

to us as the guardians of their

"I urge you all to embrace the

spirit of meaningful dialogue.

Let us return to our tradition

of thoughtful discussion and

deliberation. In this spirit, I

request your cooperation in

proceeding with today's agenda," he urged the

democratic aspirations.

said.

and protests.

Following Justice D Y Chandrachud as the CJI and Justice Hima Kohli earlier, the top court has two vacancies. The minister also said that

sanctioned strength of 34

judges, including the chief justice of India, has two

amid divergence of view among states and high courts, there is no forward movement in the creation of an all-India iudicial service.

He said as on November 21, the lower judiciary had a shortage of 5,245 judicial officers while the HCs were short of 364 judges. The sanctioned strength of the 25



Members in the Rajya Sabha during the Winter session of Parliament

HCs is 1,114 judges.

Meghwal noted that Article of the Constitution provides for the establishment of an All India Judicial Service (AIJS), which will not include any post inferior to that of a district judge. provision constitutional enables creation of the AIJS at

district judge level. A comprehensive proposal was formulated for the constitution of an AIJS and it was approved by the Committee of Secretaries in November 2012. HCs were sought on the divergent.

Later, it was decided to leave it open to the respective HCs to evolve appropriate methods within the existing system to fill up the vacancies for appointment of district judges expeditiously.

However, no progress was made in the matter. "In view of the existing divergence of opinion amongst the major stakeholders, at present, there is no consensus on the proposal for setting up an All India Iudicial Service," he said.

HRERA warns realty cos to file annual reports

The views of the states and the

PARVESH SHARMA **GURUGRAM**

In view of the repeated non-compliance of mandatory submission of the annual report of the real estate projects under construction, the Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority (Herera), Gurugram, has now warned the city promoters to file the same within 30 days to avoid the strictest penalties. The Authority said this is

unfortunate that many of the real estate promoters have not yet submitted annual reports of their individual projects, and whom the Authority is now sending show cause notices informing them to submit the same within 30 days to avoid penalties

The Authority order said that non-filing of the annual report of the under-construction projects is a serious violation of the Act 2016, and the Authority views it seriously and therefore such promoters have been show caused as to why not a penalty of Rs 5 lakh be imposed on a promoter who fails to file the same in 30 days from the date of

issuing of the show cause notice. Further, the Authority informed that a penalty of Rs 10, 000 - for every subsequent day in addition to the Rs 5 Lakh will be levied on a real estate promoter, who fails to file the annual report within 60 days from the date of issuing of the show cause notices.

As per the law, real estate promoters are mandatorily required to submit the annual reports of the projects under construction failing which there are strictest provisions of penalties in the Act.

quarter-century before our and where the destiny of our protesting members. despite the government pressing for discussions on Power struggle breaks out in MahaYuti after Shinde bows out



TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

fter Eknath Shinde stepped Aaside and let the BJP's central leadership decide on its chief ministerial choice, a power struggle broke out within the ruling MahaYuti over the allocation of key portfolios like Home, Finance, Revenue and Urban development in the impending State Cabinet.

Apart from the key portfolios like Home, Finance, Revenue and Urban development, there will be a lot of bargaining MahaYuti the constituents over other important portfolios like

Agriculture, Industries, Water Resources, Forests, Rural Development and Energy. On its part, the BJP will not

easily let go of portfolios like the Home, Finance and Urban Development. In the earlier Cabinet, chief Minister Eknath Shinde held the Urban Development portfolio, while deputy chief ministers Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar held the state Home and Finance portfolios respectively.

Given that the BJP's Devendra Fadnavis will in all likelihood be the next chief minister of Maharashtra, the powersharing formula will remain more or less the same – there will be a chief minister and two deputy chief ministers in the government. While Fadnavis will be at the helm of affairs, Shinde and Ajit Pawar will be his two deputies.

On his part, Fadnavis - who is set to take over the reins of the state from Shinde – sought not to speak much on chief ministerial choice. "You will soon get an answer (as to who will be the next chief minister). All senior members of MahaYuti will meet and decide."

Talking to media persons separately, Ajit Pawar, who is Legislative Assembly, the BJP

the NCP President, said that the formation government will take place during the weekend.

"We are meeting tomorrow to decide who would become the CM. I think the swearing in would happen either on November 30 or December 1" Maharashtra Since the Assembly comprises 288 members, there can be a maximum of 43 ministers in the State Cabinet -- a number that accounts for 15 percent of total members in the lower House of the State Legislature. In the new Maharashtra

has a strength of 132 MLAs, followed belonging to the Shinde-led Shiv Sena and 41 to the Ajit Pawar-led NCP.

In the normal course, the BJP can get 21 ministerial berths, while the Shinde Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar-led can have 12 and 10 ministers respectively in the new State Cabinet.

In the outgoing Eknath Shinde-led State Cabinet, there were only Cabinet ministers, as the chief minister had resisted from appointing Ministers of

State in his Cabinet. In the

previous Shinde Cabinet, there

were 29 ministers - all

ministers each from the Shinde Sena and BJP, while the NCP had nine ministers. The 29 ministers included chief minister Shinde and his two deputies -- Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar. However, given that the MahaYuti has got absolute

Cabinet-ranked ones.

Shinde Cabinet consisted of 10

mandate, the chief minister-tobe in the new government will give representation to all the regions in the state -- Mumbai-Konkan, Western Maharashtra, Maharashtra, Marathwada and

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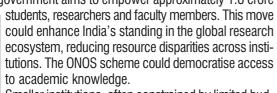
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One nation, one subscription

While heralded as a potential game-changer for academia, the ONOS has ignited intense debate among scholars and researchers

n the series of 'one nation' comes yet another addition and this time it is about subscription of academic journals. The Indian government's recent approval of the 'One Nation, One Subscription' (ONOS) scheme has sparked considerable debate within academic and research communities. Touted as a transformative step for Indian academia, the scheme seeks to centralise access to academic journals and publications for higher education and research institutions across the country. While the initiative promises benefits such as cost efficiency and wider access to resources, concerns about its implementation, implications for academic freedom and necessity remain significant. Under the ONOS scheme, managed by the Information and Library Network (INFLIB-NET), over 6,300 institutions will have access to 13,000 e-journals from 30 major international publishers through a unified digital portal. With a budget allocation of Rs 6,000 crore for its first three years, the government aims to empower approximately 1.8 crore



Smaller institutions, often constrained by limited budgets, could benefit immensely from comprehensive access to high-quality publications. Students and researchers in remote or underfunded regions may now have the same access as those in premier institutions, fostering equity in education and research. Centralising subscriptions could also significantly reduce costs. A unified portal ensures that these resources are opti-

mised, potentially freeing budgets for other academic priorities. This could encourage more efficient and effective research practices. Despite its potential benefits, the ONOS scheme has raised several concerns. One major issue is the lack of clarity on how journals will be selected. Academic needs are diverse, varying by discipline, institution and research focus. Centralising the decision-making process risks overlooking specific requirements, leading to an inadequate or unbalanced collection of resources. Critics argue that the government could limit access to publications or perspectives it disagrees with, thereby influencing academic discourse. Another critique is that the scheme might disrupt established systems that currently work well. Many institutions already have mechanisms to access journals through collaborations, institutional networks like the Developing Library Network (DELNET), and platforms like JSTOR. Moreover, the scheme's centralised approach risks reducing the autonomy of academic institutions. Faculty members, who currently play a significant role in determining which journals their institutions need, might find themselves sidelined. This loss of autonomy could hinder academic innovation and responsiveness to emerging research trends. It would be hasty to implement the scheme which has advantages for sure, but the concerns of academicians must be addressed.



Visitors at the Istanbul stall on the last day of the India International Trade Fair, in New Delhi

Countering China's African influence



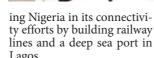
Prime Minister Modi's visit to Nigeria highlights India's bid to rejuvenate ties with the African nation and counter China's growing influence through partnerships

little over two months after China's assiduous wooing of Nigeria, India sought to do the same during PM Narendra Modi's recent visit to the African nation. The prime ministerial visit, coming after a gap of 17 years, should inject fresh momentum into bilateral ties. It should also, hopefully, help a bit in countering Beijing's growing influence in Nigeria, a country with whom India has enjoyed close and robust ties for decades but now finds itself in competition with

While India and Nigeria have 'a strategic partnership, the African nation and China elevated their ties to 'a comprehensive strategic partnership' this year. The courting of Nigeria as well as dozens of other African countries was done bilaterally as well collectively at the ninth Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) Summit in early September in Beijing. These summits have been held regularly since the first one in 2006, with one even being held virtually during the Covid-19 pandemic. India, however, has floundered in not being able to organise an African summit since the last one in 2015, ostensibly due to the pandemic and geopolitical tensions, but amounts to a lack of strategic foresight. China is making deeper inroads

into the African continent for both strategic as well as economic reasons. Strategically, it can project itself as a geopolitical force countering arch foe US. Moreover, strengthening its foothold in the world's second most populous continent comes with the lucrative advantage of having access to the huge market as well as the rich mineral resources there. For many cashstrapped African nations, China has been a pivotal lender of loans for much-needed infrastructure construction, but it comes with the perils of running up huge

Africa is a vital part of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), with 53 nations naving signed onto the endeavour that India views with deep suspicion given Beijing's hegemonic intentions. Under the BRI, China is assist-



China is also Nigeria's biggest bilateral lender and the two sides decided to forge close economic ties when Chinese President Xi Jinping and Nigerian President Bola Ahmed Tinubu met in Beijing ahead of the FOCAC Summit. It's in the backdrop of all this that PM Modi's recent visit to Nigeria assumes even greater significance. While he made it clear that India gives "high priority" to its strategic partnership with Nigeria, the visit yielded only three pacts – on survey cooperation, cooperation in customs matters and culture exchange programmes.

India will have to do some real heavy lifting in the coming years if the 14 areas of bilateral cooperation identified in the joint statement are to come to fruition. Among these are the Bilateral Investment Treaty, the Double Taxation Avoidance Treaty and the Agreement on repurposed Line of Credits. India's outreach to Nigeria at the nignest ievel was required given that Africa's most populous nation enjoys much heft in the region and beyond. It's a founding member of the



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African Union (AU), which India helped bring into the G-20's fold last year. Nigeria is now also a BRICS partner state. The country is also a member of OPEC, with President Tinubu also being the current chair of ECOW-AS (Economic Community of West African States). A fresh push to boost bilateral trade and investments by Indian companies in Nigeria is imperative.

There are already over 200 Indian companies in the manufacturing sector with investments worth \$27 billion in Nigeria. While India remains among the top 5 trading partners of Nigeria, bilateral trade unfortunately decreased to \$7.89 billion in 2023-24 from \$14.95 billion in 2021-22. This is attributed to a reduc-

tion in Indian oil imports from Nigeria as it chose to import oil from Russia, taking advantage of the cheaper rates being offered due to the conflict with Ukraine. With the joint statement with

Nigeria talking about India's willingness to go in for longterm contracts for crude and LNG purchases, bilateral trade might pick up once again. Significantly, India has also evinced interest in investing in Nigeria's oil and gas sector. Terrorism and piracy also figured as areas of cooperation in the joint statement. Nigeria for many years has been battling the Íslamic radical group Boko Haram, which has also been attacking oil and gas infrastructure in the country. India, interestingly, has offered technical knowhow on security for pipelines

in Nigeria. Maritime domain cooperation is also of crucial importance to combat piracy. Nigeria abuts the Gulf of Guinea through which passes crucial sea lanes for transporting crude oil. India had deployed at least two warships, INS Sumedha in 2023 and INS Tarkash in 2022, in the piracy-prone Gulf of Guinea. With Chinese vessels on the prowl across the oceans, these deployments were not without strategic

significance. Overall, India needs to move and move fast, delivering on its promises made during PM Modi's visit to Nigeria. It has no time to lose in majorly upscaling its traditional robust ties with African nations, especially with China increasingly grabbing strategic space in the continent. The writer is a senior journalist who writes or

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foreign affairs.

Unpaid care workers: The neglected workforce



These workers, predominantly women, form the invisible backbone of families and communities, shouldering critical responsibilities without recognition or compensation

npaid care workers play a crucial yet often overlooked role in sustaining families and communities. These individuals, typically family members and predominantly women, take on essential caregiving and household tasks without formal salaries or wages. Their contributions range from managing daily domestic duties to supporting vulnerable family members and even volunteering in community-based activities. Despite the significant value they provide, their work remains largely unrecognised, unregulated, and uncompensated, often leaving them economically insecure and lacking social protections.

This group includes several key roles. Household caregivers provide daily care for children, elderly relatives, or family members with disabilities, handling tasks like cooking, cleaning and offering emotional support. Childcare providers, especially in low-income families, often include mothers or grandmothers who look after young children, offering informal education and pensated.

supervision. In some communities, individuals volunteer for communal care tasks such as organising child care or assisting with health-related services out of a sense of responsibility rather than financial motiva-

Family health caregivers manage tasks such as administering medication, assisting with mobility, and caring for chronically ill relatives. In rural areas, unpaid care work often extends to agricultural labor, including farming, collecting water, and gathering firewood, which are essential for household survival but remain uncomThe economic contributions of unpaid care work are immense, supporting families and enabling formal economic activities by ensuring the wellbeing of individuals. However, the lack of formal recognition and compensation leaves these workers vulnerable to financial instability and limits access to social protections.

A related but distinct category includes 'Anganwadi' workers, who occupy a middle ground between unpaid and paid care work. Employed under the Child Integrated Development Services (ICDS) programme, they receive a modest honorari-

um rather than a formal wage. This compensation is often irregular, lacks benefits like retirement or health insurance and fails to provide the stability of formal employment. Consequently, while Anganwadi workers are technically paid, their financial insecurity mirrors the challenges faced by unpaid care workers.

Despite their critical contributions to the care economy, Anganwadi workers remain undervalued and undercompensated. Many are forced to take on additional jobs to make ends meet. Their situation highlights the broader societal neglect of care work, where contributions—paid or unpaid are undervalued and often relegated to the margins of discourse. economic Addressing these issues requires recognising care work's essential role in social and economic systems and implementing policies that ensure fair compensation and protection for all care

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SIDHU SPARKS CONTROVERSY Madam — The former cricketer and

commentator Navjot Singh Sidhu, whose wife is suffering from cancer has come out with propaganda on social media that neem leaves, lemon juice, turmeric, and cinnamon helped cure his wife's breast cancer and started advocating it as a simple remedy for those who have been suffering from it. As a celebrity, Sidhu should have advised the people to ensure good health with a periodical medical checkup since the dreaded disease affects lakhs every year in India. His irresponsible statement, while taking into account the false claims that celebrities used to promote wrong products by endorsing commercials for their self-promotion, as well as to claim the fat check, calls for a stringent warning. Sidhu's experience on his wife's issue shouldn't deviate people who are already suffering and availing treatment in their

Tall claims in social media need strong rebuttal with penalisation for their unemotional behaviour. In 2019 the BJP leader Pragya Singh Thakur had similarly claimed that Gau Mutra (cow urine) had cured her of cancer, whereas she was operated on for tumour removal in 2008 at JJ Hospital in Mumbai as reported by Dr Rajput. When the flashback runs like this, Sidhu's claim at these advanced medical times has been thoroughly misled while the global research has not yet found anything concrete to counter cancer to date is the reality. Controlling the growth and extending longevity by itself can be considered to be a miracle and we can only seek blessings for the safe health of Sidhu's wife and thousands in the need of this hour.

