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**India reacts to ISKCON monk's Constitution is a guiding light: PM** 

### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

ailing the Constitution as a "living stream", Prime Minister Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the sentiment of 'nation first' will keep the Constitution alive for centuries to come. Recalling the words of President Rajendra Prasad in his concluding address to the Constituent Assembly on November 26, 1949, PM Modi said he had stated that India does not need anything more than a group of honest people who will keep the country's interests above their own.

Addressing an event marking Constitution Day celebrations at the Supreme Court, Modi the Constitution has now been fully implemented in Jammu and Kashmir and Constitution Day was celebrated there for the first time there. "Our Constitution makers knew that India's aspirations, India's dreams will reach new heights with time. They knew that the needs of Independent India and its citizens will change, challenges will change. That is why they did not leave our Constitution as just a mere book of laws. Rather, they made it a living, continuously flowing stream," Modi said, adding that the Constitution is acting as a "guiding light" at a time when India is going through a period transformation.

"Today every citizen of the country has only one goal, to build a developed India," he said at the event which was attended by Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, Chief



Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna have tried to put forward my and Supreme Court Bar Association of India President Kapil Sibal, among others. India is going through a period of transformation and at such an important time, it is the Constitution of India that is "showing us the way and is a guiding light for us", PM Modi said.

Asserting that Indians should get speedy justice, PM Modi said that for this a new judicial code has been implemented. punishment-based "The system has now changed to a justice-based system," he said. Speaking in a lighter vein while concluding his address, PM Modi said, "I have tried to keep within the boundaries of the job designated to me by the Constitution. I have not tried any encroachment. I

bouncing cases in our district views within the boundaries. courts have reached an Only a hint is enough here, alarming proportion - nearly there is no need to say much." nine per cent of the cases Chief Justice of India Sanjiv pending in the trial court. Khanna elaborated concerns Data also reveals plea in the judiciary, including bargaining has been a nonbacklog of cases, delays, costs starter. Compounding and probation have not gained of litigation, access to justice, and trust deficit in the acceptance. Perhaps these legislative system. He elaborated on require interference," CJI Khanna some of these issues while highlighting efforts to address them. He highlighted said. The CJI also drew attention the backlog of chequeto the disparity between the bouncing cases, which

judicial workforce and the prison population. With approximately 20,000 judges at the district level and 750 High Court judges, the judiciary handles a prison population of 5.23 lakh. Despite this disparity, data reflects efficient case handling, he said.

### **PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/** SAUGAR SENGUPTA NEW DELHI/ KOLKATA

Taking strong exception to attacks on minorities in Bangladesh, India on Tuesday noted with "deep concern" the arrest, and denial of bail, to Hindu leader Chinmoy Krishna Das there and urged authorities there to ensure the safety and security of Hindus and all minorities.

Bangladesh police on Monday arrested Das, the leader of the Hindu group, Sammilita Sanatani Jote, from the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport area in Dhaka.

In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said it has noted with "deep concern the arrest and denial of bail" to Das who is also the spokesperson of the minorities Bangladesh Sammilit Sanatan Jagran Jote. "This incident follows the multiple attacks Hindus and other on minorities by extremist elements in Bangladesh," it peaceful assembly expression," it added. said.

There are "several documented cases" of arson and looting of minorities' and homes business establishments, as well as theft and vandalism and desecration of deities and temples, the MEA flagged. "It is unfortunate that while the perpetrators of these

incidents remain at large, charges should be pressed against a religious leader presenting legitimate demands through peaceful gatherings," the statement said. The MEA also noted with according to Bangladeshi



ISKCON monk Krishna Das Prabhu being taken in a police van after court ordered him detained pending further proceedings in Chattogram in southeastern Bangladesh

media reports. Das. "We urge Bangladesh authorities to ensure the safety and security of Hindus and all minorities, including Meanwhile, their right of freedom of and Das was reportedly arrested on charges of sedition and his bail application was rejected

Chittagong also planned. Magistrate senior International Krishna Consciousness, appealed to the Indian issue with the Government border so as to secure the release of the monk at the earliest.



resistance

resignation as the CM, to

Maharashtra Governor CP

Radhakrishnan after the

completion of the five term

of the outgoing government.

However, the Governor

asked Shinde to remain as

the caretaker CM till the new

government assumed office

Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar,

both of whom are Deputy

charge of his post till

alternate arrangements are

made," a communiqué from

Raj Bhavan said.

in the State.

On a day when he continued to put up covert Bharatiya Janata Party's plans to name its senior leader AP/PTI Devendra Fadnavis as the next Chief Minister of Hindus in West Bengal have Maharashtra, Eknath Shinde on Tuesday tendered his

announced plans to protest and block the Petrapole Border if bail is not granted to ISKCON's Chinmoy Das. Suvendu Adhikari, a senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader, said the party would hold protests in front of the West Bengal Assembly over the situation in Bangladesh. A torch rally is

Concerned at the arrest of Swami Chinmoy Krishna Das sadhu of Society of Bangladesh the ISKCON has Government to take up the on the other side of the

### **Odisha MLAs to adopt orphaned children!** of children could significantly These children have shown

Let each legislator take care of 5 kids: Dy CM

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n a bid to transform the lives of orphaned children in

alter their future prospects. exceptional bravery, enthusi-The ambitious programme asm and talent, according to aims to motivate political the Deputy Chief Minister. The government is committed to providing further sup-

leaders to lead by example and create a promising future for orphaned children. Such port in the form of higher education and employment collective efforts have the potential to serve as a model on opportunities in the near futhe international landscape.

At present, approximately

8,000 foster children are be-

ing supported by the Odisha

Government under the Mis-

sion Vatsalya and PM CARES

schemes distributed across

225 homes.

A list is currently being prepared to facilitate the adop-

tion process. "Social activists, lawyers and Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) officials have an empathetic attitude towards the orphaned children. The department will soon take a



SC asks for



requiring

intervention

constitute nine per cent of

pending cases in trial courts.

He also highlighted the

limited success of plea

bargaining, compounding,

and probation, as an area

"The backlog of check

legislative

### Court. The court, noting that CMs in the outgoing the police did not request Das' government, were present remand, ordered his transfer when Shinde tendered his to judicial custody. resignation from his post as It also directed that he be the CM to the Governor at granted all religious Raj Bhavan. "The Governor privileges during his has asked the Chief Minister to continue to hold the

detention. He was arrested on charges of disrespecting the Bangladeshi flag during a rally he addressed in October,

the

Metropolitan

concern the attacks on protesting peacefully against the arrest of

### creative ways to deal with unruly air passengers

### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELH

The Supreme Court on Tuesday called for creative ways to deal with unruly air passengers, while directing the Centre and Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to frame more comprehensive guidelines to control unruly air passengers guidelines in accordance with the international norms.and "something observed creative" had to be done. A Bench of Justices B R Gavai and KV Viswanathan was hearing a plea filed by a 73year-old woman, on whom a male co-passenger allegedly urinated in an inebriated condition on board an Air India flight in November, 2022

Interestingly, during the hearing, Justice Viswanathan recalled an incident involving drunk passengers on a flight while travelling with another Supreme Court judge, Justice Surya Kant "We had a recent experience during air travel. Two male passengers were fully drunk. One went to the washroom and slept off. The other one, who was outside and had a bag to vomit. The crew was all women. For 30 to 35 minutes no one could open the door. The crew then requested my co-passenger to open the door and take him out to the seat. It was a 2.40 hours flight," the judge revealed.

Justice Viswanathan, who was on a Bench with Justice BR Gavai, hearing the plea, asked Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati to instruct the authorities concerned to examine and suitably modify the existing guidelines on unruly passengers, in line with the international norms.



