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From 12 ACs to remote-controlled gate

IDCO Iunior Manager's lavish lifestyle, property detected

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From 12 air-conditioners to remote-controlled main gate, from 20 ATM cards to baths using mineral water: the lavish lifestyle of IDCO Junior Manager Bijay Kumar Udaysingh has left Vigilance officials stunned.

The luxurious amenities in his house spread over 7000 soft valued worth Rs 3.22 crore can even leave Bollywood actors, industrialists and politi-



cians far behind. Even his monthly electric bill is way more than an average Indian's monthly salary.

Moreover, the central geyser and water purifier installed at the house of Udaysingh ensures that every tap in his home releases mineral water, even the one in the bathroom. His dressing room

is also equipped with all modern amenities and his watches' and sunglasses' collection is also a testament to his lifestyle filled with luxury.

He even has a bar in his house. If sources are to be believed, the interior of his bathroom is worth more than Rs 10-15 lakh. Even the doors, chairs, dining tables and beds are all imported and can hardly be found in Odisha. The 'jhumars' and lights in his house are eye-goggling. He also owns a fish aquarium worth lakhs.

His vehicle parking spot has eight fans. All the doors are electronically-controlled and no one can enter his house without his consent.

Interestingly, there is a room in the house that is electronically locked and can only be opened by him. Even the Vigilance is failing to break open the door. Vigilance officials suspect the room to accommodate more luxury items, money and whatnot.

far, the following assets have been unearthed by in the names of Udaysingh and his family members:

A four-storied building with area approx 7,500 sqft at Arya Vihar, Bhubaneswar worth over Rs 3.22 crore.

A flat at Balukhand, dist-Puri.

Three high-value homestead plots, of which two in prime area of Bhubaneswar amd one in Khordha.

Bank deposits of about Rs 33 lakh and cash of Rs 4.50 lakh. Till the filing of the report, the raid by the Vigilance

'Kamadhenu Yojana' soon: CM



The State Government would soon launch a 'Mukhyamantri Kamadhenu Yojana' to substantially increase milk production in the State, said Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi at the 23rd general session of the Odisha State Non-Gazetted Veterinary Professionals' Association here on Wednesday.

Besides, the government is keen to raise the income of farmers and Rs 697 crore has been allocated in this year's Budget for animal resources development. Mukhyamantri Kamadhenu Yojana would benefit more than 15.47 lakh farmers, Majhi said.

He said most of the farmers in the State are small, medium or landless. Animal husbandry is the most effective means of increasing the income of the farmers for their financial stability.

The CM praised the technical knowledge of Veterinary Department employees which has significantly contributed to increasing farmers' income. He urged the employees to promote animal husbandry as a profitable and respectful profession.

'Godavarish Adash Vidyalaya' to be launched

Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, reviewing the different processes for development of primary education on Wednesday, said a 'Godavarish Mishra Adarsh Prathamika Vidyalaya Yojana' would soon be launched in the State.

Under the scheme, a modern primary school would be set up in every panchayat. A total of 6,794 schools would be constructed. New classroom, separate toilets for boys

and girls, boundary wall, digital library, language laboratory, dining hall, computers and smart boards provision would be there in the schools, Majhi

Besides, stress would be laid on sports, physical exercises and social and cultural education.

Discussions were also held on the development of Odisha Adarsh Vidyalas and midday meal scheme. More than 100 old schools of over a century old would also be developed,

Tension at Boudh DHH ■

High BP patient not admitted as he came at 10 pm

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l ension ran high at the Boudh District Headquarters Hospital (DHH) after a doctor allegedly tore the prescription of an elderly patient and misbehaved with him.

As per the allegation of the family members of the patient, the doctor refused to check the blood pressure and admit him who visited the hospital at around 10 pm, citing it was too late.

The incident has spread resentment in the area. Irate family members and relatives



staged a protest on the hospital premises demanding strict action against the doctor.

According to sources,

Santosh Pattanayak (60) is a BP patient and was admitted to the Boudh DHH. He was discharged after there was a

Patanjali's gift to the country on

slight improvement in his health. However, his condition further worsened after reaching home, following bring him back to the hospi-

This irked the doctor so much that he tore the prescription and abused the elderly patient.

"His condition was critical, so we had admitted him to the hospital and were discharged yesterday. However, his condition turned worse, so we had to bring him again to the hospital. But, the doctor refused to check on my father as 10 pm was too late night for him. He tore the prescription and started abusing my father using foul language. He even alleged the patient's daughter.

On the other hand, the doctor refused the misbehaviour allegations and stated, "His BP had reached 170 earlier. He had come here on November 2. I prescribed him medicines, but he refused to take the medicines. The patient was non-cooperative. Today again he came and asked me to admit him at night. So, I got angry and tore his prescription. Despite prescribing medicines, he comes at night demanding to be admitted to the hospital and administered sa-

DANT KANTI

RDC probes alleged mango kernel deaths

 ${m A}$ cting swiftly after Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi ordered an RDC-level inquiry into the deaths and medical complicacies among the villagers of Mandipanka village of Daringbadi block in Kandhamal district over consumption of mango kernel, Revenue Divisional Commissioner (RDC) Southern Division, Roopa Roshan Sahoo on Wednesday Kandhamal village.

She interacted with the family members, ward members, members of the community and civil society organisations along with the Collector and other officials of the district to have a thorough enquiry into



the deaths.

The RDC also inspected the records of the Public Distribution System (PDS) at the LAMPS. According to the order from the Chief Minister's

Office (CMO), the enquiry report is to be submitted after further perusal of the relevant

information in seven days. Apart from the deaths of two women reportedly due to consuming a gruel made from mango kernels, six others fell seriously ill with two being shifted to the SCB Medical College Hospital in Cuttack as their conditions worsened.

'Mo Bus' speed to be limited to 40 km



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▲ he State Government on Wednesday decided to restrict the speed of Mo Buses to 40 km per hour (kmph) within cities as part of safety measures to prevent acci-

Housing and Urban Development Minister Krushna Chandra Mahapatra said the

speed limit of Mo Buses for routes outside city areas would be 50 kmph. Every bus would be

equipped with speed gover-

nors to enforce these limits. Only licensed and experienced drivers would be allowed to operate the buses, he said.

Movement of Mo Buses in all routes would be closely monitored, he said, adding

conducted to ensure that drivers are not under the influence of alcohol while on

that strict checks would be

Instruction has been issued to the officials concerned to accord top priority to these safety protocols as part of measures to prevent mishaps,

said the minister. The move comes in the

wake of a spate of road accidents involving Mo Buses in which some people were killed and injured. These incidents had raised safety concerns among the passengers.

Notably, Mo Bus is currently available on different routes in Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Khordha, Pipili, Puri, Konark, Rourkela, Sambalpur and Brahmapur



'Sadly, leaders oppose law banning cow slaughter'

 ${f A}$ t the Surabhi Satsang here, Go Navratra Mahotsav president Swami Samarpanand Giri said killing of cows was outlawed by India's Muslim rulers. However, ironically while drafting the Constitution, our politicians in independent India opposed the implementation of legislation prohibiting the slaughter of cows, he said.

Since Lord Krishna always was making the mother cows happy, the king of the heaven Lord Indra named Him Govinda, said Pujya Dayanidhi Das Maharaj, who was from Vrindavan.



Pujya Swami Shankaranand Saraswati Maharaj of Nigamanand Saraswat Ashram, Puri stated, "In India where the mother cow was highly respected and revered in the past, now we have to gather huge people and set up big organisations to raise awareness for the safety of the mother cow. For us, this is quite regrettable."

Brahmananda Swami Saraswati Maharaj of Nigam Kalpataru Ashram of Bhubaneswar said that the welfare of Go Mata is the welfare of the entire world.

Renowned vocalist Guru A Maheshwar Rao and his students sang devotional songs to kick off Surabhi Satsang. On the second day following the Satsang, Pujya

began the Bhagwat Katha. The event drew over 3000 devotees from various districts of

The training on Indian Govijnan was auspiciously inaugurated by Pujya Babaji Deenbandhu Das on the third

Odisha

During the programme, Ekadashi Nandi, a specialist in agriculture, emphasized the need of conserving native seeds and using cow dung, cow urine, and jeevamruta in farming. He informed the trainees about the negative consequences of chemical fertilizers and addressed a variety of their queries.

Ex-BJD MLA Sunanda joins BJP



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A week after resigning from the BJD, former MLA Sunanda Das joined the BJP on Wednesday.

Her husband Debendra Kumar Das also joined the saffron party in the presence of BJP State president Manmohan Samal.

Sunanda, former MLA from

Attack on youth in city: 4 miscreants held

Bari in Jajpur district, had last week made serious allegations against BJD leaders. She alleged that IPS officers DS Kutey and Ashish Singh distributed party tickets during the 2024 elections. Sunanda, who had won from Bari in 2019, was denied ticket in the 2024 Assembly polls. She attributed her decision to quit the BJD to being neglected in the party.

Mango kernel deaths

Srikant seeks judicial probe by HC judge

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Congress leader Srikant Jena on Wednesday demanded a judicial inquiry led by a sitting High Court judge into the death of two tribal women in Kandhamal district after consuming mango kernel.

Jena said the judicial inquiry would ensure impartiality and transparency in the case.

In a memorandum submitted to the Governor, the Congress stated that the Chief Minister is completely misleading facts to cover up the case. He has ordered an RDC inquiry into the case which is

conflict of interest. The RDC is a party to the case and should be held responsible for this neglect, as the district Collector did not visit the affected village for a week, where two tribal women died after consuming mango kernel. How can the RDC lead an impartial inquiry, Jena questioned.

The food grain supply should be increased to 15 kg per person per month at least for a period of July to October with strict enforcement of the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) provision of 35 kg per household, Jena demanded.

Mango kernel deaths

BJD demands Minister's resignation, arrest

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m ounting}$ a scathing attack on the BJP government over the death of two women in mango kernel incident in Kandhamal district, the BJD on Wednesday demanded resignation and arrest of Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Minister Krushna Chandra Patra for the tragedy.

BJD spokesperson Lekhashri Samantasinghar claimed that members of eight families in Kandhamal's Daringbadi area were forced to consume a gruel made of mango kernel as they were not provided with PDS rice.



not acceptable in a State where BJP claims to be running a double-engine government," she said, accusing the saffron party of having come to power by making false promises. Claiming that starvation

had become a thing of the past in Odisha during the BJD government, she said failure to provide the poor people with PDS rice is nothing but crimi-

Metro rail project to be completed by Dec '27

▲ he Bhubaneswar metro rail project is set to be completed by December 2027. The ambitious project aims to transform the urban transport system in the State capital by tackling traffic congestions and enhancing connectivity across key areas of the

As per sources, the metro trains will run on railway tracks 13 meters above the ground level. However, the height of the railway tracks will be higher at Rajmahal, Jayadev Vihar and Baranga. Metro trains will reportedly run every 10 minutes.

For this purpose, it has been planned to buy as many as 13 metro trains with three coaches each.

Soil testing for the metro

rail project is currently being conducted. Soil samples are being collected below 50-60 meters from various places and those will be sent to different laboratories in Delhi and Cuttack for testing. The soil testing will be completed

within two months. Following the completion of the soil testing, foundation designing work will start. Meanwhile, casting yard work is also going on at Ghatikia for the project. Project maintenance depot work is also going on at Ratagada near

Moreover, road expansion work from Sishu Bhawan Square to Raghunathpur in Bhubaneswar is also going on for the convenience of commuters and the work will be completed within two

he Commissionerate police on Wednesday arrested four persons in connection with the brutal attack on a social worker, Siba Srichandan, at Palaspalli under the Airport police station here on Monday. City DCP Pinak Mishra

Revenge motive

behind crime

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said, "We were able to apprehend four of the accused. While three were directly involved in the attack, five others had helped them to commit the crime. Four have been arrested and raids are on to nab the remaining four."

Mishra identified those arrested as Master Pramod Mahapatra alias Ganesh,

Debasis Nayak alias Salu, Sanjay Barik alias Sanju and Vicky Nayak, all residents of Bhubaneswar. The motorcycle and two weapons used in the crime and mobile phones of the accused were also seized.

"The weapons will be sent for forensic analysis," he said. Mishra further said police have ascertained criminal records of Debasis and Vicky. A number of cases are pending against them.

He attributed the attack to personal enmity. "It was an act of revenge. A case was recently registered at the Balianta police station in connection with

unable identify the miscreants and suspected Srichandan of plotting it," the DCP added.

On Monday, three motorcycle-borne miscreants attacked Srichandan, who was on a two-wheeler. He sustained serious injuries and was admitted to the AIIMS-

As a result, eight persons fell ill and two women died while two others are still battling for life in hospital. nal negligence.

'Literature is parallel history of society'

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IIT-BBS, MOSart Labs inks MoU For Dip Prog in phases. Successful candidates

Semiconductor Tech, Chip Design

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The Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar and the MOSart Labs have come together to offer an innovative Professional Diploma Programme in Semiconductor Technology and Chip Design

The programme aims to upskill students, making them industry-ready in various specialisations of VLSI including semiconductor technology, analog design, digital design, design verification, physical design, layout design,



ments.

In thi signed between both the organisations on November

On behalf of IIT Bhubaneswar, Prof Dinakar Pasla, Dean-Sponsored Research and Industrial Consultancy and on behalf of MOSart Labs, Rajesh Gupta,

CEO signed the MoU.

Among others, Prof V Pandu Ranga Dean-Continuing Education, Prof Prasant Kumar Sahu, Dean- Alumni Affairs and International Relations and Prof Vijay Shankar Pasupureddi, Program Coordinator were

The programme is struc-

tured into three comprehensive modules. It begins with the Launchpad Module, pro viding students with a thorough understanding of the IC lifecycle and the VLSI industry landscape, along with introductory VLSI classes. Following this module, the students will undergo an entrance exam to qualify for the next will progress to the Foundation Module, a semester-long programme featuring five courses that cover the fundamentals in different areas of chip design and technology.

In addition to teaching the concepts, the focus will be on helping students apply these concepts in design and simulation using state- of -the- art EDA tools. This will be followed by the Specialization Module, also a semester-long programme, where students will undertake three courses and a mini project, in their chosen area of specialization. This module allows students to focus on becoming industry-ready by doing industry level work independently in their chosen field.

BHUBANESWAR

Literature has been the beacon for civilisation. Now, it has been considered as the parallel history of the present society, opined eminent litterateurs at the third edition of the Literature Conclave held at the DAV Public School, Chandrasekharpur here on Tuesday. Author Dr Gourahari Das highlighted the immense influence of lit-

erature by citing various examples. The hearts of millions are kept intact in the pages of the books and it must be explored, Dr Das said. Authors Pallab Das spoke in the morning session. School Principal Dr Sujata Sahu emphasised on the inculcation of reading habits especially among the

In the afternoon session, Regional Director of DAV In-

stitutions Dr KC Satapathy delivered the maiden "DAV Chandrasekharpur Talks" and spoke about the importance of values and imparting education. Sangramjit Das enlightened about the various facets of life skills and ladders of goal-getting. A book authored by Priyansh Pratik, Class-X, was released on the occasion. Manushri Pati, Class-III, presented a story through action.

HITTING THE BULL'S EYE

Odisha BJP government has to keep poll promises

The last general elections in India had sprung many surprises. The BJP did badly in many of its bastions. Strangely, in Odisha where the BJP was expected to be the vanquished, victory was bestowed on it to the shock of many. Naveen Patnaik, poised to come back for his immensely-predicted sixth term, had to bite dust. Except a very few, the whole world had believed that invincible Naveen would win with an impressive margin. It did not happen and the least-talked-about Mohan Majhi, a simple, gentlemanly individual, was installed in the seat of Chief Minister. The undeniable fact is that the masses, fairly Naveen-soaked until the beginning of 2024, decided to discard the regime only because Naveen somehow began imagining he had no match in Odisha. His name was enough to attract all votes, no matter who the candidate was. So, he never came out of his ivory tower to campaign in public. He deputed his trusted lieutenants to do the



PATNAIK BISWARAJ

canvassing job so vigorously as to irritate and irk the people no end. The people began to suspect Naveen had given up due to illness or unwillingness and had handed over charge to his closest aide VK Pandian. The BJP took advantage of the situation and persuaded the people to believe that power had slipped through Naveen's fingers for good and unworthy lieutenants had taken over as if in a coup. The more the close aides, particularly VK, roamed across the constituencies, the more loss of votes happened to the BJD. The BJD, thus, was gone.

Five months have rolled by, but not much of significance has happened in Odisha by way of fulfilling electoral promises made by the BJP, which had unveiled a plethora of pledges like filling up of 2.15 lakh government-sector positions and 300 units of free electric power per month to all households irrespective of their economic status.

The saffron outfit had also ensured filling up soon 1.5 lakh vacant government posts in a fair and transparent manner making clear that recruitment for 65,000 posts would be completed in the first two years. The vacancies for OBC and Economically Weaker Sections would be filled up on a priority basis.

Further, they had promised to create 25 lakh 'Lakhpati Didis' from among women self-help groups by 2027 by creating industrial clusters for each one of 500 SHGs. The party strategists had also promised to provide an annual lean period allowance of ?10,000 to every fisherman so as to revolutionise the fishing industry by upgrading harbours and setting up cold warehouses and processing houses.

On the infrastructure front, the party had roared to ensure worldclass road connectivity across the State by constructing 75,000 km of rural and State Highway roads to connect all gram panchayats, district headquarters and the State capital. The saffron biggies had screamed that all the tall promises made by the Naveen Patnaik government including improvement of irrigation facilities were only empty noise.

Under the leadership of Narendra Modi, the party always gave emphasis on the politics of development where as the non-BJP gangs were only frantic to remain clung to power. The Modi government had given ?3.2 lakh crore through tax evolution mechanism and ?1.7 lakh crore of grant-in-aid to Odisha. The Naveen administration had never made this great truth known to public.

When curious people sought to know how free electricity was to be organised, the party boss at a public meeting modified the promise saying that under the 'PM Surya Ghar Yojana', the BJP government would provide a Rs 75,000-subsidy to consumers for installing rooftop solar panels that would provide free 300 units of power. But no one has made clear how ordinary citizens can get rooftop solar panels and the works, etcetera. The BJP administration does not talk about the least-privileged households with cheap slant roofs on which installing solar panels would be an impossible task. So, the 300 units of free power may not come true at all. The AAP in Delhi became incredibly popular by keeping the promise of free water and electricity immediately after taking over office. The Kejriwal administra-

tion did not steal from the state exchequer to foot the bills. It only nabbed corrupt officials and consumers, prevented huge pilferage and saved enough water and

power to keep promise. The Naveen government had promised 100 units of free power and inclusion of all people in the BSKY healthcare scheme which they would have certainly done if victory had come their way. All said and done, Naveen Patnaik was unbeatable in delivering promised welfare goods. His lieutenant VK Pandian talked big and delivered big, which the people are missing today.

The other commendable thing Naveen never compromised on was law and order issues. Street goons, extortionate gangs and property snatchers were nabbed instantly and booked under provisions of law, particularly in the event of complaints. The police force was trained to remain alert and rush to rescue of hapless victims. Perpetrators and miscreants of any type were dealt with ruthlessly. The Mohan administration has to keep up the culture of not sparing extortion and property snatching rackets anywhere in the State. People need to feel safe in the

first place.

Mohan Majhi is a perfect gentleman who is also noble-minded. But he does not seem to be adequately assertive with political colleagues. It is not uncommon a fact that the bureaucrats cannot be tamed or enslaved by Majhi as he is a greenhorn political ruler. Being a plain law maker is a casual and ordinary affair. But to be a successful political chief executive of the State, one needs to acquire extremely subtle skills for man and crisis management alike. The CMO is as yet not organised fittingly with a clear line of command and specific responsibilities assigned to particular officials so as to ensure smooth and timely running of affairs. Let the adorable gentleman Chief Minister better focus some special attention on that critical matter.

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Engineering student hospitalised after 'ragging'

5 accused students arrested PNS ■ KEONJHAR

 ${f A}$ second-year student of the Government Engineering College in Keonihar has levelled ragging allegations against seniors, saying he was subjected to physical torture by five seniors at the college hostel.

The college authorities barred the accused students from the campus for one year.

All the five accused students were arrested and forwarded



barged into the victim's hostel room at around 02:30 am; and before he could understand anything, they started thrashing him with sticks and rods. The victim sustained severe injuries in the assault. Getting the information, the hostel warden rushed to his rescue and admitted the victers Hospital.

The sources said the reason behind this aggressive attack was the grudge against the victim as he had brought to light the matter of earlier attempts made by the senior students to rag the juniors.

Meanwhile, the family members of the victim have the police and held discussions with the college Princi-

"Last night around 2:45 am, my son was brutally attacked by his seniors and sustained injuries. After receiving his phone call, we arrived at the hospital and filed a complaint with police," said the victim's father.

Sarangi has assured of strict action against the seniors who were involved in the ragging. The anti-ragging committee of the college would decide further actions, he said.

Principal Saroj Kumar

Valuables stolen from Taratarini Temple

RAJEEV RATHAN ■ BRAHMAPUR

A major robbery occurred at the Maa Taratarini Temple in Ganjam district on Tuesday night when thieves broke into the shrine and stole several precious items, including silver crowns, multiple religious ornaments and other valuable artifacts.

Purushottampur police have begun an investigation, suspecting the involvement of a group of criminals.

The robbery was discovered early Wednesday morning when the temple priest arrived to begin the day's rituals and found the premises ransacked.

The thieves also tried to break into the temple's dona-



tion box (Hundi). Though they managed to damage the first lock, they failed to open the inner lock and left without taking any money.

This robbery took place at a time when the temple has been undergoing renovations, which are expected to include the installation of CCTV cameras once completed. The absence of CCTV surveillance has now left the temple vul-

In Puri dist 2 killed as speeding car rams into tree

T wo persons died after the car by which they were travelling rammed into a tree along Gop road under the Konark police station in Puri district on Tuesday night.

Sources said the vehicle crashed into the tree after the driver lost control of the wheels.

The driver of the vehicle had a close shave with serious injuries while two other occupants died on the spot. The deceased were Biswajit Sahoo from Niali and Pradipta Behera of Bhubaneswar.

The deceased were on thier way to Konark from Bhubaneswar when the mishap occurred. The vehicle was completely damaged follow-



ing the collision. Locals rescued the injured driver Tapas Sahu and alerted the cops and Fire Service.

The driver broke his leg and was initially admitted to the Gop Hospital. He was later shifted to a hospital in Bhubaneswar after his condition worsened

While the reason for the mishap was yet to be ascertained, sources blamed overspeeding by the driver. However, police suspected that the driver might have dozed off.

In Sambalpur Woman, daughter burnt to death in house

NIMAI CHARAN SAHU **SAMBALPUR**

 $B_{
m odies}$ of two women were recovered by police from two separate rooms in the upper floor of a two-storied house at Hatapada under Maneswar block in Sambalpur district on Tuesday night.