A P Thiruvadi | Chennai

MINORITIES RAISE CONCERNS

Madam — Minorities are making so much noise ever since the NDA came to power for the third time running. They could not digest the defeat of the forces working against the government. Enjoying all benefits as an Indian citizen while still blaming the government is the order of the

Protecting mental health of Children



ustralia will ban children from using social Amedia with a minimum age limit as high as 16 to get kids off their devices and onto the footy fields. The initiative is taken to make kids play in the grounds and experience the loss and victory in the field and have real experiences with real people and teammates

day. Without knowing the ins and outs of the political formula, they pass hate comments against the government. They get solace by abusing the government after losing the elections in Maharashtra. The myth of the model minority is based in stereotypes. It perpetuates a narrative in which they want to get prominence. In reality, the twenty-first century has so far been one of bewildering change accompanied by the destruction of certainties, among them that of the inevitable rise of human rights. It is clear that gains that were once thought permanent can quickly be lost. A real danger of lack of certainty is that the resultant fear leads to a backlash, which is likely to be directed against those seen as a threat or who are easily used as scapegoats.

Jayanthy Subramaniam | Mumbai

GANGA UNSAFE FOR BATHING

Madam —The water in the holy Ganga is unsuitable for bathing. A few days ago, an exasperated Justice Arun Kumar Tyagi of the National Green Tribunal, while hearing a case related to the tributaries Assi and Varuna, told the Varanasi District

ing social harm to the GenZ at large. After passing with 103 votes in favour to 13 votes against, the bill will move to the Senate, where it is also expected to pass with the majority. This law will help in curbing the social media menace over the children and its threatening impact that may cause stress, impatience among kids, feelings of insecurity, and obesity, as well as mental health disorders. The authorities have taken welcoming decisions in favour of parents and children against internet safety. An integrated mechanism could only beat the detrimental effects of social media. Although with the advent of Al (artificial intelligence), the spread of mis-

because, as we know that social media is caus-

trend. The incidence of deepfakes can mislead the students, kids and children. Dimple Wadhawan | Kanpur Nagar

information and false news has become the

Magistrate to "just put up a sign" and "make it clear the Ganga here isn't for a holy splash." The river flows for about 2500 kilometres from the southern great Himalayas before it empties into the Bay The Namami Gange of Bengal. Programme (NGP), launched in 2014-15 to cleanse the Ganga and its tributaries, was originally scheduled to be completed by March 2021. It has now been extended until March 2026.

The Central Government has released ₹16,012 crore from FY2014-15 until October 2023 under the NGP-I of ₹20,000 crore and NGP-II of ₹22,500 crore. In the 30 years prior to the launch of the NGP, various governments had spent ₹4000 crore to clean the river. Despite spending more than ₹20,000 crore, the water in the Ganga is still not clean enough to take a dip. One is compelled to conclude the NGP is equally polluted with corruption and

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TRUMP 2.0: STEEP TARIFFS ON CARDS

Trump's policies are likely to create ripples across economies, including India



KUMARDEEP BANARJEE

he fireworks have started, even before people across the globe have ushered in Christmas and New Year's festivities. The Trump presidency 2.0 could be a game changer, potentially recalibrating several global geopolitical and economic partnerships. First, the Biden era days of strategic partnership with nations worldwide would be replaced with a more transactional approach which President Trump in his second stint is likely to institutionalise. Even before taking charge, Presidentelect Donald Trump has vociferously spelt out his tariff-based external affairs policy.

He had during campaigning talked about imposing nearly 60 per cent tariffs on China imports. Recently he has said that one of the first executive orders, he is likely to sign after assuming office on January 20, would be to impose tariffs on Canada, Mexico and China imports. Of course, the caveat is, unless, they stop sending illegal immigrants and ban drugs across to the US. Donald Trump knows his tariff-based foreign policy approach has bipartisan support among Democrats and Republicans. It feeds well into his Made in America, local job creation narrative which catapulted him back to the White House in a non-consecutive term. India is overseeing this space, as it knows very well that even though the first tariff bullets may not be fired at India, eventually many will. Mr Trump has already spoken about India's high tariffs in his election rallies and notwithstanding the amount of good, the Indian IT services sector has done for the US, he needs to send home hard messages. The only saving grace in the upcoming US-India bilateral relationship, under President Trump 2.0 would be the personal equation, the



president-elect has with Prime Minister Modi. Knowing each other for a long period and having observed each other's style of governing, can be an initial advantage but not a long-term solution. Key Indian trade interlocutors are in high demand, especially those who have been in government during Trump's first presidency.

At some point in time, the issue of tariffs would come up in the bilateral conversations, where hard-nosed negotiations may be required. India and US under the Biden administration managed to establish a formal institutional framework for settling trade and tariff issues in the form of a Trade Policy Forum (TPF). The TPF platform provides trade representatives from the US and India to meet regularly to discuss and find solutions to mutual areas of concern. To be sure the TPF mechanism existed even under the Trump administration, but with one meeting and a new Indian government under Prime Minister Modi (with less focus on trade and external affairs policy), it served little purpose. Chances are, given Donald Trump's style of functioning, the TPF may be relegated to the background and several transactional bilateral meetings would be formatted to, minimise the friction in the trade relations.

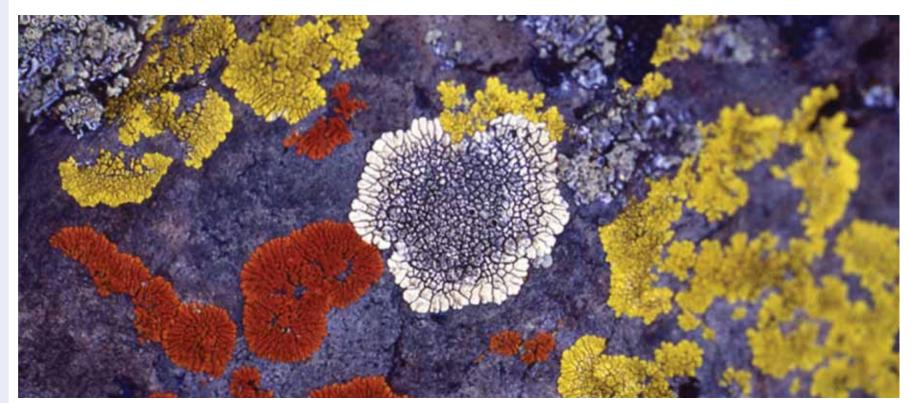
It may be worth noting that India has a trade surplus with the US, a point Mr Trump will keep in mind to extract his side of the deal. Meanwhile, the expected tightening of the trade environment between the US and China would have a significant impact on the global economy. China would have to find newer markets to push some of the goods, which could be too expensive to export to the US. India and its neighbouring nations would have to brace up. Prices of items in the US, most of which are imported from China could add an extra burden on household budgets, which in turn could push rate hikes.

These global headwinds will shape, the narratives for a long time to come. It could have an inflationary impact on global oil prices and growth of the several global economies. India's Reserve Bank has already cautioned that the slowdown in the global economy, protectionism, and tariffs are three key factors that will shape India's economy next year. It would be another tightrope with clever hands of the juggler on rope which can carry India for the next few years.

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Climate change and Lichens: The tiny titans of nature

Lichens, the silent guardians of our ecosystem, are under threat from climate change and need to be saved, write BKP SINHA and ARVIND KUMAR JHA



ibrant patches of colour adorning some tree trunks and rocks may draw your attention as you move in the forest. Although they appear as mere stains or growths; they are intricate organisms called lichens, a product of a mutualistic alliance between fungus and algae. Making it a unique creation of nature, the fungus absorbs water and nutrients from the air while an organic compound is generated by the photosynthetic partner. Thus while fungi build a house; its algal partner supplies food as the breadwinner. Similarly, if fungi did not provide a secure structure, the algae would die homeless in harsh

The absence of cuticles and roots and their direct reliance on the atmosphere for nutrients, however, makes lichens highly vulnerable to pollutants. Found in a variety of shapes and colours, ranging from delicate leafy structures to crusty patches, they thrive in diverse habitats, from rocky mountainsides to rain forests and deserts. They can grow on soil, humus, stones, rocks, bricks, plaster, leaves, tree trunks, decaying wood and even on glass. Overtly so simple and insignificant in the face of the dominant bias of human beings that often considers a forest just as an assemblage of trees and vegetation mix, lichens play an extremely vital role in ecosystems. Lichens are known to play a crucial role in soil formation, breaking down rocks through biogeochemical and biochemical weathering and creating nutrient-rich soil paving the way for other plants to grow. They produce unique compounds with potential medicinal properties, PLANTS TO GROW

such as antibiotics and antifungals. They are used in medicine, food, fodder, perfume, spices, and dyes. Researchers are exploring these compounds to develop new drugs and sustainable materials. By understanding the adaptations and biochemical properties of lichens, one can unlock new possibilities and contribute to a more sustainable future. Lichens can survive at extreme temperatures and altitudes in which no creatures



LICHENS ARE KNOWN TO PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN SOIL FORMATION. **BREAKING DOWN** ROCKS THROUGH **BIOGEOCHEMICAL**

BIOCHEMICAL WEATHERING AND **CREATING NUTRIENT-RICH** SOIL PAVING THE WAY FOR OTHER

the edge of the forest than deep in the forest. They will be lesser near the towns as the air quality deteriorates Many lichens are incredibly sensitive to air pollution, particularly due to sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides, as also to the level of heavy metal pollution. All lichens, however, are not equally sensitive to air pollutants. Different lichen species exhibit different sensitivity to specific air pollutants. Consequently, lichens are wellsuited as biological indicators for monitoring environmental

More than seventeen thousand species of lichens are reported to cover around seven per cent of the world's surface. India, a land of diverse landscapes and climatic conditions, is home to rich biodiversity and harbours about 3,000 fascinating species of lichens. Some European countries like Germany, Italy, Portugal and Slovenia; considering lichen's response to pollution; have positioned them as bio-monitors and bio-indicators and included them in their air-pollution-related policy documents. Much of India's lichen diversity, however, remains relatively unexplored as regards their ecological significance and potential applications. Yet another crucial issue in the Indian context is the undervaluation of lichens in India.

When the diversion of forest land for rainforest purposes is proposed, the net present value (NPV) of the forest is calculated and the amount is recovered from the project proponents. Calculation of NPV does not consider the aspect of the immense value that lichens have from ecological as well as economic points of view. This is evident from the fact that the per hectare NPV of forests of Eco-class-I and Ecoclass-II categories that have emerged as a popular bio-moni-

forests of types Tropical Wet-E v e r g r e e n / S e m i -Evergreen/Moist-Deciduous/ Littoral and Swamp have been assigned the same value. It is essential that realistic values are assigned to the forests of different types and the monetised value of lichens and their services are duly incorporated therein. Climate change has serious implications for the lichens. Higher

temperatures can disrupt the delicate balance between the fungal and algal partners. Extreme heat can lead to desiccation and reduced growth rates. Altered rainfall patterns can affect the availability of water, which is crucial for lichen growth and reproduction. Further, climate change can exacerbate air pollution tion, harming lichens. A rise in pollution load in the air

breaks the lichen cell resulting in bleaching of the organism, and the same is followed by its An extremely valuable natural demise. Again, acid rain, caused resource the lichens are, they are by releasing sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides, can damage lichen tissues. Climate changeinduced alterations in habitats may result in the loss of suitable environments for their growth while fragmentation of habitats can critically limit dispersal and gene flow. The importance of exploring the roles of different organisms involved in the complex eco-processes in the context of global changes cannot be overestimated.

In this context, lichen is increasingly being recognised globally as a bio-indicator of 'Global Change Drivers' that are seen as interconnected stressors like climate change, pollution, land use change, and loss of biodiversity contributing to large-scale environmental impacts. The mapping of epiphytic lichen diversity to assess ecological changes has

toring approach in Europe and a European standard has been adopted under the Committee European d Normalisation (CEN) framework. It aims to provide Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to ensure reliability, consistency and objectivity while simultaneously improving data quality and comparability across space and time.

Needless to say, it is high time that India, possessing almost eighteen per cent of the world's lichen species and being global-ly the third-highest air-polluted country only after Bangla Desh and Pakistan, prioritises her efforts in this direction. Detailed exploration and study of lichens can also yield many more useful species for an unexpectedly wide variety of ecological as well as human needs and pursuits including their widespread use as bio-prospecting agents.

reportedly in a losing evolution-ary race against climate change. A 2022 study reveals that it could need more than one million years to adjust to the ecological crisis created due to just one degree

Celsius of warming.
With the unabated pace of global warming, lichens, considered one of the most unique and hardy species and a bio-monitoring tool, are facing the danger of getting obliterated from the face of our planet.

Well, the next time you encounter a tree or rock adorned with colourful lichens, take a moment to appreciate these remarkable organisms. Let us work towards their conservation as their beauty and ecological significance make them an integral part of our natural world.

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Educate. Advocate. Act Now: Confronting antimicrobial resistance

Awareness is crucial to stop misuse of antibiotics to stop antimicrobial resistance and its harmful side-effects

A ntimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) 2024' under the theme 'Educate. Advocate. Act Now,' we are reminded of both the remarkable achievements of antimicrobial medicine and the escalating threat posed by antimicrobial resistance (AMR). This year's theme serves as a clarion call for individuals, healthcare providers and policymakers to unite in protecting these life-saving drugs. Through education, advocacy and immediate action, we can address the growing crisis and secure a healthier future

for all. Life Before Antibiotics: A Fragile Existence For much of human history,



infections posed a dire threat to survival. Minor injuries, routine childbirth, or surgical procedures often led to fatal outcomes due to the lack of effective treatments. Ancient civilisations turned to natural remedies such as herbs, honey and garlic, but able. these measures were often inadequate. The concept of

diseases to spread rapidly on effective infection conwith devastating results. The Antibiotic Revolution:

A New Era of Medicine The discovery of penicillin by Alexander Fleming in 1928 marked a turning point in medical history. By the 1940s, penicillin was wide-

ly used to treat infections during World War II, saving countless lives. This success ushered in the "golden age" of antibiotics, spanning the 1940s to the 1960s, with groundbreaking drugs like streptomycin and tetracycline offering solutions to diseases once thought incur-

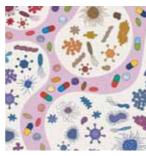
These "miracle drugs" revolutionised healthcare, microbes and the role of enabling complex surgeries, hygiene were poorly under- cancer therapies, and organ stood, enabling infectious transplants that depended

trol. Antibiotics became synonymous with progress and hope, reshaping our approach to health and longevity. AMR: A Global Crisis in

the Making

While antimicrobials transformed healthcare, their misuse and overuse have driven the global crisis of antimicrobial resistance. Mismanagement of these drugs has undermined their effectiveness, allowing resistant strains of bacteria to flourish.

Misuse and Overuse: Antibiotics are frequently prescribed for conditions like viral infections (e.g., the common cold), where they have no effect. In agri-



used excessively, often to promote animal growth rather than treat illness. This practice creates resistant bacteria that can transfer to humans through the food

Underuse: Failing to complete prescribed antibiotic courses, skipping doses, or using leftover medications allows bacteria to survive culture, antimicrobials are and develop resistance.

such Examples Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) highlight the danger of resistance. Once easily treatable, infections like MRSA now require lastresort drugs, which are often more toxic, expensive, and less effective.