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L he Odisha Assembly, which began its Winter Session on Tuesday, was adjourned for about an hour afthe Kandhamal deaths. ter Opposition BJD and

Congress members raised Majhi government of failing to address issues in the public slogans over the tragic deaths of three tribal women distribution system (PDS), in Kandhamal district after which, they claimed, led to the food scarcity in Mandipanka consuming mango kernel gruel allegedly due to a lack village, ultimately leading to of food grain. the women's deaths.

The House was adjourned shortly after it paid homage to Speaker adjourned proceedsix former members. Followings until 12:25 pm. ing the obituary reference, Speaker Surama Padhy al-

lowed start of the Question Majhi moved the obituary ref-Hour. However, BJD and Conerences for six deceased former gress legislators marched into members of the Assembly, inthe Well of the House decluding former minister manding accountability for Samir Dey and ex-members Dhaneswar They accused the Mohan Makardwaj Niranjan Pradhan, Utkal

Keshari Parida and Purna Chandra Majhi. Leader of Opposition Naveen Patnaik and Congress Legislature Party Leader Ram Chandra Kadam also ex-Amid the protests, the pressed condolences for the

departed members. The winter session of the Earlier, Leader of the House legislature is scheduled to conand Chief Minister Mohan tinue until December 31.

The team, led by Joint Sec-

retary PK Ray of the Ministry

of Home Affairs (MHA), ar-

rived in Bhubaneswar on No-

vember 24 and then visited the

worst-hit districts of Bhadrak,

Kendrapada and Baleswar to

### Odisha, the Members of the Assembly Legislative (MLAs) will be called upon to adopt these children, Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida said on Tuesday.

Parida highlighted that adopting even a small number

# Fraudster dupes IT professional of Rs 20L Held by Crime

### Branch PNS CUTTACK

Majhi,

Pradhan,

The Odisha Crime Branch has arrested a person from Chhattisgarh on the charge of duping an IT professional of Rs 19.84 lakh. The arrested was identified as Ashwini Pal of Raipur.

More than 23 fraud cases are lodged against Rai. The police have seized a mobile phone, SIM cards and PAN Card from him.

The victim received a WhatsApp call on his mobile phone for some work from home for which he would be paid Rs 50. Then he asked him to invest more money to get more profit. A couple of times, the victim also received some money on his investment.

After winning the victim's trust, the scamster lured him to invest more than Rs 19 lakh in four instalments. But later, he went incommunicado, following which the victim approached police knowing that he has been cheated.

"If each legislator adopts at least five children in Odisha, more than 600 young lives could be transformed," Parida told the media, emphasising that this initiative would face no resistance.

final call with regard to the adoption of the children," she said.

"Extraordinary talents of these orphaned children will be showcased in a ceremonial event at the Kalinga Stadium in the future," Parida added.



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L he State Government has fixed a deadline for the beneficiaries to apply for its flagship welfare scheme, Subhadra Yojana.

Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida on Tuesday said that the last date to apply in order to receive the first instalment of the financial assistance under Subhadra Yojana is March 7, 2025.

As the financial assistance under the second instalment would be released on the occasion of International Women's Day on March 8 next year, the deadline of March 7 has been fixed for the beneficiaries to apply for the assistance under the first instalment

Over 80 lakh women beneficiaries have received financial assistance under the Subhadra Yojana so far.

### CM seeks disaster mgmt centre in BBSR Holds talks with Central team PNS BHUBANESWAR

L he inter-ministerial Central team which has come to estimate the damages inflicted by Cyclone Dana in the State

met Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Tuesday after visiting different districts affected by the cyclone.

The Chief Minister placed a proposal for setting up of a modern disaster management centre in Bhubaneswar and sought the Centre's assistance



and support in this regard.

The seven-member team, which visited the cyclone-affected areas to assess the extent of damage caused by Dana, held discussions with the CM and senior officials.

assess the damages

The CM emphasised the need for assistance in restoring damaged structures and developing disaster-resilient infrastructure in the State.

He highlighted the State's efforts to lay underground power cables in coastal districts, build coastal embankments and undertake largescale forestation.

Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Suresh Pujari noted that creating sustainable infrastructure can accelerate Odisha's economic development.



Police officers with their dogs pay tribute to the martyrs of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks on its anniversary



# **State to have dedicated Mahila courts** Prez Murmu to grace Navy Day fest in Puri

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crimes against women: Dy CM PNS BHUBANÉSWAR

In a bid to address the rising crimes against women, the Odisha Government has decided to establish dedicated women's courts across the State, informed Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida on Tuesday. Attending a blocklevel legal awareness programme at Nimapara, she said these special Mahila courts would handle cases of violence and abuse against women, ensuring faster justice

and stricter punishment for offenders.

BLOC

The event was organised to educate women about legal frameworks intended to tackle issues such as child marriage, child sexual abuse, workplace

sary legal knowledge. Staffed only by women including judges, lawyers and personnel, these courts will function like fast-track courts to expedite trials and ensure swift delivery of verdicts. The governharassment and human trafment is in discussions with the ficking. The State aims to em-High Court to implement this initiative. "We learn that the power women with the neces-

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hief Minister Mohan

Charan Majhi presented the

State's Supplementary Budget

more women are informed and aware, the more they will be safe. So, we are planning to establish women's courts to ensure faster justice in cases of violence and abuse against women. Our government is committed to zero tolerance to any kind of atrocities against women," Parida said.

PREGRAMME.

The Indian Navy is set to commemorate the Navy Day in Puri on December 4 with the President Droupadi Murmu expected to grace the occasion as chief guest. All necessary arrangements by the local authorities and the law enforcement agencies are in full swing

for the purpose. As part of the Navy Day events, the coastline of Puri will feature a grand exhibition on the beach, involving a fleet of 24 warships and 40 fighter jets in a tactical display of military



Mahavidyalaya.

The President, coming on a

five-day visit to Odisha, will

reach the State on December 3

She is scheduled to attend

Spectators can also look forward to an illuminating laser show as the event is set to conclude with a spectacular laser show

President Murmu will also and take part in different visit the Jagannath Temple to programmes during her stay. offer prayers and participate as the chief guest at the diathe 40th Convocation of the mond jubilee celebrations of OUAT and inauguration of a

new iudicial court complex in Bhubaneswar on December 5.

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On December 6, the President will go to her home district Mayurbhanj and stay at her residence in Rairangpur. She is also likely to visit Rairangpur Women's College and interact with students and faculty. The following day, she will go to Bangiriposhi to lay foundation-stone of three local railway projects.

Murmu will also lay foundation-stone for a Tribal Research Centre there via videoconferencing before returning to Delhi from Kolkata's defence airbase.

ephant herds destroyed 73,620

acres of crops and damaged

Notably, the casualties are

not one-sided. Human retali-

ation and preventive mea-

sures have also led to the death

of tuskers. The minister noted

that 40 elephants died in the

State in the last five months,

both naturally and in acciden-

tal conflicts. The minister also

said five leopards and as many

as 200 other members of other

wildlife species have died in

Khuntia also stated that

humans face attacks from spe-

cies other than elephants. In

Kendrapada district alone,

crocodiles killed 22 people

over the past five years, par-

ticularly in the Brahmani,

Baitarani and Kharasrota riv-

ers during the monsoon sea-

the past six months.

10.259 houses.