The mother was found dead in the bedroom whereas the body of her daughter was found burnt in a mysterious fire in their kitchen room.

The deceased were identified as Snehalata Dixit (98) and her daughter Sairendri Dixit (62). The incident occurred around 10:30 pm when neighbours spotted smoke billowing from the upper floor of the two-sto-

According to locals, Snehalata, was bedridden for her age related illness, whereas the daughter, Sairendri, was a former UP School teacher. She was unmarried and staying with her mother on the upper floor, whereas the son of Snehalata and his family were living on the ground floor of the house.

Snehalata's daughter Indrani Purohit, staying in the Rengali area of the district, alleged foul play in the incident, citing a long-standing land dispute with her brother.

"I suspect they were murdered. My sister was killed first and then burnt. My brother and his sons have done this for the greed of land and property," said Indrani.

Sambalpur Sadar SDPO Tophan Bag said initial investigation revealed kitchen gas was on when police reached the spot at night. "Not both the deceased have died in the fire. The daughter succumbed to fire injuries, whereas the mother had no burn injuries. The postmortem report will reveal the cause of the mother's death. The bodies have been recovered from different rooms. A scientific team is investigating the scene, and the bodies have been sent for

autopsy," he added. Police have launched an investigation into the incident. The exact cause of the fire was

applauds women farmers' role in State's economy

Deputy Chief Minister KV Singh Deo on Wednesday applauded the crucial role of women farmers in advancing Odisha's economy at the second edition of the 'Hatching Hope Groundbreaking Summit' here.

The summit showcased the progress of women in smallscale agriculture and allied

Singh Deo pledged the State Government's full support to initiatives that uplift women in farming. He encouraged Passing Gifts for collaborating with the State's all 30 district administrations to extend the reach of its innovative Backyard Poultry Model, an initiative designed to empower rural women through sustainable poultry farming. Singh Deo suggested lever-

No relief from

admn despite



aging funds from the District Mineral Foundations (DMFs) to support backyard poultry initiatives

Around 50 women farmers from the districts of Mayurbhanj and Keonjhar, who have successfully adopted the Backyard Poultry Model to become self-reliant, were felicitated by Singh Deo.

Biswal, Akshaya Programme Director at Passing Gifts, introduced the "New Panic as houses develop cracks, pollution widespread

Backyard Poultry Model", which offers predator-proof housing, sustainable feed options like Azolla cultivation, and access to necessary financial resources.

This new model aligns with government initiatives such as 'Lakhpati Didis' programme, creating a coordinated approach to enhance both farmers' income and food

Dipanwita Chakraborty,

regional director of Corporate Responsibility and Sustainable Development at Cargill, endorsed the new poultry model, saying it promotes "sustainable practices vital for food security and the health of our communities".

Rina Soni, executive director of Passing Gifts, underscored the need for collaboration among like-minded stakeholders to drive meaningful change in rural areas.

Keonjhar lad in Odisha U-19 cricket team

To play Behari Trophy from Nov

PNS ■ KEONJHAR

Sarthak Swayamprakash, a budding young cricketer from Keonjhar district, has been included in the Odisha Under-19 cricket team.

Sarthak has been eligible to play for the State in the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for the Behari Trophy, starting November 6 in New Delhi.

After passing matriculation from Nirmala Convent School, Keonjhar, Sarthak, who is studying in the second year of arts at Ravenshaw, Cuttack, is attracted to cricket because of the inspiration of his elder brother Saurabh



Swayamprakash.

It is to be noted that Sarthak was selected for the Vijay Merchant Trophy in the Under-16 cricket team in 2021. Deputy Director, Information and Public Relations Department and Governor's Public Relations Officer Sanjeev Barik and Ranjita Barik's youngest son Sarthak has been congratulated from various quarters including general secretary of Keonjhar District Sports Association Janardan Das for his success.

State-level workshop 'Unorganised workers neglected in India'

he Nikhil Utkal Gramin Chasi Mulia Sangh in association 'NASS' and BWI jointly organised a workshop in connection with the presentation of demands for workers working in the unorganised sector at the office of the INTUC here. The chief guest at the conference was former Rajya Sabha MP and INTUC State president Dr Ramachandra Khuntia.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Khuntia said that India's 50 crore unorganised workers have been totally neglected and are at the receiving end. There is no social security and health security system for them. On the other hand, the government has not implemented the minimum wage system for them, he charged.

The Government of India has made arrangements for computerized registration of unorganised sector workers.

But in the last budget not a single rupee was provided for their social security, he alleged further.

AICCTU Radhakant Sethi in his speech said that there are many schemes planned by the government but the workers are not getting any benefit. The government is working only for the corporates, he alleged.

INTUC general secretary Kishore Jena slammed the government for depriving the citizens of their right dues. Vice president Madan Mohan Dhal said that the various health schemes launched by the government are ineffective since unorganised workers donot get any benefits from them. The repredentatives from

Employees State Health Insurance Scheme (ESI) and Nikhila Utkal Chasi Mulia Sangha demanded that the State give Rs 500 crore Corpus funds to the Unorganised Workers Welfare Board.

yet to be determined. In Koraput

arrested

Police claimed to have cracked a woman's murder and said she was killed by her husband with the help of two accomplices over a family

The husband had cooked up a fake story after committing the crime, said the Sunabeda SDPO.

The accused identified as Mahendra Khara and his two aides were arrested in this con-

"Key accused Mahendra had hatched a plan to kill his wife around eight days ago. He and his two friends executed the

Man kills wife, cooks up robbery story murder plan on Monday night when the couple was returning from an Aadhaar Kendra in Nandapur. Firstly, accused Mahesh Mali beat the victim woman with a lathi and she collapsed on the ground. Later, Mahendra beat his wife to death. She died on the spot," Sunabeda SDPO Manabrata Satpathy Notably, Mahendra had

hatched a story that some miscreants killed his wife after tying him to a tree at Hariamunda village under Nandapur police station in the districtt. As per the story, the couple was returning from Nandapur when miscreants attacked the duo near Handaltota.

repeated complaints PNS DHENNKANAL **■** llegal blasting and exploration of stones continue unabated in Dhenkanal's Jagannathpur village under

Parjang block, thanks to the negligent attitude of the officials concerned. Despite repeated complaints, the district administration is in deep slumber, though the lives of hundreds of villagers, flora and fauna, and other living beings in the

> area are at a stake. The stone blasting goes on with much impunity violating government norms.

The situation is so bad that not even a single house, including its roof, wall, tiles or asbestos, is without cracks, leading to restlessness and panic among the villagers.

Irate locals have attributed



their plight to the illegal stone blasting and blamed the district administration for failing to curb the illegal activity.

"For the last two years, the stone blasting here has been running illegally. Most of the houses have developed cracks due to the dynamite blasts, stone blasting and use of other explosives. We cannot even sleep due to the blast sounds. When we try to talk to the company, they are threatening the us," alleged a local.

Likewise another local

stated, "We do not have our own house. We have availed a house under the Indira Awas Yojana. Now, those houses have developed cracks due to the illegal stone blasting here. Even cows and other domestic cattle are dying because of the pollution caused due to the illegal stone blasting."

"Despite repeated complaints, they are continuing the illegal stone blast. They are threatening us with dire consequences if we open our mouths," alleged another lo-

Not just domestic animals the stone quarry has posed serious threats to wild animals, especially elephants that often stray into the area in search of food. Elephants often fall into the pits caused due to stone quarries and lose their lives, the locals alleged.

When contacted, the Parjang tehsildar said that he would launch a probe into the incident and attract the attention of the Mining Depart-

Hilly G'pati villagers want direct road to block hdqrs

boundary realignment

Situated in the rugged, hilly terrains from development.

Basic infrastructure, such as paved roads and clean drinking water, is severely lacking. With no direct road connecting the Panchayat to the block headquarters, the villagers endure an exhausting 80 km journey through Ganjam district to reach

Dhepaguda is only 17 km

from the Mohana Block Office. but without direct road connectivity. The villagers from areas like Karri take a circuitous route through villages such as Chandiput, Guriguda and Meulmelani, passing through neighbouring Ganjam district. The rocky paths make the journey challenging, as locals traverse steep, hilly roads that wind through Lakhari sanctuary, known as a vital refuge for

Lakhari sanctuary, cherished as a "house of wildlife," is home to diverse species and dense flora, protected under conservation guidelines that have restricted development. With no paved roads, villagers rely on unsafe trails that force them to navigate challenging hills and rocky paths, making access to essential services nearly impossible. A small stretch of paved

road exists between Chandiput and Guburiguda, but the remaining 5 km stretch is rugged, rocky trails that can only be crossed on foot. This lack of infrastructure has led the villagers to demand that the government either establish direct road access within Gajapati district or reconstitute district boundaries to bring their panchayat under Ganjam district, which offers more accessible connections. Currently, villagers have no choice but to travel a grueling 80 km route through Ganjam district, covering areas like Bhismagiri of Digapahandi block and Sanakhemundi block og Ganjam district for essential services.

est department's jurisdiction,

construction. The Forest Department has begun basic roadwork under the Mindaga plan, but the location within Lakhari sanctuary means that paved road construction would require central approval, Chandragiri Forest Officer Binay Prakash Buru said. The isolation of Dhepaguda Panchayat affects more than road connectivity; residents

limiting their ability to initiate

struggle for basic access to water, healthcare and educa-

Of 5 truck terminals planned, only 1 operational planned coal mine. While the Traffic jams, mishaps a regular phenomenon

RAJ KUMAR SHARMA **JHARSUGUDA** I he absence of adequate truck terminals in Jharsuguda has led to rampant illegal parking on city roads and the State Highway, resulting in frequent accidents and risking

lives. Despite initial plans for

five truck terminals to manage

heavy vehicle traffic, only one

terminal is operational, leav-

ing the residents vulnerable to safety hazards. Currently, the sole active truck terminal is in Brajrajnagar's Unit-9, covering 3 acres. Inaugurated on June 29, 2022, it was handed over to the Truck Owners Association. However, the remaining four terminals face various delays. The stalled projects include terminals at Pandaripathar-Badmal, Kudaloi, Panchpada-Jharianal, and Bagmunda.

The terminal at Pandaripathar-Badmal has completed initial construction over 5 acres in Pandaripathar to the National Highway Mouza and an additional 1.4

operational, this terminal could significantly reduce illegal parking, especially along the Biju Expressway Bypass. RTO Dinabandhu Sundhi indicated that this terminal should open soon. Construction at the

Kudaloi terminal is stalled due

(NH) 49 route shift for a

acres in Badmal Mouza. Once

land-3.5 acres-has been allocated, construction awaits clearance from the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Similarly, while land allot-

ment procedures have progressed for the terminals at Panchpada-Jharianal (3.43) acres) and Bagmunda (6.6 acres), the district administration has yet to initiate construction. Local residents continue to

face a hazardous environment as heavy vehicles congest main roads and highways, turning these routes into "death zones." Prompt action from authorities is crucial to prevent further accidents and restore road safety in Jharsuguda, said the residents

PNS BRAHMAPUR

Dhepaguda Panchayat in Mohana block of Gajapati district, remains far

Mohana block headquarters or through a terrain covering a hazardous 17 km stretch to reach the block office at Mohana.

The road is under the for-

tion. Despite repeated appeals, villagers feel their voices are overshadowed by conservation policies. They remain hopeful that the government will approve either a direct paved road or a boundary realignment, allowing the panchayat much-needed relief in the hilly, remote region.

NIC warns officials of rising vishing scams

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Acyber security advisory has cautioned government officials against trusting the caller ID information that pops up while receiving a phone call, following a spurt in "vishing" attacks aimed at compromising confidential personal information and gaining unauthorised access to official systems. "Attackers may impersonate trusted entities, such as senior government officials, law enforcement agencies, or technical support personnel," the advisory issued recently by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) says. The severity of the communication has been categorised as "high"

It has specified that attackers "manipulate" caller ID information to make a call appear as if it is coming from a "legitimate government number".

The communication sent to multiple government departments and ministries has been accessed by PTI. It says it was issued as "in recent months, there has been an increase in



vishing attacks targeting government officials to compromise confidential information and gain unauthorised access to official systems".

"Vishing" or voice-phishing is a social engineering attack where scamsters use phone calls or voice messages to manipulate individuals to share sensitive information, such as log-in credentials, personal information and financial

tactic of conveying a "sense of urgency", "coercing" targets into revealing information by implying severe consequences

for non-compliance and using "complex technical language" to confuse or intimidate targets, making them more likely to comply, the advisory has said. It has asked government officials to be cautious against such techniques as it has underlined that caller ID infor-

"Do not trust the legitimacy of the caller based solely on the displayed number.

Cross-check any caller claiming to represent an official agency with official records, the communication has advised.

It has also asked officials to mandatorily verify the caller's identity through government channels before sharing sensitive information. The advisory has asked them to call back the organisation or individual using publicly available contact information.

Officials, according to the advisory, should always "be suspicious of any unsolicited calls asking for personal or confidential information, especially when the caller is creating urgency or panic to pressure compliance". "Take time to verify the information provided by a suspect caller," the advisory has said.

It has also asked government staffers to practise all established protocols for ensuring safe cyber interaction during work and otherwise.

Vidyalaxmi scheme for student loans

PNS NEW DELHI

he Union Cabinet on The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme to provide monetary support to meritorious students so that financial constraints do not prevent them from pursuing quality higher education, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw

As per the scheme, anybody who gets admission in Quality Higher Education Institutions (QHEIs) will be eligible to get collateral free, guarantor-free loan from banks and financial institutions to cover the full amount of tuition fees and other expenses related to the

"The Cabinet has approved PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme to provide financial support to meritorious students so that financial constraints do not prevent any youth of India from pursuing quality higher education," Vaishnaw said at a Press



The scheme will be applicable to the top QHEIs as deter-mined by the NIRF rankings including all HEIs, government and private, that are ranked within the top 100 in NIRF in overall, category-specific and domain-specific rankings, state government HEIs ranked in 101-200 in the NIRF and all central government-run nstitutions

"This list will be updated every year using the latest NIRF ranking, and to begin with 860 qualifying QHEIs, covering more than 22 lakh students to be able to potentially avail benefits of PM-Vidyalaxmi, if they so desire," an official state-

Cabinet approves PM- Indian Coast Guard Lays Foundation for Tier-III Data Centre



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Deputy Director General (Policy & Plans), Indian Coast Guard (ICG), Inspector General (IG) Anand Prakash Badola laid the foundation stone for the Tier-III Data Centre of Project Digital Coast Guard (DCG) on Tuesday at Mahipalpur here, officials said on Wednesday.

Equipped with latest technology, the Project DCG's Tier-III Data Centre will serve as the brain centre to monitor and administer all the applications and vital IT resources. thereby providing critically important support to the administrative functioning of

Project DCG, being executed Telecommunications Consultants India Limited, includes construction of stateof-the-art Data Centre in New Delhi, 'Disaster Recovery Data Centre' at New Mangalore, Karnataka and Pan-India connectivity among ICG locations including ships and also implementation of an 'Enterprise Resource Planning' application.

Centre approves ₹ 10,700 Crore equity for FCI

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Centre on Wednesday approved infusion of Rs 10,700 crore as equity in stateowned FCI for working capital requirement this fiscal. The Food Corporation of India (FCI) is the government's nodal agency for procurement and distribution of foodgrains. "The Cabinet Committee on

Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved infusion of equity of Rs 10,700 crore for working capital in financial year 2024-25 in Food Corporation of India (FCI)," an official statement said.

The decision is aimed at bolstering the agricultural sector and ensuring the welfare of farmers nationwide. "This strategic move shows the government's steadfast commitment to supporting farmers and fortifying India's agrarian economy," it added.

The FCI started its journey in 1964 with authorised capital of



Rs 100 crore and equity of Rs 4 crore. The operations of FCI increased manifolds resulting in increase of authorised capital from Rs 11,000 crore to Rs 21,000 crore in February 2023. The equity of FCI was Rs 4,496 crore in 2019-20 fiscal, which was increased to Rs 10,157 crore in 2023-24.

"Now, the Government of India has approved a significant amount of equity of Rs 10,700 crore for FCI which will strengthen it financially and will give a big boost to the initiatives taken for its transformation," the statement said.

FCI plays a pivotal role in ensuring food security by procurement of foodgrains at Minimum Support Price (MSP), maintenance of strategic foodgrain stocks, distribu-

tion of foodgrains for welfare measures and stabilisation of foodgrain prices in the market. The infusion of Equity is a significant step towards enhancing the operational capabilities of FCI in fulfilling its mandate effectively. FCI resorts to shortterm borrowings to match the gap of fund requirement. This infusion will help to lower the interest burden and will ultimately reduce the subsidy of the Government of India," the

The government's dual commitment to MSP-based procurement and investment in FCI's operational capabilities signifies a collaborative effort towards empowering farmers, fortifying the agricultural sector, and ensuring food security for the nation, it added.

statement said.

Tight waistbands linked to 'petticoat'ss cancer risk

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

magine wearing a traditional saree every day, only to discover years later that the tight waist cord of your petticoat might have silently caused a dangerous health issue. Dubbed "petticoat cancer," the condition is linked to the chronic pressure from tightly tied waistbands, a stark reminder that even long-standing cultural habits can carry hidden risks, according to a study published in British Medical Journal (BMJ) Case Reports.

The doctors in the reports have advised wearing a loose petticoat beneath the saree to ease pressure on the skin and loose clothing if skin problems develop to allow the area to heal. They also advise seeking medical attention if any skin irritation or ulcers develop, as non-healing wounds can eventually turn malignant. The study has revealed how

this seemingly harmless practice can lead to serious skin

problems, including ulcers and even skin cancer. The condition, caused by prolonged pressure and friction, can lead to skin irritation, non-healing ulcers, and, in severe cases, skin cancer (squamous cell carcinoma). Doctors, including those from Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College in Uttar Pradesh, explained that continuous pressure and friction from a tight waist cord can cause long-term skin irritation. This irritation can lead to ulcers, which, in some cases, may develop into skin cancer, they said based on the two cases they came through.

According to the authors, a 70year-old woman sought medical treatment for a painful skin ulcer on her right side, i.e., between ribs and hip bone, which had been present for 18 months and refused to heal. The authors noted that the skin around the ulcer had lost its pigmentation. They also mentioned that the woman wore her petticoat tightly tied around her waist beneath her saree. In the second case, a woman in her late 60s was reported to have had an ulcer on her right

two years. "A woman in her late 60s presented with a two-year history of an ulcerating lesion on her

flank that had not healed for

right flank. She wore a lugda daily for 40 years. A lugda is tied very tightly around the waist without a petticoat," the authors wrote.

The authors further noted that the biopsies revealed that both women had a Marjolin ulcer, also known as squamous cell carcinoma (ulcerating skin cancer). In the second woman, the cancer had spread to one of the lymph nodes in her groin at the time of diagnosis, the authors said.

Authors warn chronic pressure from tight clothing can lead to non-healing ulcers and potential skin cancer.

"Constant pressure at the waist often leads to cutaneous atrophy, which ultimately breaks down to form an erosion or an ulcer. The ulcer at this site does not heal entirely due to ongoing pressure from tight cloth-

A chronic non-healing wound results, which may develop malignant change," the authors wrote in the study.

BJP enrolls over ten Lakh members in Tripura



PTI ■ AGARTALA

The BJP has enrolled over 10 lakh people as its members during an ongoing membership drive, a senior party leader said on Wednesday.

A total of 8.51 lakh people have enrolled their names online as members of the ruling party, while another 2 lakh have registered in the offline mode, the party's Tripura in-charge Rajdeep Roy said.

The Tripura BJP had set a target to have 10 lakh members in the state which has a population of 40 lakh and we have achieved it," he told reporters

Roy said of the 2 lakh applications for membership through the offline mode, around 1.50 lakh names have already been uploaded on the membership

drive web portal. The drive commenced on September 3 and is scheduled to continue till November 15. The total enrolment includes both fresh members as well as

renewal of membership. "This is yet another big achieve-

ment for the party's state unit under the leadership of Chief Minister Manik Saha and BJP state president and MP Rajib Bhattacharjee. They did a remarkable job to achieve the target," he said.

Tripura's name is now clubbed with big states such as Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Assam with regard to fulfilment of organisational targets set by the party's central leadership, he

pation in organisational elec-

Manipur CM hails Thadou support for NRC, anti-drug drive

PTI IMPHAL

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh on Wednesday expressed his satisfaction over the recent resolution passed at the Thadou Convention, which voiced support for the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and the state's 'War on Drugs' cam-

paign.
Singh, however, emphasised that the government would not compromise its policies in the name of bringing peace by accommodating outsiders.

At a convention in Guwahati

last week, the Thadou tribe pledged its support for NRC and also backed the state government's 'war on drugs'. Thadou is the largest tribe

within the Kuki community. However, during the recent convention, the community asserted that "it is a distinct ethnic group of people, with own distinct language, culture, traditions and great history and



Thadou is not Kuki, or underneath Kuki, or part of Kuki, but a separate, independent entity from Kuki."

Speaking at the launch of the Chief Minister's Coaching Scheme for Entrance Examinations to Professional Courses, Singh said, "Peace will definitely come. Thadou is one of the oldest tribes in the state. Following the Thadou Convention's support for the NRC and the War on Drugs campaign, several civil society organisations in the state have welcomed and appreciated this

He added, "We cannot compromise on our policies in the name of peace. Under the guise of inclusiveness, we cannot accommodate every outsider. We must protect the distinctiveness of our indigenous communities and the rights of old settlers. We have faced numerous challenges because of this objective. We should also not forget that we are

Regarding the coaching scheme, Singh said it aimed to

to compete at the national level for professional courses like JEE (Main/Advanced) and

He added, "People with knowledge and education are less likely to get involved in conflict and will maintain decorum in their speech and actions. Defending the unity and integrity of India is our collective duty, and we must understand the rights guaranteed

under our Constitution.' Singh said there would be an examination at the end of the coaching course, which would be held in March or April. He added that the government would bear the expenses of students who successfully pass the

Additionally, Singh urged the selected students to plant a tree under the Prime Minister's initiative "Maa Ke Naam Ek Per" (One Tree in the Name of Mother), encouraging environmental responsibility alongside their academic pursuits.

Swacch Ghat 2.0: Yogi government launches cleanliness drive for Chhath festival

BISWAJEET BANERJEE

Tn a bid to enhance cleanli-Iness and beautification efforts at river ghats during the Chhath Mahaparva, the Yogi Adityanath-led government has launched the Swacch Ghat Pratiyogita 2.0 (Clean Ghat Competition 2.0) across Uttar Pradesh.