The Innovation Gap: Despite the urgent need for new treatments, the development of antibiotics has stagnated. No new classes of antibiotics have been discovered in recent decades, leaving humanity vulnerable to resistant pathogens. Developing antibiotics is an expensive and time-consuming process and limited financial incentives deter pharmaceutical companies from pursuing research in AMR and fostering respon-

this field. As a result, existing drugs are our most critical line of defense, underscoring the need to use them responsibly.

Public education is a powerful tool in combating AMR. Raising awareness about the

Educate:

proper use of antibiotics is crucial to reducing unnecessary prescriptions. Antibiotics are effective only against bacterial infections, not viruses. Simple practices, such as completing prescribed courses and avoiding sharing or stockpiling antibiotics, can significantly reduce resistance. Community outreach programs and health campaigns are essential in promoting a deeper understanding of

sible antimicrobial use.

Advocate: Governments, healthcare organisations, and advocacy groups play a pivotal role in addressing AMR. Policies that regulate antimicrobial use in agriculture, improve prescribing practices, and promote the use of diagnostics can help mitigate resis-Antimicrobial tance. Stewardship Programmes in hospitals encourage responsible antibiotic use, ensuring patients receive appropriate treatment while minimising unnecessary exposure.

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Dhaka High Court refuses to ban ISKCON in Bangladesh

The High Court on Thursday refused to ban ISKCON's activities in Bangladesh, a local newspaper reported days after a lawyer was killed in a clash between security personnel and supporters of a Hindu leader arrested on sedition charges. The lawyer had sought a ban

from the high court on the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) after placing some newspaper reports related to the organisation on Wednesday. The court had asked the attorney general to inform it about the steps taken by the government regarding ISKCON's recent activities, according to The Daily Star.

Hindu leader Chinmoy Krishna Das, who was arrested this week, was earlier expelled from ISKCON. His arrest triggered clashes on Tuesday during which Advocate Saiful Islam, an assistant public prosecutor, was killed. When the High Court proceedings started on Thursday, the attorney general's office placed the information sought by the court before the bench of Justice Farah Mahbub and Justice Debasish Roy Chowdhury, The Daily Star said. Additional Attorney General Aneek R Haque and Deputy Attorney General Asad Uddin informed the HC bench that three separate cases have been filed in connection with the murder of lawver Saiful Islam Alif and ISKCON's activities, and 33 accused have been arrested in these cases.

The bench then hoped that the government would remain cautious about protecting the law and order situation and lives and properties of the people of Bangladesh, the newspaper added. India on Tuesday noted with "deep concern" Das' arrest and denial of bail, and urged Dhaka to ensure the safety and security of Hindus and all other minority groups. Separately, a group of Supreme Court lawyers sent a legal notice to Bangladesh

government on Wednesday seeking a ban on ISKCON describing it as a "radical organisation." The notice, sent by Al Mamun Russell on behalf of 10 lawyers, also demanded prosecution of those responsible for Advocate Islam's murder, The Dhaka Tribune newspaper said quoting the notice.

"ISKCON has been operating in Bangladesh as a radical organisation, engaging in activities designed to provoke communal unrest," the notice alleged. Citing a book by former Bangladeshi intelligence officials, the notice alleges that ISKCON has been promoting religious events "with the intent of inciting sectarian violence," "imposing its beliefs on traditional Hindu communities, and forcibly recruiting members from lower Hindu castes, the newspaper said.

Russel's notice was addressed to the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Law and Justice, and the Inspector General of Police and called for an immediate ban on ISKCON in Bangladesh under relevant section of the Anti-Terrorism Act,

Earlier, the ISKCON had urged the Bangladesh authorities to promote "peaceful coexistence" for Hindus in the country as it "strongly" denounced Das' arrest. Das, the spokesperson for Bangladesh Ŝammilita Sanatani Jagran Jote, was arrested from Dhaka's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport on Monday as he was about to fly to Chattogram to join a rally. He was denied bail and sent to jail

by the Chattogram's Sixth

Metropolitan Magistrate court in a sedition case. ISKCON Bangladesh General Secretary Chandra Charu Brahmachari said, "We express our serious concern and strongly denounce the recent arrest of Chinmov Krishna Das ... We also condemn the subsequent violence and attacks against Sanatanis in various regions of Bangladesh.

Pakistan, China hold military level talks on counter-terrorism

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Dakistan and China military officials held talks on counter-terrorism and regional security amid unease following the recent attacks on Chinese nationals.

General Zhang Youxia, Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC) China and one of China's two top military leaders, is visiting Pakistan along with a high-level delegation, according to a military statement.

General Zhang held a one-onone meeting with Army Chief Gen Asim Munir on Wednesday, followed by delegation-level discussions.

According to the statement, the engagements focused on "matters of mutual interest, regional security dynamics, measures for regional stability, and enhancing bilateral defence cooperation."

General Zhang spoke about Pakistan's ongoing counter-terrorism efforts, which remain a key topic of discussion between the two countries due to the rising frequency of attacks targeting Chinese nationals working in Pakistan

Newspaper Dawn reported that there have been media reports that Beijing is seeking a more proactive role in ensuring the safety of its citizens in Pakistan, but the Foreign Office has emphasised that counter-terrorism cooperation between the two countries is based on mutual respect for each other's sovereignty.

Under the regional stability head, the two sides exchanged views about the Indian role in the region and the developments in Afghanistan, particularly the presence of terrorist groups, Dawn added.

The CMC vice chairman's visit follows a trip by Gen Li Qiaoming, commander of the People's Liberation Army Ground Forces, to Pakistan in late August

Additionally, over 300 Chinese troops arrived in Pakistan to take part in the joint China-Pakistan anti-terrorism exercise, Warrior-VIII, amid escalating militant attacks in the country. The opening ceremony for the drills was held on

Wednesday, a report posted on the Chinese Defence Ministry's official website said. Running until mid-December, the drills aim to enhance joint counterterrorism operational capabilities. During the talks on Wednesday, General Munir highlighted the resilience of Pakistan-China relations, noting their ability to withstand shifts in international and regional dynamics. He expressed gratitude for China's

General Zhang, in turn, praised Pakistan's dedication to the strategic partnership and reaffirmed China's commitment to strengthening the enduring bilateral relationship, the statement added.

unwavering support for

Pakistan.

The two generals last met in Beijing in April 2023, where General Zhang pledged to deepen and expand practical cooperation, elevate military. to-military ties, and jointly safeguard the common interests of both countries while promoting regional peace and stability, reported Dawn. The ties between Pakistan and

China have come under strain as Chinese nationals have frequently come under attack from terrorists and separatist groups in different parts of the country. The talks and the drills follow this week's attack when at least 50 persons were killed and 20 injured when militants ambushed three vehicles Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on Thursday.

The attacks involving suicide bombers have been taking place despite Pakistan deploying over 30,000 security personnel to guard Chinese citi-

zens in the country. Last month, two Chinese engi neers were among those killed in a suicide bomb attack near Karachi airport drawing a strong reaction from the Chinese government over the security of their citizens in Pakistan.

Separatist groups have target ed Chinese nationals working in Pakistan on several private projects and also those under the aegis of the USD 60 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)

Attacks on minorities in B'desh: Indian-American body urges Biden, Trump to intervene

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

n influential Indian-An influential indian-American organisation has urged US President Joe Biden and President-elect Donald Trump to call on the government of Bangladesh to protect the minority Hindu community in the country.

In separate letters to Biden and Trump, the Foundation for India and Indian Diaspora Studies (FIIDS) on Wednesday expressed grave concern over the escalating human rights violations against religious minorities in Bangladesh and the recent arrest of Hindu spiritual leader Chinmoy Krishna Das Brahmachari.

Bangladesh's minority Hindus have faced over 200 attacks, including those on their temples, since the fall of Sheikh Hasina's Awami League government on August 5, according to the FIIDS.

Das was arrested on Monday in a sedition case and later denied bail by a court, triggering protests by community members in various locations, including the capital Dhaka and the port city of

Chattogram. He was a member of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) and was recently expelled.

Calling for an independent inquiry into the violence against minorities, Khanderao Kand, President and Chief of Policy and Strategy, FIIDS requested Biden to urge Bangladesh Chief Advisor Yunus Mohammed to release Das, provide protection to minority communities and publicly commit to upholding secular principles.

"Bangladesh's progress as a democratic and inclusive society depends on safeguarding the rights of all its citizens, including its most vulnerable populations. We trust that your leadership will champion these values and help restore hope for those who continue to face oppression and displacement," he said. In his letter to Trump, Kand said, "As the incoming leader of the free world, you have the unique opportunity to prioritise the protection of vulnerable communities and reinforce America's commitment to

religious freedom and human

He urged Trump to appeal to the interim government to ensure Das' release, safeguard ISKCON's operations and protect minority communities from further violence and encourage Bangladesh to reaffirm its secular constitution and hold free and fair elections to restore democratic governance. strongly condemn

Bangladesh for its atrocities against minorities, the arrest of a Hindu monk and its shocking attempt to ban the humanitarian religious minority organisation, ISKCON, while ignoring jihadi extremist organisations," Kand told PTI. Bangladesh is rapidly descend ing into a radicalised Islamic state, all under the watch of the US, the State Department, and the UN who must act now to restore democracy and protect minorities. I request not only President Biden but would urge President Trump and his transition team to give priority to restoration of peace and protect minorities in Bangladesh," he said.

Instead of taking action against radical Islamist groups, the Bangladeshi government has shockingly labelled ISKCON, a globally respected humanitar ian organisation, a "religious fundamentalist organisation' Kand said.

This baseless accusation, spearheaded by the attorney general, comes alongside a petition to ban ISKCON, which has fed millions worldwide, promoted interfaith harmony, and provided critical humanitarian aid in Bangladesh during disasters. Such a move undermines global religious tolerance and human rights, he said.

In a social media post, popular African-American singer Mary Millben condemned the attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh. "The imprisonment of Chinmoy Krishna Das and the continued attacks against Hindus and other minorities by extremists in Bangladesh must be addressed now by world leaders. We must preserve religious freedom, and the safety of all people of faith globally," she said.

Indian-American groups have held peaceful protests in various US cities against the arrest

Russian missile, drone attack targets Ukraine's energy infrastructure

Russia conducted a "massive" attack against Ukraine's energy infrastructure on Thursday, firing nearly 200 missiles and drones and leaving more than a million households without power, Ukrainian officials said.

Russia's second major aerial attack on Ukraine's power grid in less than two weeks amplified fears that the Kremlin aims to cripple the country's power generation capacity before winter.

"Attacks on energy facilities are happening all over Ukraine," Energy Minister Herman Halushchenko said in a post on Facebook. He added that emergency power outages were implemented nationwide.

In some regions, Kalibr cruise missiles with cluster munitions smashed into civilian targets, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said, calling it "an insidious escalation." Cluster munitions release numerous small bombs over a wide area, making them dangerous to civilians both during and after an attack

Ukrainian officials have and equipment to push warned recently that Russia was stockpiling cruise and ballistic missiles, presumably for another pre-winter aerial campaign against Ukraine's power grid. Ukrainian officials have in the past accused Russia of weaponising winter."

Around half of Ukraine's energy infrastructure has been destroyed during the almost three years of war with Russia. and rolling electricity blackouts are common. Kyiv's Western allies have sought to help Ukraine protect power generation with air defense systems and funds for rebuilding. Russia in previous years has

targeted Ukraine's electricity generation, aiming to deny civilians critical heating and drinking water supplies during the bitter winter months and break Ukrainian spirits.

The attacks also seek to hobble Ukraine's defense industry that is now producing missiles, drones and armoured vehicles, among other military assets. The war has been going in Russia's favour in recent months as its bigger army uses its advantages in manpower

Ukrainian forces backward in eastern areas, though its offensive has been slow and costly. Explosions were reported in Kyiv, Kharkiv, Rivne, Khmelnytskyi, Lutsk, and many other cities in central and western Ukraine.

Zelenskyy urged Western countries to accelerate delivery of promised air defence weaponry. Ukrainian officials in the past have grumbled that military aid is slow to arrive. "Each such attack proves that air defense systems are needed now in Ukraine, where they save lives, and not at storage bases," Zelenskyy said on the Telegram messaging app.

The head of Ukraine's presidential office, Andrii Yermak, said in a Telegram post that Russia had stockpiled missiles to strike Ukrainian infrastructure and wage war against civilians during the cold season. "They were helped by their crazy allies, including from North Korea," he wrote.

Western governments and South Korea say North Korea in recent months has intensified its military support for The head of the Lviv region in western Ukraine, Maksym Kozytskyi, said the attack left

more than half a million households without electricity. Over 280,000 households in the northwestern Rivne region were without electricity because of the attack, according to regional Gov. Oleksandr Koval. Running water supplies were also patchy in affected

areas. Some schools in Rivne city switched to online classes There were also strikes on the bordering Volyn region, where 215,000 households had no electricity, regional head Ivan Rudnytskyi said. All critical infrastructure that lost power was switched to generators. Energy infrastructure was also targeted in the western Ivano-Frankivsk region, local officials said. Air defences were activat-

Local officials ordered the opening of "points of invincibility" — shelter-type places where people can charge their phones and other electrical devices and get refreshments during blackouts.

ed there, and emergency power

outages were introduced.

Bangladesh seeks Hasina's trial in ICC

Bangladesh has sought to pursue deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina's trial in the International Criminal Court even as she faced a trial in a domestic tribunal on charges of crimes against humanity, office of the interim government chief Muhammad Yunus said here on Thursday.

"The Chief Adviser Yunus discussed the issue of Hasina's trial with International Criminal Court (ICC) prosecutor Karim A Khan who called on him at his official Jamuna residence," an official of the chief adviser's press wing said.

Hasina fled to India on August 5 following widespread protests against her Awami League-led government over a controversial job quota system. Three days later, Yunus, a Nobel laureate, took over as the Chief Adviser of the interim government.

He said Yunus, during his meeting with Khan on Wednesday, told him that Bangladesh intends to pursue the charges against Hasina and her allies particularly on charges of carrying out "massacre" during the July-August mass uprising and enforced disappearances during the past 15 years of her rule.

Dozens of cases are now being processed at the Internal Crimes Tribunal of Bangladesh (ICT-BD) against Hasina, her cabinet colleagues, several of them being in jail or on the run at home and abroad while Dhaka sought Interpol help for her repatriation from India

Yunus, earlier, said his government would also seek her return from India to stand trial.

The ICC prosecutor, however, said the international court would like to extend cooperation to ICT-BD, which by now, has issued an arrest warrant for Hasina and several top-ranking members of her

Awami League party. According to the press wing, the duo during their discussion, also discussed the Rohingya crisis and humanitarian assistance for them, the Myanmar situation alongside the prosecution and accountability of atrocities during the July-August mass movement in

Bangladesh. Khan informed Yunus that his office had formally sought an arrest warrant for Myanmar's military government chief Min Aung Hlaing for crimes against humanity regarding the treatment of

Sheikh Hasina condemns arrest of Hindu spiritual leader, seeks release

PTI DHAKA

Deposed prime minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina on Thursday condemned the arrest of Hindu spiritual leader Chinmoy Krishna Das and said the leader must be released immediately.