### Samanta gets 61st doctorate CM presents Rs 12,156-cr Supplementary Budget



BHUBANESWAR

Eminent social worker, educationist and founder of KIIT & KISS Dr Achyuta Samanta was conferred with his 61st honorary doctorate by the UPES University, Dehradun, at its 22nd Convocation cer-

emony on Tuesday. The recognition is a testament to Dr Samanta's significant contributions to society tutions across the globe in recognition of his outstanding through education. The university highlighted his excepcontributions to social service tional efforts in these areas and education

Bangladeshi sex racket

Pimp held from BBSR;

total arrests reach 3

area

of Rs 12,156 crore in the Assembly on Tuesday. Majhi, who also holds the Finance portfolio, stated that

the Supplementary Budget while bestowing the honour.

Receiving the doctorate, Dr Samanta said, "For the last 33 years, I have been working relentlessly for the people in society. This 61st honorary doctorate will be remembered by me for all times to come."

Dr Samanta has been honoured with multiple honorary doctorates from esteemed universities and insti-

would meet the additional financial requirements for various developmental activities and completion of important ongoing projects across the State. The Supplementary Budget will ensure smooth execution

of critical projects, particularly in the sectors that require additional funding for their timely completion.

In July, Majhi had presented the State Budget for the 2024-25 financial year with an outlay of Rs 2.65 lakh crore. In the Supplementary Bud-

get, Rs 125 crore has been ear-



marked for organising the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in Bhubaneswar, a major event aimed at connecting the In-

dian diaspora with Odisha. Rs 92 crore has been allocated for the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan, a programme to

development of tribal communities.

Besides, Rs 142 crore will be distributed across constituencies to ensure fulfillment of essential needs in terms of public services and infrastructure.

The budget has allocated

of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) in the State to strengthen security and law enforcement.

Rs 51 crore has been allocated for installing CCTV surveillance systems in police stations and outposts to enhance security and monitoring.

Rs 130 crore has been set aside for establishing Centres of Excellence in 22 locations in partnership with the Tata Technologies Ltd.

Rs 26 crore will be used for developing the infrastructure of the Srimandir Parikrama, the sacred pathway around the Jagannath Temple in Puri. Besides, Rs 5 crore has been allocated for the Ratna Bhandar of Jagannath temple.

Rs 60 crore has been allotted for modernisation and expansion of the Fire Ser-

### Human-elephant conflicts claim 668 lives in 3 yrs NALINI SAHU BHUBANESWAR that over the same period, el-

Oonflicts between humans

and elephants are escalating in Odisha along with an alarming number of casualties and damage resulting from it, Forest and Environment Minister Ganesh Ram Singh Khuntia informed the State Legislative Assembly on Tuesday.

In response to a question from BJD MLA Sanatan Mahakud, the minister replied that over the past three years, elephant attacks have claimed 668 lives and injured 509 people in Odisha.

Incidentally, the figures come even as Odisha was reported as the State with the highest number of human deaths by elephants across India. In 2022-2023 alone, 149 human casualties were recorded in the State.

> The minister also stated son when water levels rose.

# IIT BBS' Yuva Sangam trip from today

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m he~IIT~Bhubaneswar~is}$ gearing up to start the fifth phase of Yuva Sangam, an exposure tour and a cultural exchange programme between Odisha and Maharashtra.

Starting on November 27, as many as 50 youths from Odisha will embark on a cultural journey to Maharashtra, hosted by the IIM Mumbai. Simultaneously, 50 youths from Maharashtra will visit Odisha, hosted by the IIT Bhubaneswar. This exchange will last until December 5. The programme aims to strengthen national integration by promoting cultural exchange and understanding between the two States. A brainchild of Ministry of Education, the Yuva Sangam Youth Exchange programme under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat aims to strengthen



people-to-people connections, especially between youths of different States and introduce to them the culture and values of India.

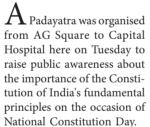
The previous phases of Yuva Sangam witnessed massive enthusiasm with registrations crossing 44,000 in the last phase. Till date, 4,795 youths across India have participated in 114 tours in various phases of Yuva Sangam (including the pilot phase in 2022).



### Padayatra PNS BHUBANESWAR

Rs 299 crore for deployment promote socioeconomic

CM Majhi joins



Chief Minister Mohan

Charan Majhi and many other

The accused, identified as Abdul Sayadul Suleman, was arrested by Cuttack's Madhupatna police. He was nabbed in the alleged sex trafficking case involving a minor girl from Bangladesh.

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he Commissionerate po-

lice, intensifying its probe into

the well-organised human

trafficking and sex racket hav-

ing links to Bangladesh, on

Tuesday arrested a pimp from

Jharpada

in Bhubaneswar.

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So far, police have arrested three accused in connection with the incident.

Earlier on Monday, a couple, Om Prakash Choudhry and Jasmin Choudhry, were arrested from Cuttack in this connection. The couple was arrested after the rescue of the minor who was allegedly forced into the flesh trade in a massage parlour by them.

Cuttack DCP Jagmohan Meena on Tuesday said the accused Abdul used to work as a pimp and had engaged the

Mill owner held for embezzling Rs 4.48 cr

### PNS CUTTACK

The Vigilance police on Tuesday arrested Anil Kumar Beriwal, former director, Ghanteswari Flour Mill Pvt Ltd, Sambalpur for misappropriation of government money of over Rs.4.48 crore. Later, Beriwal was forwarded to judicial custody.

The case relates to a criminal conspiracy by four officials of the Sambalpur District Cooperative Central Bank Ltd

minor girl in the prostitution racket. One person was also detained and being interrogated.

ministers participated in the The victim is currently programme. The CM also adlodged in a short stay home in Cuttack under police custody. Efforts are on to establish contact with her family in Bangladesh to complete necessary formalities to hand governance. over her custody.

statements of the victim. Pic-

tures are also being showed to

the girl to identify the culprits,

sources said. Earlier, the DGP

had said that a detailed investigation is being carried out to

ascertain how the Bangladeshi

women crossed the border and

Bank)

Ghanteswari Flour Mills Pvt

Ltd by abusing their respec-

tive official positions, showing

undue official favour and sanc-

tioning and disbursing of loan

to the mill. This caused pecu-

niary loss of Rs.4.48 crore to

the bank as well as to the pub-

lic exchequer. However, as ac-

cused Beriwal repeatedly

evaded attending the court

during trial, an NBW was is-

sued by the Special Judge Vigi-

lance, Sambalpur.

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"We need to be aware about The cops are trying to asthe sovereignty, unity and incertain involvement of others tegrity of India. I call for a comin the racket based on the

mitment to show allegiance to dressed the gathering by calling it a "sacred day" for all Inthe Constitution and work for the progress of Odisha," said dians. He emphasised that the Constitution is a guiding force Majhi. The Department of for the nation's democracy and Sports and Youth Services also organised a series of events in connection with the National Constitution Day. Floral trib-

ute was paid at the statue of Dr

SUMMIT

BR Ambedkar, the chief architect of the Constitution at AG Square before the Padayatra. Notably, the National Constitution Day signifies the culmination of nearly three years of rigorous debate and draft-

ing by the Constituent Assembly in Delhi. On this day in

1949, India formally adopted the Constitution, which came into effect on January 26, 1950. To promote awareness of the Constitution's significance, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment declared November 26 as Constitution Day in 2015.

IIT Bhubaneswar Director Prof Shreepad Karmalkar said, "By fostering unity and national integration, this event will leave a significant impact, enabling students to experience and appreciate the cultural richness of Odisha."

# **Conf on Climate Change** 'Maintaining ecosystem now a big challenge'

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As the chief guest, Minister for Forest Environment and Climate Change Ganesh Ram Singh Khuntia said, "We have already used 60 to 70 percent of what the earth has given us. The time has come to conserve it. Maintaining the ecosystem is a big challenge for us.'