The initiative, which runs until November 8 seeks to promote a cleaner, plastic-free environment by actively engaging local communities, schools, NGOs, and volunteer

The program has introduced the concept of "Arpan Kalash" at each ghat, where devotees can contribute offerings while being reminded to maintain the cleanliness of the area. Ghats are also designated as "No Plastic Zones" under this initiative, restricting the use of



plastic and thermocol items, which are commonly used in religious rituals.

To ensure convenience and sanitation for devotees, temporary toilets and bathing facilities have been installed, with daily maintenance teams in place. This effort is being reinforced by the Swachh Sarathi Club, schools, colleges, universities, and other voluntary groups who are contributing to the success of the competition by spreading awareness on cleanliness.

waste management by installing dustbins at strategic locations across ghats to facilitate proper disposal. Citizens are being encouraged to actively participate in cleanliness drives making the feeti ness drives, making the festival a community-led effort to beautify the riverside areas. Numerous NGOs and civil society organizations have joined hands with the government, not only conducting cleanliness campaigns but also educating the public on sustainable environmental prac-

After completion of the membership drive, active members will be identified for partici-

Ajit Pawar promises to increase benefits under Shinde Government scheme

T N RAGHUNATHA

In its manifesto for the 2024 Maharashtra Assembly polls, the Ajit Pawar-led NCP has promised to increase the quantum of assistance under the "Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana" from Rs 1,500 to 2,100 per month, to enhance the benefit under the Shetkari Sanman Nidhi from Rs 12,000 to Rs 15,000 per year and to grant Rs 25000 per hectare bonus for paddy farmers..

While releasing his party's 11point manifesto in his home constituency of Baramati on Wednesday, NCP President and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar said that in addition to the state-wide manifesto, his party would also release constituency-specific manifestos in the coming days

Simultaneously, NCP (AP)'s Working President Praful Patel released the NCP (AP) his party's at Gondia in Vidarbha region, while State unit chief Sunil Tatkare released the in

At a mega high-tech event, the NCP (Ajit Pawar) released the manifesto in all the constituencies from which it is contesting through video-conferencing. All the senior party leaders, including Pawar, Patel and Tatkare, were present at the

Pawar said that the NCP (AP) -- if re-elected to power -- has promised to increase the amount under Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana from existing Rs 1,500 per month to Rs 2,100



per month. "This initiative will be the largest monthly Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in Maharashtra's history providing benefits of Rs 25,000 per

year to over 2.3 crore women, the NCP (AP) chief said. This initiative will be the largest monthly DBT transfer in Maharashtra's history providing benefits of Rs 25,000 per year to over 2.3 crore women," Among other things, the NCP

(AP) talks about increasing the old age pension from Rs 1,500 to Rs 2,100 per month. For farmers, the party has promised to raise the Shetkari Sanman Nidhi from Rs 12,000 to Rs 15,000 per year, combining support from both the central and state governments. The manifesto also talks about waiving the farmers loan and giving 20 per cent additional subsidy for all crops sold under

Besides this, NCP has also given an assurance of Rs 25000 per hectare bonus for paddy "We have resolved to build

more than 45000 'panand'

plan to develop the rural agri-cultural infrastructure', the manifesto stated Other promises include a commitment to create 2.5 million

jobs and provide monthly stipends of Rs 10,000 to 10 lakh superius of RS 10,000 to 10 lakh students through training. A monthly salary of Rs 15,000 for Anganwadi and ASHA workers and commitment to reduce electricity bills by 30% while prioritizing solar and renewable energy are some other promises made by the NCP (AP)

roads in rural parts of Maharashtra. This is the biggest

"We vow to implement measures that will curb the prices of essential commodities, making them more affordable for everyone", the manifesto stat-

Parliamentary panel postpones briefing on India's ties with Canada, China PNS ■ NEW DELHI viding safe haven to the sepa-

Abriefing by Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri to a parliamentary panel headed by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor on India's volatile ties with Canada and China did not take place on Wednesday and is likely to be taken up later, sources said.

They said the briefing by the External Affairs Ministry delegation on its demands for grants for the year 2024-25 went on for a long time and it was decided that the briefing on these issues will be done at

a later meeting. The ministry officials also had some other engagement, a MP



meeting coincided with the US presidential election result in which Donald Trump stormed back to power. India's ties with Canada have

nosedived over the North American country's allegation of the Indian government's involvement in the killing of a Khalistani activist, a charge rejected by New Delhi. India has accused Canada of proIndia's relations with China have also been frosty following the Ladakh standoff but have

recently seen some thaw after

the two countries reached an

agreement on the issue. Some MPs said the next meeting should take place after the state elections and the by-elections to allow maximum participation as some of them may be busy in campaign. The results to the polls are sched-

uled for November 23. Misri had in the earlier meeting of the parliamentary committee on external affairs briefed its members on the "Israel-Palestine Conflict".

Sharda Sinha to be cremated in Maharashtra: BJP expels 40 **Patna with full State honours**

Renowned singer Sharda Sinha, who breathed her last at AIIMS Delhi on Tuesday, will be cremated in Patna with full state honours on Thursday. Patna Magistrate Chandrashekhar Singh said her mortal remains reached in the State's Capital on Wednesday. "As per wishes of her family members, Sinha's cremation will take place around 9 am on Thursday", said

One of the things that Sinha would be remembered for is her rendition of devotional songs meant for 'Chhath', the most popular festival of the state which, incidentally, falls on Thursday when the 'Bihar Kokila' will be consigned to

Sinha's mortal remains have been kept at her Rajendra Nagar house (near Kankarbagh) in Patna where her fans and well wishers will pay their last respects to the popular folk singer. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar announced cremation with full state honours for Sinha, a recipient of Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan.

Kumar visited Sinha's house on Wednesday afternoon to pay last respects to the departed soul. Besides, several VVIPs are also expected to visit



the singer's house to pay homage. Union Minister and BJP national president J P Nadda is also expected to visit Sinha's house on Thursday evening.

Sinha passed away on Tuesday night while undergoing treatment at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi. She was 72.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee condoled Sinha death and said, "Saddened at the demise of noted folk singer Sharda Sinha. Also known as 'Bihar Kokila' due to her melodious voice, her songs in Bhojpuri, Maithili,

and Magadhi languages will always be remembered. I express my sincere condolences to her bereaved family, friends and fans".

Renowned singer Sharda Sinha's son, Anshuman, on Thursday expressed his wish for his late mother to be considered posthumously for the Padma Vibhushan, the second-highest civilian honour in the country.

Prominent cinema personalities Anurag Kashyap, Manoj Bajpayee, Richa Chadha, Huma Qureshi, and Sonu Nigam were amongst others who

fondly called 'Bihar Kokila' by her fans. The Padma Bhushan recipient lent her voice to songs prominently in Maithili, Bhojpuri and Magahi languages such as "Chhathi Maiya Aayi Na Duaariya," "Ho Deenanth", "Dwar Chekai", and "Patna Se", but had also sung Hindi film songs se, but had also sting Filhel him songs like "Taar Bijli" ("Gangs of Wasseypur"), "Kahe Toh Se Sajna" ("Maine Pyar Kiya"), and "Babul" ("Hum Aapke Hain

Production house Rajshri, which backed "Maine Pyar Kiya" and "Hum Aapke Hain Koun..!", shared a condolence message on its social media page. Born in Supaul in Bihar, Sinha became famous not only in her home state but also in parts of eastern Uttar

Popular playback singer Sonu Nigam said it was extremely saddening to lose "respected Sharda Sinha ji during the great festival of Chhath Puja".

Bhojpuri actor and politician Ravi Kishan said without Sinha's voice, every festival seemed empty, especially the festival of Chhath, which is why "chhati maiya" called her back during this time. Former Bhojpuri actor and BJP MP Manoj Tiwari, who on Tuesday visited the bereaved family after Sinha's death at AIIMS-Delhi, shared a heartfelt post on the microblogging site.

rebel candidates from the party

 $F^{
m aced}$ with an unprecedented rebellion in constituencies across poll-bound Maharashtra, the ruling BJP has cracked the whip and expelled as many 40 party rebel candidates in 36 Assembly constituencies across the state.

In a formal statement issued a day after the deadline for withdrawal of nominations ended, the BJP named the 40 rebel candidates whom it expelled from the primary membership of the party for violating the party and indulging in anti-party activities. Known all along for discipline

in its party ranks, the BJP is dealing with massive rebellion across the state. The expelled rebel candidates are taking on the party's official candidates. "There are more rebel

candidates in the fray than the ones named in the list. There are 78 more rebel candidates in the fray. All these rebels are contesting against the official candidates put up by our allies - the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar-headed NCP," a BJP leader who did



not want to be identified said. The 40 expelled BJP rebels are spread across the state. They include two rebels from Dhule --Rural (Shrikant Karle and Sophan Patil), two from Jalgaon city (Mayur Kapse and Ashwin Sonawane), two from Nanded-North (Vaishali Milind Deshmukh and Milind Deshmukh), Uttarmrao Nanded south Venkatrao Kadkrute, Sunil

Sahebrao More and Sanjay Dhongare), Baglan-ST (Aakash Salunke and Jayashree Garund). In what came as a jolt to the BJP, its national spokesperson and former Nandurbar MP Dr Heena Gavit resigned from

the party's primary membership after defying the party's directive not contest against the Shinde Shiv Sena's official candidate Amashya Padvi from Akkalkuwa constituency. The State BJP

had threatened that it would initiate disciplinary candidate if she did not withdraw her nomination against Padvi Earlier this year, Dr Heena was trounced in the Lok Sabha polls by Goval Padvi, son of incumbent Akkalkuva MLA KC Padvi. Congress has renominated KC Padvi as its candidate from Akkalkuwa. Dr Heena's father, Vijaykumai Gavit - who is the state tribal development minister in the Eknath Shinde candidate remains the BJP candidate from the neighbouring Nandurbar constituency. However, much to the relief of the BJP, senior BJP leader and former MP Gopal Shetty who had threatened to contest as a rebel against the party's official candidate Sanjay Upadhyay from Borilivli constituency in Mumbai - has withdrawn his nomination. He had filed his nomination as an independent last week. Similarly, the BJP's former corporator Atul Shah, who had threatened to contest as a rebel against the party's erstwhile functionary-turned Eknath Shinde Shiv Sena candidate Shaina - has backed

Samajwadi Party to focus on alleged land scams, corruption in by-election campaign

BISWAJEET BANERJEE LUCKNOW

The Samajwadi Party (SP) plans to spotlight alleged irregularities in land purchases, corruption, fertilizer shortages, law and order, the Constitution, and unemployment in its campaign for the upcoming by-elections.

SP President Akhilesh Yadav, during a meeting with supporters in Ghaziabad aimed to convey a political message to party workers and voters across Uttar Pradesh. Yadav has officially launched

his by-election campaign from Ghaziabad and will soon extend his efforts to other seats. SP considers these byelections a "semifinal" for the next state assembly elections. Party leaders believe that a victory here would send a strong message that defeating



the Bharativa Janata Party (BJP) is achievable for SP. With this goal in mind, SP's focus is on preventing a religious-based polarization of votes and instead, driving caste-based unity through its (Progressive Democratic Alliance) slogan.

A senior SP leader explained, "The PDA strategy is our answer to the BJP's attempts at religious polarization." Ŷadav used the Ghaziabad rally to

boost morale, emphasising that the public is ready to remove the BJP from power. He encouraged SP workers to remain active at the grassroots level, asserting dedicated effort could lead to an SP victory in Uttar

The SP is also capitalizing on complaints regarding alleged malpractices in urban land deals. Yadav called for the public release of land purchase

Pradesh.

records in key areas like Ghaziabad, Lucknow, and Ayodhya, a move regarded as a strategic "masterstroke" by party insiders

On constitutional issues, Yadav addressed recent Supreme Court rulings related to madrasa education, criticizing criticizing several BJP government decisions as unconstitutional. He stated, "All unconstitutional decisions by the BJP government must be reversed." He further noted that both the High Court and Supreme Court repeatedly admonished the BJP government on such

As the by-elections approach, SP is poised to leverage these issues to challenge the BJP's policies and reinforce its image as a viable alternative for voters seeking change in Uttar

FIR lodged against actor-turned-BJP leader Mithun Chakraborty for 'provocative' speech

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West Bengal Police on Wednesday lodged an FIR against actor-turned-BJP leader Mithun Chakraborty for allegedly delivering a provocative speech during a provocative speech during a party programme in North 24 Parganas district last month. According to police sources, the complaint against

Chakraborty pertains to a speech he made during a BJP programme at the EZCC in Salt Lake area on October 27, based on which police registered an FIR at Bidhannagar South police station.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah was also present at the which was programme, organised to kick off the West Bengal leg of the BJP's membership drive. "We have started an investigation into

'Answered all questions, told them truth,' says



the case," said a senior officer of Bidhannagar police station. Although Chakraborty was unavailable for comment, BJP state president and Union Minister Sukanta Majumdar described the FIR a result of "vendetta politics." "There is nothing provocative in his speech. These are nothing but attempts to intimidate him by using police as a political ' he said.

Chakraborty, who received India's highest film honour, the Dadasaheb Phalke Award, earlier this year, had asserted

on October 27 that the "masnad" (throne) of West Bengal would belong to the BJP after the 2026 Assembly elections, promising to do whatever it takes to achieve the goal.

While speaking at the programme at the Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre (EZCC), Chakraborty said, "In 2026, the masnad will be ours, and we will do everything to achieve the goal."

In an apparent reference to TMC MLA Humayun Kabir's communal remarks aimed at BJP workers during the Lok Sabha elections, Chakraborty cautioned that no one should attempt to intimidate saffron party voters into abstaining from voting in the next Assembly elections. He called upon the booth-level workers of his party to resist any such

Meghalaya Cabinet approves amendment of building byelaws

PTI ■ SHILLONG

out of the contest.

The Meghalaya Cabinet has approved the amendment of the Meghalaya Building Byelaws aimed at regulating the construction of buildings in industrial zones across the state including those in the New Shillong Township.

Cabinet minister and MDA spokesperson Paul Lyngdoh on Said, "This said, (amendment) is broadly to facilitate the need to categorise industrial zone to categories earlier not done and also it involves the amendment of the building byelaws for

these industrial zones." The expansion that happening currently specially in the new Shillong city has to be planned in a very scientific manner, which is why we need these new sets of byelaws for industrial zones to be in place and these were considered and

Tuesday," he added. According to the minister, the applicable designated in industrial estates Meghalaya citing urbanisation is an ever ongoing process and it is expanding.

There is need to regulate such

approved by the cabinet on

buildings and therefore, the cabinet decided in view of the growing urbanisation and the emergence of new urban centres so within these industrial zones and estates, the categorisation of buildings and their applicability of the byelaws will be extended to those industrial zones. These are all for the industrial estates/zones and wherever such activities are taking place so right now new Shillong is the immediate point of attention but it will be across the state wherever such industrial estates are being created," he stated. The state cabinet also approved the amendment of the Meghalaya Forensic Science Laboratory Rules, 2021 for the creation of more posts in the mobile

Union Minister Shivraj Calls INDIA Bloc promises for Jharkhand elections 'dud Bombs'

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Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Wednesday termed the INDIA bloc guarantees for the upcoming Jharkhand assembly elections as "lies" and "dud bombs".

Talking to reporters here, Chouhan claimed Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and Congress had made promises during the previous assembly elections also but none of them were fulfilled.

"They (JMM and Congress) had said that they will provide five lakh government jobs. Not given. They promised to give Rs 2,000 monthly for chulha-kharch (domestic expenses). Not given. They brought a scheme to give Rs 1,000 just two months ahead of elections. promised unemployment allowance to the jobless. Not given,"



to purchase the paddy crop giving bonus on the minimum support price (MSP), but it was also not given, the BJP leader said. "The JMM had made 117

promises (in the last assembly elections), Congress made 344 promises. Not even one of them was fulfilled in the last five years and they have now come up with new promises. These guarantees are the dud bombs which never burst and the people have no faith in them," he

On the other side, the BJP

witnessed in Chhattisgarh and Odisha, Chouhan said. 'We are fulfilling all the guarantees in Chhattisgarh and Odisha, where elections were held recently, because our leader and Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the guarantee of fulfilling all the guarantees. Nobody has faith in INDI alliance guarantees because they speak lies," he said.

On Tuesday, the INDIA bloc unveiled its manifesto for the upcoming Jharkhand assembly elections, assuring 10 lakh jobs for youth and health insurance coverage of up to Rs 15 lakh for the poor

among other promises. Asked about Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's statement about breaking reservation cap of 50 per cent after a caste census, Chouhan remarked, "On a foreign land, Rahul Gandhi also said he will end the reservation when time comes. Which of his

Siddaramaiah after deposing before Lokayukta police

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rarnataka Chief Minister K Siddaramaiah Wednesday said he has answered all questions posed to him by Lokayukta police in the MUDA case and he has told them the "truth".

The CM, who has been named as accused number 1 in the FIR lodged by the Lokayukta police, is facing allegations of illegalities in the allotment of 14 sites to his wife Parvathi B M by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDĀ).

Lokavukta The questioned Siddaramaiah for about two hours.

"Everything has happened legally, BJP and JD(S) are making false allegations...I have answered all questions posed to me by Lokayukta Police, they have recorded it...They will proceed with further investigation," Siddaramaiah said.

appearing before Lokayukta police, he said: "...A false case was made against me, I was

questioned, I have told the 'Until it is decided by the court

(about any wrongdoing) there is no black spot on my image. What is against me are just allegations. False allegations are made against me. I will respond to such allegations in the court and to the police during the probe," he said in response to a question.

Siddaramaiah appeared before the Lokayukta police in response to the summons to questions put to him by a team led by Lokayukta Superintendent of Police (SP) T J Udesh, official sources said. They had on October 25 questioned his wife, who has been named as accused number 2.

his Siddaramaiah, brother-in-law Mallikarjuna Swamy and Devaraju -- from whom Swamy had purchased a land and gifted it to Parvathi -and others have been named in the FIR registered by the Mysuru-located Lokayukta establishment on police September 27.

Swamy and Devaraju have already deposed before the Lokayukta police.

Asked about BJP's "Go back Siddaramaiah" protest, the CM said, "What was Snehamayi Krishna (RTI activist) plea? What the Governor has said? to investigate. If they say --Go back Siddaramaiah -- are they (BJP) against the investigation? This makes it allegations."

To a question on BJP demanding a CBI probe into the MUDA 'scam', expressing doubts about the Lokayukta investigation, he asked, "ĊBI is under whom? Has the BJP given any case to CBI (While in power in the state)?" When told about

opposition alleging that the Lokayukta seems to be conducting the probe in a preplanned way to help the CM, Siddaramaiah said Lokayukta is an independent agency. They say CBI is independent,

similarly Lokayukta is also an independent agency in the state. They (BJP) don't have respect for law...Have they the BJP given any case to CBI?" he asked

Responding to RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna's petition in the High Court seeking direction to transfer the case to CBI, the CM said, "We will fight it in the High Court, that's

Speaking to reporters after words should be trusted?" issued to him and responded clear that they have made false Chouhan said. fulfils all its promises, as a different matter... forensic crime scene units. passes resolution seeking restoration of special status and K Assembly

MOHIT KANDHARI

JAMMU

The Union Territory gov-ernment headed by Omar Abdullah in Jammu and Kashmir Wednesday fulfilled its 'obligation' of passing a resolution, as promised in their election manifesto, seeking a dialogue between the Centre and elected representatives for the restoration of the special status of the erstwhile state.

The resolution, which also expressed "concern" over the "unilateral removal" of the special status, was passed without any debate as the Speaker put it to voice vote amidst noisy scenes.

political As Kashmir-based parties supported resolution on the floor of the assembly the Bharatiya Janta Party legislators strongly opposed it. The resolution

papers were torn apart by slogan-shouting protesting in the well of the house after the resolution was

passed. "The assembly has done its job. I will only say this much," Minister Omar Abdullah told reporters outside the assembly complex. Leader of the Opposition Sunil Sharma said the question should be asked to the Congress party whether they supported or opposed the resolution for restoration of special status. It was an illegal move. The assembly is not above Parliament and the Supreme Court. Earlier NC MLA and I-K's

deputy chief minister Surinder Choudhary moved the resolution for restoring the special status of J-K, which was revoked by the Centre on August 5, 2019.

The motion was seconded by MLAs Education and Minister Sakina Itoo.

"That this legislative assembly reaffirms the importance of the special status and constitutional guarantees, which safeguarded identity, culture, and rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, and expresses concern over their unilateral removal," the resolution moved by Choudhary said. This Assembly emphasizes that any process for restoration must safeguard both national

Health

unity and the legitimate aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, the resolution added. As the house witnessed chaos and confusion the Speaker

adjourned the House for 15 minutes. However, after the House met



adjourn it for an hour.

Outside the Assembly, the political parties in the Kashmir valley welcomed the resolution and in Jammu, the BJP leaders burnt the effigy of the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister for passing the said resolution.

"This resolution is historic and again, it continued to witness a
I congratulate the members of

from Kulgam, M Y Tarigami said.

He said it has been "our commitment that we will restore what has been taken from us on August 5, 2019". Former Mayor of Srinagar Municipal Corporation Junaid Azim Mattu in a post on X said, "If this NC

resolution is not a cruel joke

I&K Reorganization Act 2019 No resolve to oppose/reject what was done. - Just vague references begging for "dialogue" over Special Status. Addressing media persons in PDP Srinagar, Chief Mehbooba Mufti said, "We welcome the resolution of I&K for restoration of special status. But the language used in the resolution is weak. It is a half-hearted effort. They should have condemned the action of 2019. We should

make amendments to the resolution". PDP's youth leader and MLA Pulwama, Waheed Para said some words in the resolution could have been stronger.

We had requested for a dialogue between the members, but there were no

with the people of J&K, I don't know what is. - No mention of "Some words should have Article370. - No mention of been stronger. condemnation of August 5 (2019) is missing, and it does not mention that the special status be restored," he added. The PDP MLA said there is no need or demand or any requirement of a dialogue for the restoration of the special status of J-K. "We seek its restoration in its

originality. Peoples' Conference chairman

and MLA Handwara, Sajad Lone said what happened on August 5, 2019 "was against the will of the people of J-K". "Today, the balls were set rolling to reject it. This is the majoritarian viewpoint of the people of J-K. I am very happy today.