Das who was taken into custody earlier this week on sedition charges

"A top leader of the Sanatan religious community has been unjustly arrested, he must be released immediately," Hasina said in a statement. "A temple has been burnt in Chittagong. Previously, mosques, shrines, churches, monasteries and homes of the Ahmadiyya community were attacked, vandalised and looted and set on fire. Religious freedom and security of life and property of people of all communities should be ensured," the former prime minister said in the statement posted on Awami League's X account. Hasina fled to India on August 5 following wide-spread protests against her Awami League-led government over a controversial job quota system. Three days later, Yunus, a Nobel laureate, took over as the Chief Adviser of the interim government. Hindu minority groups have been frequently reporting atrocities against their community members in different parts of Bangladesh, even after Yunus took charge. There are also reports of the rise of extremist groups like Jamaat-e-Islami and similar ideolog-



Israeli police remove protesters blocking a main intersection in Jerusalem during a demonstration by relatives of hostages held by the Hamas militant group in the Gaza Strip and their supporters to call for a hostage release deal. AP/PTI

Israel-Hezbollah ceasefire holds

AP ■ TYRE (LEBANON)

Thousands of Lebanese displaced by the war between Israel and Hezbollah militants returned home on Wednesday as a ceasefire took hold, driving cars stacked with personal belongings and defying warnings from Lebanese and Israeli troops to avoid some areas.

If it endures, the ceasefire would end nearly 14 months of fighting between Israel and Hezbollah, which escalated in mid-September into all-out war and threatened to pull Hezbollah's patron, Iran, and Israel's closest ally, the United States, into a broader conflagra-

The deal does not address the war in Gaza, where Israeli strikes overnight on two schools-turned-shelters in Gaza City killed 11 people, including four children, according to hospital officials. Israel said one strike targeted a Hamas sniper and the other targeted militants hiding among civilians.

The truce in Lebanon could give reprieve to the 1.2 million Lebanese displaced by the fighting and the tens of thousands of Israelis who fled their homes along the border.

"They were a nasty and ugly 60

days," said Mohammed Kaafarani, 59, who was displaced from the Lebanese village of Bidias. "We reached a point where there was no place to

ical extremist wings.

The US- and France-brokered deal, approved by Israel late Tuesday, calls for an initial twomonth halt to fighting and requires Hezbollah to end its armed presence in southern Lebanon, while Israeli troops are to return to their side of the bor-

Thousands of additional Lebanese troops and UN peace-keepers would deploy in the south, and an international panel headed by the United States would monitor compliance. Israel says it reserves the right to strike Hezbollah should it violate the terms of the deal. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said troops arrested four Hezbollah operatives, including a local commander, who had entered what it referred to as a

been ordered to prevent people from returning to villages near the border. Israel is still fighting Hamas militants in Gaza in response to the group's cross-border raid into southern Israel on October

7, 2023. But President Joe Biden

restricted area. It said troops have

on Tuesday said his administration would make another push in the coming days for a cease-fire there and the release of dozens of hostages held by

Hezbollah supporters declare victory despite devastation: Israel can claim major victories in the war, including the killing of Hezbollah's top leader Hassan Nasrallah and most of its senior commanders, as well as the destruction of extensive militant infrastructure.

A complex attack involving exploding pagers and walkie-talkies, widely attributed to Israel, appeared to show a remarkable

degree of penetration into the

secretive militant group.
The battered Hezbollah has lost much of the mystique it acquired by fighting Israel to a stalemate in the 2006 war. Yet the Shiite militant group still managed to put up heavy resistance, slowing İsrael's advance while firing scores of rockets, missiles and drones across the border each day. "This is a moment of victory, pride and honour for us, the Shiite sect, and for all of Lebanon," said Hussein Sweidan, a resident returning to the port city of Tyre. Sporadic celebratory gunfire was heard at a main roundabout in the city, as drivers

honked their horns and residents cheered.

Israel carried out heavy strikes until the ceasefire took hold, pounding targets in the already hard-hit southern suburbs of Beirut known as the Dahiyeh, where Hezbollah was headquartered. Residents returning to its rubble-strewn streets on Wednesday projected defiance. "We don't care about the rubble or destruction. We lost our livelihood, our properties, but it's OK, it will all come back," said Fatima Hanifa, evoking the rebuilding after the 2006 war.

"It will be even more beautiful. And I say to Netanyahu that you because we are back and the others (Israelis) didn't come back." Other Lebanese are more critical of Hezbollah, accusing it of having dragged the economically devastated country into an unnecessary war on behalf of its patron, Iran. They control us and we can't do

have lost, and lost, and lost

anything about it. This war killed whoever it killed and now they're telling us it's a victory," said a young man who was returning from neighbouring Syria after being displaced from the eastern Bekaa province. He spoke on condition of anonymity, fearing retribution.

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Canada is already examining tariffs on certain US items following Trump's threat

anada is already examining Cpossible retaliatory tariffs on certain items from the United States should Presidentelect Donald Trump follow through on his threat to impose sweeping tariffs on Canadian products, a senior official has

Trump has threatened to impose tariffs on products from Canada and Mexico if the countries don't stop what he called the flow of drugs and migrants across southern and northern borders. He said he would impose a 25 per cent tax on all products entering the US from Canada and Mexico as one of his first executive orders. A Canadian government official said on Wednesday that Canada is preparing for every eventuality and has started thinking about what items to target with tariffs in retaliation. The official stressed no decision has been made. The person spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to speak publicly. When Trump imposed higher tariffs during his first term in office, other countries respond-ed with retaliatory tariffs of

announced billions of new duties in 2018 against the US in a tit-for-tat response to new taxes on Canadian steel and aluminium

Many of the US products were chosen for their political rather than economic impact. For example, Canada imports USD 3 million worth of yogurt from the US annually and most comes from one plant in Wisconsin, home state of then-House Speaker Paul Ryan. That product was hit with a 10 per cent duty.

Another product on the list was whiskey, which comes from Tennessee and Kentucky, the latter of which is the home state of then-Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell.

Trump made the threat Monday while railing against an influx of illegal migrants, even though the numbers at Canadian border pale in comparison to the southern border. The US Border Patrol made 56,530 arrests at the Mexican border in October alone — and 23,721 arrests at the Canadian one between October 2023 and September 2024.

Canadian officials say lumping Canada in with Mexico is

work with the Trump administration to lower the numbers from Canada. The Canadians are also worried about influx north of migrants if Trump follows through with his plan for

mass deportations. Trump also railed about fentanyl from Mexico and Canada, even though seizures from the Canadian border pale in comparison to the Mexican border. US customs agents seized 43 pounds of fentanyl at the Canadian border last fiscal year, compared with 21,100 pounds at the Mexican border. Canadian officials argue their country is not the problem and that tariffs will have severe implications for both countries. Canada is the top export destination for 36 US states. Nearly USD 3.6 billion Canadian (USD 2.7 billion) worth of goods and services cross the border each day. About 60 per cent of US crude oil imports are from Canada, and 85 per cent of US electricity imports are from Canada. Canada is also the largest foreign supplier of

steel, aluminium and uranium

to the US and has 34 critical

minerals and metals that the

Pentagon is eager for and

'Canada is essential to the United States' domestic energy supply," Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland said.

Trump has pledged to cut American energy bills in half within 18 months, something that could be made harder if a 25 per cent premium is added to Canadian oil imports. In 2023, Canadian oil accounted for almost two-thirds of total US oil imports and about onefifth of the US oil supply.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is holding an emergency virtual meeting on Wednesday with the leaders of Canada's provinces, who want Trudeau to negotiate a bilateral trade deal with the United States that excludes Mexico.

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from Mrs. Chandrawati owner vide Sale Deed
dated 22.08.2022 (Vide Doc. No.13057)
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1	Outsourcing of pest control work of Northern Railway	Rs 2881323.36	Rs 57,600/-	36 Months	24.12.2024					
Central Hospital, New Delhi on contract basis for a period of 36 (24 x7) in the section of H & MI/NRCH under Director/NRCH.										

The e-tender is, to be submit through railway website 'www.ireps.gov.in'. The tenders can be submit on website up to 15:00 hrs. on 24.12.2024 and shall be opened there after. NO: 128-W-269-O.E.T-07- NRCH-2024-25 Date: 28.11.2024 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE 3675/24

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The bidder who have downloaded the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender online on the website https://assamtenders.gov.in, with proof of payment of non refundable tender fee of Rs. 5000.00 (Rupees five thousand) only. The tender should be submitted online as



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Zuckerberg dines with Trump in Mar-a-Lago

AP ■ FORT LAUDERALE(US)

Donald Trump dined on Wednesday with Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg at the president-elect's Mar-a-Lago club in Florida, bringing together the Facebook founder and the for mer president who was once banned from that social network.

Stephen Miller, who has been appointed deputy chief of staff for Trump's second term, said Zuckerberg, like other business leaders, wants to support Trump's economic plans. The tech CEO has been seeking to change his company's perception on the right following a rocky relationship with Trump

"Mark, obviously, he has his own interest, and he has his own company and he has his own agenda," Miller said in an interview on Fox News about the meeting. "But he's made clear that he wants to support the national renewal of America under Trump's leadership.

A spokesperson for Meta confirmed that Zuckerberg and Trump met on Wednesday, saying he was invited for dinner with the presidentelect and other members of his team to talk about the incoming administration.

Trump was kicked off Facebook following the January 6, 2021 attack on the US Capitol. The company restored his account in early 2023. During the 2024 campaign, Zuckerberg did not endorse a candidate for president.

Zuckerberg has since taken a more positive stance toward Trump. Earlier this year, he praised Trump's response to his first assassination attempt, calling it "badass." Zuckerberg also complained that senior Biden administration ials pressured Facebook to COVID-19 content during the pandemic.

Still, Trump in recent months had continued to attack Zuckerberg publicly. In July, he posted a message on his own social network Truth Social threatening to send election fraudsters to prison in part by citing a nickname he used for the Meta CEO. "ZUCKERBUCKS, be careful!"

Trump wrote. The Thanksgiving eve visit also comes as tech mogul Elon Musk has become more influential in Trump's Make America Great Again movement, contributing an estimated UŠD 200 million through his political action committee to help elect Trump. Musk is the billionaire

owner of the X social network, a competitor to

Musk has spent considerable time at Mar-a-Lago since the election, and Trump selected him to lead an outside advisory panel known as the "Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)" to identify waste with Vivek Ramaswamy, a venture capitalist and former GOP presidential candidate.

US embassy in Pak issues securiy alert for Peshawar

PTI ■ PESHAWAR

The US Mission here has issued a security alert urging its citizens not to visit Peshawar in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province in northwest Pakistan until December 16 due to "security concerns." The security alert titled 'Threat to Serena Hotel, Peshawar' advising the US Mission personnel to avoid the said hotel in Peshawar, the capital of the province, was issued on Wednesday and advised caution with immediate effect. "US citizens are encouraged to avoid the hotel and the area around the hotel during this period and reconsider travel plans," the statement read and reminded the US citizens to revisit the 'Do Not Travel' advisory issued in September for the same province "due to terrorism." The September 10 advisory lists the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at 'Level 4' of the threat perception in the 'Do Not Travel' category. "Active terrorist and insurgent groups routine-

ly conduct attacks against civilians, non-governmental organisations, government offices, and security forces. "These groups historically have targeted both government officials and civilians. Assassination and kidnapping attempts are common, including the targeting of polio eradication teams and government of Pakistan security service (police and military) personnel," it

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Poorvi D/o Anuj Kumar Gupta R/o House No. 51, Abhav Khand-1, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad-201014 changed my name to Poorvi PD(986)A

I, Kamaldeep S/o Chander

Mohan R/o Flat No. 1D, Himalaya Legend, Nyay Indirapuram, Khand-1, Ghaziabad-201014 changed my name to Kamal Deep Tandon.

PD(987)A

I, Abhishek Kumar S/o Yugal Kishor Singh & Usha Devi, Aged about 30 Years, R/0-E/120/2, First Floor, Hari Nagar, Ashram New Dellhi-110014, Have Changed My Name from Abhishek Kumar to Abhishek Usha Singh For All Future Purposes

PD(988)A I, Rohit Kumar S/o Sh. Shyam

Lal R/o H.No.B-11, Khubram Park, Prem Nagar-1, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi-110086 Confirmed that my correct name is Rohit Kumar not Rohit and also confirmed that Rohit Kumar and Rohit both are the same and one person.

PD(989)C I, Mithlesh Devi, Mother of-No.2897750N Hav Vinod Kumar, R/o- Vill- Nagla Aam, Post- Akhwai, Teh- Kirawali, Dist- Agra, U.P.- 283102, have changed my name from Mithlesh Devi to Mithlesh, affidavit dated 28/11/2024 before Notary

Public Delhi.

PD(990)C

I, Dhanji Bhai father of JC-471361W Rank Ex Sub Clk Name Makwana Nilesh Dhanjibhai, resident of Dharamnagar, Maudi Plot Main Road, Near Sardar Patel Bording, Near Momai Pan, Rajkot, Gujarat, PIN-360004, have changed my name from Dhanji Bhai to Makwana Dhanjibhai Kurjibhai vide Affidavit dated 28/11/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(991)C I, Santa Ben mother of JC-471361W Rank Ex Sub Clk Name Makwana Nilesh Dhanjibhai, resident of Dharamnagar, Maudi Plot Main Road, Near Sardar Patel Bording, Near Momai Pan, Rajkot, Gujarat, PIN - 360004, have changed my name from Santa Ben to Makwana Shantaben Dhanjibhai vide Affidavit dated 28/11/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

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I, Tasleem Hussain S/o-Nawab Ali, R/o- T-3, Old Nangal, Delhi Cantt, South West Delhi, Delhi-110010, have changed the name of my minor daughter Anshra Batul aged 11 year and she shall hereafter be known as Huda Fatima.

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Pushpendra Kumar S/o Yatindra Dev R/o House no.209, Budh Vihar, Akbarpur-Bahrampur, (201009). Declare that Birthdate of my minor Daughter has been wrongly Verma aged 3 years. Her actual Date of birth is 22/01/2020. Respectivly which may be amended accordingly.

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Dr. Deepali Bhardwaj 292. SFS Hauz Khas N. Delhi Ph. 9811709517

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vailing loan facility. the aforesaid original said documents or an of them are/is found or have/has been found b any person, the same may be returned an dersigned at the address mention ein below within 15 days of publication nited and no objection shall be acceptab

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howk, Sohna, Gurgaon as the "Said Property" Notice is hereby given to the general publi ncluding Banks, Financial Institutions, etc hat, as informed by our client, Mr. Prince Jair that, as informed by our client, Mr. Prince Jain ne is the sole and absolute owner of the sai property vide Transfer Deed dated 05.09.201 executed by Smt. Shakuntla Devi in his favour The said Deed is registered as Document No 8413, Addl. Book No. I, Volume No. 2128/1508 3413, Addi. Book No. 1, Volume No. 2128/13by pages 87-88 on 0.50.92019 (SRO-Sohna). I this connection, our client has further informe us that the following original document namely (1) Sale deed bearing Vasika No. 27 in favour of Shakuntla Devi; and (2) Sale dee aring Vasika No. 745 in favour of Shakunt earing vasika No. 743 in lavour of shakunia evi have been lost, misplaced and not aceable. These documents form part of the hain documents and hereinafter called the said documents. An FIR regarding loss of nese said documents has been lodged tith Delhi Police Crime Branch vide LR 0.2338/BIG/204 dated 25.11.2024. Now. o.2335805/2024 dated 25.11.2024. ur client intends to mortgage the said proper ith Kotak Mahindra Prime Limited fo

ry person, the same may be returned and slivered to the undersigned at the address entioned herein below. Further, if any person, ody, institution is having any claim and/or ojection in respect of the said property, e/she/they may raise his/her/ their ojection/s, in writing, with documentary indence, by Registered AD Post, to the decisioned at the address, mentioned refer below within 15 days of publication of is notice. Otherwise, after expiry of 18 lys from the date of publication of this notice o objection shall be acceptable and the id property shall be mortgaged by ou ent in favour of Kotak Mahindra Prime against such mortgage.
eneral Public may also take note that an eal or transaction done by anybody on the said of tenses of the said documents or any of ther hall be illegal and not binding on our clien

INVITING EOI FOR PURCHASING DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

The Deputy Chief Engineer Const.-II, Shivaji bridge, Northern Railway, New Delh

for and on behalf of the President of India invites open E-Tender for the following

work. Tender closing date- 20.12.2024 at 15:00 hrs. Bidders will be able to subr

their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are no

allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored

Bidder should visit the www.ireps.gov.in website for all details including

E-Tender (Two Packet) (Open Tender)

140-W-Dy.CE-C-II-CSB Date: 28.11.2024

Construction of 2-lane Road over bridge in lieu of existing level crossing

No. 42 at Km 96/13-14 in between SKF-KAT station with Bow String

Girder/Bow Shaped Truss along with Construction of LHS by pushing

Rs. 21,52,22,730/- (Rs. Twenty one crore fifty two lacs twenty two thousand seven hundred thirty Only.)