He underlined the need for conserving biodiversity, agri-

"National Conference on Climate Change" was held here under the joint auspices of the State Pollution Control Board, Forest Environment and Climate Change Department and the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

cultural land which is decreasing fast, tribal habitats and forests. He said 50 million trees have been planted to conserve nature and more

trees need to be planted. The Minister added that Rs 18,000 crore DMF funds are

lying unused and emphasised that the funds could be spent for the protection of environment.

Deputy Director of the Climate Change Department AT Mishra focussed on the lifestyle changes affecting the environment. "We use more than necessary. If we need one thing, we buy 10. If we need a vehicle for the family, we bring 5 vehicles. Earlier, we lived in harmony with nature. But day by day, we are moving away from nature," he

said. Giving his welcome address, Chairman, ICC State Council Rajiv S Sahu said, "If the industrial sector grows, pollution will increase. To reduce this, we have to develop

preventing pollution and special attention and strategies should be prepared in this direction." The guest of honour was

Dr K Murugesan, Member sustainably. All departments Secretary, State Pollution should make efforts towards Control Board, Odisha.

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# Attack on Dharamsala MLA 💻 team visits crime scene for probe

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 $\mathbf A$  couple of days after the Crime Branch took over the probe into the attack on Dharmasala BJP MLA Himanshu Sahoo, the agency has now intensified its investigation.

On Tuesday, the Crime Branch team visited the spot is moving ahead with a where the MLA was attacked ground-level attention as the and its adjoining areas to agency is teaming up with lo-

gather clues and evidence. The investigators particu-

ing. Furthermore, officials also larly focused on areas where visited a few 'crime scenes' and roads were blocked near the took records from the Sadar and Town police station juris-Biraja Temple of Budhapola area in the district. As part of dictions, including their inquiry, the officials Budhapola, where tension questioned residents about erupted following the arrival of the MLA's supporters.

At the same time, the probe On the evening of November 20, Himanshu was allegedly attacked with lathis and iron rods. In his complaints,

The POCSO Court in

Sambalpur sentenced a 22-

year-old man to 20 years of

rigorous imprisonment (RI)

for sexually assaulting a mi-

Rabi Sunani, the accused,

was also fined Rs 1 lakh by

the court. Failure to pay the

fine will result in an addi-

tional one-year jail term, the

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cal cops for evidence gather-

he alleged that supporters of BJD organisational secretary Pranab Prakash Das had planned the attack. Five to six people sustained injuries in the alleged attack, following which supporters of the legislator resorted to protest.

The Crime Branch is looking into the alleged attack on the MLA, staging of the roadblock and gherao of the Town police station.

### 4 temples looted by burglars in Bhadrak Some cash was also allegedly Miscreants looted from the donation decamp with boxes at the temples, sources ornament, cash

said. The incident came to light on Tuesday morning by villagers, who informed the Miscreants looted gold Purana Bazaar police about it.

Locals said silver crowns, necklaces, earrings, anklets and bracelets were found missing from the Radha Krushna temple. Similarly, the donation box was missing at the Hanuman temple while the sil-ver crown of Goddess Mangala weighing more than 1 kg, was also taken away.

On being informed, police rushed to the spot and launched an investigation into the matter.

# Monkeys, peacocks, deer in hordes spotted in Nilgiri

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Forest Dept yet to wake up to situation PNS BALESWAR

Amid alarming incidents of human-wildlife clashes across the country, Nilgiri recently witnessed the presence of unprecedented numbers of forest-dwelling creatures including large groups of wild monkeys and peacocks in human settlements.

Reports mentioned that a significant number of monkeys, along with peacocks and deer, were observed fleeing into areas in the town's vicinity as well as encroaching into major human settlements.

Sources also mentioned that such an influx was observed more specifically in Wards No. 2, 6, and 8, as well as Podasul region of the Nilgiri NAC area.

As such, the sudden arrival of these wild animals into the cerns among the locals. The locals also suspect that the animals may have either come from the Kuldiha forest or the nearby mountains into

urban spaces has raised con-

the city. However, they were not sure as to why this migration was taking place all of a sudden.

"People making houses and establishing settlements inside forests and the government allocating lands for projects here is causing a displacement of wildlife. The result is for everyone to see," alleged a local,

Khirod Das. Meanwhile, further allegations have emerged that the Forest Department has not yet taken steps to ensure the ani-

mals' safety from hunters. Moreover, the locals also fear the animals could attack them or get injured by their encounter with humans. No response from the For-

est Department has been received yet over the matter.

lice. Acting on the complaint, the Burla police reached the spot and launched an investigation.

VIMSAR at Burla. As per sources, an unknown woman developed acquaintances with the infant's mother, who was from Chhattisgarh. At about 2 pm or 2.30 pm, the one-and-ahalf-day-old infant was seen last time with the unknown woman. At 3 pm when the woman's husband came with

couple

food, he didn't find their baby. When he asked his wife, she said their baby might be with that woman on the verandah. They searched for her but couldn't find anywhere.

### Couple alleges child theft at VIMSAR With no option left, they lodged a complaint with po-PNS SAMBALPUR

from Chhattisgarh on Tuesday alleged that their newborn infant was stolen from the

the blockade.

The police have scanned the footage of the CCTV cameras installed in and outside the hospital premises and along the roads as well and launched a manhunt for the woman, sources added.

This baby theft incident has raised many eyebrows as this is not the first such instance. In the past, baby girls' missing and baby swapping cases had rocked the VIMSAR.

Such incidents are happening despite the entire hospital premise is under CCTV surveillance and there is deploy-

### ment of security personnel. seized in Bhograi man's body

### BALESWAR

An elderly man's body was found inside a cattle shed at Chandipur village under Bhograi block in Baleswar district on Tuesday. The deceased was identified as Niranjan Kar.

Upon being informed, Bhograi Police reached the his son and daughter-in-law. spot and recovered the body.

 $T_{
m he~42nd~Odisha~Metallif}$ erous Mines Safety Week was As per reports, net cash observed at Baphlimali Bauxworth Rs 23,000 was found ite mine of Utkal Alumina Innear the body. Police reportternational Limited under edly seized the cash and sent the aegis of Directorate the body for post-mortem. An investigation into the incident has been launched. Meanwhile, some local residents have alleged that, the elderly

General Mines Safety -Bhubaneswar Region. Mines head Vijay Kumar Chauhan chaired. The event was celebrated man might have committed under the guidance of Rabi suicide due to the torture by Narayan Mishra - Unit head of

In Sambalpur Youth gets to 20-yr RI for sexually assaulting minor PNS SAMBALPUR

### court ordered.

According to the police, the incident occurred in June 2019. The victim, a minor girl, had gone to her maternal uncle's house, where she met Rabi. Over time, Ravi gained her trust and later lured her away from her village. On June 24, 2019, while on her way to college, she went missing. Her family, unable to locate her, filed a

complaint at the Mahulpali Police Station.

PNS BHADRAK

night.

and silver jewellery and other

valuables from four temples in

the Gardapara area of

Bhadrak district on Monday

The looters broke open the

locks of the temples and fled

with gold jewellery and other

items. The burglars targeted

the Mangala, Shiva, Radha-

Krishna and Hanuman

temples in the area and de-

camped with the valuables.

Police later rescued the girl and arrested Rabi from a remote area. Investigations revealed that Rabi had abducted the minor and taken her to multiple locations, where he committed the crime. The case was thoroughly investigated, and a chargesheet was filed.

During the trial, the court

examined 15 witnesses and reviewed all evidence. Based on the testimonies and documents, Judge Abhilash Senapati convicted Ravi under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses (POCSO) Act.

### Santosh Kumar Panda, the special public prosecutor handling the case, said justice had been delivered to the victim and her family.