The first Assembly after 2019 has put a stamp that what was done on August 5, 2019, was morally, ethically, and legally wrong. It will now be remembered in history how the people of J-K rejected it," Lone said. Congress party, which is an

alliance partner of the ruling National Conference, said statehood to J-K with constitutional guarantees, including protection of land and jobs rights must be restored, without any further delay. Congress Legislature Party

leader Ghulam Ahmad Mir said the Congress, through a resolution passed in its CWC on August 5, 2019, has endorsed the "resentment of people against downgrading and bifurcation of erstwhile J K state, describing the move undemocratic and unconstitutional on the part of BJP government at the www.dailypioneer.com

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-PAPER WITH PASSION-

Trump wins hands down

Donald Trump makes a sensational comeback in the closely fought US presidential elections

he US presidential election is one of the most influential political events worldwide, with major implications not only for domestic policy but also for international relations, economic stability, and global security. In 2024, the election has been particularly charged, with significant issues driving the race. Though the counting is still on and the winner is yet to be officially announced but going by the trends, Trump has won and he has already claimed victory. Kamala Harris failed to perform in the swing states leading to her defeat. Trump's victory brings a mix of continuity and radical shifts in several key areas. The 2024 US election has revolved around several pressing issues which were important not only for the Americans but for the people across the world. High inflation rates and concerns over economic recovery post-pandemic have been at the forefront. Voters were focused on job security, rising costs of living, and access to affordable healthcare. Trump's stance included pushing for lower taxes, reducing gov-



ernment spending, and deregulation to stimulate growth, which he claims would address inflation and boost job creation. Another major issue that was widely debated was immigration. The debate over immigration intensified, with Trump advocating for stricter border controls and policies aimed at reducing illegal immigration. His focus includes building stronger physical barriers at the US-Mexico border and increasing enforcement, framing immigration as a matter of national security and economic stability. Besides, Healthcare accessibility and costs remain contentious topics. Trump in his campaign emphasised reducing healthcare costs and revisiting the Affordable Care Act. His

approach included providing tax credits and fostering competition among providers, but it also drew criticism for potentially reducing access to affordable care for some citizens. Interestingly Trump has taken a critical stance on climate regulations, advocating for energy independence through expanded oil and natural gas production. His stance contrasts with those calling for robust climate action, as he argues that deregulation is essential for economic stability and growth. However the issue that is of utmost importance for the world at large is the US foreign policy. Foreign policy has emerged as a defining factor, particularly in relation to China and Russia. Trump's "America First" strategy focuses on reducing overseas military commitments and renegotiating trade agreements to protect American interests. This stance resonates with some voters concerned about national sovereignty but worries international allies and those advocating for a more collaborative global approach. However, Trump's victory may be well taken in New Delhi as he has had good chemistry with Prime Minister Modi and has supported India's stand. It would be interesting to see how Trump would steer international choppy waters this time as Ukraine war and Palestine issue would be two major issues he would need to handle immediately after assuming the office.



A photographer takes a photo of a macaque monkey at the Shrine Galtaji temple, in Jaipur

Hazardous Delhi air is putting lives at risk



As Delhiites face a significant decline in their health and life expectancy due to pollution, there is an urgent need for finding solutions to tackle this menace

elhi's air quality has reached dangerous levels, with the Air Quality Index (AQI) crossing into the "hazardous" zone shortly after Diwali celebrations. This post-Diwali spike is not new, as the city frequently ranks among the most polluted in the world. In early November 2024, AQI levels in Delhi surged to nearly 500 in some regions, a threshold considered extremely harmful. According to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), key areas in Delhi like Anand Vihar, Alipur, and RK Puram reported AQI readings above 300. This rise indicates severe pollution levels far above the World Health Organisation's (WHO) recommended safety limits, posing substantial health risks for millions of residents.

The AQI measures air quality on a scale that categorises air quality into six levels: "good," "satisfactory," "moderate," "poor," "very poor," and "hazardous." Readings above 300 signal critical pollution, while values over 400 reach the "severe" range. At such levels, exposure to fine particulate matter (PM2.5) becomes dangerous, as these minuscule particles can infiltrate deep into the lungs, affecting respiratory and cardiovascular health. The factors behind this annual pollution crisis are complex, involving both local and regional contributors. Delhi's high vehicular emissions, industrial output, construction dust, and waste burning are persistent contributors. However, during the harvest season, stubble burning in nearby states like Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh intensifies the problem. In October and November, farmers often burn leftover crop residue, producing vast smoke clouds that drift toward Delhi and blend with local pollutants.

Vehicular pollution is another significant factor, with over 15 million registered vehicles in Delhi alone. Despite policies mandating regular Pollution Under Control (PUC) checks, enforcement remains a challenge. Emissions from diesel vehicles and two-wheelers, which lack proper pollution controls, further degrade



ing festivals, and incentives to use public transport. However, these initiatives have only provided limited relief. Residents continue to experience issues like breathlessness, sore throats, headaches and dry cough, compounded by longterm respiratory conditions. This year, the Supreme Court criticised Delhi's inadequate enforcement of pollution control measures during Diwali, particularly the lack of compliance with firecracker bans. The court expressed frustration over the non-implementation of its orders, highlighting the collective failure to safeguard public health. The Delhi government has also activated the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), designed to address pollution levels as they rise. GRAP consists of multiple stages, with Stage III activated only when AQI reaches "severe" levels. At this stage, vehicle movement and construction activities are restricted, and educational institutions may close to protect students' health. While **IMPLEMENTATION OF** GRAP has achieved some improvements, its impact is often temporary, as citizens and businesses frequently

The severe air pollution in Delhi has profound effects on the air quality. Attempts by the public health and quality of life.

ignore these directives.



SUPREME COURT CRITICISED DELHI'S **INADEQUATE ENFORCEMENT OF POLLUTION** CONTROL MEASURES **DURING DIWALI,** PARTICULARLY THE LACK OF **COMPLIANCE WITH** FIRECRACKER BANS. THE COURT **EXPRESSED** FRUSTRATION OVER THE NON-

ITS ORDERS

During high-AQI periods, particularly vulnerable groups, like children and the elderly, are advised to stay indoors to avoid severe respiratory and cardiovascular issues. Outdoor activities are restricted, with schools occasionally closed to protect students from toxic air exposure. Additionally, dense smog disrupts transportation, leading to frequent flight and train delays due to poor visibility. As residents increasingly rely on air purifiers to maintain indoor air quality, the economic and psychological impacts of Delhi's air pollution crisis only deepen.

In response to the deteriorating situation, the Delhi Government announced a series of measures to tackle pollution. These include developing green pathways, walkways, and open spaces along roads to reduce dust and improve urban greenery. Efforts are underway to

enhance municipal waste management, including recycling 100 per cent of construction and demolition waste by 2025. To further manage waste, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi is establishing a fifth recycling unit in Tehkhand, capable of processing 1,000 tons daily. Biomining is also planned at major landfill sites, such as Oknia, Gnazipur, and Bhalswa, to excavate and treat years' worth of accumulated waste. Expanding public transportation is another goal, with

plans to grow Delhi's bus fleet to 10,500 by next year, 80 per cent of which will be electric. This is accompanied by a focus on impounding older, polluting vehicles. Such measures aim to address longstanding pollution sources sustainably. Experts emphasize, however, that reducing air pollution in Delhi will require more than Government policies; public engagement and behavioral change are also

essential.

crucial to effectively reduce air pollution. Introducing alternative methods to stubble burning, such as subsidising cropresidue management equipment, is one solution. Increasing urban greenery and limiting industrial emissions are further steps toward a healthier environment. On an individual level, Delhi

A multi-pronged approach is

residents can contribute by using public transportation, minimising car usage, and adopting energy-efficient practices at home. Additionally, improved air quality monitoring and early-warning systems could help raise public awareness and enable quicker responses. India's dedication to conservation aligns with the broader goal of creating a healthier environment for future generations.

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Why are women overlooked for leadership? It's time for a change!



Deep-rooted biases and outdated stereotypes frequently overshadow women's capabilities,

despite evidence that women leaders enhance company performance and culture

n India, women are frequently overlooked for management and senior leadership roles despite their proven capabilities in both personal and professional settings. It's a complex issue often attributed to stereotypes, unconscious biases, and a society that still grapples with entrenched gender roles. Yet, if we pause and consider the day-to-day roles women play, particularly in an Indian household, it becomes evident that they possess an array of skills crucial to any organisation's success

Imagine a typical day for a woman managing her household. She coordinates with household help, ensures that her family's needs are met, oversees children's schedules, and often also supports extended family members. Each of these tasks requires quick thinking, negotiation skills, empathy, and time management. Such daily acts of coordination and problemsolving are, at their core, management skills.

The inquiry at hand is, why do we fail to acknowledge these abilities when they are showcased in a profession-

al setting?

Do these skills lose their validity simply because they originate from home-based experience? Many argue that women's ability to blend emotional intelligence with logical decision-making makes them especially adept at leadership roles.

Their approach is often holistic—they not only focus on completing tasks but also on nurturing relationships, fostering team morale, and ensuring that the process is as smooth as the outcome. Research indicates that companies with gender-diverse leadership teams tend to achieve better financial performance and foster a more satisfied workforce, conpany culture. Women bring different perspectives and problem-solving approaches, which complement male colleagues' styles. When women are given a seat at the table, companies gain a more nuanced understanding of their markets and customers.

And yet, despite clear advantages, women remain vastly underrepresented in senior roles. The reasons are rooted in a long history of gender bias. Women are often pigeonholed as too "emotional" or too "soft" for the challenges of executive positions, while men are assumed to be inherently more decisive and resilient. Yet, resilience is something that women exemplify every day—balancing multiple roles in a society that demands more of them both at home and at work. Change is on the horizon, with many organisations now actively working to bridge the gender gap in leadership. However, it requires a deeper cultural shift to truly unlock the leadership potential of

women. Organisations need

tributing to a healthier com- to embrace mentorship pro-

grams, implement unbiased hiring practices, and encourage flexible work policies that allow women to balance personal and professional responsibili-

Moreover, celebrating women's leadership styles rather than forcing them to fit into traditionally masculine roles can create more authentic, powerful leaders. The argument is simple: women already demonstrate essential leadership skills every day, whether in boardrooms or in households. It's time to recognise their contributions and give them the opportunities they deserve.

For any organisation that values growth, empathy, and resilience, overlooking women isn't just unfair—it's a missed opportunity. Let's champion a future where leadership is based on talent and vision, not on outdated biases. Women are ready for the challenge, and it's time we give them the space to

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PAPER BALLOTS OVER MACHINES

Madam —In spite of being at the top of technologically advanced countries, the United States of America falls back on ballot paper voting to root out any suspicion of foul play stemming from voting through EVM. Over the last two decades, the United States has gradually moved back from electronic voting machines to paper ballots. Given ballot paper voting, unlike EVM, builds confidence among voters and opposition party members, it undoubtedly strengthens democracy. Another highly commendable step the USA election authorities have taken.

They have printed the ballot papers in all major languages of a state, depending on its demography. While a voter in New York can choose a ballot paper in Bengali instead of English, Chinese, Spanish, and Korean, voters in Illinois can opt for a ballot paper printed in Hindi. It also shows how a democratic country should honour the mother tongue of even those voters who have origins in different countries. These actions reflect the attitude of catering and prioritising the interests of the demos (people) above everything. India needs to get back to ballot paper voting without any delay. It must also be remembered that to impose a language ignoring the major languages spoken in a particular area flouts democratic principles. There is no room for the 'one nation, one language' policy in a multilingual democratic country like India.

DIVISION OVER CASTE Madam— Since the last Lok Sabha elections, immediately followed by the state Assembly election and ensuing Assembly in Maharashtra and Jharkhand and byelections in several states, demand for caste census is in top gear in the Opposition camp, while the BJP has been silent on it and is meekly supportive. Though not constitutionally valid and having no authentic official database of individuals' caste identity, the caste politics in the facade of the caste census is

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tudent suicides are rising worldwide. Every day, we read news about young students taking their own lives due to overwhelming pressure. Many of these students are studying far from their families, aiming to crack high-stakes exams like JEE, NEET, UPSC, and CA. Parents often send them away at a young age, where they're not fully prepared to handle the intense stress. At a time in life meant for playing, making friends, and

retrograde and has its own misgivings. While the political spectrum finds this issue as a crowd-puller and hot for winning formula in elections, it lacks commitment to empowering the backwards impartially and fairly and is selective on favouring region wise dominant castes, which is against the principles of equality and natural justice.

Several reports, news, opinions and articles have been published in all the leading newspapers and magazines, as well as on social media. Though the issue of the caste census has not yet come under the judiciary's lens and scrutiny, the issue is a presser in desperation, as if the political class is failing to address the upliftment of the downtrodden, who genuinely deserve governments' welfare schemes with the entire society's helping hand. The demand of the caste census has been perceived as a tool for dividing society on the caste lines, and a counter has emerged, 'Batenge to Katenge,' which appears to have caught the nerve and put the caste census demand on defense.

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ioritise student wellbeing

is the only escape.

exploring their interests, they are pushed to lock themselves in rooms and study for hours. This isolation and pressure can lead to anxiety, and, tragically, some may feel that ending their lives

Parents should avoid imposing career paths on their children and instead allow them to explore and decide what they want for themselves. Governments can also take steps to address this crisis, such as offering personal counselling sessions for students where they can discuss their struggles and implementing mental health awareness programmes in schools and communities. Ultimately, pressuring children to study hard for the sake of a "better future" can end up damaging their wellbeing and happiness. It's far better to let children decide what they want to work towards rather than forcing them into paths that might not be right for them

Priya Thakur | Ujjain

TEMPLE ATTACK CONDEMNED

Madam —The Canadian soil is becoming a battleground for the anti-India sentiments these days, as the Khalistani groups and supporters managed to score win after win in their anti-India agendas. The recent terror attack in the Hindu temple based in Canada is getting a global backlash and condemna-

India is particularly annoyed with the Canadian authorities for not paving the way for the miscreants who are spoiling India's image and hurting Indian sentiments as a whole. India in particular is condemning this carefully crafted attack on Hindu temples, and this is another low in the Indo-Canadian relationships as a whole. We Indians in particular wish strong Canadian intervention and demand speedy justice from the side of Canadian government and authorities as soon as possible.

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THE ART OF HEALING

True healing must be comprehensive, nurturing both the physical and spiritual self



RAVI VALLURI

■ umans are creatures of their habits. I was addicted to smoking, drinking and consuming 'Gutakha'. It had become almost a quotidian habit and had taken a severe toll on my health. Ailments could be self-inflicted or they could be a professional hazard. In all such cases, the victim suffers physically and emotionally. The healing must be both physical and spiritual. I vividly recall how the Sri Lankan cricket team was a victim of terror and violence in Lahore. They underwent therapeutic care by psychiatrists and underwent several mind management and mental strengthening therapies. Similarly, the Tsunami victims of 2004, those affected by the 26/11 Mumbai terror strikes and the earthquake victims of Gujarat (2001) and Uttarakhand (2013) were revved up by the bouquet of self-healing courses by several spiritual organisations and professional help offered by numerous self-help groups. Such tragedies are traumatic experiences. Cities, towns, villages and settlements are razed to rubble.

I come back to my story, where like an ignoramus I started consuming liquor, ignoring all warnings. Thus, my moral compass fell prey to the predilections of a weak mind. It was at this time that my mother, a trained social worker, and a practitioner of Siddha and Pranic healing, refused to entertain my supercilious and specious arguments and extolled certain dormant virtues in me so that I could upend the pyramid. My mother was afflicted by repeated attacks of Paroxysmal Atrial Tachycardia (PAT). This is a type of arrhythmia (irregular heartbeat) that is accompanied by severe sweating, dizziness, palpitations, angina and acute breath-



lessness. I had seen my mother suffering from this condition on several occasions and being admitted to the ICU. However, after undergoing the ten-day Vipassana spiritual sojourn, she recovered from the debilitation. She simultaneously learnt Siddha and Pranic healing, which augured well for her recovery.

These healing techniques along with proper medication and diet helped her in healing. This is the unbounded power and scientific attribute of the breath. Breathing techniques, meditation proper medication and diet are all healthy habits. These can change the traction of our lives and rejuvenate the body and mind. During 'Operation Parakram' our defence forces, after a protracted stay of more than a year at our borders, returned to their cantonments. The fractious behaviour of our unfriendly neighbour did not make them lose their sanity. It is not only the deaths, but defence personnel get maimed during such operations.

Further, their mental state becomes foggy and they become highly irritable. Mere administration of drugs does not act as a panacea. It is medication plus something more to revive their physical and mental bodies. As our defence and para-military forces work in hostile environments it is heartening to know that yoga, Vipassana and Art of Living Courses are conducted for them so that they can maintain physical and mental equilibrium. A soldier asked Gurudev whether he would become passive if he continued with his sadhana, to which Guruji responded, "Most certainly not." Further, he added that Gita Upadesh itself was revealed by Lord Krishna during the Mahabharata war. Arjuna regained the power of discrimination after witnessing the "Divine Spectacle." Be it an individual or a cricket team, those affected by environmental disturbances or our defence forces, all require continuous physical and mental healing to continue their journey. The mystic Rumi has succinctly said, "The wound is the place where the light enters you."

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CoP 29: A pivotal moment to act on climate crisis



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With the upcoming CoP 29 summit in Azerbaijan, world leaders face mounting pressure to deliver on pledges for climate finance and reduced fossil fuel reliance



ack-to-back hurricanes Helene and Milton originating from the Gulf of Mexico, that have battered the western coast of Florida in the United States have led to political debates and blame games ahead of the US Presidential election. The Republican team targeted the Biden-Harris duo for not doing enough to save lives and restore electricity. More than 200 people have perished in each of the hurricanes and also people have lived without electricity for more than 24 hours. Tropical typhoon Trami over the South China Sea claimed more than 150 lives in the Philippines, and 10 in Vietnam, injured thousands and damaged properties and infrastructures in both countries. Further, the deadliest flood in 50 years in Spain has also claimed more than 250 human lives. As against this, India's disaster management response during cyclones has been praise-

Whether it was cyclone Nisarga on our West coast in 2020 cyclone Fani in West Bengal in 2019, or the recent Dana in Odisha and West Bengal we have evacuated million of people on each occasion in a record time of 24 to 48 hours and as a result, there has hardly been any loss of life. Recent images from Valencia and other regions of Spain, last month's image from Italy where vehicles were swept away as roads became rivers, and before that similar flooding in France, Poland, Austria, and Czech are reminders of frequent flooding and associated misery to people. The global physics of fossil fuels has destabilised the world. The warmer the atmosphere gets; the more moisture it can hold. This would mean more intense downpours and longer drought.

In Spain, a year's worth of rain was dumped in half a day. While India's track record in dealing with disasters is good, what it should relook is its decisions to sacrifice natural forests for infrastructures, development projects and mining. Consumption of coal, oil and natural gas is swelling worldwide, despite leaders knowing that the surge in emission of greenhouse gases leads to increased warming of the planet and we face more destructive and frequent climatic catastrophes. Forests are the best sink for carbon and sacrificing them for GDP is only

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to invite more frequent disasters. Earth is already warmed by 1.2 degrees Celsius. The year 2023 has been the warmest in the recorded history of post-industri-

The trend from 2024 till July suggests that we are on course to break the 2023 temperature record. Developed countries are responsible for the warming so far. Scientists are consistently forecasting that beyond 1.5 degrees Celsius warming, part of many countries especially island nations will be submerged in the Sea. United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC) has provided a forum for World leaders to meet annually and decide on actions to be taken to keep the warming within 1.5 degrees.

In the annual conference (CoP 25) in Paris in 2015 countries pledged their nationally determined contributions (NDC) to cut the consumption of fossil fuel and to develop renewable energy at speed and scale by 2030. Among G20 countries India is the fulfil the pledge. Donald 1rump as US President in 2017 refused to toe the line with the Paris Agreement and said that climate No CoP meeting took place till he

was in office. Corona pandemic delayed it further even after Biden took over and CoP 26 at Glasgow was held in November

Here again, leaders reiterated their pledge at Paris and also revived climate finance of \$100 billion that developed countries would contribute towards the cost of climate adaptation in the developing world annually. Another rhetoric was started during CoP 27 at Sharm el Sheikh that developed and some developing countries like China would pay for loss and damage in global south countries. This has again not been complied with. The cli-

Copenhagen CoP in 2009 but has not been complied with so far. African countries and island nations are suffering from extreme climate events like droughts and floods as well as supply chain disruptions owing to geopolitical tensions in West Asia

and Ukraine. Countries like Namibia and Zimbabwe have ordered to cull of thousands of wild elephants (a threatened species) for food. If climate finance and loss and damage funds were made available, there was no need to cull threatened species and endangering the ecological security of the region further. The pledge regard-ing cutting fossil fuel consumption and transition to renewable energy especially by Western nations and China has been overlooked. There has been unprecedented growth in oil and gas drilling in the US and coal production in China.

Biden and other European leaders are not on course to fulfil their commitment to bring down fosonly one, which is on course to sil fuel consumption by 2030 and acnieve net zero by 2050. China has pledged net zero by 2060 and India by 2070. Scientists are telling us to keep the warming within 1.5 degrees lest we face the consequences. 2050 and 2060 are far ahead and the question is whether we will be able to stand the disasters till

During the nomination as Republican presidential candidate in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Trump in his address said to abandon climate - drill baby drill. He cut jokes in his election rallies saying that if the Sea level rises due to warming, the people will have more buildings facing the Sea. The transfer of technology from developed countries to developing and third-world countries for transition to renewable energy at speed and scale is another key to climate mitigation. India, China mate finance of \$100 billion and Western nations have gone

annually has been agreed upon in ahead substantially, yet they need to step up their efforts.

Renewable energy transition should take place at such a pace that we automatically cut fossil fuel consumption. Countries' demand at Glasgow CoP 26 to 'phase out' fossil fuel did not have total acceptance and was modified to 'phase down' on the insistence of China and the support of India. Further at Dubai CoP 28 another phrase 'transition away from fossil fuel' was agreed upon. Irrespective of the phrases used in the CoP resolutions, leaders are only concerned about the growth and GDP and are not inclined to bring down fossil fuel consumption.CoP 29 is scheduled to commence in Baku, Azerbaijan on November 13th, when world leaders will again take stock of the situation and roll out further actions.

Unfortunately, the host country along with its neighbours Armenia and Georgia is experiencing relatively more warming as compared to the global average. While every nation should put in their efforts to cut emissions, India should have relook at the projects requiring the sacrifice of natural forests, whether for linear infrastructures in the Himalayas, in Western Ghats or deforestation of 130.75 sq km forests for great Nicobar Development projects.