Rs. 12,26,100/- (Rs. Twelve lacs twenty-six thousand one

Available on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in. Tender

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method and other allied works on GZB-SRE section of Delhi division

hundred Only)

Tender closing date 20.12.2024 upto 15:00 hrs.

24 (Twenty Four) Months

web site up to 20.12.2024

Date and time of opening of tender 20.12.2024 upto 15:00 hrs

Notice No. Mech./DSL/Condemnation/2015/20 Vol-I Dated: 26-11-2024 The principal Chief Electrical Engineer of Electrical Department, N.F. Railway invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from prospective purchasers for purchase of 18 Nos. of WDG3A Diesel Locomotives (Loco No. 13200 13210, 13241, 13219, 13220, 13227, 13228, 13242, 14755, 14757 14761 & 14859 of Malda Town Diesel shed & Loco No. 13004, 13010 13014, 13387, 14836 & 14844 of New Guwahati Diesel shed) of N.F. Railway. These Locomotives are surplus ALCO Diesel Locos and aged more than 15 years in running condition. Locomotives can be inspected at Diesel sheds, Malda Town and Diesel shed, New Guwahati. For any queries please contact Dy.CME/DSL/NFR on any working day (Monday Friday) between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM (Contact No. 9957550408), The responds may be submitted in an envelope super scribed "EOI FOR PURCHASING DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES IN RUNNING CONDITION" to the address mentioned below, latest by 14-12-2024. Proposal may also be sent by email to ssedsImlg@gmail.com Office of the PCEE, N. F .Railway, Maligaon, Guwahati-781011.

Address: Office of the PCEE, NF Railway, Maligaon, Guwahati-781011 Dy.CME/D/HQ



THE PUNJAB STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION LTD.

e tenders are hereby invited for the purchase and supply of following items:

or.	Name of work/item	Period/Tentative
No.		Qty
1.	For Verka Head Office, Chandigarh	Annual/
	1. Purchase of different items	
	a) Paper Gallon	
	i. 2 Ltr	10 K
	ii. 4 Ltr	10 K
	iii. 5 Ltr	65 K
	b) Milk Pouch Tray	1.50 Lac
	i. HDPE Tray	
	ii. PPCP Tray	
	c) Polyliner	
	25 kg SMP Polyliner	75 MT
	d) Paneer Bags	
	i. 2kg	15 MT
	ii. 5kg	5 MT
	e) Citric Acid	2.5 MT
	f) Caustic Soda Lye	1400 MT
	2. Empanelment of statutory auditor for financial years 2024-25 to 2026-27	
	for:-	
	i. Milkfed, Pb.	2024-25
	ii. Verka Ludhiana Dairy, Verka Amritsar Dairy & Verka Patiala Dairy.	to
	iii. Verka Mohali Dairy.	2026-27
2.	For Verka Bathinda Dairy	
	Hiring of vehicles for sale depot bathinda & verka bathinda dairy for supply of	
	W.M.P.S.M.P Panjiri, Ghee, Butter, Powder, Tetra Pack & others products all Punjab	As per requirement
	& other states. Capacity 09 Ton,15 Ton, 20 Ton, 25 Ton.	
3.	For Verka Patiala Dairy	
	Hiring of :-	

Vehicle for procurement, marketing activities and extension work etc.for Verka Milk Plant (Swift Dezire, Toyta Etios, Honda Amaze i.e Sedan cars) Innova crystal for procurement & marketing activities etc. 01 No. Cold Store for storage of white butter (-18°C). Annual Refrigerated vehicles with data logger for transportation of Verka Ahmedabad. Annual/ 07 MT

(As & when required Dec 2024 to March 2025/ 2000 MT For Jalandhar Dairy 2000 MT a) Steam Coal having calorific value not less than 5500 Kcal/Kg (900-1000 MT per month) b) Hiring of insulated vehicles for supply of packed milk and fresh milk products i jalandhar, kapurthala and shaheed bhagat singh nagar district. Annual c) e- Tender are invited for disposal of unserviceable scrap material and machinen one time basic and annual rate contract. As per site For Verka Ludhiana Dairy a) Transportation of LSHS/ HSP (Heavy Petroleum Stock) from Panipat/ Mathur b) Hiring of passenger vehicles innova crysta without driver for minimum running of 01 No. 2000 kms per month on lump sum basis. For Cattle Feed Plant Bhattian, (Khanna) Khanna GKB Magnese Sulphate 02 MT (2000 kg) 2.3 MT(2300 kg) b) Live Yeast (saccharomyees cerevisiae) 20 MT 14 MT HMTba Chelates (Zine, Copper, Maganese) 15 MT,8MT,5MT|11.5MT,2MT,5MT HMTba Molecule 1MT(1000kg) Potassium iodide 0.12MT(120kg) Hiring of two five seater AC car model less than 7year old 02 cars

extended for another equal period & Kashmir and Union territory of Ladakh. 1. For complete details regarding above tender (NIT), please visit our website i.e. www.verka.coop & e Tendering portal i.e. eproc.punjab.gov.in. 2. Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website only

a) Transportation of Verka cattle feed and mineral feed supplement to various

b) Disposal of old bardana jute gunny bags above 50kg, katta upto 50kg & plastic

Hiring of commercial vehicles for material load of less than 01 MT, 01 MT, 1.5 MT

2.5 MT, 4.5 MT, 06 MT, 09 MT & 10 MT for supply of Verka Milk Products from

Milkfed Branch Sales Office Jammu to different stations in Union territory of Jammu

For Cattle Feed Plant Ghania-ke-Banger

stations in the state of Punjab.

For Branch Sales Office, Jammu

NA/12/26709/2023/39617 Dated CHD :- 11/28/2024

kattas.

Dy. General Manager (Purchase)

Annual (11.12.2024 to

10.12.2025)/

Approx. 13-14 lakh bags

Annual

(01.01.2025 till to

31.12.2025) Initially & may be

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

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per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.



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

APPENDIX IV (See rule 8(1)) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **UGRO Capital Limited**, having its registered office at 4th Floor, Tower 3, Equinox Business Park, LBS Road, Kurla, Mumbai 400070 ,under the ecuritisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security nterest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice to repay the amount mentioned in the notice together with interest thereon, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise f powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the said ules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.on the day, month and year mentioned below. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the roperty and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **UGRO Capital Limite**

or the amount mentioned in the notice together with interest thereon. The borrower's attention i invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, t redeem the secured assets

Borrower Details	Demand Notice	Mortgaged Property	Possession Date
1.Sai General and Kiryana Store 2.Sushma 3.Kuldeep Singh Loan Account Number: UGDELTH0000001248	Demand Notice dated 05.08.2024 for an amount of Rs. 33,98,380/- as on 05.08.2024	"All that piece and parcel of immovable property situated at the colony known as "Hari Nagar", of Entire Third Floor with Roof Right of Front Side Portion, Build on Property No. Be-A/136, Area Measuring 60 Sq. Yds. Out Of Khasra No. 1926/1, Village Tihar, New Delhi- 110064"	

Date: 29-11-2024, Place: Delh

Authorised Officer, UGRO Capital Limite **INVITING EOI FOR PURCHASING DIESEL**

LOCOMOTIVES OF DIESEL LOCO SHED Notice No.: Mech./DSL/Condemnation/2015/20 Vol-I Dated: 25-11-2024

The principal Chief Electrical Engineer of Electrical Department N.F.Railway invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from prospective purchasers for purchase of 09 Nos. of WDM3A Diesel Locomotives Loco No. 16621, 16634, 16639, 16640, 16724, 16765, 16845, 16848 & 16873) & 07 Nos of WDG3A Locomotives (Loco No. 14502, 14504, 14505, 14506, 14509, 14512 & 14513) a total of 16 Nos. of Diesel Loco Shed Malda Town (MLDD) of N.F. Railway. condition. Locomotives can be inspected at Diesel sheds, Malda Town (MLDD). For any queries please contact Dy.CME/DSL/NFR on any working day (Monday - Friday) between 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Contact No. 9957550408). The responds may be submitted in

by email to ssedsImIg@gmail.com Office of the PCEE, N.F.Railway, Maligaon, Guwahati-781011. Address: Office of the PCEE, NF Railway, Maligaon, Guwahati-

an envelope super scribed "EOI FOR PURCHASING DIESEL

LOCOMOTIVES IN RUNNING CONDITION" to the address

mentioned below, latest by 13-12-2024. Proposal may also be sent

Dy. CME/D/HQ



Indian Overseas Bank 101-110, 1ST FLOOR, R.G. COMPLEX, SECTOR-8, ROHINI

DELHI - 110085, TEL: 011-27940673, 8925951506 (APPENDIX IV) POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

(Under section 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002) The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Indian Overseas Bank

nder Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforce 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 issued a demand notice dated 08/08/2024 calling upon the Borrowers Mortgagors Murli Dhar to repay the amount mentioned in the notice ating to Rs 25,41,910,16 (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Forty One Thousand Nine Hundred Ten and Paise Sixteen Only) as on 08.08.2024 with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc till date of ealization within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

) The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken ossession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the

aid Rules on this 27" Day of November of the year 2024. (2) The borrowers 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 Indian Overseas Bank for an amount of being Rs 25,41,910,16 Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Forty One Thousand Nine Hundred Ten and Paise Sixteen Only) with interest thereon at contractual rates & rests as agreed, charges etc., from the aforesaid date mentioned in the demand notice till date of payment less repayments, if any, made after issuance of Demand lotice. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is Rs 26,15,229,16 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Fifteen Thousands Two Hundred Twenty Nine and Paisa Sixteen Only) as on 09-11-2024 payable with further

interest at contractual rates & rests, charges etc., till date of payment, (3)The borrower's and guarantor's attention is invited to provisions of Subection (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them, to

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

. Equitable mortgage of the residential Flat entire ground floor without roof right, measuring 50 sq. yds out of the built up property bearing property no. S-3/46, Old No. D-1, Part of Khasra No. 23, Old Mahabir Nagar, Gali No. 2, New Delhi in the name of Murli Dhar S/o-Shri Ram Krishan Ray. **Boundaries of Property**

North: Arya Samaj Mandir on Plot no. 2 South: Portion of the said property East: Gali 10 Ft

Sd/- Authorized Officer

NSE, Meghalaya Government ink pact for youth in BFSI sector



The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on Thursday said it has collaborated with the Meghalaya government for a skill building program for the youth of the state in the BFSI

This project will enhance employability and self-employment opportunities in the Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) sector, NSE said in a statement.

As part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the exchange with the support of the Meghalaya Government will implement the program to increase awareness, build skills and competencies in the BFSI across the state.

"As India cements its position amongst the world's largest economies and continues its remarkable growth story, the Northeast region stands poised to play a transformative role in this journey. Meghalaya is committed to being at the forefront of this transformation. "Our collaboration with the NSE through their Student Skilling Program marks a significant step in empowering Meghalaya's

By equipping our youth with financial knowledge and skills, we are investing in both their future and Meghalaya's prosper-Minister of Meghalaya, said. This program aims to empow-

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youth in the BFSI sectors. ity," Conrad Sangma, Chief

Government collects ₹1.44 lakh crore in toll tax since 2000

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The government has collectded Rs 1.44 lakh crore as toll tax at fee plazas presently operational under Public Private Partnerships (PPP) model on National Highways since December 2000, Parliament was informed on Thursday.

In a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha, road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari said all user fee plazas on National Highways are established as per the provision of National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008 and the respective Concession Agreement.

"Amount of 1.44 lakh crore rupees have been collected as user fee at fee plazas presently operational under Public Private Partnerships (PPP) model on National Highways since December, 2000," he said.

Replying to a separate question, Gadkari said the government has initiated the implementation of barrier-free tolling using available technology based electronic toll collection (ETC) system as an added facility along with FASTag.

The minister said presently, Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) based tolling system is not operational anywhere on National Highways. However, he added that amend ment to the the NH Fee Rules, 2008 (dated Sep 9, 2024) has been made to enable GNSSbased tolling system through On-Board Unit (OBU) and users of vehicles not fitted with a valid, functional Global Navigation Satellite System On-Board Unit shall have to pay a fee equivalent to two times of the user fee applicable for that category of vehicle at that fee plaza in case the GNSS based tolling is made operational. In the GNSS-based user fee collection system, toll charges shall be levied based on the actual distance travelled by a vehicle,

expressway in term of NH Fee Rules, 2008 and amendment thereof. Whereas, at present, the user fee is collected at the fee plaza depending on project influence

length of respective fee plaza.

on a National Highway or

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सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि आर.सी. नं. 412/मिन. 14/1 रकवा 0.010 है. याना 20x55 = ११०० वर्ग फिट मीजा छतरपु तह. छतरपुर जिला छतरपुर (म.प्र.) जो वर्तमान में श्री राम विलास चौबे तनय श्री लछीराम चौबे नि. मटौधा चौक तह. महराजपुर जिला छतरपुर (म.प्र.) के नाम राजस्व रिकार्ड में दर्ज है उक्त आराजी जरिये विक्रय पत्र क्र. 412 दिनांक 28/04/2015 को गनेश प्रसाद गुप्ता से क्रय किया था और पूर्व में विक्रय पत्र क्र. 2280क दिनांक 23/02/2012 को श्रीमती अशिता खान से श्री अशोक बरसैया के नाम आई थी एवं विकय प्रच क. 3372 दिनांक 25/10/2012 को श्री अशोक बरसैया से श्री गनेश प्रसाद गुप्ता के नाम आई थी दोनों विकय पत्र (असल प्रति) दिनांक 25/11/2024 को चौबे कॉलोनी तिराहा से घर जाते समय कहीं गिर कर खो गई। काफी खोजबीन के बावजूद नहीं मिली, जिसकी सूचना थाना छतरपुर में लिखित सचना दी गई।

अतः सर्वसाधारण को सचित किया जाता है कि असल विक्रय पत्र क. 2280 एवं 3372 किसी भी व्यक्ति, संस्था आदि को मिले तो आज दिनांक से 10 दिवस के अंदर नीचे लिखे मोबाइल नं. ७०००५५८६०१ में सचना/लिखित में देवें। अन्यथा समय व्यतीत होने के बाद किसी

भी प्रकार की आपत्ति स्वीकार नहीं होगी। Dwarika P. Gupta Advocate Krishna Nagar SATNA (M.P.) 485001

Open Tender No. : JHS-RCNK-M-BDC-24-25-12

President of India for the under mentioned work. Cost of work: Rs. 44,64,648.00/- (Inclusind 18% GST)

SS-II/SS-III & MLR schedules at RCNK/JHS.