Mines Safety Week held at Utkal Alumi safety. Various competitions like trade test, posters, slogans, essays were conducted during the safety week celebration and prizes were given away to the winners.

> As per the safety week schedule, GVTC (Group Vocational Training Centre) and OHC (Occupational Health Centre) inspection were conducted by the designated competent authority at Baphlimali mine. All mine employees, contract staff and family members witnessed the awareness programme.

ership team of Utkal Alumina. from SAIL, Mohan Reddy from the high safety standard at The inspection team mem-AMNS, Sachindra Panda from Baphlimali mine. bers of Odisha Safety Commit-OMC and Saithala Appalaraju Various safety awareness tee were Ajay Kumar Mishra from Vedanta, who appreciated programmes like drama, ramp

show and dances were organised by mines staff to

### Utkal Alumina and senior lead-103 blood units collected at Paradip College

Camp held by NCC Naval Wing, Alumni Assn

PNS PARADIP

he NCC Naval Wing and NCC Alumni Association of Paradip College organised a mega blood donation camp on November 20. The event was inaugurated by Deputy Chairman of Paradip Port Authority Nilabhra Dasgupta who attended as the chief guest. In his address, he emphasized the importance of blood donation as a noble act of service to humanity. Chairman of Paradip Municipality Basant Biswal graced the occasion as the guest of honour and commended the NCC Naval Wing for their com-



mendable initiative. Principal of Paradip College Dr Sasmita Satapathy delivered an inspiring speech, encouraging students to contribute to the humanitarian cause.

The camp witnessed an overwhelming response, with 103 units of blood collected during the event. NCC cadets and alumni actively participated and worked together to ensure the camp's success. Lt. Cdr. Akshava Chandra Mishra, NCC Officer of Paradip College, coordinated the event, while the college staff supported the smooth management of the programme. Veteran alumnus, including Ambika Prasad Mohapatra, president of the NCC Alumni Association, extended his full support, along with several other alumni members.



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### JAJPUR PNS

Tension gripped Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited's plant in Jajpur's Kalinganagar area after hundreds of displaced family members staged a demonstration in front of the plant on Monday, demanding permanent employment and redressal of other grievances.

As per sources, the family members displaced for the setting up of the plant assembled in front of the plant with several demands, including permanent employment. The situation turned se-

rious when they came face-to-face with factory security and police forces, forcing the district administration to impose Section 163 of the BNS in an area of 500 meters surrounding the factory premises

The measure was aimed at managing the situation and preventing any escalation of tension. To avoid any further disruption, the district administration has bolstered the security arrangement by deploying an Additional District Magistrate, two tehsildars, two BDOs, an additional superintendent of police (ASP), five IICs and six platoons of police force.

"The district administration and the plant authorities have been ignoring our demands. If they continue to dillydally, we will be forced to bring the entire Kalinganagar to a standstill,' threatened a member of a displaced family, Bijay Mohanta. Informing about the security arrangements, ASP Sitakanta Kanungo said, "Six platoons of police force and inspectors of five police stations are on the spot. No untoward incident has so far been reported. I hope it will be resolved peacefully."

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### ପ୍ରାସ୍ତବୟୟ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିଙ୍କ ନିମନ୍ତେ ଯକ୍ଷ୍ମା ପ୍ରତିଷେଧକ ଟୀକାକରଣ

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  - ଧୂମପାନ କରୁଥିବେ କିମ୍ବା
  - କୁପୋଷଣର ଶିକାର ହୋଇଥିବେ

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# Executive, Legislature, Judiciary should work together to make life of common people better: President Murmu

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President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday said here it is the responsibility of the exec-utive, legislature and the judiciary to work together to make the lives of common with the spirit of the Constitution.

Addressing a special event on the occasion of 75 years of the adoption of the Constitution, she also said the fundamental duties of every citizen had been clearly defined in the country's founding document, which lay stress on protecting the nation's unity and integrity, promoting harmony and ensuring the dig-

nity of women. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Leader of the Rajya Sabha J P Nadda, Leaders of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge (Rajya Sabha) and Rahul Gandhi (Lok Sabha), Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh, and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju were present on the dais. The function took place in the Central Hall of Samvidhan

A commemorative coin and stamp were released on the occasion. Books titled "Making of the Constitution of India: A Glimpse", "Making of the Constitution of India and its Glorious Journey" and a booklet dedicated to the illustration in the Constitution were also released. The president unveiled Sanskrit and Maithili translations of the Constitution.

Constitutional ideals get strength from the active par-ticipation of the executive, legislature and the judiciary, as well as all citizens, the President said.

The president said the aspirations of the people found expression in the many legislations enacted by Parliament and, during the past few years, the government took many steps for the development of all sections of society, especially the weaker ones.

President Murmu said she was happy to note that, with the efforts of the Supreme Court, the country's judiciary was making efforts to make the judicial system more effective



India's Constitution is a living and progressive document and the country's farsighted Constitution-makers provided for a system of adopting new ideas, according to the needs of the changing times, she said. The fundamental duties of every citizen have been clearly mentioned in the Constitution, she said. With a new approach, a new identity was achieved for

India in the comity of nations and the Constitution-makers had given a directive for India to play an important role in promotion of international peace and security, the president said. She said the Constitution was the strong foundation stone of India's democratic republic and ensured the country's collective and individual dignity. On January 26, India will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the republic and such celebrations provide the country with opportunities to take stock of the journey so far and plan better for the journey ahead, President Murmu said. She said the Constitution, in one sense, was the outcome of nearly three years of deliberations by some of the greatest minds, but, in the true sense, it was the outcome of the long

freedom struggle. The celebrations of Samvidhan Divas every year

since 2015 have helped increase awareness among the youth about India's founding document, President Murmu highlighted.

highlighted. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar invoked Dr B R Ambedkar to say that "our independence will be put in jeopardy a second time" if parties placed creed above country. He also cautioned that disturbance as a strategy threatened democratic institutions.

The Constitution's opening words, "We the People of India", carry deep meaning, establishing citizens as the ultimate authority, with Parliament serving as their voice, the vice president asserted.

'In contemporaneous times, with decorum and discipline cliff hanging in parliamentary discourse", Dhankhar said there was a need to resolve by reiterating the pristine glory of the Constituent Assembly's embellished functioning.

Dhankhar said it was time to fully commit to "our fundamental duties -- protecting

PM Modi, RSS strengthening wall obstructing path of SCs, STs, OBCs: Rahul Gandhi

national sovereignty, fostering unity, prioritising national interests, and safeguarding our environment".

Citing Ambedkar's last address in the Constituent Assembly on November 25, 1949, Dhankhar said, "What perturbs me greatly is the fact that not only India has once before lost her independence but she lost it by the infideli-ty and treachery of some of her own people. Will history repeat itself?"

"It is this thought which fills me with anxiety. This anxiety is deepened by the realisation of the fact that, in addition to our old enemies in the form of castes and creeds, we are going to have many political parties with diverse and opposing political creeds. Will Indians place the country above their creed or will they place their creed above the country?" he said, citing

Ambedkar's address. "I do not know. But this much is certain that if the parties place creed above country, our independence will be put in jeopardy a second time and probably be lost forever. This eventuality we must all resolutely guard against. We

food...Those were ways to weaken that wall. Today, when I look back, I can say the UPA government did not weaken the wall to the extent it should have, it did not do it as strongly as it should have," he said. "However, we used to make

"However, we used to make

efforts to weaken that wall but they (the BJP) are

strengthening that wall by adding concrete," the former

Congress president said.