India's track record for growing compensatory afforestation for the trees lost is very poor. Supreme Court recently threatened contempt against agencies for not taking up planting ten times the trees lost in the project. 3700 trees were sacrificed in 2015 for the widening of NH 123 Bharatpur Dholpur road and Apex court's condition to plant up 37000 trees has not been fulfilled

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management courses, inte-

How AI, big data and personalisation are transforming B-school curricula

From integrating AI into decision-making processes to adding global perspectives, B-schools are merging traditional education with innovative technology

n 2024, technology is influencing every aspect of life, transforming the way we communicate, learn, and run businesses. With advancements in Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, IoT, Big Data, Blockchain, and other digital technologies, we are currently navigating the fourth wave of the industry revolu-

Businesses primarily prioritise automation and machinery to enhance workforce operations, with 88 per cent of small business owners using automation to increase their workforce efficiency, according to an Unmudl study. This shift is driving up the demand for digitally literate and tech-savvy professionals in the industry, inspiring business schools to redesign their academic cur-



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ricula. Following are the revolutionary ways technology is reshaping the business

Business Reshaping Education through AI: According to the Future of Jobs Survey, 75 per cent of companies plan to adopt AI technologies in the coming years. This signals a significant shift brought about by technology in business education; the

Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning are revolutionising how future business leaders think and make decisions, disrupting the traditional learning models. Emerging technologies such as generative AI provide realtime feedback and high-level interactivity, inspiring Bschools to employ learning approaches to develop AI skills in students, thus, preparing them to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving business landscape. Integration of Data Analytics into Business **Intelligence:** Data has become the primary currency in business intelligence, helping businesses make informed decisions to enhance their growth. Technological trends such as statistical techniques, predicintegration of AI and ML. tive analysis, machine learning,

and artificial intelligence allow businesses to identify leading patterns and tailor their offerings. As recent studies by Edge Delta point out, more companies will adopt big data and technology, increasing the employment rate by 58 per cent. To help students stay competitive, B-schools actively embed data analysis into their offered curriculum, improving students' data proficiency. Incorporating data analytics into higher education curricula, particularly in PGDM and MBA programmes, will promote innovation and solution-oriented thinking among students. Experiential Learning and

Real-World Applications: With the rapid inclusion of technology in business, the leading employers are exces-



sively prioritising professionals with industry-ready technical and soft skills. The technologically integrated method of business education complements the traditional teaching pedagogy, preparing students to tackle real-world challenges and provide futuristic solutions. Through industry internships, consultation projects, case studies, and business simulations, B-school students gain hands-on experience and

excel in today's competitive job market. While a business degree holds significant importance, practical experience allows students to turn their learnings into actionable solutions.

Personalised Learning Approach: The amalgamation of technology and education has made education personal. The traditional learning model employs a one-sizefits-all approach, ignoring individual learning needs. On the other hand, the modern learning model is tailored to meet individualistic demands, making learning seamless for every student. Through tech-integrated personalised education, students can adapt the learning materials and understand at their own pace. This

business education, where personalised learning helps students stay current with industry trends, bridge the skill gap, and learn based on their proficiency.

Balance Between Human Creativity and Automation: While many view the current era as Industry 4.0, others argue we are swiftly moving towards Industry 5.0. Unlike its predecessor, Industry 5.0 emphasises the well-being of professionals, fostering prosperity beyond jobs and promoting ecologically balanced economic growth. The upcoming industrialisation era envisions close collaboration between humans and AI tools, enhancing operational effi-ciency and cost-effectiveness. This has led top B-schools to practical skills necessary to shift is especially impactful in thoughtfully curate the core

grating human-centricity, sustainability, and automation. **Bringing Global Perspective** to Classrooms: Business challenges today are inherently global in nature, such as sustainability issues, supply chain management, foreign regulations, and cultural diversity. By embedding a global outlook in business education, B-schools equip students with essential tools to effectively address these problems. Facilitating worldly industry collaborations and connecting peers from diverse cultures through virtual modes fosters a deeper business understanding in the students, enabling them to drive positive changes. (The writer is Dean BMS

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KAMALA HARRIS First woman V-P who fails to score a big first in US politics

amala Harris, the daughter of Indian and Jamaican immigrants, failed to notch a big first in American politics when she lost to her Republican rival Donald Trump in the race to the White House.

The Democratic leader's defeat to Trump in a bitterly contested election shattered her dream to become the first woman President of the

Harris, 60, has known other firsts, though. She has been the district attorney for San Francisco the first woman, first African-American and first Indian-origin person to be elected to the

As vice president, she is the first woman to hold the post. Also, she happens to be the first African-American or Indian-American person to make it there.

In an Op-ed published three days before the November 5 election, Harris recollected her frequent visit to India as a child and remembered her late mother, Shyamala Gopalan, a cancer researcher and civil rights activist.

"Growing up, my mother raised my sister and me to appreciate and honour our heritage. Nearly every other year, we would go to India for Diwali. We would spend time with our grandparents, our uncles, and our 'chitthis' (aunts)," Harris said in the article for The Juggernaut, an online South Asian publication. She said she believes Americans want a president who works for all American people. "And that has been the story of my entire career," she

Harris got her big chance when President Joe Biden abandoned his own bid for reelection in July following his poor performance in a nationally televised debate with Trump. Biden endorsed Harris as the party nominee in the

Her nomination fulfilled her presidential dreams, which she abandoned before the primaries in 2019 due to a lack of funds to continue her campaign.

Biden picked her as his running mate in 2016. She was just the third woman to be picked as the vice president nominee on a major party

And she was one of only three Asian Americans in the Senate and the first Indian-American ever to serve in the chamber.

She has been likened to Barack Obama, the country's first Black President.

More than a decade ago, journalist Gwen Ifill called Harris "the female Barack Obama" on the "Late Show With David Letterman". Later, a small businessman from Willoughby, Tony Pinto, called her "a young, female version of the president".

She is considered close to Obama, who endorsed her in various elections, including that for the US Senate in 2016, Vice President in 2020 and the presidential election in 2024. Harris was born to two immigrant parents: a

Black father and an Indian mother. Her father, Donald Harris, is from Jamaica, and her mother, Shyamala Gopalan, migrated to the US from Chennai in 1958. She, however, defines herself simply as "American"

After her parents divorced, Harris was raised primarily by her Hindu mother. She says that her mother adopted Black culture and immersed her two daughters — Kamala and her younger sister Maya — in it. Harris grew up cing her Indian culture proudly African American life.



"My mother understood very well that she was raising two black daughters," she wrote in her autobiography 'The Truths We Hold'. "She knew that her adopted homeland would see Maya and me as black girls and she was determined to make sure we would grow into confident, proud black women."

Harris was born in Oakland and grew up in Berkeley. She spent her high school years living in French-speaking Canada — her mother was teaching at McGill University in

"Harris was raised in a middle-class family by a working mother who taught her to believe in the promise of America. Her mother also taught her the value of hard work, bringing Kamala to her breast cancer research lab and showing her how to clean test tubes as a child," according to the Harris campaign website.

She attended college in the US, spending four years at Howard University, which she has described as among the most formative experiences of her life. After Howard, she went on to earn her law degree at the University of California, Hastings and began her career at the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. She became the top prosecutor for San Francisco in 2003 before being elected the first woman and the first Black person to serve as California's attorney general in 2010, the top lawyer in America's most populous state.

In her nearly two terms in office as attorney general, Harris gained a reputation as one of the rising stars of the Democratic Party. In 2017, she was sworn into the US Senate, where she championed legislation to fight hunger, provide rent relief, improve maternal health care expand access to capital for small businesses, revitalise America's infrastructure, and combat the climate crisis.

Harris is married to Douglas Emhoff, a lawyer, for the past 10 years. She is the stepmother of two children, Ella and Cole, who are her "end less source of love and pure joy."

Her role as vice president was more than just symbolic. Unlike her predecessors, she wielded considerable power during Biden's presidency. As president of the Senate, she set a new record for the most tie-breaking votes cast by a Vice President in history - surpassing one that had stood for nearly 200 years have been consequential.

World leaders hail Trump's 'historic' comeback

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ongratulatory messages poured in Wednesday from world leaders, including Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his UK counterpart Keir Starmer, for Donald Trump after his "historic" comeback in the US presidential election.

Starmer was among the first world leaders to issue a congratulatory message soon after Trump addressed a rally in Florida to claim victory in the US presidential race.

He said the "special relationship" between the UK and the US would continue to prosper under the new American administration after Trump clinched crucial battleground states in the US overnight. The 78-year-old Republican leader

cleared the 270 electoral votes needed to clinch the presidency by securing a victory in the key battleground state of

According to races called by the Associated Press up to 4 pm (IST), 277 electoral votes had gone to Republican candidate Trump and 224 to Democratic Party's Kamala Harris.

"Congratulations President-elect Trump on your historic election victory. I look forward to working with you in the years ahead," Starmer said in a statement released by 10 Downing Street in London.

"As the closest of allies, we stand shoulder to shoulder in defence of our shared values of freedom, democracy and enterprise. From growth and security to innovation and tech, I know that the UK-US special relationship will continue to prosper on both sides of the Atlantic for years to come," he said. Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu congratulated Trump for his "historic return to the White House".

Addressing Trump and his wife Melania Trump, Netanyahu in a post on X said, Congratulations on history's greatest comeback! Your historic return to the White House offers a new beginning for America and a powerful recommitment to the great alliance between Israel and America. This is a huge victory!" Australian Prime Minister Anthony

"election victory". "Australians and Americans are great friends and true allies. Working together, we can ensure the partnership between our nations and peoples remains strong into the future," he

Albanese congratulated Trump on his

posted on X. French President Emmanuel Macron in a post on X said, "Ready to work together as we were able to do during four years. With your convictions and mine. In respect and ambition. For

more peace and prosperity."
Ukraine President Volodymyr
Zelensky congratulated Trump on his "impressive" election victory.

Recalling his "great meeting" with the Republican leader in September during which they discussed "the Ukraine-US strategic partnership,

the Victory Plan, and ways to put an end to Russian aggression against Ukraine", Zelenskyy in a post on X said he appreciated Trump's commitment to the "peace through strength" approach in global affairs. This is exactly the principle that can

practically bring just peace in Ukraine closer. I am hopeful that we will put it into action together. We look forward to an era of a strong United States of America under President Trump's decisive leadership. We rely on continued strong bipartisan sup-port for Ukraine in the United States.

"We are interested in developing mutually beneficial political and economic cooperation that will benefit both of our nations. Ukraine, as one of Europe's strongest military powers, is committed to ensuring long-term peace and security in Europe and the Transatlantic community with the support of our allies," he

Zelenskyy said he is looking forward to personally congratulating Trump and discussing ways to strengthen Ukraine's strategic partnership with

Congratulating Trump, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni said Italy and the US are "sister" nations, linked by an unshakable alliance, common values, and a historic friendship.

"It is a strategic bond, which I am sure we will now strengthen even further," she said in a post on X.

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz congratulated Trump, saying, "For a long time, Germany and the US have been working together successfully promoting prosperity and freedom on both sides of the Atlantic. We will continue to do so for the wellbeing of our cit-

European Union Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in a post on X congratulated Trump and underlined that the EU and the ÛS are "more than just allies".

We are bound by a true partnership between our people, uniting 800 million citizens. So let's work together on a strong transatlantic agenda that keeps delivering for them," she said. Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban said Trump's win is the "biggest comeback" in US political history and is "a much-needed victory for the World".

No information on whether Putin will congratulate Trump

AP MOSCOW

Ahead of the presidential race call, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said he had no information on whether Russian President Vladimir Putin plans to congratulate Donald Trump but emphasised that Moscow views the US as an "unfriendly" country. Peskov reaffirmed the Kremlin's claim that the US support for Ukraine amounted to its involvement in the conflict, telling reporters: "Let's not forget that we are talking about the unfriendly country that is both directly and indirectly involved in a war against our

Asked if Putin's failure to congratulate Trump could hurt ties, Peskov responded that Russia-US relations already are at the "lowest point in history," adding that it will be up to the new US leadership to change the situation.

He noted Putin's statements about Moscow's readiness for a "constructive dialogue based on justice, equality and readiness to take mutual concerns into account."

Peskov noted Trump's campaign statements about his intention to end wars. saying that "those were important statements, but now after the victory while getting ready to enter the Oval Office or entering the Oval Office, statements could sometimes change."

Republicans get Senate majority

AP WASHINGTON

Republicans seized control of the US Senate late Tuesday after flipping Democratic held seats, holding onto GOP incumbents and wresting away the majority for the first time in four years.

The unexpected battleground of Nebraska pushed Republicans over the top. Incumbent GOP Sen Deb Fischer brushed back a surprisingly strong challenge from independent newcomer Dan Osborn.

Democrats watched their efforts to salvage their slim majority slip out of reach as tallies rolled in across a map that favoured Republicans.

Early in the night, Republicans flipped one seat in West Virginia, with the election of Jim Justice, who easily replaced retiring Sen Joe Manchin. Democratic efforts to oust firebrand Republicans Ted Cruz of Texas and Rick Scott of Florida

collapsed. While Texas hasn't elected a 30 years, Colin Allred, a Dallas-

area congressman and former NFL linebacker, positioned himself as a moderate and leaned into his support for reproductive rights amid Texas' abortion ban, which is one of the strictest in the nation.

Cruz's victory came after Democratic efforts to salvage their Senate majority evaporated when Democratic Sen Sherrod Brown in Ohio lost his reelection to Republican Bernie Moreno, a wealthy Trump-era newcomer.

Brown's loss to Moreno, an immigrant from Bogota, Colombia, who built a fortune as a luxury car dealer and blockchain entrepreneur, puts the Democrats on the edge of losing Senate control. A threeterm senator, he is the first incumbent to lose reelection. The Ohio race between Brown and Moreno, who was backed by Donald Trump, is the most expensive of the cycle, at some \$400 million.

With control of Congress at stake, the contests for the House Senate will determine which party holds the majori- never before have two served at presidential election.

ty and the power to boost or block a president's agenda, or if the White House confronts a divided Capitol Hill.

The focus now turns to the Democratic "blue-wall" states of Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin, where Democrats are fighting to protect seats in what's left of their slim hold on the Senate. In the end, just a handful of

seats, or as little as one, could tip the balance in either chamber. With a 50-50 Senate, the party in the White House determines the majority, since the vice president is a tie-breaker. Already several states will send history-makers to the Senate. Voters elected two Black women to the Senate, Democrat Lisa Blunt Rochester of Delaware and Democrat Angela Alsobrooks of Maryland, in a historic first. Blunt Rochester won the open

seat in her state while Alsobrooks defeated Maryland's popular former governor, Larry Hogan. Just three Black women

the same time. And in New Jersey, Andy Kim

American elected to the Senate. defeating Republican businessman Curtis Bashaw. The seat opened when Bob Menendez resigned this year after his federal conviction on bribery charges. Elsewhere, House candidate

became the first Korean

Sarah McBride, a Democratic state lawmaker from Delaware who is close to the Biden family, won her race, becoming the first openly transgender person elected to Congress. The key contests are playing out

alongside the first presidential election since the Jan. 6, 2021. attack on the Capitol, but also in unexpected corners of the country after what has been one of the most chaotic congressional sessions in modern

Voters said the economy and immigration were the top issues facing the country, but the future of democracy was also a leading motivator for many ns casting

Iran's currency at all-time low as Trump wins

AP TEHRAN

Iran's currency fell on Wednesday to an all-time low as Donald Trump clinched the US presidency again, sig-nalling new challenges ahead for Tehran as it remains locked in the wars raging in the Middle East.

The rial traded at 703,000 rials to the dollar, traders in Tehran said. The rate could still change throughout the day. Iran's Central Bank could flood the market with more hard currencies as an attempt to improve the rate, as it has done in the

past. The slide comes as the rial already faces considerable woes over its sharp slide in value and as the mood on the streets of Tehran among some dark-

"One-hundred per cent he will intensify the sanctions," said student. "Things that are not in our favour will be worse. Our economy and social situation will surely get worse." He added: "I feel the country is

going to blow up."
In 2015, at the time of Iran's nuclear deal with world powers, the rial was at 32,000 to USD 1. On July 30, the day that Iran's reformist President Masoud Pezeshkian was sworn in and started his term, the rate was 584,000 to USD 1.

Trump unilaterally withdrew America from the accord in 2018, sparking years of tensions between the countries that persist today.

Iran's economy has struggled for years under crippling international sanctions over its rapidly advancing nuclear program, which now enriches uranium at near weapons-grade levels.

Pezeshkian, elected after a helicopter crash killed hard-line President Ebrahim Raisi in May, came to power on a promise to reach a deal to ease Western sanctions.

However, Iran's government has for weeks been trying to downplay the effect on Tehran of whoever won Tuesday's election in the United States. That stance continued on Wednesday with a brief comment from Fatemeh Mohajerani, a spokeswoman for Pezeshkian's administra-

tion.
"The election of the US president doesn't have anything specifically to do with us," she said. "The major policies of America and the Islamic Republic are fixed, and they won't heavily change by people replacing others. We have already made necessary preparations in advance."

By midday Wednesday in the Middle East, Donald Trump was elected the 47th president of the United States in a remarkable political comeback. Tensions still remain high between the nations, 45 years after the 1979 US Embassy takeover and 444-day hostage crisis that followed.

Six Indian Americans taste success

Six Indian Americans have won the elections to the House of Representatives, increasing their number from five in the current Congress. Indian-American lawyer Suhas Subramanyam created history by becoming the first from the community to be elected from Virginia and the entire East Coast.

Subramanyan defeated Mike Clancy of the Republican Party. He is currently a Virginia State Senator. There is a possibility that the number of Indian Americans in the House of Representatives could increase to seven as Dr Amish Shah was leading by a slender margin against his Republican incumbent in the first Congressional District of Arizona.

"I am honoured and humbled that the people of Virginia's 10th District put their trust in fights and deliver results in Congress. This district is my home. I got married here, my wife Miranda and I are raising our daughters here, and the issues our community faces are personal to our family. It is an honour to continue serving this district in Washington, Subramanyam said.

Subramanyam, who previously served as a White House Ádvisor to President Barack Obama, is a Hindu by faith and is popular among Indian Americans nationwide.

He joins the 'Samosa Caucus' in the Congress that currently comprises five Indian Americans - Ami Bera, Raja Krishnamoorthi, Ro Khanna, Pramila Jayapal and Shri Thanedar.

All the five existing Indian American members were re-elected to the House of

me to take on the toughest Representatives. Shri Thanedar was re-elected for the second consecutive term from the 13th Congressional District of Michigan. He won it for the first time in 2023. Raja Krishnamoorthi won the seventh Congressional District of Illinois for the fifth consecutive term. While the battles for control of the White House and Congress remain close, I am honoured that the people of Illinois' 8th District have extended my contract to represent them in Congress," Krishnamoorthi said. "My parents came to this country with little more than a dream for their family's future and the faith that they could achieve it America," in

Krishnamoorthi concluded. Despite some hard times, we 'My mission in Congress is to fight for all the other families that are pursuing their dreams, no matter where they come from, how they worship, or the number of letters in their names... there are 29 in mine. So did Ro Khanna who represents the seventeenth Congressional District of California

Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, who represents the seventh Congressional District of Washington State. A physician by profession, Dr

Ami Bera is the senior-most Indian American Congressman representing the sixth Congressional District of California since 2013. He was re-elected for the seventh consecutive term. In Arizona Shah from the Democratic Party was slightly ahead of his Republican Party's incumbent David Schweikett. He has 132,712 votes as against his rival's 128,606 votes when 63 per cent of the votes were counted.



Supporters of Republican presidential nominee former President Donald Trump hold banners as they take part in Trump's Election Night Watch Party, at Palm Beach (Florida).

European leaders seek common future at summit but all eyes on Washington

AP BUDAPEST

Dozens of European leaders will be gingerly seeking to chart a more common future during a one-day summit in Hungary's capital on Thursday. Yet despite myriad economic challenges and two wars in the neighborhood, all eyes will be glued on Washington to see whether the pivotal US election will cause a political rift throughout the continent.

The transatlantic relationship will doubtless change after the vote, leaders and experts have said.

The impact of the US results could be felt for years to come, on issues including the war in Ukraine, the with significance as Trump thrown his weight behind

European Union's trade relations with the rest of the world, migration, the Middle East conflict and climate

"All this is putting peace, stability and prosperity at risk in our region," said the invitation letter to the leaders of the European Political Community, which unites almost 50 nations in Europe and its near abroad, bar Russia and Belarus.

Among the leaders likely to attend on Thursday is President Ukrainian Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who is expected to make another plea for more aid as his country fends off Moscow's invasion. The timing is laden

has vowed to end the war "within 24 hours" of being elected — something leaders in Kyiv interpret as an impending evaporation of U.S. support should Trump

Orbán makes plain his support for Trump Not so long ago, such a meet-

ing — which is also expected to include leaders from non-EU countries like Turkey, Serbia and the United Kingdom — would end with praise for European unity and a common political direction. Yet with Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Örbán as the host of the summit, friction is as good as assured. Orbán, who has openly

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Trump and argued the former president is a "man of peace," has predicted a Trump victory and suggested that civil and criminal cases against him were the result of a polit-ically motivated Department of Justice — a common Trump refrain. Having played the obstructionist for years within the 27-nation EU, Orbán now holds the bloc's rotating presidency, giving him a more prominent platform and making him the host of Thursday's EPC summit, as well as another gathering of EU leaders on Friday. The presidency under Orbán caused turmoil from day one, when he declared "Make Europe Great Again" the when he declared "Make Europe Great Again" the motto of his six months in future — he's even delayed passing Hungary's 2025 national budget until after a

charge. It was a strikingly clear reference to his affection for Trump, which he followed up with unannounced visits to Moscow and Beijing, angering EU leaders who said he was not acting on their behalf. In response to Orbán's self-styled "peace mission," many EU countries began boycotting presidency meetings in Budapest, or sending only lower-level bureaucrats rather than ministers. However, no boycotts are expected for this week's sum-

While Orbán has cast the result of US elections as determinative of Europe's

prime minister of Poland, said Europe must forge a more independent path that is less sensitive to changes across the Atlantic. "Some claim that the future of

ical outsourcing is over."

new president is elected — not all EU leaders are comfortable with the bloc's fate being so tightly bound up with the movements of American politics. Donald Tusk, the center-right

Europe depends on the American elections, while it depends first and foremost on us, on the condition that Europe finally grows up and believes in its own strength," Tusk said in the days ahead of the summit. "Whatever the outcome, the era of geopolitthe pioneer

Russia ratifies N Korea military alliance pact

10,000 North Korean troops deployed to Kursk: US

AP MOSCOW

The upper house of Russian parliament on Wednesday ratified a treaty with North Korea envisioning mutual military assistance, a move that comes as the US has confirmed the deployment of 10,000 North Korean troops to Russia. The "comprehensive strategic

partnership treaty," which Russian President Vladimir Putin signed with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on a visit to Pyongyang in June, obliges Russia and North Korea to immediately provide military assistance using "all means" if either is attacked. It marked the strongest link between Moscow and Pyongyang since the end of the Cold War.

The pact's endorsement by the upper house, the Federation Council, follows its ratification by the lower house,

the State Duma, on Oct 24. On Monday, US State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller told reporters that up to 10,000 North Korean soldiers were in Russia's Kursk region and were preparing to join Moscow's fight against Ukraine in the coming days. If they engage in combat, it would be North Korea's first participation in a large-scale conflict since the end of the 1950-53 Korean

Moscow and Pyongyang have responded vaguely to South Korean and Western claims of the North Korean troop deployment to Russia, emphasizing that their military cooperation conforms with interna-tional law, without directly admitting the presence of the North's forces in Russia.