Bid Security: Rs. 89,300/-

ollowing work: Tender No.

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WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-tenders are invited from reputed, experienced contractors nimum Eligibility Criteri and having Electrical Contractor license by Chief Workshop Manager Coach Rehabilitation Workshop, West Central Railway Nishatpura Bhopal for and on behalt of President of India for the under No.WCR/CRWS/BPL/EL/T/ 2024/11, Date: 26.11.2024, Name of work: Outsourcing of electrical activities of Non AC and AC coaches at CRWS Bhopal for FY 2024-25. Cost of work: ₹ 66,31,726.90, Cost of tender form: 0.00. Bid Security 1,32,600.00, Completion Period work: 12 months, Date of submission: 27.12.2024: upto 15.00 Hrs., Date of Opening: 7.12.2024 After 15.00 Hrs., Note: Detailed information about tender and tender format is available at Govt. of India website www.ireps. gov.in. Tender notice is available at notice board of the office of Chief Workshop Manager, (Electrical Branch) Coach Rehabilitation

Chief Workshop Manage

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Workshop, Nishatpura, Bhopal. CRWS, Nishatpura, WCR, Bhopal

Time of completion : Twelve Months

the BFSI sector, bridging the skill gap and enhancing their

er the youth of Meghalaya with employment opportunities for essential skills and knowledge in the future.

"With financial literacy at the heart of NSE's mission, we aim

to transform young people from job seekers into job creators." Ashishkumar Chauhan, MD and CEO at NSE, said

Zonal Office, Civil Lines, Jabalpur, M.P. 482001 डंडियन बैंक 🕰 🔂 Indian Bank Ph: 0761-2624977, 4014376, 2629376 Email: zojabalpur@indianbank.co.in APPENDIX IV [Rule-8(1)] POSSESSION-NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the INDIAN BANK under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice on below mentioned date as calling upon the Borrower(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and Interest thereo within 60 days from date of the receipt of the said notice. The borrower/sigurantor's 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 properties described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under sub section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 said rules on this the date mentioned below. The borrower's/guarantor's in particular and the Public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of INDIAN BANK for amount mentioned below and interest thereon.

The borrower's/guarantor'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.

S. No.		Description of the Immovable Property and Boundaries	Date of Demand Notice Date of Possession Notice	Amount Outstanding as per Demand Notice
1.	Branch : Jharuakheda Borrower - Shri Shankar Singh Yadav	All that part & parcel of the residential diverted property situated at Khasra no: 196 (New No: 196/2)	01.08.2024	Rs. 19,72,386.00 (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs
	s/o Gulab Singh Yadav (Borrower & Mortgagor)	and PH No: 01/96 situated at Mouza: Mudra Jaruakheda, Tehsil & District: Sagar, MP, area: 595 Sq.Mt., standing in the name of Shri Shankar Singh Yadav . Boundaries: East: Jalandhar Road, West: Property of Shankar Singh Yaday, North: Land of Phaguagades Pai	25.11.2024	Seventy Two Thousand Three Hundred Eighty
	Address: Plot no 01/96, Khasra no: 196/2, 12 no Rail gate, Jalandhar Road, Jaruakheda, Sagar (M.P.) 470115			Six Only) + interest and other
	Permanent Address: Vill + Po Chandamau, PS: Narayawali, Dist- Sagar, (MP), 470115			expenses
Da	ite : 29.11.2024	Auth	orised Office	r. Indian Bank

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ीदा Bank of Baroda

E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Jvendragani Branch, Lashkar, Gwalior (M.P.) - 474001 Mob. 7247716428

Email id: vigwal@bankofbaroda.co.in | Web: www.bankofbaroda.com

"APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

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 6 (2) & 8 (6) 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 property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, 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" for recovery of below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower /s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below. Description of the immovable property Reserve Price Date & Time

Borrowers / Guarantors/ Mortgagor	with known encumbrances, if any	EMD	of E-Auction	Possession Date
Borrower: Mr Indrapal Singh Gurjar S/o Ganga Singh. Add. 1: Gram Khatika Kichol Porsa Morena (MP) 2. GL 468 Deen Dayal Nagar Gwalior (MP) 3. Part of Survey No 425,426 Plot No B-2 Kavyanjalipuram Gram Maharajpura Ward No 18. Gird Paragna & Distt Gwalior Guarantor: 11. Mrs Guddi Devi W/o Ganga Singh Add.: 1: Gram Khatika Kichol Porsa Morena (MP) 2. GL 468 Deen Dayal Nagar Gwalior (MP) 3.Part of Survey No 425,426 Plot No B-2 Kavyanjalipuram Gram Maharajpura Ward No 18. Gird Paragna & Distt Gwalior 2. Mr Umesh Singh Gurjar S/o Nawab Singh Gurjar. Add.: GL 485 Deen Dayal Nagar Gird Gwalior (MP)	Property Owner- Mr Indrapal Singh Gurjar S/o Ganga Singh. Land and Building situated at Plot No B-2 part of Survey No 425,426 Kayvanjalipuram, Gram Maharajpura Gird Ward No 18, Gwalior admeasuring 55.76 Sqr Mt. Bounded by: North – Property Other, South – Road Colony, East – Plot No B-3, West – Plot No B-1 SYMBOLIC POSSESSION	Rs. 18,00,000.00 1,80,000.00 10,000.00	31.12.2024 Time: 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	Outstanding Amount 05.10.2023 03.05.2024 Rs. 14,54,309.72/-+ Interest & Charges
Borrower: Mr Jitendra Singh S/o Shiv Mangal Singh. Mrs Manjesh Singh W/o Jitendra Singh Add. 1: 178 Gayatri Vihar Colony Gwalior 474001 2. House at Plot No B-9 Kavyanjalipuram, Gram Maharaipura Gird Ward No 18, Gwalior. 3. Village Chakar Nagar Etawah-206125 4. Hav Jitendra Singh Chauhan Army No. 15141102M, 218 Medium Regiment C/O 56 APO, Delhi Cantt 110010	Property Owner: Mrs Manjesh Singh W/o Jitendra Singh. Land and Building situated at Part of Survey No 425,426 House at Plot No B-9 Kayyanjalipuram, Gram Maharajpura Gird Ward No 18, Gwalior admeasuring 55.76 Sqr Mtr. Bounded by: North— land Other, South— Road Colony, East—Plot No B-10, West—Plot No B-8 SYMBOLIC POSSESSION	Rs. 10,80,000.00 1,08,000.00 10,000.00	31.12.2024 Time: 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	26.12.2023 03.05.2024 Rs. 14,73,088.06/- + Interest & Charges
Borrower: Mr Mayank Yadav S/o Mahipal Singh Yadav Add. 1. D-19 Gokul Apartment City Center R K Puri, Gwalior-474011 2. Collector Bangle ke peeche Ganesh Pura Purani Jail Road Morena-476011 Mrs Meena Yadav W/o Mahipal Singh Yadav Add. 1. D-19 Gokul Apartment City Center R K Puri Gwalior-474011 Guarantor: Mr Mahipal Singh Yadav S/o Natthu Singh Yadav Add. 1. D-19 Gokul Apartment City Center R K Puri Gwalior-474011	Property Owner: Mrs Meena Yadav D/O Shri J S Yadav- Property situated at Ward No and Bhawan No 30/3308 then Ward No 30, Duplex No D-19 Gokul Apartment Patel Nagar City Center Thatipur Gwalior admeasuring 106 Sqr Mtr. Bounded by: North- 6 Mtr Wide Road, South - House No D-1, East - House No D-20, West - House No D-18	Rs. 90,00,000.00 9,00,000.00 10,000.00	31.12.2024 Time: 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	25.04.2022 06.08.2022 Rs. 18,41,139.19/- + Interest & Charges
Borrower: M/s Nadisariya Filling Centre Prop: Mr Jitendra Sharma Add NH 92, Banjare Ka Pura Birkhadi Gohad Bhind Guarantor: Mrs Jayanti Sharma W/o Jitendra Sharma Add 15 A Trimurti Nagar Mela Ground Gwallor	Property Owner: Mr Jitendra Sharma Property situated at part of survey no 1358/1 Village Birkhadi PH No 37 Tehsil Gohad Dist Bhind admeasuring 6000 Sqr Mtr. Bounded by - North — Bhind Gwalior Road, South — Land of Rajendra Prasad Sharma, East — Land of Jitendra Sharma, West — Land of Jitendra Sharma SYMBOLIC POSSESSION	Rs. 2,25,00,000.00 22,50,000.00 10,000.00	31.12.2024 Time: 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	01.12.2022 14.03.2023 Rs. 17,63,953.78/- + Interest & Charges
Borrower : Mr Vikas Goswami S/o Mr Suresh Goswami Add Flat No G-03 Ground Floor Triveni Tower Tope Wala Mohalla Jiwajiganj Lashkar Gwalior	Property Owner - Mr Vikas Goswami S/o Mr Suresh Goswami- Flat No G-3 part of house No 41/882/1022 & 41/1023/1 Ground Floor Ward No 41, Triveni Tower Tope Wala Mohalla Jiwajiganj Lashkar Gwalior admeasuring 60.40 Sqr Mtr. Bounded by : North- Common Gali, South - Flat No G-2, East-Property Other & Common Passage, West - Other Property	Rs. 9,00,000.00 90,000.00 10,000.00	31.12.2024 Time: 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	01.04.2019 12.06.2019 Rs. 10,92,929.75/- + Interest & 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://ebkray.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 detail available on bank's website / ebkray will be final. Contact Details-7247716428

> Date: 28.11.2024 Authorised officer, Bank of Baroda

PUBLIC NOTICE

PICICI Home Finance Registered office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051

Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059

Branch Address: Office No-106, 1st Floor, Pukhraj Corporate, Navlakha Indore- 452001

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ("ICICI HFC") and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Vasudev Bagora (Co-Borrower), 117 Avantika Nagar Scheme No. Plot No 09, Shubham Nagar, Admeausring 1500 Sqft, Under The Jurisdiction of Nagar 20,68,548.88/-	Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/Co- Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outsta- nding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date	
Pradesh- 452001. LHIND00001578906. Plot, South: Road, East: Plot No.8, West: Road.		'asudev Bagora (Co-Borrower), 17 Avantika Nagar Scheme No. 1 Near Vinayak Indore Madhya tradesh- 452001.	Plot No 09, Shubham Nagar, Admeausring 1500 Sqft, Under The Jurisdiction of Nagar Nigam Indore, Bounded By- North: Others	Rs. 20,68,548.88/-	08/11/ 2024	

applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: November 29, 2024, Place: Indore Authorized Officer, ICICI Home Finance Company Limite

PUBLIC NOTICE

Picici Home Finance Registered office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East)
Mumbai- 400051 Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, IB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059

Branch Address: Yadav Complex, Shop No. 82/A, Besides Axis Bank, 10 Civil Lines, Sagar, M.P.- 470001 The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ("ICICI HFC") and the loans have been classified as Non-

Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice. Date of Notice NPA Property Address Name of the Borrower/Co-

No.	Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	nding as on Date of Notice	Date
	Deepak Shrivastava (Borrower), Nishma Shrivastava (Co- Borrower), H No. 102 Vanvibhag Parisar Ke Samne Poddar Colony Shivaji Ward Sagar (MP) Madhya Pradesh- 470001. NHSAA00000823589.	All That Piece and Parcel of Diverted Land Situated At Part of Khasra No. 122/4, Admeausring -1350 Sqft, At Ph No. 71, Mouza Rajakhedi, Under Block And District Sagar. Bounded By- North: House of Ahirwar, South: 20 Ft Road, East: Plot of Srivastava, West: Plot of Open Plot.	Rs.	03/11/ 2024

applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Authorized Officer, ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Date: November 29, 2024, Place: Sagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ficial Home Finance
Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East),
Mumbai- 400051
Branch Address: 1st floor, The Empire, Office No.-F-05, 33-City Centre, Ward No. 30, Near Income Tax Building,
Opposite Madhav Rao Scindia Park, Gwalior (MP) 474011

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/Co- Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outsta- nding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
	Lavlesh Bansal (Borrower), Shyam Kumar Bansal (Co- Borrower), 54 Vikas Nagar Near, Sai Temple Gwalior Sai Temple Gwalior, Sai Temple Gwalior Middle Class Gwalior Madhya Pradesh- 474002. LHGWA00001482213.	All That Piece and Parcel of Land Situated At House. No. 1383 Plot No. 47 and 48, Part of S.No. 195, H. No. 1383 Ward No. 04 Barah Bigha Colony North Side of Sadashiv Nagar Gram Ghatampur Gwalior Middle Class Part of S. No. 195 Gwalior Madhya Pradesh- 474012. Bounded By- North: Gali, South: House of Bhagat (Plot 46), East: Road, West: Plot of Seller.	16-11-2024 Rs. 1,42,102.54/-	03/11 2024
	Lavlesh Bansal (Borrower), Shyam Kumar Bansal (Co- Borrower), 54 Vikas Nagar Near, Sai Temple Gwalior Sai Temple Gwalior, Sai Temple Gwalior Middle Class Gwalior Madhya Pradesh- 474002. LHGWA00001482214.	All That Piece and Parcel of Land Situated At House. No. 1383 Plot No. 47 and 48, Part of S. No. 195, H. No. 1383 Ward No. 04 Barah Bigha Colony North Side of Sadashiv Nagar Gram Ghatampur Gwalior Middle Class Part of S.No. 195 Gwalior Madhya Pradesh- 474012. Bounded By- North: Gali, South: House of Bhagat (Plot 46), East: Road, West: Plot of Seller.	16-11-2024 Rs. 28,90,145.56/-	03/11 2024

applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Date : November 29, 2024, Place: Gwalior

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office: Unit No. 802, Natraj Rustomjee, Western Express Highway and M.V. Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400069 Narmadapuram Branch: Khasra No. 72/10, Mouza Kishanpur Ward No .16, R.K Shri Tower, 2nd Floor, Itarsi Road, Nea

Meenakshi Square, Opp Gala Mandi, Narmadapuram, MP-461001

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 ined has taken possession of the property described he 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.	Name of the Borrower(s)/	Description of Secured Asset	Demand Notice	
N.	Co Borrower(s) (Name of the Branch)	(Immovable Property)	Date & Amount	
1	(Loan Code No. 05610000059/ Narmadapuram Branch) Late. Sachchanand Meghani (Represented Through The legal heir) (Borrower), Sunny Meghani (Co-Borrower) Arjun Das Meghani (Guarantor)	All that part & parcel of property bearing, Shop No. 29, Ground Floor Subash Ganj Fruit Market Shops, Gandhi Ground, Subhash Ganj Ward No. 32, Itarsi Hoshangabad Madhya Pradesh 461111 Boundaries: East- Way, West- Shops of Radha Krishna Market, North- Shubham Hosiery, South - Jaat Junction (Shop of Rishi Hora)	05-09-2024 & ₹ 18,78,406/-	26-11-2024

Place: Madhya Pradesh **Authorised Officer Aadhar Housing Finance Limited** Date: 29-11-2024