Therefore, Gandhi said, a

nationwide caste census is

important as through it, peo-ple would get to know, how

many people from the SC, ST,

and OBC sections are there in

the judiciary, media, corpo-

rate India, private hospitals,

"This X-ray is the first step,

we know that Dalits, Adivasis,

OBCs, poor general caste

people, minorities are in pain.

So we have to find out where

is the injury, where is the

fracture, whether there is a

meat production rises 5 per cent in 2023-24

and colleges.

must be determined to defend our independence with the last drop of our blood," he further said, citing Ambedkar. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla urged members to follow the tradition of constructive and dignified debates set by the Constituent Assembly while deliberating upon the Constitution that was adopted 75 years ago.

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"These traditions of con-structive and dignified debates should be implemented by our respective Houses as well," he said.

Birla said the Constituent Assembly has seen members sharing views with dignity and tradition of such discourse should continue.

The Speaker noted that Parliament has played a transformative role over the past seven and a half decades. "Our Constitution has been a catalyst for social and economic change, bringing remarkable improvements to the lives of ordinary citizens and deepening their faith in democracy. In this 'Amrit Kaal,' collective efforts are propelling India toward becoming a developed nation," he added.

# Bypolls to six RS vacancies across four States to be held on Dec 20: EC

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 $B^{\text{ypolls to six vacancies in}}_{\text{Rajya Sabha across four states will be held on}}$ December 20, the Election Commission announced on Tuesday.

Three vacancies were created in Andhra Pradesh when YSRCP members Venkataramana Rao Mopidevi, Beedha Masthan Rao Yadav and Ryaga Krishnaiah had quit their membership in August. The terms of Yadav and Krishnaiah as Rajya Sabha members were to end on June 21, 2028, while Mopidevi was to retire on 21 June, 2026.

A vacancy occurred in Odisha when Sujeet Kumar quit his seat following which he was expelled by the Biju Janata Dal. His term was to end on



Jawhar Sircar of the TMC had resigned in April following the rape-murder of a woman doctor in Kolkata, creating a vacancy in the state. He was otherwise to retire in April 2026. Krishan Lal Panwar of the BJP had quit his Rajya Sabha seat from Haryana fol-Harvana

lowing his election as an MLA in the recent state polls. After the recent assembly polls, TDP in Andhra

Pradesh and BJP in Odisha will have an upper hand in the Rajya Sabha bypolls. of India. While the TMC rules West Bengal, the BJP had retained

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the RSS were strengthening the wall obstructing the path of Dalits, Adivasis and OBCs, even as he acknowledged that the efforts of the UPA government to bring down that wall were not sufficient.

Addressing the party's 'Samvidhan Rakshak Rakshak Abhiyaan' Rahul who is also the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, said it is his guarantee, that "Modi has not read" the Constitution. "If PM Modi would have read this book then what he does daily, he would not do it," Rahul Gandhi said, displaying a copy of the Constitution

On the occasion Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge accused the BJP of not hav-



ing any "constitutional integrity or federal character" and alleged that the party was undoing everything that BR Ambedkar and other members of the Constituent Assembly did through the Constitution. Rahul Gandhi said the coun-

try's whole system is pitted against Dalits, Adivasis and backward-class people. 'Slowly the wall (obstructing the path of SCs, STs, OBCs) is getting strengthened. Earlier, the UPA government gave MGNREGA, the land acquisition act, the right to compound fracture...We will get data by caste census," he said.

The day this data comes into the hands of a Congress gov ernment, that day the whole paradigm of development will change, Gandhi asserted. "We have begun the work in Telangana and when the results come from there, our policies will be formed on the basis of the data of the caste census. The BJP is afraid of this as it wants only 4-5 per cent of the people to control India. They are trying to destroy the Constitution," he

alleged. "We have done it (caste survey) in Karnataka, Telangana. Wherever our governments come, we will take out the data on Dalits, Adivasis, backward classes, minorities, and poor general caste. We'll find out what is their share in the development and what should be their share in

India's future," he said.

# Chouhan inaugurates 227 new Gender Resource Centres

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ion Minister of Rural U Development, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, on Tuesday inaugurated 227 new Gender Resource Centres (GRCs) across 13 states, designed to provide survivors of genderbased violence (GBV) with safe spaces, access to vital information, legal support, and a network to report incidents. The opening of the centres is part of the third edition of the Nayi Chetna – Pahal Badlaav Ki campaign launched here by the Minister with an aim to raise awareness about all forms of GBV, encourage communities to speak out and demand action, provide timely assistance through support systems, and empower local institutions to take decisive actions against violence.



have equal opportunities for month-long Nayi Chetna 3.0 participation in economic, focuses on the theme 'Ek

icated, and all women should Building on this success, the Saath Ek Awaaz

fostering safe and inclusive

spaces, and breaking the bar-

riers of inequality, the state-

The campaign is being organised by the Deendayal

Antyodaya Ýojana - National

Rural Livelihoods Mission

(DAY-NRLM) under the

Union Ministry of Rural

Development. It is a nation-

wide effort involving SHGs

across India and aims to cre-

ate a Jan Andolan for gender

At the event, three gender champions from Jharkhand,

leaders in the fight against it

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India's milk production rises 4 per cent,

During his address, Chouhan hananahi campaign, which calls for collective action emphasised that the governagainst GBV. She highlightment has undertaken multied the role of 10 crore Selfple initiatives for the social and economic development Help Group (SHG) women of women, stressing that and the 49 government GBV is prevalent not only in schemes dedicated to supporting gender equality. rural areas but also in urban These include 24/7 national spaces, said a statement here. Annpurna Devi, Union Minister of Women and help lines, One-Stop Centres, and initiatives for fast-track Development, justice. Smt. Devi emphalaunched the #abkoibasized that GBV must be erad-

Other leaders, including Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Minister of State for Rural Development, and Shri Kamlesh Paswan, Minister State for Rural Development, highlighted the importance of a wholeof-society approach to end gender-based violence. Shailesh Kumar Singh,

Secretary of Rural Development, shared insights from the previous Nayi Chetna 2.0 campaign, which reached over 6 crore individuals through more than 9 lakh community-led activities. The event also saw participation from various ministries, state rural livelihoods missions, women from SHGs, Anganwadi workers, and civil society organizations

### Khilaf', encouraging collec-NEW DELHI tive action against violence,

India's milk production rose nearly 4 per cent annually to 239.3 million tonnes in 2023-24 on better productivity, even as milk output of buffaloes declined 16 per cent annually. On the other hand, meat production rose nearly 5 per cent to 10.25 million tonnes in the last fiscal. The milk output of India, the world's largest milk producer, stood at 230.58 MT in 2022-23.

However, the annual growth rate has slowed down in the previous two fiscal years, the Puducherry, and Madhya Pradesh shared their perdata showed. The growth rate was 6.62 per cent in 2017-18; 6.47 per cent in sonal journeys, moving from being victims of gender-FY19; 5.69 per cent in FY20; based violence to becoming 5.81 per cent in FY21; and 5.77 per cent in FY22. In FY23 it came down to 3.83 per cent and 3.78 per cent in FY24.

> As per government data, milk production from buffaloes has decreased 16 per cent in 2023-24 compared to the previous year. Milk output from exotic/crossbred cattle has increased 8 per cent while production from indigenous/non-descript cattle increased 44.76 per cent. According to an official statement, the total milk production in the country is estimated at 239.30 MT during 2023-24, registering a growth of 5.62 per cent over the past 10 years. Milk output was 146.3 MT in 2014-

The top five milk producing states during 2023-24 were Uttar Pradesh with a share of 16.21 per cent of total milk production followed by Rajasthan (14.51 per cent), Madhya Pradesh (8.91 per cent), Gujarat (7.65 per cent), and Maharashtra (6.71 per cent). In terms of annual growth rate, West Bengal was at the top (9.76 per cent) followed by Jharkhand (9.04 per cent), Chhattisgarh (8.62 per cent), and Assam (8.53



per cent) as compared to the previous year.