On Monday, Putin met with North Korean Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui, who was on an official visit to

Russia since late last week. During her talks with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Layrov, Choe reiterated Pyongyang's support "for the just fight of Russia's military and people to defend their country's sovereign rights and security interests" in Ukraine. Russia and North Korea have previously rejected assertions by the US and its allies that Pyongyang has given Moscow ballistic missiles and millions of artillery shells for use in

Ukraine. South Korean and Western officials voiced concerns about Russia's possible transfer of technology to North Korea to enhance its nuclear and missile programmes in exchange

ly targeted so far in the conflict. "Something pulled me hard, and then the explosion happened," said Moussa Zahran, who was at home with his wife and son when the building but hit has said he couldn't so but for its troops. On Tuesday, North Korea fired hit. He said he couldn't see but a barrage of short-range ballistic missiles into the sea in a started digging through the rubble until he found his wife demonstration of its military and son — alive but injured capability hours before the and pulled them out. Both are US presidential election.

Rescuers pull 30 bodies from building in central Lebanon hit in Israeli strike **AP** ■ BARJA (LEBANON) Another building resident, Muhyiddin Al- Qalaaji, said he Lebanese rescuers pulled 30 bodies out of the rubble after a late night Israeli strike on an apartment building in was at work when the strike happened and heard the news

the town of Barja, Lebanon's

Civil Defence service said

Wednesday as the Mideast

wars press on with no signs of

It remained unclear if there were any survivors or bodies still trapped under the rubble

following the Tuesday night airstrike, which came without warning. There was no state-

ment from the Israeli military

and the strike's intended target

Barja, a town just north of the

port city of Sidon in central

Lebanon, has not been regular-

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public Is Here By Infomed That

My Client Namely Amarjeet Singh S/o

Harmeet Singh R/o S/o Harmeet Singh, B-

6 and B-7, Third Floor, Kh No 41/13 Guru

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DIST: West Delhi, Delhi-110041, ia also

Known By Nick Name Kamal Deep Singh

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Names Amarieet Singh and Kamal Dee

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also was unknown.

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"There are many dead and injured," he said as he carried out what he could salvage of the family's hologois family's belongings on

from his wife who called him

Wednesday morning. Civil defence official Mostafa Danaj said some of the neighbours have reported there are still people missing.

Israeli forces and the Hezbollah militant group have been clashing for more than a year, since Hezbollah started firing rockets across the border soon after the deadly Hamas-led attack on southern Israel sparked the ongoing war in Gaza in October last year.

The war on the Lebanese front has substantially escalated since mid-September, with Israel launching a massive aerial bombardment and ground

On Tuesday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu dismissed Defence Minister

ving any type of claim/right/title/interes er the said property, may inform i

oday, failing which it shall be presumed that he said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien etc. Lucem Legal LLP B-93B, Second Floor, Opp. SBI Bank Sector 2, Noida, UP-201301Contact#0120-4269379

It is known to all that the allottee of Residential Flat No. 330, Block-B-3, ARAVALI, Sector-34

40 has sold the above flat on GPA basis as under :-1. A G.P.A. was executed on dt. 30.07.1999 in favour of Shri Udaibir Singh S/o

ate Shri Gajai Singh R/o Village and Post Goela, Muzaffar Nagar, U.P. which is regd. in he office of S.R. Noida, and the Agreement to

t is informed that the transfer of the above

said Flat on the basis of GPA goes to transfer in avour of Smt. Prito Devi D/o Shri Budh Ram

R/o 152, Pocket-A-01, Sector-4, Rohini, Delhi

10085 which is to be regd, in the office of S.R.

(Housing) Deptt. of Noida Authority within 15

Yoav Gallant in a surprise announcement that sparked protests across the country. Gallant's replacement is Foreign Minister Israel Katz, a longtime Netanyahu lovalist and veteran Cabinet minister.

While Netanyahu has called for continued military pressure on Hamas, Gallant said military force created the necessary conditions for at least a temporary diplomatic deal that could bring home hostages held by the militant group. The Israel-Hamas war began

after Palestinian militants stormed into Israel on Oct 7, 2023, killing some 1,200 people — mostly civilians — and

them back to Gaza as hostages. Israel's military response in Gaza has killed more than 43,000 people, Palestinian health officials say. They do not distinguish between civilians and combatants, but say more than half of those killed were women and children.

Since the conflict between Israel and Hezbollah erupted in 2023, at least 3,000 people have been killed and some 13,500 have been wounded in Lebanon, about a quarter of them women and children, the Health Ministry reported. A report by Lebanon's crisis response unit said that 361,300 Syrians and over 177,800 Lebanese have crossed into Syria between Sept 23 and Nov 1, to escape the fighting.

Hezbollah continues to send dozens of rockets and drones towards Israel. The projectiles have killed 72 people in Israel so far, including 30 soldiers, according to Netanyahu's office.

On Wednesday, sirens blared across northern and central Israel, including in the populous metropolitan area of Tel Aviv, as Hezbollah launched 10 rockets towards Israel. Israel's Magen David Adom rescue services said there were no reports of injuries.

A large portion of a rocket slammed into a parked car in the central Israeli city of Raanana. Rockets also struck an open area near Israel's main airport,

Israeli media reported, though the airport said flights were operating as normally. Israel's Magen David Adom rescue services said there were no injuries. Israeli police said they arrested 40 people during protests on Tuesday night when the demonstrators blocked Israel's main highway in Tel Aviv. Another night of protests was planned across Israel on . Wednesday evening, over

Gallant's firing. Netanyahu and Gallant have repeatedly been at odds over the war in Gaza but the prime minister had avoided letting go of his rival before the US presidential

election on Tuesday.
By midday Wednesday in the
Middle East, Donald Trump was elected the 47th president of the United States in a remarkable political comeback.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that HARISH KUMAR AHUJA am/are filing

application in Labor to substitution in International Transport of property no. 30/13, Ashok Nagar, New Delhi - 110018 in the name of Harish Kumar Ahuja on the grounds of Relinquishment Deed If there are any objections/claims from the general public on this application, the same shell be communicated to L&DO with supporting decuments through registered

supporting documents through registered post or by visiting L&DO at Nirman Bhawar

New Delhi or through an email at Ido@nic.ir within 30 days of the publication of this notice

Reg. Flat No. B-2, admeasuring approx. 71 sq. mtrs., in Block-2, Hindustan Times Apartment, situated in the layout plan of The Hindustan Times in Block-2, Hindustan Times Apartment, situated in the layout plan of The Hindustan Times Employees Union Co-operative Group Housing Society Ltd., Mayur Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi-110091.; hereinafter referred to as "said property" Be it known to all that our clients, Dhananjay Singh and Mr. Silky Singh (hereinafter called the "Purchaser") intend to purchase the said property from Mr. Sumit Singh (hereinafter called the "Seller"). In this connection, the seller has informed the purchaser that he is the sole and absolute owner of the said property was owned by Mr S. P. Singh vide Conveyance Deed registered as Document No. 16656 on 23.09.2011 executed by POI thru DDA (SRO-VII Delhi) in his favour. Mr. S.P. Singh expired and the said property was inherited by Mr. S. P. Singh in his favour. (Mr. Sumit Singh). The said Will is registered as Document No. 815, in Book No. III, Volume No. 1189, pages 142-149, on 14.12.2015 (SRO-VIII Delhi). The said property has been mutated by East Delhi Municipal Corporation in favour of Mr. Sumit Singh. Thus Mr. Sumit Singh became the sole and absolute owner of the sald property.

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institutions, relatives raving any actini, graving interest of any nature whatsoeve into or upon the aforesaid property is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered AD Post, to the undersigned

at the address mentioned herein below

within 07 days of publication of this notice and in the event of no response having beer received to the notice, the title of the seller to the said property shall be deemed to

clear of any charge or encumbrance of a

nature whatsoever and any subsequent clair

Philippine forces retake island in mock combat as China's navy watches

 $\begin{array}{c} P^{hilippine} \ forces \ retook \ an \\ F^{hilippine} \ forces \ retook \ an \\ F^{hilippin$ such combat exercise in the disputed waters as Chinese navy ships kept watch from a distance, the Philippine military chief said.

Gen Romeo Brawner Jr, who witnessed the drills from a navy frigate, said the exercise underscored the readiness of Filipino forces to defend the country's sovereignty at all

"We are warning our neighbours or whoever or any external forces that we are capable of defending our islands," Brawner told a small group of

hospitals and private clinics, doctors said Wednesday as authorities warned a complete lock-

The warning came after residents out on the streets

were seen overwhelmingly without masks. Doctors

say most people are complaining of either having

"Tens of thousands of patients suffering from res

piratory diseases were treated at hospitals and clin-

ics in a week," said Salman Kazmi, vice president

You can see people coughing whenever you go, but

Lahore remained the world's most polluted city

Wednesday morning, with air-quality index hit-

ting a record high of over 1,100. Anything over 300

A toxic smog has shrouded the city since last

of the Pakistan Medical Association.

is considered hazardous to health.

Crypto frenzy

London (AP): The price of bit-

coin hit a new high Wednesday

as investors bet that former

President Donald Trump's vic-

tory in the US presidential

election will be a boon for cryptocurrencies. Bitcoin jumped

nearly 8% in early trading,

climbing above \$75,000 and

smashing its previous record

set in March. Other cryptocur-

rencies also soared, including

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To be known to all that my client, SH. DEEPAK MALHOTRA S/O SH. NARENDER NATH MALHOTRA R/O 38, SADHINAENCLAVE, HAUZ RANI, MALIVYA NAGAR, SOUTH DELHI, DELHI-110017, Allottee/Purchaser/Owner of DDA STS FLAT NO. 45, SECOND FLOOR, SECTOR-8, CAT.-III, JASOLA, NEW DELHI-110025, VIDE FILE NO. 178 (1001) 195/SFS/JL/III... The original documents i.e. DDA ORIGINAL ALLOCATION LETTER, STI AND FINAL DEMAND LETTER, POSSESSION LETTER, NOC OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY AND OTHER DOCUMENTS LOST, of the above said flat has been lost. An F.I.R./ NCR/JCR NO. 2274666/2024 dated 06/11/2024 to this effect has been lodged in PS.Crime Branch, Delhi Any person Isolalming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above Address/Phone No.9811077881 within 1504 from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, Debection or with respect to this property, can personally inform or write to Astt. Director (Housing) SFS, DDA, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi-110023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Since Ms. Ruchi Kumari seeking a home loar from of Aditya Birla Housing Finance Ltd. for the property i.e. Entire Upper Ground Floor withou Roof Rights, Built-Up Property Bearing No. WZ B-10-11, area measuring 150 sq. yds., situated at Manak Vihar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018. hereinafter referred to as "said property". That Ms. Ruchi Kumari has made us understand tha previous owner has lost or misplaced earlied.

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any person who is having any right, title or intere against that property/share or documents ma come to our Delhi office within seven days ar

nder their claim with documentary valid eviden any, else the same would be treated as unclain

and unrebutted and moved forth accordingly.

M/S PASS & ASSOCIATES LLI

B-132, L.G.F, Malviya Naga

New Delhi-110017, Mob: 999111600

hich are not traceable or cannot be found Now, I would like to announce to general public th

they still hardly wear face masks, he said.

a cough or that they feel their eyes are burning.

journalists, including The Associated Press, invited to the exercises.

There were no immediate comments from Chinese officials, but they have opposed past war drills in the South China Sea, which Beijing claims virtually in its entirety.

The long-seething territorial disputes that also involve other claimants are a delicate fault line in the US-China rivalry in Asia and likely will remain a major foreign policy concern for the next American presi-

China has rapidly expanded its military and become increasingly assertive in pursuing territorial claims in the South China Sea. The tensions have led to more frequent con-

down could be imminent if residents fail to don becuing food without filters, as well as the use

face masks and follow other guidance related to of motorised rickshaws — and wedding halls

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mrs. Sunita Kumari w/o Sh. Rajeev Kumar owner of property no. G-25, L-Corner, measuring 125 sq. yds. (size 30' x 37.5'), out of Total Land measuring

sq, yds. (size 30' x 37.5), out of Total Land measuring 600 sq, yds., carved out of Khasra no. 317, Situated at Pul Pehladpur, Vishwakarma Colony, New Delhi, through Registered Sale Deed Dated 10.01.2024 executed by Mr. Rajiv Kohli S/o Sh. Wazir Chand Kohli in favour of Mrs. Sunita Kuman W/o Sh. Rajeev Kumar Vide Reg, no. 160, at SR-V Delhi the above-mentioned property is going to be mortgage with Fedbank Financial Services Limited. If any person/bank/financial institution having any claim / right, lien, any objection whatsoever in regard to the above property, should notified to the undersigned/Adv. Vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-110092 along with Gocumentary evidence under address through

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frontations, primarily with the Philippines and Vietnam, though the Chinese coast guard has had recent territorial tiffs with Indonesia and Malaysia. In the drills, a Philippine navy frigate approached Loaita Island, which the Philippines calls Kota Island, while four speedboats with marines and navy sailors landed on its beach. A Philippine air force aircraft later dropped food and other supplies to the forces that retook the island.

Brawner said Chinese navy ships observing from a distance "added realism to the exercise." The US has been regarded as a crucial counterweight to China and has supported the Philippines as it faces Chinese

in the city. Lahore is the provincial capital.

must close by 10 pm.

Authorities in the city have already banned bar-

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Invitation for Technical and Financial Bids from Private security service agencies for Providing round the

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security agencies, fulfilling the eligibility criteria as pe

the e-tender, GeM Bid No.:GEM/2024/B/556659

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https://iitk.ac.in/new/tenders-notice. The online bids

may be submitted up to 1800 Hrs. on 26.11.2024.

Any corrigendum regarding this tender will be

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JAIN S/O LATE SHRI PREM CHAND JAIN (2) SHRI PRAMOD
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BERKING 4082/LUS, ARRASHA MUZAYITSA, ASAN MERADA, DARYAGAN, DELHI-110002. The original documents i.e. Original PERPETUAL LEASE DEED of the above said property have been lost or misplaced by my client and is not traceable inspite of his best efforts. An ELR,/NCR to this effect has been lodged in the Police Station, Crime Branch, Delhi (IR N. 0387534/2022 dated 10.05.2022). Any person(s) claiming any rights, interest. and comments, may write/contact with above named person at above Address/Phone No.9871631110, within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person

rom the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objection with respect to this

property, can personally inform or write to Deputy Director (OSB) or Director (OSB), Vikas Sadan, New Delhi.

Naveen Aggarwal (Advocate)
Ch.No. M-7, Near SBI, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-54

Date: 06.11.2024

Opening

Tender

29.11.24

03:00

Date of

Pre-Bid

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13.11.24

03.00

CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER

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Approx.

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Other details and full Tender documents would be available or

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MPMKVVCL, Bhopal, invites bids through e-tendering :-

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public on behalf of our client that Mrs. Raminder Kaur is claiming to be owner of Property bearing No. 116-A, area measuring 83 sci, vds., out of Khasra No. 15/1, situated in the residential colony known as Ravi Nagar, in the area of Village Khayala, Delhi, New Delhi; vide GPA, ATS & Will dated 04.04, 2007, executed by Mr. Gurvinder Singh for self & as attorney of Mr. Kaweljeet Singh. All persons are hereby informed that above mentioned owner wants to sell the property to a person who wants to obtain a loan from our client against the said property. If, anybody has any objection/s upon the ownership of above owner over the said property, If, anybody owner over the said property, If, salg/mortgage/ litigation & any other objections, kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 7 days of the present.

Kumar & Associates (Advocates & Consultants) 200, Ind Floor, 23, Shivaji Mang, Molt Magar, N. Delhi: 15 Ph: 011-41112527-28 legal@knalegal.com **Record-high pollution hits Lahore** month. Marriyum Aurangzeb, a senior min-Record-high air pollution in Pakistan's culturister in the Punjab province asked people to wear face masks to avoid a complete lockdown

PUBLIC NOTICE

area measuring 75 Sq. Yards, out of Khasra No. 281, Situated in the revenue estate of Village Nawada, Delhi State Delhi, Colony Known as Vipin Garden, North Block, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059; from MR. SAURAN SONI) who had purchased the same by virtue of vide Notarized General Power of Attorney, Agreement to sell and Will dated 14.02.2023 from!) Mr. Ghansham & 2) Mr. Pankaj Manchanda, and intend mortgage against the financial assistance from Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited. To comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any Person having any type of claim /right/tille/interest/creating mortgage over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within 7 days from today, falling which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type Cincumbrances, lienetc. Encumbrances, lien etc. Lucem Legal LL Plot No.136, (Basement) Uday Parl New Delhi-110049,Contact # 011-4004631

Mr. Ashwani Raj, the owner of Property No. E-59, area measuring 60 sq. yds., out of Khasra No. 923, situated at abadi of Vinod Nagar, in the area of Village Mandwali Fazalpur, Illaqa Shahdara, Delhi and Property No. E-74, area Shahdara, Delhi and Property No. E-74, area measuring 25 sq. yds., out of Khasra No. 923, situated at abadi of West Vinod Nagar, in the area of Village Mandwali Fazalpur, Illaqa Shahdara, Delhi hereby informs that He has not having the Death Certificate of Champa Devi He intends to create an equitable mortgage in favor of SMFG India Credit Company Limited. Any person claiming rights, title, or interest in the said. Property is requested to submit objections/claims in writing with supporting documents to Adv. Khairul Hussain, 2E/23, 200, on Tirit Blook Indended and Coffice No. 300, on Tirit Blook Indended and the supporting documents to Adv. Khairul Hussain, 2E/23, and the supporting the Office No. 302, on Third Floor, Jhandewalan Ext- 110055, mobile no. 9871308962, or email at vikshalegal@gmail.com within 07 days from the publication of this notice.

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न्यायालय अपर जिला जज (वाणिज्यिक), देहरादून।

It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Harish Chandra who is intending to purchase the Built-up Second Floor LHS/Northern Portion Without Roof Right Area 50 Sq. Yards, Built on Property No. B-110-A, Out of Khasra No.10/4, 10/5, Situated in The Area Of Village Matisla, Delhi State, And Colony Known As Mansa Ram Park, In Block-B, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 with one bike parking from Sh. Ajay Jain attorney of Smt. Anita. That, Sh. Ajay Jain became owner vide Notarized GPA dated 23.08.2024, Notarized ATS dt. St. Alay Jain became owner vide Notarized GPA dated 23.08.2024 & WILL dated 23.08.2024 Executed by Smt. Anita and same to be financed & mortgaged by Aditya Birla Housing Finance Ltd., Noida. Ifany Berda Housing Finance Ltd., Noida. Ifany Berda Housing Finance Ltd., Noida. PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I RUBY NAGAR, VISHNU GARDEN, NEW DELHI 110018 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as **RUBI** in my ninor son namely Radhey aged 14 yea in his school record. The actual name o mine is RUBY RANI, which may be amended according.It is certified that have complied with other lega requirements in this connection. RUBY RANI (Signature)

Shri/Smti The UNICOS International Pv

..Opposite Party/Responde

Shri/Smt Bhavna Singh, Managing Committee, UNICOS International Pvi Whereas a complaint under variou 86 has been instituted against you by the You are hereby summon to appear i person or through pleader before the above said forum on the 22nd Novembe

Day of 2024 at 11:00 A.M. Given under my hand and seal of this Forum, this the 24th day October 2024.

Commission, Kohima: Nagaland

Tender Notice No.: S/66/012/24-25, Dtd: 04-11-2024. E-Tender are

nvited by the undersigned for the following works. SI.No.:1; Tender No. : NJ245085;

Closing/Opening Date: 25-11-2024.

089886 ALT Ca spec: WDG4/EL/PS/04 ALT NIL OTV-9 Consignee :- SSE/IC/MECH/Siliguri Junction, Northeast Frontier Railway.

Note :- For full details of Tender Notice and Tender Documents Tenderer may log on to the website (www.ireps.gov.in) prospective bidder who intend to participate in above tenders are required to log in themselves with the above website and submit their offer electronically, if they are already registered with IREPS. In case they are not registered with IREPS, they are advised to obtain class-III Digital Signature Certificate from the certifying agencies under Govt. of India IT Act 2000 and participate in the above

Dy. Chief Material Manager, New Jalpaigur NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY



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NOTICE

Pursuant to regulation 29 of SEBI (LODR) 2015, Notice is hereby given that a 307th Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Thursday on 14th day of November, 2024 at 11.30 AM at Corporate Office: 4-7/C, DDA Shopping Centre, 4th Floor, New Friends Colony, New Delhi- 110025 to inter-alia approve the following (1) Un-audited Financial Results (Standalone & Consolidated) of the Company

for the quarter and half year ended 30th September, 2024 and review limited review report of the Statutory Auditors for the publication as per For Modi Rubber Limited

(S K Bajpai)

Place: New Delhi Date : 5.11.2024

Head - Legal & Co. Secretary

STORES E-PROCUREMENT Tender Notice No.: S/50/Sr.DMM/KIR/PUB/e-Tender/2024-25/

02; Dated: 04-11-2024. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works:-SN. 1; Tender No. KT245454;

Closing/ Opening Date: 28-11-2024 Brief Description & Qty: Supply of 1 phase 2W prepaid/Payment

with keypad, Accuracy class 1.0, 240V, 5-60A, 50 Hz with in-home display Unit (Model-Liberty 150 of Secure Make or equivalent (BIS/SI Mark) as per technical specification enclosed in tender document at Annexure-C; Consignee: - DEE/Katihar, NFR (Bihar) NOTE:- For full details of Tender notice and tender documents

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BEFORE THE DISTRICT CONSUMER **REDRESSAL COMMISSION** SUMMON

Shri/Smti The UNICOS International Pv Ltd. C-5 A/258, Janakpuri, Delhi- 110058 Represented by its Manager

Shri/Smt The UNICOS International Pv Ltd. C-5 A/258. Janakpuri. Delhi- 110058 Represented by its Manager. Whereas a complaint under various

sections of the Consumer protection Act 86 has been instituted against you by the complainant before this Forum You are hereby summon to appear in person or through pleader before the

above said forum on the 22nd November Day of 2024 at 11:00 A.M. Given under my hand and seal of thi

Forum, this the 24th day October 2024. District Consumer Redressa

BEFORE THE DISTRICT CONSUMER REDRESSAL COMMISSION

SUMMON

Ref: CDR 1/2024

Shri/Smti The UNICOS International Pvt

Ltd. C-5 A/258, Janakpuri, Delhi- 110058, Represented by its Manager. ..Opposite Party/Responder

Shri/Smt Rahul Pratap Singh, Machineriesn-charge, UNICOS International Pvt. Ltd. C-5 A/258, Janakpuri, Delhi- 110058

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shall not bind our clients/Purchaser, in an Shivkant Arora, Advocate M/s Intellective Law Offices A-74, LGF, Defence Colony, President Commission, Kohima: Nagaland

Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot

Advt. No.BFU-24/23

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candidates through University website i.e www.bfuhs.ac.in for recruitmen the posts of Technical Assistant (Blood Bank)-02 MRI Technician-02 Radiographer Technician-02, Radiographer (Radio-Diagnosis)-04 Radiotherapy Technician-05, Librarian Gr.II/Librarian Senior-02, Health Educator-05, Pharmaceutical Chemist-01, Dental Mechanic-01, Accounts Clerk-02, Junior Physiotherapy-04, Artist/Photographer-03, Sen. Technician Workshop-04, Speech Therapist-01, Audio Metric Technician-01, Health & Sanitary Inspector-01, Assistant Librarian-02 Driver-08, Dental Technician-02, EEG Technician-01, Tech. for Animal Operation Room-01, Horticulture Supervisor-01, Nanny Creche-01, Laundry Operator-01, Documentist-01, Museum Keeper-02, Mechanicum-Machinist-01, Library Restorer-01, Fireman-03, Plastic & Burn Technician-04, Animal Attendant-01, Mali Cum Chowkidar/Mali-10 Cook-05, Dhobhi-05 on regular basis at University office and constituent coleges/institutions of Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot.