Description of Secured asset

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE

Name of Borrower/

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

1. Demand Notice issued Date

Corporate Office: 167-169, 2nd floor, Near Little Mount Metro Station, Saipet, Chennai - 600015 Regional Office - 101-B, 1st Floor, NRK Business Park, Vijaynagar, Indore(MP) - 452010 Email - auction@hindujahousingfinance.com

Appendix IV: Possession NOTICE (for Immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (HHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assests and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of power conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice (s) issured by Authorized 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 here by given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Possession** of the property described here in 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 change of HHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Guarantor / Co-Borrower	Loan Account No, Amount Due as on Notice Date	(Immovable Property)	Type of Possession
Mr. ASHOK JI MANAWAT (Borrower) Mrs. SALITA BAI (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 27-07-2024 2. MP/IDR/INDR/A000000601 & CO/CPC / CPOF/A000002463 3. Total Amount Due - Rs.19,22,556/- (Rupees Ninteen Lacs Twenty two Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Six Only)	Plot No. 1093, IDA Scheme no 51, Village Gadrakhedi, Distt. Indore, Madhya Pradesh Total Area :- 42.25 Sq.Mtr. Boundaries - East - Plot No. 1092, West - Plot No. 1094, North - Backlane, South - Road	28/11/2024 Symbolic
Mr. DINESH LODHI (Borrower) Mrs. SHUSHILA LODHI (Co-Borrower) Mr. MANSINGH LODHI (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 27-07-2024 2. MP/IDR/INDR/A0000001098 3. Total Amount Due - Rs.10,43,807/- (Rupees Ten Lacs Fourty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seven Only)	Plot No.S.L - 112, Pandit Dindayalpuram, Tehsil es Distt.Dhar Madhya Pradesh, India - 454001, Total Area: - 32.40 Sq. Mtr. Boundaries - East - Plot No. E.W.S 128, West - Road, North - Road, South - Plot No. E.W.S 113	28/11/2024 Symbolic
Mr. GORDHAN SINGH (Borrower) Mrs. VILAM BAI (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 05-08-2024 2. MP/UJJ/AGAR/A000000088 & MP/UJJ/AGAR/A000000204 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 6,14,157/- (Rupees Six Lacs and Fourteen Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Seven Only)	A House No. 347 Situated At, Gram Donta Jagir, Patwari Halka No. 02, Gram Panchayat Donta Jagir, Tehsil Tonk Khurd, Distt-Dewas, Rural, Dewas, Madhya Pradesh, India – 456770 Total Area - 600 Sq.Ft. Boundaries - East - Road, West - House Of Ranveer Singh, North - Plot Of Ranveer Singh, South - House Of Jitendra Singh	28/11/2024 Symbolic
Mr. KHUMAN SINGH (Borrower) Mrs. SONA KUNWAR (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 05-08-2024 2. MP/IDR/RTLM/A000000253 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 631553/- (Rupees Six Lacs and Thirty ONE Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Three Only)	Description of The Property (With Boundaries), P.H.No.05, Gram Panchayat Register Pangi House No.63/1, Village Banbani, Tehsil Badnagar, Distt. Ujjain, Gram Banbani Bhatpachlana, Ujjain, Rural, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India – 456313 Total Area – 1225 Sq.Ft. Boundaries - East - Road, West - House Of Bane Singh Ji, North - House Of Piru Singh Ji, South - House Of Sharvan Singh Ji	28/11/2024 Symbolic
Mrs. Sunita Sankat (Borrower) Mr. Anil Sankat (Co-Borrower) Mr. Suyash Sankat (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 22-09-2023 2. MP/KHA/KHWA/A000000064 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 22,83,782 (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Eighty Three Thousand and Seven Hundred and Eighty Two Only)	All that part and parcel of the property situated at: Survey No Khasra No. 118/1, 118/2, 119/1, 119/2, 121/3, 121/4, 121/4, 123/1, 123/2, 124/1, 124/2 Sheet No. 03, Plot No. 02, as per layout Plot No. 49 Total extent (Sq.ft) - 138.75 Sq. Mtr Location like name of the place, village, city, registration, sub-district etc. — Village Rehamapur, Tehsil Khandwa Area Known as Sidthhi Vinayak Residency Khandwa MP Boundaries of property as per sale deed as follows: - East: Colony Road, West: Colony Plot No. 90, North: Colony Plot No. 50. South: Colony Plot No. 47 & 48	

STATUTORY NOTICE TO BORROWERS/GUARANTORS

Borrower(s)/Guarantor's are hereby put to caution that the property may be sold at any time herein after by way of public aution/tenders and as such this may also be treated as a notice under Rule 6, 8 & 9 of Security (interest) Enforcement Rules, 2002. Authorised Officer Mobile No.- Vaibhav Shrivastav - 7987969803, Rajesh Chakotiya - 84355 71111, Sitaram Prajapat - 9584567867, Govind Chauhan - 8926816436, Ankita Patil - 7723055195

Place : Indore, Date : 29/11/2024

Authorised Officer, Hinduja Housing Finance Limited

Date &

Tender Cost: Rs. 56,18,003.52/- (Rs Fifty Six Lakh Eighteen Thousand Three And Paise Fifty Two only) Description of work: Re-fitment of Bogie mounted Air Brake System and overhauling f couplers of ICF/LHB coaches as per scope of work. Completion Period: 24 Months Qty.: One work

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E- Tender Notice E-tenders are invited by Chief Workshop Manager Rail Coach Naveenikarar Karkhana, Jhansi from experienced or interested contractors on behalf of the

Name of work: Work of Advanced mechanized intensive de-rusting and anti-rust coating of brake disc and caliper using special purpose machine (SPM) during

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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eteran journalist Rajdeep Sardesai launched his latest book, 2024: The Election That Surprised India, on Constitution Day at a packed auditorium in Teen Murti Bhavan. Nonfiction books dealing with politics and politicians generally evoke significant interest, especially when penned by a journalist with extensive experience in covering politics and elections. Sardesai's latest work was eagerly anticipated, and the wait proved worthwhile. The book offers a compelling exploration of one of India's most dramatic and unpredictable general elections, held just a few months

This is Sardesai's third book on elections, following his analyses of the 2014 and 2019 general elections. In this new volume, he delves into the missteps of pollsters and pundits, who failed to predict the outcome accurately, and critiques the mainstream media for its perceived one-sided narratives. Sardesai examines why the BJP's "Char Sau Paar" campaign slogan, intended to project overwhelming confidence, failed to resonate with voters as expected. He also sheds light on Rahul Gandhi's Congress, which mounted a surprising comeback after years of setbacks.

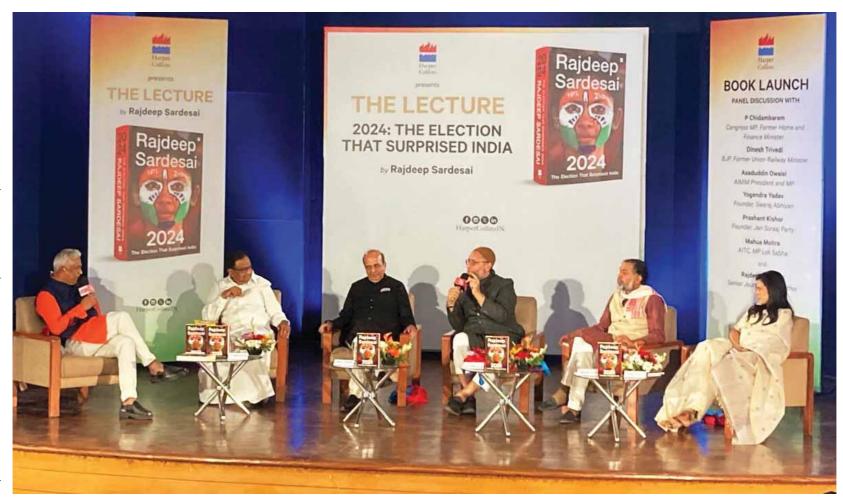
The narrative explores the operational strategies of the Modi-Shah political team, the role of enforcement agencies during the elections, and the controversies surrounding the fairness of the electoral process. Sardesai highlights the fierce battles in state elections and provides nuanced insights into who truly emerged victorious—and who faltered in India's increasingly polarised political

In his characteristic unsparing and incisive style, Sardesai charts the dramatic changes in Indian politics over the last five years, offering readers an insider's perspective on the personalities, strategies, and events that defined the 2024 elections. Building on his bestselling accounts of the 2014 and 2019 elections, this book is a must-read for anyone seeking to understand the shifting sands of power and politics in India. One may agree or disagree with his interpretation and insights, especially since he is not the same as he once was, but the book is a good read and definitely has a shelf life.

A LIVELY LAUNCH EVENT

◄he book launch was more than a literary occasion; it featured a L panel discussion moderated by Sardesai himself, with luminaries from various political parties in attendance. The event, held in a packed auditorium, was marked by engaging debates that delved into the key questions surrounding the electoral verdict that stunned the nation.

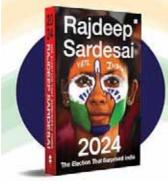
The distinguished panel included prominent political figures such as P. Chidambaram, senior Congress leader; Mahua Moitra, the fiery Trinamool Congress MP; Dinesh Trivedi, former Railway Minister; and Asaduddin



OK LAUNCH SPAI INSIGHTFUL DEBA

2024: The Election That Surprised India, the latest book by RAJDEEP SARDESAI, captures the myriad nuances of the recently held general elections, presenting an unflinching narrative of power, ambition, and the changing aspirations of the electorate, writes **GYANESHWAR DAYAL**

Owaisi, leader of the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM). True to expectations, the discussion was animated and insightful. Adding a unique twist, the panellists took playful potshots at Sardesai himself, "roasting" him in a rare and humorous turn of events. Sardesai, clad in an orange kurta (perhaps making a statement), took the jabs in stride with a smile and humour. On a more serious note, the discussion refreshingly candid. Chidambaram painted a picture of optimism for the Congress, emphasising the growing disillusionment with the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) under Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



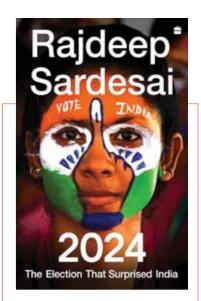
RAJDEEP SARDESAI

ANSWERS THE BIGGEST QUESTIONS ABOUT INDIA'S MOST BRUISING AND POLARIZED POLITICAL ELECTION.

institutions, arguing that these factors voter sentiment. He highlighted issues such as unemployment, inflation, and the Congress was ready to lead the country under the BJP and the stifling of dissent. perceived erosion of democratic back to a path of inclusive growth and She warned that India's diversity was

social justice. On the other hand, Mahua Moitra

under threat rising authoritarianism and religious Chidambaram asserted that the critiqued the centralisation of power polarisation. Moitra argued that regional parties like the TMC were better equipped to challenge the BJP's



ABOUT THE BOOK

Book: 2024: The Election That Surprised India by **Rajdeep Sardesai** Publisher: Harpercollins **Price**: ₹799

dominance because they understood the electorate's pulse more effectively than the Delhi-centric political establishment. Asaduddin Owaisi was humorous yet thought-provoking, raising concerns about the marginalisation of Muslims and other minority communities under the current regime. He criticised the BJP's focus on religious polarisation, warning that it was detrimental to India's secular fabric. Owaisi also called for greater unity among Muslim voters and reiterated his party's commitment to representing marginalised voices while building alliances with like-minded regional players.

Yogendra Yadav, a psephologist-turned-politician, countered Dinesh Trivedi's assertion that there were no minorities in India and that "all are Indians." Yadav argued that while leveraging community votes was not new, the BJP had spearheaded campaigns that effectively rendered Muslims second-class citizens. Throughout the discussion, Sardesai kept the conversation dynamic, challenging panellists with incisive questions that encouraged them to think beyond the obvious.

The debate was intense, often bordering on contentious, as the political heavyweights offered divergent perspectives on the state of the nation. From discussions on the BJP's electoral strategies to the role of opposition unity, caste politics, and the influence of social media, the conversation reflected the multifaceted nature of Indian politics. The panellists, despite their differing ideological positions, agreed on one point: the 2024 elections marked a watershed moment in Indian politics and that the rightward shift in Indian politics is real and here to stay. While this shift

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Unpolitically Correct: The Politics and Economics of Governance By SATYA MOHANTY (Price: ₹595, Pages: 232)

n Unpolitically Correct, Satya Mohanty, a former senior bureaucrat, delivers a provocative critique of India's governance and economic policies. With growing inequality and 1% of the population holding a disproportionate share of wealth, the book questions whether this disparity is inevitable or the of a pro-rich Challenging conventional beliefs, Mohanty examines issues like inequality, health, education, employment, and privatisation from a refreshingly radical perspective. He deconstructs the narratives of governments, media, and academia, exposing myths about wealth creators and economic progress. The book warns of the dangers posed by fiscal stress, economic slowdowns, and unchecked privatisation without ensuring efficiency and

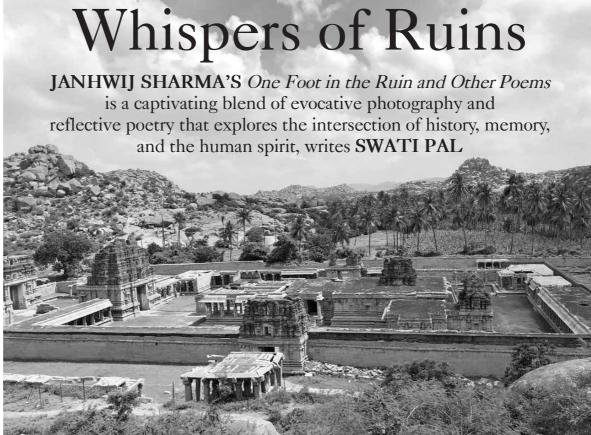
Offering a bold and insightful perspective,

TATe've all heard the adage: never udge a book by its cover. While this is sound advice, there are exceptions. One Foot in the Ruin and Other Poems by Janhwij Sharma is one such exception where the cover perfectly mirrors the book's essence. The image—a lone wayfarer treading an uneven, weathered path amidst ruins, with distant figures barely visible—evokes a sense of solitude and introspection. Towering hills frame the background, while trees and bushes border the ruins in the foreground. Rendered in shades of black, white, and grey, the photograph conjures an atmosphere steeped in history, timelessness, and philosophy. It invites the reader to reflect: What is life if not a journey, and what are we if not wayfarers navigating an unpredictable path? This evocative cover sets the tone for the meditative and poignant journey that unfolds within the book. The title poem, "One Foot in the Ruin," found on page 166, epitomises this theme. Accompanied by a photograph of an abandoned street in Hampi, the poem reads: One foot in the ruins...

I walk on the weather-beaten path setting one foot in the ruin I may wander wander aimlessly carelessly ceaselessly but never to get lost but maybe at times to find new paths, new goals embark on a new journey or simply to return home.