In an official statement, the ministry said that the total meat production in the country is estimated as 10.25 million tonnes during 2023-24 and registered a growth of 4.85 per cent over the past 10 years as compared to the estimates of 6.69 million tonnes in 2014-15. "Further, the production was increased by 4.95 per cent in 2023-24 over 2022-23," an official statement said.

Major contribution in the total meat production comes from West Bengal with 12.62 per cent share and it was fol-Îowed by Uttar Pradesh (12.29 per cent), Maharashtra (11.28 per cent), Telangana (10.85 per cent) and Andhra Pradesh (10.41 per cent). In terms of annual growth rate, the highest annual growth rate (AGR) has recorded in Assam (17.93 per cent), followed by Uttarakhand (15.63 per cent) and Chhattisgarh

(11.70 per cent). As per the data, the country's total egg production is estimated as 142.77 billion during 2023-24 and registered a growth of 6.8 per cent over the past 10 years as compared to the estimates of 78.48 billion eggs during 2014-15. Further, the production increased annually by 3.18 per cent during 2023-24 over the preceding fiscal. The major contribution in the total egg production comes from Andhra Pradesh with a share of 17.85 per cent of total egg production, followed by Tamil Nadu (15.64 per cent), Telangana (12.88 per cent), West Bengal (11.37 per cent) and Karnataka (6.63 per cent). In terms of AGR, the highest growth rate was recorded by Ladakh (75.88 per cent) and followed by Manipur (33.84 per cent) and Uttar Pradesh (29.88 per cent).

As per the data, the total wool production is estimated as 33.69 million kg during 2023-24, registering a slight growth of 0.22 per cent over last vear.

The major contribution in the total Wool production comes from Rajasthan with a share of 47.53 per cent followed by Jammu & Kashmir (23.06 per cent), Gujarat (6.18 per cent), Maharashtra (4.75 per cent) and Himachal Pradesh (4.22 per cent).

In terms of annual growth rate, the highest AGR has been recorded by Punjab (22.04 per cent), followed by Tamil Nadu (17.19 per cent) and Gujarat (3.20 per cent)

# Opposition demands debate on Constitution in both houses of Parliament

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Opposition leaders on Tuesday demanded a debate on the Constitution in both Houses of Parliament. Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge said he and Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi have written to the Chair in the two Houses requesting that a discussion should be held on the Constitution for two days in both Houses.

"Time should be allotted for that so that the good things about the Constitution can be discussed, and the wrong things that are happening today can also be discussed. Rahul Gandhi ji and I have written letters, we are waiting for the government's response, Kharge said.

Senior party leader Digvijay Singh read out the Preamble of the Constitution and ques-



tioned if it is being implemented in letter and spirit. saying. Practice before you preach".

"Are people getting justice, lib-erty? Is there freedom of 'Incidents like Sambhal are repeatedly occurring. I am surexpression? Where is fraterni-Only bowing to the prised that even Supreme tv? Constitution will not lead to it Court judges and our retired being followed," he said. Justice Chandrachud overlook Referring to the ruling the laws of this country and Bharatiya Janata Party's slogan of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas, state that surveys are permitted as it is a matter of faith... Every Sabka Vishwaas, Sabka Prayaas', Singh said, "It will individual in this country has equal rights to practice their happen when confidence is religion and faith. The growing instilled in every citizen from disharmony is a threat to the every community. Mr Prime nation," Singh said.

India, Tanzania review bilateral defence ties at third JDCC meet in Goa

### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

ndia and Tanzania on Tuesday reviewed entire gamut of their bilateral defence ties during the third edition of Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting in Goa, defence ministry said here.

Giving details, officials said during the meeting, the two sides discussed a wide range of areas of cooperation, including growing training partnership and service-to-service, maritime and defence industry collaboration. They also reviewed the progress on decisions taken during the previous JDCCs, and explored new areas to further expand bilateral defence cooperation. The Indian delegation, led by

Joint Secretary Amitabh Prasad, included senior officials

from the Ministry of Defence and the Armed Forces. The High Commissioner of India to Tanzania Bishwadip Dey also attended the meeting. The Tanzanian delegation was led by Land Forces Commander Major General Fadhil Omary

Nondo. As part of the tour, the Tanzanian delegation will visit Goa Shipyard Ltd to get first-hand experience of India's capabilities in port develop-ment and shipbuilding. The delegation is also scheduled to visit INS Hansa and National Institute of Hydrography in

India shares close, warm and friendly relations with Tanzania which are bolstered by robust capacity building and avenues for developing partnership. The two countries have a fiveyear roadmap to guide defence cooperation.





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# President Droupadi Murmu pays tribute to 26/11 martyrs

### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday paid homage to the brave hearts who lost their lives in the 2008 Mumbai terror attack and said India remained firmly committed to defeating terrorism in all its forms.

Lashkar-e-Taiba(LeT) Ten terrorists from Pakistan came by sea on November 26, 2008, and killed 166 people, 18 including 18 security personnel, during a 60-hour siege in Mumbai.

"On the anniversary of the cowardly terror attacks in Mumbai on 26th November, 2008, I join the entire nation in paying homage to the bravehearts who lost their lives and expressing solidarity with their families," President Droupadi Murmu said in a social media post.

'A grateful nation salutes its valiant security personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting our people.

It is also the day to reiterate that India remains firmly



defeating committed to terrorism in all its forms," the President said. In Mumbai, Maharashtra Governor C P Radhakrishnan and Chief Minister Eknath Shinde paid floral tributes to

the martyrs who made the ultimate sacrifice while fighting terrorists during the Mumbai terror attack in 2008. Deputy chief ministers Devendra Fadnavis and Aiit Pawar also paid tributes at the martyrs' memorial in the premises of the Police Commissioner Office in south Mumbai, where senior police officials were also present. Family members of the policemen, who lost their lives during the November 2008 attacks, also paid tributes to

As many as 166 people lost their lives and over 300 were injured after 10 terrorists from launched Pakistan attacks in simultaneous several parts of Mumbai on November 26, 2008.

Ten armed militants from the Pakistan-based terrorist group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) entered the city via the sea and carried out a series of

with Constitution, celebrates Ambedkar's vision coordinated attacks across multiple high-profile locations, including the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, Oberoi Trident Hotel, CST Railway Station, and Nariman House. The attacks prompted global condemnation and led to significant changes in India's counter-terrorism measures. In Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath recalled the loss of lives in the 2008 Mumbai terror attack and urged people to be united and determined to end terrorism. Adityanath also paid tribute to the brave hearts who laid down their lives in the line of

duty during the attack. "Humble tribute to the innocent citizens who lost their lives in the cowardly terror attack in Mumbai on 26/11 and heartfelt salute to the brave sons of Mother India who sacrificed their lives while performing their duties in this incident that tarnished humanity!" Adityanath said in a social media post.

"Let us be united and determined to end terrorism," he said in Hindi.