For details/updates/eligibility/no. of Posts/terms & conditions visit website

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CAN FIN HOMES LTD
CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699, Above Canara Bank Building, First Floor, Plot No C - 3, Sector - 1, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, Pin Code: 201301,

REGISTRAR

E-mail: noida@canfinhomes.com, Ph No: 0120 - 2970164/65/67, 7625079126 APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 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 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 to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Noida Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is" "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 12-12-2024, for recovery of Rs. 23,30,670 (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Only) due to Car Fin Homes Ltd. from MR. PARVEEN RAWAT S/O BIRENDER SINGH RAWAT , MRS. KASHMIRI W/O PARVEEN RAWAT (Borrowers) and Mr. ARVIND RAWAT S/O BIRENDER SINGH RAWAT (Guarantors), as on 06-11-2024, together with further interest and other charges thereon. The reserve price will be Rs. 17,00,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs.1,70,000/- (Rupees

One Lakh Seventy Thousand Only) (Description of the immovable property)

Flat No-S-4, (Second Floor), With Roof Rights, LIG, Plot No-225, Block-B, Shalima Garden Main, Village – Pasonda, Pargana – Loni, Tehsil and District Ghaziabad, U.P. Pincode-201005 Bounded by:East: Plot No. 226 B, West: Plot No 224 B, North:Gali 10 Fts Wide, South: Road 40ft wide

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of

Sd/- Authorized Office Can Fin Homes Ltd

Can Fin Homes Ltd., (https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx). Link for participating in e-auction: https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net Date: 06-11-2024

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Total vehicle retail sales in India in October sees 32 per cent Y-O-Y rise to 28,32,944 units: FADA

The total vehicle retail sales Tine total venice retain sars in India witnessed a 32 per cent Y-O-Y Brandon Sklenar as Atlas Corrigan rise in October to 28,32,944 units with all segments including two-wheelers and passenger vehicles registering strong growth, Federation of Automobile Dealers' Association (FADA) said on Wednesday

The total vehicle retail sales in October 2023 stood at 21,43,929 units, as per FADA. The strong growth in October this year was largely driven by the rural market, especially boosting twoand passenger vehicles sales, supported by increased Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Rabi crops,



FADA said. Passenger vehicle sales grew 32.38 per cent to 4,83,159

units in 2024, from 3,64,991 units retailed in October

previous month were recorded at 20,65,095 units, recorded at 20,65,095 units, as compared to 15,14,634 units in October 2023, registering a growth of 36.35 per cent, while three-wheeler sales were up 11.45 per cent year-on-year to 1,22,846 in in October 2024, it said.

Tractor sales, according to FADA, increased 3.08 per cent during October to 64,433 units, from 62,542 units a year ago.

The convergence of major (Navratri and October significantly boosted consumer demand; attractive festive offers, new model launches, and improved stock availability led to a 36 per cent year-on-year and 71 per month-on-month according to FADA.

Besides, rural sentiments favourable monsoon and good crop expectations, further contributed to the growth, it stated.

Moreover, the 32 per cent

year-on-year and 75 per cent month-on-month rise in passenger vehicle sales was driven by festive demand, aggressive offers, and new model introductions, it said. FADA remains optimistic about near-term growth of the overall automobile industry particularly with the wedding season ahead.

However, potential challenges such as inventory overstock and economic headwinds may affect sales momentum towards the end of the year, it

IPO papers in September, withdrew the documents on October 28. The four companies -Rubicon Research, Sai Life Sciences, Sanathan Textiles Metalman Auto -- which filed their draft IPO papers with Sebi during July and August, obtained the regulator's observations on October 31,

 $F_{p\ h\ a\ r\ m\ a\ c\ e\ u\ t\ i\ c\ a\ l}^{our\ companies,\ including}$ formulation firm Rubicon

Research and TPG Capital-backed Sai Life Sciences, have

received Sebi's go-ahead to raise at least Rs 3,000 crore

collectively through Initial

Public Offerings (IPOs), an update with the markets

The other two firms that

obtained the regulator's

Textiles and auto components

Meanwhile, BMW Ventures,

which filed its preliminary

maker Metalman Auto.

regulator

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showed

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the update showed. In Sebi's parlance, obtaining observations means its goahead to float public issues. The Rs 1,085-crore IPO of Rubicon Research is combination of a fresh issue of equity shares worth Rs 500 crore and an Offer For Sale (OFS) of shares valued at Rs 585 crore by the promoter,



Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP).

Rubicon Research, Sai Life

Sciences and two others get

Sebi's nod to float IPOs

At present, General Atlantic owns over 57 per cent stake in Rubicon Research.

The company proposes to utilise proceeds from the fresh issue to the tune of Rs 310 crore for payment of debt. Also, funds will be used for supporting inorganic growth unidentified through acquisitions as well as other strategic initiatives and general corporate purposes. Hyderabad-based Sai Life

Sciences' proposed IPO comprises a fresh issue of equity shares worth Rs 800 crore and an OFS of 6.15 crore shares by a promoter, investor shareholders and other shareholders, the DRHP showed. Of the IPO proceeds, funds to the tune of Rs 600 crore will be used for debt payment and a portion will be used for corporate general purposes, the draft papers filed

aggregating up to Rs 500 crore and an OFS of up to Rs 300 crore by promoters and promoter group entities, it stated. Proceeds from the fresh issue of shares worth Rs 210 crore will be used for investment in the company's subsidiary - Sanathan Polycot Private Limited - for funding its long-term working capital requirements, Rs 175 crore for repayment of debt, besides general corporate purposes. The proposed IPO of Metalman Auto is a combination of a fresh issue of equity shares worth Rs 350 crore and an OFS of up to 1.26

of a fresh issue of equity shares

crore shares by its promoters. Proceeds from the fresh issue to the tune of Rs 25 crore will be used to part financing the capital expenditure towards procurement of plant and machinery at Pithampur manufacturing unit two in

FSSAI to hold CAC meet to discuss food safety issues on e-commerce platforms

 $\begin{array}{ccc} F^{ood \; \text{Safety and Standards}} \\ F^{\text{Authority}} & \text{of} & \text{India} \\ \text{(FSSAI)} & \text{will hold meeting of} \end{array}$ its Central Advisory Committee (CAC) on November 7-8 to discuss food safety issues on ecommerce platforms among others challenges.

The meeting, to be held under the chairmanship of FSSAI's CEO G Kamala Vardhana Rao, will see of food participation commissioners from all states/Union Territories or their representatives.

According to sources, the CAC meeting will be held on November 7 to November 8 to discuss the various issues, including how to strengthen surveillance and testing of food products across all states to ensure food safety. The CAC will also discuss measures to be adopted to

products on e-commerce

platforms, they said. The committee will discuss this issue amid reports of sale of food products nearing expiry on commerce platforms.

Sources said FSSAI is likely to call a meeting of big ecommerce players next week to ensure food safety.

As per the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, the food authority constitutes the CAC for close cooperation between the Authority and enforcement agencies/organisations operating in the field of

The committee generally meets three to four times a and advises the Authority on various matters including prioritisation of work, identifying potential risks and the pooling of

Thailand replaces Maldives to emerge as top honeymoon destination for Indian couples: MakeMyTrip

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Thailand has emerged as favourite favourite international honeymoon destination for Indian couples, replacing Maldives, as it recorded the highest share of honeymoon package bookings between October 2023 and September 2024 on MakeMyTrip, the travel booking platform said on

The Maldives saw a 16.2 per cent Year-on-Year decline in honeymoon package bookings while all other top international destinations -Indonesia, Mauritius, and Vietnam gained share this year, the travel booking platform stated.

MakeMyTrip's 'How India Travels for Honeymoon', analyses booking data from October 2023 to September

2024, compared to the same period in the preceding year. Thailand increased booking share by 5.2 per cent year-on-year, surpassing the Maldives, which led the rankings last year.

On the domestic front, the Andamans replaced Kerala the most booked honeymoon destination, increasing its share of honeymoon package bookings by 6.9 per cent YoY. General Atlantic Singapore RR brokings by 6.9 per cent YoY. Pte Limited, according to the

Air India deploys additional resources at touch points, airports to help Vistara passengers

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Air India has deployed additional resources, including help desk kiosks, at touch points and airports ensure a smooth experience for Vistara passengers post its merger with the airline next week, official said on

Full-service carriers - Air India and Vistara, a joint venture between Tatas and Singapore Airlines - set to be merged on November 11. Post-merger, the routes and schedule operated by Vistara and the Vistara inflight experience remain the same. Also, Vistara aircraft will be

identified by a special four-

beginning with the digit '2'. The official in the know said Air India deployed additional resources across touch points in India, including help desk kiosks, at the curbside before terminal entry at hubs and metro city airports.

There will be "customer support staff wearing 'How

India code may I assist you?' Air India x Vistara branded t-shirts for support", the official In due course, Vistara

airport ticketing offices and check-in terminals will become that of Air India. Over the last few months, 2,70,000 customers who had booked Vistara flights have been migrated to Air India, and more than 4.5 million Vistara loyalty programme members are being migrated to Air India's loyalty programme. There are concerns in certain quarters on whether Vistara passengers will

continue to get the same

services post-merger as Air

India, which is in the

the Vistara experience will remain post-merger. The integrated entity will have a fleet of more than 200 planes,

been facing certain service

The Tata Group-owned Air

India has emphasised that

issues in recent times.

connectivity to 90 domestic

Incoming data on GDP growth mixed but positives outweigh negatives: Reserve Bank Governor

Reserve Bank Governor Wednesday said the incoming data on economic growth is "mixed", but the positive factors outweigh the negative

Speaking at Business Standard's annual BFSI event here, Das stressed that the underlying economic activity by and large remains strong. "Data which is coming in is mixed but the positives outweigh the negatives and by and large underlying activities remain strong," Das said.

It can be noted that many analysts have been voicing concerns about growth, especially after official data showed growth slowing to a 15-quarter low of 6.7 per cent in the first quarter of FY25. The RBI, however, has been holding onto its estimate of



7.2 per cent real GDP growth for FY25, even as some expect it to be lower than 7 per cent. Das said the RBI tracks over 70 high-speed indicators to arrive at its estimates and described both the positive factors pushing the number and the negatives pulling it

The industrial production or way bills, toll collections, air IIP data, and moderation in passenger traffic, and steel

being urban demand witnessed by fast-moving consumer goods companies are the negative factors. Besides, subsidy outgoes have increased in the September quarter and will impact the Q2 GDP number, Das said. The positives include the handsome growth in GST eprospects recently concerns around rising inventory amid lower demand, Das said the sector has done exceedingly well in October with a 30 per cent growth which includes a 23 per cent rise in four-wheeler Additionally, the agriculture

performance, Das said.

and services sectors are also doing well, Das said.

"I would not rush to declare that the economy is slowing down," the RBI governor said amid some analysts saying that the economy is in a cyclical growth slowdown.

When reminded of his animal analogies on inflation and asked to choose the animal which describes the Indian economy, Das said national animal "tiger" which is also there in the RBI logo best reiterated that the RBI has "corrective" in nature wherein and the ability to sustain the describes the country.

RBI provides the "agility", which is another key attribute of the tiger.

On inflation, Das said the October headline consumer price inflation number to be announced on November 12 be higher than September's 5.5 per cent, but added that the central bank had already pencilled in the higher numbers for the two

months. The shift in stance of the monetary policy should not be seen as a precursor to a rate cut at the very next meeting of the rate-setting panel, Das said adding that the panel is under no pressure on the next course of action.

On the issue of regulatory and supervisory actions against four non-banks recently, Das

increased He said the economy has got number if one were to measures if it sees compare the overall number of **NBFCs** (non-banking financial companies), which is

9,400. Asserting that the central bank actions are "calibrated, selective and measured", Das said such decisions are not abrupt and are preceded by bilateral months engagement with an entity.

It is only when an entity refuses or delays RBI's suggestions that such actions are taken, Das said, adding that the number of entities marked out for the need to improve is far higher than the ones against whom actions are taken.

Detailed reasons on why an action has been taken are given to the entity, Das said, underlining that these actions are not "punitive" but are

improveme

The RBI has done a quick study to understand the use of borrowed funds deployed to punt on the capital markets, Das said and added that this phenomenon does not pose a major risk to the banking sector or lead to "systemic instability".

He urged banks to look at the end use of funds even in unsecured loans, admitting that it is very difficult to monitor the same.

The RBI does not have a prescribed credit deposit ratio for the banks, Das said, adding that this ratio has improved to 80 per cent at the systemic level in the last few months. However, there are a few entities which are the outliers on this, he admitted. Quality of loan underwriting

acted against a very small the RBI takes back the loan growth are two important aspects that the central bank loan growth, Das specified. He also made clear that the central bank does not have a view on credit growth.

The RBI endeavours to "smell around" constantly, and be preemptive in identifying and rectifying risks before they become into systemic trouble,

Replying to a question on the future of central bank digital currency (CBDC), Das said the RBİ is in no hurry to have a national launch of what is a pilot project at present and added that new use cases are emerging like Odisha's transfer of cash support to beneficiaries under a scheme or some transferring corporates lunch vouchers to employee

Maruti Suzuki seeking to enhance exports with upcoming new Dzire sedan

PTI DABOLIM/GOA

Maruti Suzuki India is targeting markets like UAE, Saudi Arabia, Chile, Mexico and other Latin American countries with its upcoming new version of compact sedan Dzire to accelerate exports as it eyes over 3 lakh units of overseas shipments this fiscal, a senior company official said on Wednesday. In the domestic market, the company hopes to enhance its share in the sedan market amid the passenger vehicles market shifting towards SUVs (Sports Utility Vehicles), SUVs with the new Dzire which is slated for launch next week. "We have been growing (exports) at a rate of about 11.9 per cent in the first seven months of the financial year and we hope to continue on that momentum. So we hope to do more than about 3 lakh car exports within this year," Maruti Suzuki India Executive



Rahul Bharti told PTI here. In contrast, just about four years ago, the company's exports were below one lakh per year, he added. "So, now we'll be doing about

three times of that, and by the turn of the decade, we hope to multiply it another times over to something like 8 lakh units a Bharti added. Elaborating on the export strategy, Bharti said, "One of the biggest enablers of increasing export is more models in more geographies. So, we are adding the number of models, and we are adding the markets also."

company is exporting to Latin America, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Further, he said, "At some

point in time, we will reenter Europe and Japan also (with upcoming electric SUV eVitara)." With the upcoming new version of Dzire compact sedan, Bharti said, "We hope to increase our exports also because with the sleek design, technologies, six airbags, as standard, it is being widely accepted in the market." He further said, "We have to increase the density in those (oxisting) markets. We will (existing) markets. We will

target markets like the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Chile, Mexico, other countries in Latin America and maybe some markets in Southeast Asia The existing Dzire model was among the top three export models in October, he added. On the domestic front, Maruti Suzuki India Senior Executive Officer, Marketing and Sales, Partho Banerjee Director Corporate Affairs At the moment, he said, the said the company hopes to

enhance its share in the sedan market with the new offering. Last year, the outgoing

version of Dzire clocked over 1.6 lakh units, he said, adding that with the new offering coming in the company expects more growth. "Every second car which is sold in the sedan segment (in the domestic market) happens to be from Maruti...We are, in fact, increasing our market share in the sedan segment," he asserted. Banerjee acknowledged that with the SUVs growing faster, the

sedan segment is shrinking but sedans will continue to have its market as SUV demand stabilises at some point in time. "Being the market leader we need to be present in all the segments. Our take is this, in each segment, we need to be present and offer products to the consumers. Let the consumer decide which form factor they want to go," Banerjee said.

Brand Street Integrated expands with new operations in Kerala

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

 $B^{\text{rand Street Integrated has}}_{\text{announced the expansion}}$ of its Southern operations with the launch of its Kerala office. Following successful initiatives across Hyderabad and other Southern regions, the Kerala expansion is a significant step in their strategic journey to bring innovative and localised marketing solutions to brands across India.

Leading the new Kerala division are two of Brand Street Integrated's experts Rajinikanth namely, Manickam, bringing over five years of experience within the company, and Joe Matthew, both of whom possess a deep understanding of the local market and consumer behavior. Their expertise will be instrumental in offering optimal engagement.

clients tailored, on-ground marketing solutions that resonate with the region's unique audience. "We are excited to incredibly strengthen our presence in the South by launching operations in Kerala," said Surendra Singh, CEO of Brand Street Integrated. "Kerala represents a vibrant market with a wealth of opportunity, and expanding here allows us to offer brands even more localised and impactful marketing Brand Street solutions." Integrated's Kerala operations will provide the full spectrum of experiential marketing services, including rural and digital marketing, OOH advertising, merchandising solutions, all

backed by a unique, data-

driven approach to ensure

INBRIEF

PSPCL AND GNDEC LUDHIANA SIGN MOU

LUDHIANA: Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) and Guru Nanak Dev Engineering College (GNDEC), Ludhiana, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under the guidance of Power Minister of Punjab, Harbhajan Singh ETO.



ALL INDIA INTER-UNIVERSITY TAEKWONDO (MEN) CHAMPIONSHIP BEGINS



AMRITSAR: The All India Inter-University Taekwondo (Men) Championship started today and will continue until November 9, 2024. This exciting event is taking place at Multipurpose Ha of Guru Nanak Dev University. 🥤 Championship started today and 2024. This exciting event is taking place at Multipurpose Hall of Guru Nanak Dev University.

CRICKET MATCH ORGANISED BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

AMRITSAR: Department of Education of Guru Nanak Dev University organized its first annual départment cricket match to foster the sense of healthy competitions among the students of the department.



REAL MADRID, MANCHESTER CITY BOTH HUMILIATED IN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

heavyweights Real Madrid and Manchester City both defeats in the suffered big defeats in the Champions League.

Defending champion Madrid was humbled 3-1 at home by AC Milan, while Erling Haaland missed a penalty and City squandered a fourthminute lead as it lost 4-1 at Sporting Lisbon, whose coach will soon take charge of its crosstown rival.

It was a much better evening for Liverpool, as Luis Diaz scored a hat trick and Cody Gakpo grabbed another goal in a 4-0 win over German champion Bayer Leverkusen at Anfield that marred Xabi Alonso's return to his old

The Leverkusen coach was given a warm welcome on his return to the club where he became a fan favorite as a player over five seasons between 2004-09. Alonso won the Champions League with Liverpool moved top of the

the pioneer

league phase table with four wins from four games, followed by Sporting and Monaco, both on 10 points after three wins and a draw. Under the new 36-team format introduced by UEFA this season, the top eight teams advance directly to the next round, and those from ninth to 24th enter playoffs to reach it, while the bottom 12 are eliminated.

AMORIM'S **AUDITION:** Before their game, Sporting fans displayed a huge tifo thanking Ruben Amorim in his last home game before he takes over Manchester United. Phil Foden then got City off to a flying start in the fourth minute, only the second goal Sporting has conceded in four games of the competition.

But Swedish forward Viktor Gyökeres scored a hat trick as Sporting came roaring back. Gyökeres first equalized in the 38th after a perfect through ball from Geovany Quenda,

before Maximiliano Araújo made it 2-1 right after the break. Gyökeres then made it 3-1 from the penalty spot after Joško Gvardiol was penalized for a shove on Francisco Trincão in the area. Haaland's penalty hit the

crossbar, before Gyökeres showed the Norwegian how it's done with another spot kick at the other end to complete the scoring.

It is the first time since 2018 that City has lost three straight games, coming off a defeat to Tottenham in the English League Cup and a loss to Bournemouth in the Premier

"In my seven and a half years at the club, I don't remember losing three games in a row," City midfielder Bernardo Silva

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Manas Dhamne could be the answer to Indian

tennis' desperate search for 'Mr

Dependable', reckons new

Davis Cup coach Ashutosh Singh, who is mighty impressed with the teenager's

Zeeshan Ali as coach, observed

the youngster from Malegaon

in Stockholm, where India competed in the Davis Cup

Dhamne, 16, did not get to play

Group I tie against Sweden.

diligent approach workmanlike attitude. Ashutosh, who replaced

after he'd been tripped, but Álvaro Morata pounced on the rebound after Andriy Lunin saved Rafael Leão's shot to restore the visitors' lead against his former club. Morata had already been given

had already lost to surprise

team Lille in their second

Vinícius Júnior equalized from

the penalty spot in the 23rd

a hostile reception from the home fans, who evidently remember the goal he scored to take Juventus through to the 2015 final at their team's expense.

Tijjani Reijnders scored Milan's third goal as the home fans made their frustrations known at Santiago Bernabéu Stadium. 'The last two defeats are inexplicable. We have to analyze and react quickly," Lunin said, referring to Madrid's 4-0 loss to Barcelona in its previous Spanish league

game. lead, ensuring Madrid trailed in a third straight game in the Champions League this It's the first time since 2009 that Madrid has lost two successive

games at home with at least three goals conceded in each, according to Opta. "We have to get back on track," Lunin said. OTHER RESULTS: German forward Nicolas Kühn scored twice as Celtic defeated Leipzig 3-1 at home, and Juventus

drew 1-1 at Lille. Lille midfielder eluded Zhegrova defenders before playing a perfect pass for Jonathan David, who fired inside the far post, but Dušan Vlahovic equalized with a penalty for the

Italian club. Donyell Malen scored late for Borussia Dortmund to beat Sturm Graz 1-0 at home, and Thilo Kehrer did likewise for Monaco to win at Bologna 1-0. United States midfielder Malik Tillman scored one goal and set up another as PSV Eindhoven beat Spanish team Girona 4-0.