Traditionally, ruins evoke somberness, loss, and mystery. Sharma, however, takes a refreshingly different approach. He portrays the ruins not as dead relics but as sites of exploration, learning, and renewal. The poet walks through them not to lose himself but to discover new meanings, new paths, and, ultimately, a way home. In these lines, Sharma shares a hopeful philosophy: life, no matter how unpredictable or transient, holds potential for growth and return. This hopeful outlook resonates in another short poem, "Silent Spaces," on page 41, paired with a photograph of the Red Fort's barracks in Delhi:

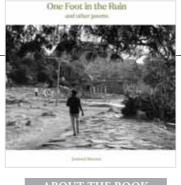
Silent spaces haunting... filtering rays of hope Here, Sharma's ruins filter light, will be the ruin's whispering tales





offering glimpses of hope rather than despair. Similarly, in "Is There a Way' (p. 77), paired with a photograph from Fatehpur Sikri, the poet muses on the stories ruins whisper:

Is there a way to hear the ruins still telling tales of its proud past with all moments it lived cherished and felt... Time feels alive within these ruins... all that will one day remain



ABOUT THE BOOK Book: 'One foot in the ruin and other poems' - The poem book by **Janhwij Sharma, Dev** Publisher: Dev **Price**: ₹2,495 **Pages**: 218

to those who could hear. Sharma's ability to hear and convey these "whispering tales" makes this collection profound. Of the book's five sections—North, West, Central, South, and East—each rooted in different regions of India, the Central section lingers in memory. For example, the poem "Excavated" (p. 159), paired with a photograph of Sarnath, explores time and its interplay with history:

Unearthed remains brought to fore testaments of the era silent long back... Time unwinds and time unwraps bringing ruins to another life time now stands still...

Similarly, "In His Shelter" (p. 162), set against an image of a shrine in Hampi, reflects on the timeless pursuit of divine shelter:

In perpetual obeisance prostrations before the divine seeking His shelter and blessings humbly forever...

Sharma's poems often delve beneath the surface of ruins to unearth

enduring values, faith, and hope. This sentiment finds expression in Speak" (p. 120), inspired by the Ellora Caves:

might not be irreversible, it is the reality

of the day, nevertheless!

Hewn out of rock/sculpted over time/lasting forever. Stones speak/louder than words/echoing

memories/with ceaseless gaze.

The poet also captures spiritual and surreal elements, as in "The Other World" (p. 203), paired with an evocative photograph from Assam: Passage for the ultimate departure there is deathly silence around...

one never dies as they say no need to ever mourn those who leave...

Balanced against these profound reflections are moments of lightheartedness, as in "Craftsman's Prank" (p. 112), inspired by a seemingly purposeless carved handle on a wall at Adalaj Vay, Gujarat: Why is it there/I ponder

what purpose does it serve/makes me think harder...

Surely he is having a good laugh/even in his grave.

This blend of spirituality, history, and human touch showcases Sharma's ability to see both the solemn and the whimsical in his subjects. Whether contemplating eternity or musing on a craftsman's playful detail, his poems bridge past and present, light and shadow, permanence

impermanence. The book's concluding poem, "Through the Ruin" (p. 32), paired with a photograph from Sarai Amanat Khan Amritsar, encapsulates the collection's overarching message:

Through the ruin... And I walk alone/framed through the

ravaged by time... And I walk ahead/through the voids of

reaching the destination/where my future will be.

As we reflect on the book's title and its solemn promise, we find that One Foot in the Ruin does not burden readers with heaviness. Instead, it uplifts, offering hope and perspective. Sharma's work reminds us that ruins, like life, hold stories worth hearing and lessons worth cherishing. Both the poetry and photographs take readers on an evocative journey across India, making this book a treasure worth exploring.

Hybrid model for Champions Trophy not acceptable: PCB tells ICC

PTI KARACHI

The Pakistan Cricket Board informed the International Cricket Council on Thursday that it will not accept the Hybrid model for the Champions Trophy, and asked the global governing body not to discuss the option in Friday's board

meeting.
The ICC has convened a meeting of the executive members virtually to resolve the scheduling imbroglio surrounding the marquee event after India's refusal to send the team across the border.

"I can confirm that PCB has a few hours back told the ICC that a Hybrid Model is not acceptable to them," a source told PTI.

The PCB has been rigid in its opposition to the hybrid model and had advised the ICC to look at other options to stage the Champions Trophy. The Pakistan board



maintained that having a Hybrid model would mean giving preferential treatment to India.

PCB had looked at the possibility of a Hybrid model on the condition that if India

"I can confirm initially the can't play in Pakistan, then in future there would be Hybrid models in all ICC events in India right until 2031 (ODI

Bangladesh) as Pakistan would not go and play in India," the source said.

Another source confirmed that PCB has also reminded the ICC to inform whether the BCCI had submitted a letter in writing from their government stating that clearance was not given to the Indian team to play in Pakistan.

Under ICC regulations if any team says its government is not allowing it to play in another nation on whatever grounds that board has to submit their government's directives in writing which we have not seen so far," the source said.

He said the PCB had acknowledged the contribution of the BCCI and Indian market in ICC's income generation but reminded the ICC that as per numbers from the last few global events Pakistan also played a major part in ensuring the revenues through their matches against

He said the ICC has yet to confirm the timing of the virtual meeting.



East Bengal seek first win of season in clash against NorthEast United

PTI KOLKATA

Bottom-placed East Bengal FC will make one more attempt to notch their first win of the season when they take on NorthEast United FC in their eighth match of the Indian Super League (ISL) season here on Friday.

After losing six straight matches, East Bengal opened their account with a goalless draw against Mohammedan Sporting on November 9 in a Kolkata Derby. They will now want to take one step forward and clinch all three points in front of their home growd at the Vuba Bharati crowd at the Yuba Bharati Krirangan.

The Highlanders, on the other hand, have been in an impressive form this season, as they are currently placed at third with 15 points from nine games, thanks to four wins and three draws.

They have scored 21 goals, conceding only 15, and have lost merely once in their previous five matches. They trail the top-placed Bengaluru FC (20) by five points -- a gap they will be confident of bridging, given how they have been how they have been managing to put the pieces

The two sides have faced each other eight times, with NorthEast United and East FC Bengal emerging victorious in four and two matches respectively. A couple of fixtures have resulted in a draw.

of their jigsaw together of

NorthEast United have been on an unbelievable run recently, winning thrice and drawing once in their previous four encounters. Avoiding a defeat in Friday's clash will make it their longest-ever unbeaten sequence since going 11 matches without a loss from January-March 2021.

East Bengal FC head coach Oscar Bruzon acknowledged that NorthEast United will play on the frontfoot in this fixture, but assured that the home team has done its homework properly.
"I don't think NorthEast

United FC is going to come here to neutralise our attacking power, but they are coming to try and score more goals themselves," Burzon said.

'That's what I know from what they have been doing in the last games with their frontline. We will try to play our best game, and win the match," he added.

NorthEast United head coach Juan Pedro Benali mentioned that maintaining a fine balance between their offensive instincts and defensive discipline will be critical in this match.

"Each game is a different story. We need to make big chances to score and at the same time make it equally difficult for them to do so. That's our objective, because we know we can score and that's a very important part (of our gameplay)," Benali

India can reach top-50 10 years: Mandaviya



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India can break into the top-50 in the FIFA rankings, Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Thursday, according to a release issued by All India Football Federation

The top brass of the AIFF, including its president Kalyan Chaubey, met Mandaviya on Thursday to brief him on the existing AIFF-FIFA Academy in Odisha and the plan to build additional four such facilities in different zones.

chalked out and put in place for execution so that India can reach a FIFA ranking below 50 in the next ten years," Mandaviya was quoted as saying in the AIFF release. "India boasts one of the largest

pools of young talent globally. The focus should be on grassroots.

grassroots, talent identification. They should be nurtured along with coach development which will be pivotal for the sports growth."

The FIFA rankings began in 1992 and the Indian more 1992 and the Indian men's football team's best ranking has been 94, achieved in February 1996. The team has broken into the top-100 on a very few occasions.

In the latest FIFA chart issued on Thursday, the Indian football team is ranked 127th, two spots down from the earlier October list. Japan, Iran, Korea and Australia, the regular Asian countries in the World Cup, are ranked at 15th, Development.

18th, 23rd and 26th respectively in the latest

After the meeting, which also discussed the importance of coach development, the minister assured the AIFF of all possible support for the development of the sport in

"Rapid economic growth and an expanding middle class are reshaping attitudes towards sports. Parents are now encouraging children to balance academics with sports unlike earlier times," the minister pointed out.

Government committed to providing comprehensive support for sports development in India. Initiatives like new training centres and partnerships with international bodies will drive progress."

Chaubey said the AIFF has presented a detailed plan to Mandaviya.

of a vast country like India, one AIFF-FIFA academy in Odisha is not enough. So, we proposed to have four more regional academies with the same technical supports from FIFA." "Presently in India, there are 25 fully professional clubs in the ISL and the I-League. In addition to that, there are 80 AIFF-accredited academies, all these teams are having under-13 age group category teams, the details have been presented to the ministry."

FIFA Talent Development Scheme (TDS) Project Director Ged Roddy, who is currently on a visit to India, was also present at the meeting, along with AIFF Secretary General Anilkumar. The AIFF-FIFA Academy was launched in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, after a visit of world renowned coach Arsene Wenger, who is the FIFA Chief Global Football

Australia add uncapped all-rounder Beau of FIFA rankings in next Webster to squad as cover for Mitchell Marsh

PTI SYDNEY

Australia have added uncapped all-rounder Beau Webster to their squad for the second Test against India as cover for Mitchell Marsh, whose fitness remains a concern.

Marsh had pulled up "sore" following Australia's 295-run hammering in the series opener in Perth earlier this

Webster, also a right-hand pace all-rounder like Marsh, has been the stand out performer in the Sheffield Shield over the past two years. The 30-year-old has collected 1788 runs including five hundreds and nine fifties.

He starred in Tasmania's Sheffield Shield match against New South Wales earlier this week, striking a 61 and 49 besides taking five wickets.



He also impressed in the A series against India earlier this month, becoming the the second highest run-getter for Australia behind compatriot Nathan McSweeney, collecting 145

runs across four innings at an impressive average of 72.50. With the ball, he became the joint-leading wicket-taker alongside Brendan Doggett

India to send 68-member team

both taking seven scalps each. 'To get a few runs and wickets (for Australia A) was pleasing against a strong Indian side," Webster was quoted as saying by cricket.Com.Au ahead of announcement

"Any time you're playing 'A' cricket, it's the one step below Test level, so it does hold you in good stead. To get the call

from 'Bails' (men's selection chair George Bailey) at the end of the NSW game was a really proud moment and I can't wait to get stuck in."
Webster will join the Australian squad in Adelaide

next week.

"There's a tight turnaround between the Adelaide and Gabba Test so I think (I'm there) just to have some cover there for that middle-order role, whichever way they go," Webster added.

Apart from his explosive batting, Webster has added seam-bowling to his abilities, a skill he added to his repertoire just four years ago. Despite the disappointing show in the series-opener, coach Andrew McDonald had asserted that there will be no changes in the home team for the pink ball Test in Adelaide, starting on December 6.

Sri Lanka all out for record-low 42 in Durban cricket test

AP ■ DURBAN

Sri Lanka was bowled out by South Africa for 42 at Kingsmead on Thursday, its lowest total in test cricket. Sri Lanka's previous worst was 71 just over 20 years ago in Kandy against Pakistan. South Africa needed only 83 legal deliveries — 13.5 overs to rout the Sri Lankans in their first innings. That's the lowest number of deliveries in 100 years. England routed

The 42 was also a record low for a test at Kingsmead, and the record low against South Africa, eclipsing New Zealand's 45 in 2013 in Cape Town.

South Africa in 75 balls in

The pitch was considered batting friendly on day two of the first test, as South



Africa scored 111 runs in an extended morning session, resuming on 80-4 and being dismissed for 191. Kamindu Mendis top-scored with 13 in a Sri Lanka lineup which ducks. featured four Medium-pacer Marco Jansen took a career-best 7-13 in 6.5 overs.

Jansen was only the second player after Hugh Trumble of Australia, in 1904 against England, to take seven wickets inside seven overs of a test innings.

for Asia-Pacific Deaf Games



A 68-member Indian team will take part in the Asia-Pacific Deaf Games to be held in Kuala Lumpur from December 1 to 8.

The tournament is at par with the Asian Games for individuals with speech and hearing impairment and also serves as a precursor to the Deaflympics, which will be held in Japan next

The India will have representation in seven disciplines including athletics, badminton, chess, judo, table tennis, taekwondo and wrestling. A send-off ceremony was organised first time. Mallika Ha for the touring party by the Sports Authority of member Indian team.

India here at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium ahead of their departure on Friday.

National camps were organised by SAI in

Sonepat for wrestling and in the national capital

The camps for chess, athletics and table tennis were held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, while the SAI regional centre in Lucknow conducted the taekwondo camp on the same

for badminton and judo from November 15 to

India's overall contingent is of 92 members including 24 coaches, support staff and officials and SAI has spent close to Rs 3 crore for travel, accommodation, training, equipment and team

The Asia-Pacific Games were held last in 2015 at Taiwan where Indian athletes won three gold and two silver medals.

Among those who are expected to clinch medals include double Deaflympics gold medallist Abhinav Sharma, 2022 Deaflympics champion shuttler Jerlin Anika and Amit, who won the bronze in 86kg category wrestling.

Chess has been included in the program for the first time. Mallika Handa will lead the seven-

Mbappe needs 'support' Real Madrid coach Ancelotti says after 2-0 loss to Liverpool

AP ■ LIVERPOOL

 $K^{
m ylian}$ Mbappe hoped his move to Real Madrid would finally end his wait to win the Champions League. That felt a long way off on Wednesday after a 2-0 defeat to Liverpool left the defending champion in danger of being eliminated from European club soccer's elite tournament at the first stage and in a fight just to make the playoffs for the

next round. If Madrid does make an early exit, Mbappe may look back on a miserable night at Anfield where he was humbled by a young defender and then missed a penalty that would have leveled the score.

Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said afterward the star forward was going through a "difficult moment"

just months after he joined the record 15-time European champion.

"We've got to give him our support and love and he will soon be fine," Ancelotti said he faced multiple questions from Spanish reporters about Mbappe's form. "It could be lack of confidence maybe. Sometimes when moments in the game and things are not working out, the idea is to keep things simple. Don't complicate things.

"He's going through that moment now You get

moment now. You get through them. Don't blame him for missing a penalty. People miss penalties. We can't put too much grief on him for that."

World Cup winner Mbappe looked a shadow of himself against a Liverpool team that League this season.



He was brought crashing

from 21-year-old right back League and the Champions down by a crunching tackle threatening to burst through the home crowd. Bradley

on goal in the first half —

And it got worse for Mbappe in the second half when he had the chance to make it 11 from the penalty spot after Alexis Mac Allister had given six-time European to the round of 16, while those ranked ninth to 24th go into a playoff. champion Liverpool the lead. But with Caoimhin Mbappe wasn't the only player to fail to score a penalty in the match, with Mohamed Salah also missing a spot kick of his own. But substitute Cody Gakpo doubled Liverpool's Kelleher to beat, he saw his effort pushed away by Liverpool's back-up

Liverpool's back-up goalkeeper.Mbappe has scored nine goals in 18 appearances for Madrid since leaving Paris Saint-Germain as a free agent at the end of last season. But he has only one goal in the Champions League for his new club, which has lost three of its five games in the three of its five games in the revamped competition.

Things are not running for him. We've got to be patient.
He is an extraordinary player
— a fantastic player,"
Ancelotti said.

Madrid is 24th in the newlook 36-team league phase of the competition. The top eight teams advance

once in six games against Madrid — including two defeats in the final. Liverpool extended its perfect record in the Champions League this season and is top of the standings after five games.

Victory saw new Liverpool head coach Arne Slot

manage something his predecessor Jurgen Klopp never could by beating Real in the Champions League.

Klopp lost five and drew

Each team plays eight games in the opening phase.

advantage.