Dinamo Zagreb dealt Slovan Bratislava its fourth straight defeat in the competition as the visitors came from behind to

the excitement that the debuts of two young tennis players,

unnoticed due to other

important discussions going

Talking about Aryan Shah, Ashutosh said he was a

has largely gone

which

"skilful" player.

Cristiano Ronaldo scores as Al-Nassr beats defending champion Al-Ain 5-1

ristiano Ronaldo scored the second Ugoal as Al-Nassr defeated defending champion Al-Ain of the United Arab Emirates 5-1 in the AFC Champions League Elite to put Saudi Arabian teams in the top three places in the 12-team

Al-Nassr has 10 points from four games, two behind local rivals Al-Hilal and Al-Ahli who both have a perfect record with

Anderson Talisca opened the scoring in Riyadh after just five minutes with a shot into the bottom corner from the edge of the area. Ronaldo then netted his second goal of this season's competition from close range just after the half-hour mark after goalkeeper Khalid Eisa could only parry Sadio Mane's shot from outside the

oco Gauff earned her

Csecond victory over Iga

Swiatek in 13 career matchups, winning 6-3, 6-4 at the WTA

Finals to reach the semifinals

The result means that Swiatek

can't move up from No. 2 in

the rankings this week, so

Aryna Sabalenka will finish

It was Gauff's first victory over Swiatek since the 2023

Cincinnati Open, snapping a

four-match losing skid head-to-head. Gauff, the 2023 U.S.

of the

tournament.

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The third came before the break as Angelo's low cross was deflected into his own net by Fabio Cardoso, but Al-Ain pulled a goal back 10 minutes after the restart as Park Yong-woo's shot hit the post but rebounded off the back of diving goalkeeper Bento and into the net. Wesley and Talisca added late goals for Al-Nassr to cement the Saudi dominance of the western zone's group. The top eight from each of the two groups progress to the knockout stages.

In the eastern zone, Vissel Kobe of Japan went top of the group with a 2-0 win over South Korea's Gwangju FC, the previous leader. Taisei Miyashiro scored with a penalty after 15 minutes and Daiju Sasaki sealed the victory after the break.

Johor Darul Tazim of Malaysia went third with a 3-0 win over two-time champion Ulsan HD of South Korea.

Just three days after lifting the Chinese Super League title, Shanghai Port lost 3-1 at Kawasaki Frontale of Japan.

Australia's sole representative Central Coast Mariners picked up its first point with a 2-2 draw with Shanghai Shenhua.

a match but was part of the squad that travelled to Stockholm along with another youngster, Aryan Shah. Gauff defeats Swiatek to reach the semifinals

It was a clear sign that the team management and the selectors wanted Dhamne and Shah to have the Davis Cup experience, what it means to be with the national squad and what it takes to represent the country at the World Cup of tennis.

While India were bested 0-4 by the hosts, coach Ashutosh chose to see a silver lining in the forgettable outing in

"Manas is a quintessential hard worker with a workman like attitude," said Ashutosh, who is son of former Davis Cupper

"He just makes eye contact and nods 'ok' for any on-court work he's asked to do. He has Dependable in singles that Indian tennis has long been



Manas Dhamne can become Mr. Dependable of

searching remarked for,"

MADRID FALTERING: In

Spain, Christian Pulisic sent in

a corner for Malick Thiaw to

head Milan into a 12th-minute

Champions

"Of course it's miles to go but the road he's taken looks possible with his diligent approach. One has to keep in mind that Manas is only 16 and does need careful supervision in certain aspects of his workload management but it seems he's in experienced hands at his training base in

Ashutosh.

India have just one player in top-100 in Sumit Nagal (83) and the next best is Ramkumar Ramanathan, way behind at number 309, followed by Sasi Kumar Mukund (365). All others are outside the top-500

Dhamne initially trained in Pune but left for Italy to train Piatti at the Piatti Tennis Center in Bordighera.

Dhamne made a quick potential to become the Mr impression when he won the singles titles at the ITF Asia-

Oceania Junior (Under-18)

becoming the youngest Indian to win the prestigious event at the age 14 years and nine months. A year later, he was given a wild card by the MSLTA for the

championships in 2022,

Tata Open Maharashtra, the ATP250 event, and again he impressed with his baseline game and range of strokes against American Mihale Mmoh, who was ranked 113 In the season 2024, Dhamne

has consistently competed on the ITF Men's Tour. He himself has not vet broken into top-1000 but already has wins over Nicholas David Ionel (378) Japanese veteran Tatsuma Ito (top-60 a few years back) and Vlad Dancu Romania's (ranked 565)

Ashutosh said India may have lost badly in Sweden but not everything was bleak.

"The main thing is to keep the main thing as the main thing. I want to bring to the forefront

"Aryan is hard working and a quick learner with an enterprising head on his shoulders. Being inquisitive is a good indication of the eagerness of a young mind to learn, Aryan definitely checks

that box. "Alongside Manas, he brings much-needed unbridled energy of youth into the team. Having played all four junior grand slams in singles, he has foundation of top tier exposure to firmly understand the

points of his game he needs to work on? Ashutosh had an interesting take on how India's junior

players approach the domestic tournaments. He said it was worrying that many players, equipped with talent and the game, were not succeeding, simply because they were burning themselves

out by playing more

tournaments than necessary. "Till U12, players shouldn't play more than 12 weeks. U14 because each player plays two age groups, and they end playing almost 30-40 weeks per year. So, there is no time for working on the game and

Standout boxing nation at Paris Olympics joins new body aiming to keep the sport at 2028 Games

AP LAUSANNE

The most successful boxing 1 nation at the Paris Olympics has joined the new governing body that aims to keep the sport in the 2028 Los Angeles Games after years of turmoil outside the ring.

The boxing federation of Uzbekistan, whose fighters won five of the 13 gold medals in Paris this year, is among four new members of World Boxing, said the Switzerlandbased body that is trying to win formal recognition by the International Olympic Committee.

The IOC has set a deadline of "early 2025" to work with a new governing body replacing the Russian-led International Boxing Association, which was banished from the Olympic movement last year.

In a years-long dispute with the IBA over finance and integrity concerns, the IOC has overseen boxing tournaments at the past two Olympics in Paris and Tokyo but does not want to organize for a third

time in Los Angeles. The dispute intensified in 2018 when boxing officials defied IOC warnings and elected Uzbek businessman Gafur Rahkimov as their leader.
The IOC recently warned boxing federations that stay

loyal to the IBA, now led by Russian Umar Kremlev, they will be cut off from funding and liaison with their national Olympic committee effectively blocking their path

to the 2028 Summer Games. "The addition of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan, which are two of the world's leading boxing nations, is a major coup for World Boxing," the emerging governing body said, which also added Guatemala and Laos to a roster of 55 members. World Boxing president Boris van der Vorst said the recruits 'recognize it is the only way to keep the Olympic dreams of their boxers alive.

The new members joined at a meeting in Pueblo, Colorado which hosted World Boxing's first global championships, at under-19 level.



The win moved Gauff to 2-0 in the Orange Group, while Swiatek fell to 1-1. Swiatek had rallied to beat Barbora Krejcikova in three sets on

win over Jessica Pegula. That eliminated Pegula, who lost in straight sets to Gauff in their opening match in Saudi Krejcikova was the last player to qualify for the event for the

Krejcikova, the Wimbledon

champion, kept her chances of

advancing alive with a 6-3, 6-3

top eight players on the women's tennis tour, earning Slam title at the All England Club in July. At No. 13, she became the lowest-ranked player to win a WTA Finals match since Magda Maleeva 22 years ago.

Southern rivals strive to strike back after recent defeats

Southern rivals Kerala Blasters FC and Hyderabad FC will seek a turnaround in their fortunes when they locks horns in the Indian Super League here on Thursday, having suffered reverses lately.

Kerala Blasters FC and Hyderabad FC currently stand at the 10th and 11th spots in the points table -- coming into this match on the back of defeats to Mumbai City FC and Mohun Bagan Super Giant respectively.

This match gives them a chance to fix things up and get their respective seasons back on track. The wind can be said to be swaying in the favour of the Kerala Blasters, as the Kochibased outfit has won three out of their last four matches against Hyderabad FC. However, they have never won thrice in a row in front of the visitors, presenting this match as an unprecedented opportunity for them to do so.

Hyderabad FC will be eyeing points on the road to build upon one win and draw each that they have accumulated in ISL 2024-25.

Kerala Blasters FC have found the back of the net in each of their previous 14 ISL matches at home. They have struck at least twice in eight of those games, and only Chennaiyin FC, Delhi Dynamos FC and Bengaluru FC (16 games each) have gone on longer such runs in the competition.

With the power-packed attacking duo of Noah Sadaoui and Adrian Luna in their ranks, the Mikael Stahre-coached team is all set to delight the home fans further with their offensive firepower this term.

Simultaneously, Kerala Blasters FC have not kept a clean sheet in their previous 18 consecutive matches in the league. This is the joint second-longest such sequence in the ISL, along with FC Goa and Hyderabad FC, with only NorthEast United FC having conceded



goals in a longer stretch of matches. It might prove out to be difficult for the team to climb up the league ladder unless they set their

Hyderabad FC had snapped their four-gamelong losing streak on the road by triumphing over Mohammedan SC by 4-0 in their previous away match.

backline in order.

That win must have infused greater belief in them to produce similar such performances in unfamiliar conditions, and the offensive cohesion displayed by Hyderabad FC will keep the Kerala Blasters FC defence in check as well. Hyderabad FC have ended up conceding at least a goal each in seven out of their last nine away fixtures. They have been defeated in all those games, and in fact won the two matches when they kept a clean sheet, drawing a clear parallel between defensive discipline and a greater possibility of them capturing the three

Sauber signs Brazilian driver Gabriel Bortoleto partner Nico Hülkenberg in F1

AP ■ HINWIL (SWITZERLAND)

Sauber has signed 20-year-old Brazilian driver BraziĬian Gabriel Bortoleto to make his debut in Formula 1 next year Hülkenberg's Nico

teammate. The decision means that Sauber's current drivers Valtteri Bottas and Zhou Guanyu are without an F1 seat for 2025. Neither has scored a point all season and Sauber's car has been largely uncompetitive.

Signing Bortoleto, who leads

the Formula 2 standings with

two rounds to go, gives Sauber a blend of youth and

experience alongside the 37-

year-old Hülkenberg. German automaker Audi is vear-old taking over Sauber, which will be rebranded as the Audi works team for 2026. "This is one of the most

exciting projects in motorsport, if not in all of sports. Joining a team that combines the motorsport history of Sauber and Audi is a true honor, Bortoleto said in a statement. "Beyond simply being a member, I aim to grow with this ambitious project and reach the pinnacle of motorsport. I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity given to me by the team and for the chance to work



alongside an experienced driver like Nico." Bortoleto, who won the F3

championship last season, began racing in karting as a kid before his family moved to Europe. He is the first fulltime Brazilian driver in F1 since Felipe Massa retired in 2017. Pietro Fittipaldi did two races in 2020 as an injury replacement.

joined Bortoleto McLaren's driver program last year and the team said he will be released at the end of the 2024 season so he can pursue his F1 career.

"All the best for the future," McLaren said. Bottas and Zhou had been

"After open and constructive discussions with Valtteri Bottas and Zhou Guanyu, we mutually concluded that conditions to continue together could not be met so we agreed that it is time to part ways," Sauber said. "We would like to thank both for the contribution they have made to the team in the last three years. They have been embodiment professionalism, using their experience and enthusiasm to support our growth." Bottas, who had joined from

with Sauber since 2022.

Mercedes, could reportedly return to his former team in a reserve role.

Stokes missing as Draca, Netravalkar line up in long list for IPL mega auction

ngland Test skipper Ben Stokes is missing from the list of 1,574 players while his former teammate James Anderson, Italian quick Thomas Draca and India-born USA medium pacer Saurabh Netravalkar have all registered for the IPL mega auction to be held in Jeddah on November 24 and 25.

The list, which will be shortened after the franchises provide their inputs, has all the marquee Indian players who were released from their teams including Rishabh Pant, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul, R Ashwin and Yuzvendra Chahal.

Each of these five cricketers have listed themselves at a base price of Rs 2 crore

India quick Mohammed Shami. who has been sidelined from action due to various injuries since last November, was also released by his former team Guiarat Titans and has listed himself at Rs 2 crore and so has left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh. Among the other Indian players in the list with the maximum base price of Rs 2 crore are Khaleel Mukesh Ahmed, Kumar, Iyer, Avesh Khan, Venkatesh Deepak Chahar, Ishan Kishan and Bhuvneshwar Kumar.

This list also includes Shardul Thakur, Mohammed Siraj, Devdutt Padikkal, Krunal Pandya, Harshal



Prasidh Krishna. Natarajan, Washington Sundar and Umesh Yadav.

India batters Sarfaraz Khan and Prithvi Shaw, who were unsold in the last IPL auction, have registered themselves at the base price of Rs 75 lakh each

Stokes, who had decided to give the last season of the IPL a miss in order to manage his workload and focus on his fitness, has opted out for the 2025 edition as well.

42-year-Anderson, who retired from Test cricket earlier this year, has registered for the IPL for the first time. The veteran pacer last played a T20 10 years ago in 2014. He has never competed in a global franchise T20 league. He has a base price of Rs 1.25 crore. Netravalkar, who

prominence due to his stupendous performance for USA during the T20 World Cup earlier this year, has also lined up to go under the hammer in Jeddah. The software engineer in Oracle has a base price

Ace Australian off-spinner Nathan Lyon, who has gone unsold in previous auctions, has also entered the fray with the a base price of Rs

Australian pacer Mitchell Starc, who was the most expensive buy in the IPL's last auction at a price of Rs 24.50 crore, is back in the pool for this year's auction with a base price of Rs 2 crore.

England quick Jofra Archer, who last played in the 2023 edition, is also listed for the same base price.

DRACA BECOMES FIRST

REGISTER: Medium Thomas Draca has become the first player from Italy to register for the IPL. The 24-year has played four T20 Internationals since making his debut for Italy in June this year. He impressed with his recent performance at the Global T20 . Canada in August. Draca was the joint second-highest wicket-taker

of the tournament with 11 wickets to his name from six innings at an average of 10.63 and an economy of

The Italian pacer was recently signed by the Mumbai Indians owned MI Emirates for the upcoming season of the ILT20 in the UAE.

Draca has registered himself at abse prices of Rs 30 lakh in the allrounders' category.

With up to six players permitted to be retained ahead of the mega auction, IPL teams can build a squad of 25 players each and there will be 204 slots available after 46 players were retained by 10 teams put together.

Each team will have a total purse of Rs 120 crore as Punjab Kings have Rs 110.5 crore available with them, followed by Royal Challengers Bengaluru with Rs 83 crore, Delhi Capitals with Rs 73 crore and Gujarat Titans with Rs 69 crore.

Lucknow Super Giants will also have Rs 69 crore in their purse while five-time winners Chennai Super Kings will have 1 Rs 55 crore. Last year's winners Kolkata Knight Riders will come into the auction with Rs 51 crore in purse while five-time champions Mumbai Indians will have Rs 45 crore, last runner-up Hyderabad will have Rs 45 crore and Rajasthan Royals will have Rs



Rishabh Pant climbs five places to sixth spot in ICC Test batters' rankings

India wicket-keeper batter Rishabh Pant on Wednesday rose five places to sixth spot in the latest ICC Men's Test Batter Rankings following his strong performance in a losing cause in third Test against New Pant made the jump on the back of a pair of half-centuries during the Mumbai Test, in a sure sign that he is back to his best following a serious car accident, with the attacking left-hander now just one spot behind the career-best fifth position he first occupied in July 2022. The other Indian batter in top Test batter's chart is young left-handed opener Yashasvi Jaiswal, who dropped

a rung to fourth. New Zealand secured a narrow 25-run victory in Mumbai to claim an unprecedented 3-0 series whitewash over India. with Pant and visiting side's Daryl Mitchell the main beneficiaries in the top 10 Test batter rankings.

Mitchell jumped eight places to seventh after scoring 82 in the first innings against India in the Mumbai Test, joining teammate Kane Williamson (second) as the only New

Zealanders inside the top-10. England right-hander Joe Root maintained his healthy lead at the top of the list, with Williamson, Harry Brook (third), Jaiswal (fourth) and Steve Smith (fifth) his closest challengers.

India's Shubman Gill (up four places to 16th) some ground on the list for Test batters following a score of 90 in the first innings against New Zealand in Mumbai, while player-of-the-series Will Young of New Zealand gained 29 spots to move to 44th

Ravindra Jadeja climbed two spots to sixth in the Test bowler rankings after taking 10 wickets against New Zealand, placing him just behind topranked Kagiso Rabada.

Australia's Josh Hazlewood occupied the second spot ahead of India pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah and Pat Cummins and Ravichandran Ashwin.

Teammate Washington Sundar jumped seven places to move to 46th on the same list for Test bowlers, while spin duo Ajaz Patel (up 12 places to 22nd) and Ish Sodhi (up three rungs to equal 70th) are among the gainers from New Zealand.

Former captain Ricky Ponting reckons Australia will clinch the Border-Gavaskar Trophy 3-1 against India as the visitors will find taking 20 wickets in a Test as their "biggest challenge" in absence of Mohammed

Australia are keen on ending their barren run in the Border-Gavaskar with India winning each of the four series since 2014-15, including the historic triumphs Down Under in 2018-19 and 2020-21.

However, with India suffering the historic low of a first-ever whitewash by 0-3 against New Zealand, Ponting believes the hosts have a better chance of defeating India now. "Probably more so now (than before)," Ponting said about Australia's chances on the ICC Review Show.

Shami has been out of action since last November due to injuries and Ponting believes his absence leaves a big hole in India's bowling attack comprising Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, Akash Deep, Prasidh Krishna and the uncapped Harshit Rana.

of Rs 30 lakh.

Ponting said, "Shami just leaves such a big hole in that bowling group. Back then (in August), there was still some conjecture whether Shami would be fit or not."

"I think taking 20 wickets in a Test match for India is going to be the biggest challenge. I think they'll bat well enough out here with the current group of batters that they've got."
While hailing Australia as a more settled unit, Ponting backed India to

not be absolute pushovers when the series gets underway from November 22 in Perth. "I think India will win a Test match somewhere through the five Test matches," Ponting predicted. "But I still think now, Australia probably look a bit more settled, a bit more experienced and we know that they're a very hard team to beat at home. So I'll stick with the 3-1."

Ponting feels one among the veteran Steve Smith or the flamboyant Rishabh Pant would be the highest



run-scorers over the five Tests. "Leading run scorer, I'm going to go Steve Smith or Rishabh Pant," Ponting

"I think Smith, the fact that he's moved back down from opener to No 4 probably makes it feel like he's got more of a point to prove...that maybe

he shouldn't have gone up to open in the first place," he added.
"...And that No 4 is his spot and where

he should have probably been the whole time and where he probably finished his career now."
Pant, who was the highest run-getter

during the series against New Zealand, appeared to be the only inform batter heading to Australia. "With Rishabh back in the side and

probably coming into bat in the middle order when the ball's probably lost a bit of its shine and a bit of its hardness, and the form that he's in, I'll go for him as one of the leading run scorers as well," Ponting said.

The legendary Ponting picked Josh Hazlewood to get more wickets for Australia than his fast bowling partners Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins.

"I think Hazlewood out of the Australian quicks, is right at the moment, is probably at the peak of his powers more than the other guys. So I'll go with him for the leading wickettaker," Ponting said.

India A players protested against replaced ball, claims report

India A players expressed distion of the replaced ball provided during the final day's play against Australia A in their first unofficial Test, a report has claimed, even as David Warner and Ed Cowan have called on Cricket Australia to clarify what transpired.

On the final day of the four-day game in Mackay last week, the umpires provided the Indian players with a different ball to use at the start of play. The Indian players, particular-

ly Ishan Kishan, were unhappy with the decision with the wicketkeeper-batter terming it "a very stupid decision."

A report in Sydney Morning Herald said on Wednesday that the argument from the Indian camp was not about the replacement of the ball but the condition of the ball which was provided as replacement. What has not been known

before now is that the angst on show from India A, led by



had been changed," the media house said on its website. "Instead, it was because the touring team were unhappy with the condition of the replacement ball: a drama, but not a major one, since umpires and players have debated the

condition of replacement balls

for decades," it added. The report described umpire Shawn Craig for his "straight shooting" who was heard on the stump mic telling the Indian players, "You scratch it, we change the ball. There will be no more discussion, let's play. This is not a discussion, you will be playing with that ball?

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Kishan retorted: "So we are going to play with this ball...that's a very stupid deci-

sion. Former Australia openers David Warner and Ed Cowan have now called on Cricket Australia to clarify what transpired on the final day of the match at Mackay.

Warner, whose years-long leadership ban has just been lifted by CA, has said the board "squashed" the matter "as quickly as possible" since the Indian senior men's team is bound for a five-Test series Down Under. "I think the ultimate decision's

with CA, isn't it? I think they've

coming out here this summer," deem that something hap-pened, then I'm sure there'll be a follow-up and I think the umpires or the match referee should be standing here answering those questions."

think the match referee should be coming out and addressing his own staff, who are the umpires, and if they're sticking by the umpire's decisions, then you've got to stand up for that. I think that's obviously a statement that CA prob ably need to release," he added. Warner's former opening partner and current board director

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Warner named Sydney Thunder Captain, returns to leadership role in Australian cricket after six years

David Warner was on Wednesday appointed as captain of Big Bash League side Sydney Thunder, returning to a leadership role in Australian cricket six years after being implicated in the ball-tampering scandal on a tour of South

His lifetime leadership ban was overturned by Cricket Australia last month, paving the way for his captaincy before he bids goodbye to competitive cricket. He had retired from the international game after Australia's elimination from the T20 World Cup in the Caribbean in

Warner, 38, served a one-year ban from the game for his involvement in the Newlands ball-tampering scandal in 2018 alongside Steve Smith and



Cameron Bancroft. Returning to the leadership role is a huge moment for Warner and the significance was not lost on the swashbuckling opener who regaled everyone with his explosive batting.

"Captaining the Thunder again this season means a lot to me. I was part of the team from the start, and now to be back with that 'C' next to my name feels fantastic. I'm looking forward to leading from the front and sharing my experience with

the young talent coming through," Warner said in a statement on Wednesday. The former Australian player replaced all-rounded Chris Green as Thunder's captain ahead of this year's campaign. The 2016 BBL winners finished at the bottom of the table in the last edition.

Despite CA imposed leadership ban, Warner has captained teams in franchise cricket around the world including Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) and Delhi Capitals (DC) in the

Warner, who has played 110 T20 Internationals for Australia, has previously led Thunder back in 2011.

Warner became eligible for captaincy after Cricket Australia's Code of Conduct Commission revoked the ban citing it has "achieved its purpose", after the combative cricketer had appeared before the independent panel comprising three

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