### BISWAJEET BANERJEE LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath marked Constitution Day with sharp criticism of the Congress party, accusing it of undermining the foundational principles of the Indian Constitution during the Emergency in 1976. Speaking at a ceremony at Lok Bhawan on Tuesday, he alleged that the inclusion of the terms "secular" and "socialist" in the Preamble betrayed the vision of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar and the Constitution's framers. "The original Constitution, drafted under the leadership of Baba Saheb Ambedkar, did not include these words,'

Adityanath said. The people of India ultimately taught those who strangled the Constitution a lesson," he added, referring to electoral defeats faced by Congress in the aftermath of the

Emergency. Leading the reading of the Preamble, the Chief Minister lauded the Constitution as one of the strongest in the world. He attributed its enduring

CM Yogi Adityanath accuses Congress of 'tampering'

strength to Dr. Ambedkar, crediting him with building the framework for "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat," a united and prosperous India

Adityanath highlighted November 26, 1949, as a historic milestone when the Constituent Assembly adopted the Constitution. He praised the meticulous work of the Assembly under the chairmanship of Dr. Rajendra Prasad and its committees, led Ambedkar, bv which debated rigorously and finalized its provisions.

the debates of The Constituent Assembly are the essence of our Constitution,' he said, urging lawmakers, the judiciary, and the executive to revisit these discussions for

guidance. He also highlighted India's pioneering move to adopt universal adult suffrage from its first general elections, calling it a testament to the vision of Ambedkar and the framers.

Adityanath accused Congress of fostering a "dictatorial and fascist mentality," particularly during the Emergency, and alleged that the party continues to marginalize groups. disadvantaged given "Whenever the have opportunity, thev deprived socially and economically . backward sections of their constitutional rights," he charged, citing both historical actions and recent political statements.

He contrasted this with the BJP's approach under Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasizing initiatives aimed at strengthening constitutional values. He specifically mentioned the Nari Shakti Vandan Act, reserving onethird of legislative seats for women, calling it a global first and a reflection of Modi's commitment to equality and empowerment.

# Mamata Banerjee putting personal interest above INDIA: LF, Congress

### SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

The Left and the Congress L leadership of Bengal have accused Mamata Banerjee and her

Trinamool Congress of trying to "destroy the adhesive" within the Indian National Democratic Inclusive Alliance so as to sustain its "old camaraderie with the NDA," more so the BJP - all to evade arrest in a catena of scams being investigated by the central agencies.

On TMC's absence from Monday's meeting of INDIA CPI(M) partners senior central committee member and former MP Sujan Chakrabarty said it was and former MP "Mamata Banerjee's tactic of subverting the Opposition alliance from within, questioning her party's



the martyrs.

On why she would run with silence on the Adani issue. Another senior leader of the CPI(M) Samik Lahiri said the hare and hunt with the hound, the leader said that "it Banerjee did not want to suits her type of politics BIP which is "cloaked by a thick embarrass the Government in Parliament smog of corruption. Any department the TMC touches and also she did not want to incur the wrath of the from land to education to Health to housing to rural corporate house which was roads and name them - they her party was avoiding a statement on the issue. convert them into gold mines

not for the State or the society but for their own families .. so backing BJP is Mamata Banerjee's compulsion this is why we have been telling that she can never be a friend of the INDIA alliance, she is an agent of NDA here."

Referring to the Monday's TMC national working committee meeting a Pradesh Congress leader requesting anonymity said "Mamata Banerjee is working on two goals: first she is keeping her chances to grab the Prime Minister's chair when the chance comes alive and second she is keeping BJP in good humor so as to evade actions by the central agencies in Bengal... otherwise why her party would skip such meetings where policies on floor coordination was being discussed this means she is

working on cross purposes." According to inside sources the TMC leaders in Delhi led by Abhishek Banerjee, Derek O' Brien have been in close touch with a number of INDIA partners. Parallel meetings outside INDIA were being planned to chalk out parallel strategies in the

House. Incidentally senior party MP Kalyan Banerjee had on Sunday advised the Congress to shed its ego and support the Bengal Chief Minister as the leader of INDIA alliance. "All the Opposition parties nationally should accept Mamata Banerjee as their leader. She should be the face of opposition nationally. Some parties should set aside their ego and accept Mamata Banerjee as the leader of the Opposition against the BJP.

Look at the by-election results, why only the TMC is capable of defeating the BJP and the some parties claiming the leadership are repeatedly failing to do so...they should understand and accept Mamata Banerjee as the leader," he said.

When asked to comment on Kalyan's statement and the TMC's alleged "betrayal" state minister said, "though we have been asked not to speak out of turn, I must refute such charges... TMC is not subverting INDIA ... it is contributing to the cause of the opposition. We are not part of the Congress so as to follow their diktats ... we are part of the Alliance and have every right to follow our own course programmes best suited to the interest our India, Bengal and our party."

### Four dead in LPG cylinder explosition

### PTI MORENA/MP

 $F_{others\ were\ injured\ after\ an}^{our\ women\ died\ and\ five}$ explosion caused three houses to collapse in Madhya Pradesh's Morena city, police said on Tuesday.

The incident took place in the city's Rathore Colony area around midnight, said Superintendent of Police Sameer Saurabh. The body of one of the deceased women was still being extricated from under the debris, he said. Vasudev Rathore, whose house was destroyed in the explosion and whose 28-yearold daughter-in-law was among the deceased, expressed suspicion that the blast was caused by gunpowder. LPG cylinders were found



intact during the removal of debris, he told reporters. Sub Divisional Magistrate Bhupendra Singh Kushwaha

said the reason behind the blast was vet not clear. A Forensic Science Laboratory team will be able to ascertain whether it was gunpowder or a gas cylinder that exploded, he added. The injured persons were sent to Gwalior for further treatment, said a doctor at the Morena district hospital.

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PTI PRAYAGRAJ

### Indian Coast Guard seizes 5,500 kilogram of methamphetamine drug from Myanmar fishing trawler

### PTI PORT BLAIR

The 5,500 kg of banned Methamphetamine drug seized from a fishing trawler with six Myanmarese crew near Barren island is the

smugglers braving the rough The police are trying to get the call record of the satellite effort of the ICG indeed once again proved its commitment towards safeguarding our territorial integrity and preventing the trafficking of the recipients of the drugs legal

notorious drug cartels like New Jalisco Generation Cartel (run by El Mencho) phone seized from the trawler and Chinese Él Chapo gang which was coming from Myanmar, an official said. leaders. In 2019, we seized "We are trying to get details of similar drugs from the Andaman sea and then El Mench carte satell emer key suspect," the sources said. When asked about the Thailand connection, a senior police officer said, "This is the during biggest catch ever on the Andaman Sea. During Christmas and New Year's eve, there is a huge demand for such drugs in Thailand. We suspect that it was supposed to be delivered to either El Mencho or El Chapo gang leaders. The drugs were packed inside tea packets. All the accused were produced before a local court and remanded in police custody for 14 days". The laboratory tests of the seized substance in Port Blair confirmed that the substance was Methamphetamine.

### Gurugram authorities crack down on polluters, impose fines of ₹30.10 Lakhs on 705 violators PARVESH SHARMA GURUGRAM

Despite the ban on con-struction in Gurugram, there has been rampant flouting of the Graded Response Action force in the district since October 15 for the prevention of air pollution. The team of the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) took action against 705 violators and imposed a fine of Rs 30.10 lakhs. MCG Commissioner Ashok Kumar Garg said that all types of activities that increase pollution are prohibited under GRAP, which include burning coal or wood in tandoor, construction and demolition, dumping and transporting construction material or debris without covering, throwing debris or garbage in public places and burning garbage are punishable offences. "MCG teams are

constantly monitoring the violators. The teams have been taking continuous action since October 15 and have imposed a fine of Rs 30,10, 500 on 705 violators. These include 20 challans for burning garbage, 27 challans for burr coal

fines as per rules on those who do not follow GRAP. The MCG officials said that in compliance with GRAP, the civic authority is using 14 machines for mechanized sweeping of roads to control ution sprinkling of water through tankers on the construction sites of the Municipal Corporation to prevent dust from flying. Apart from this, those doing activities prohibited under GRAP are also being monitored and the corporation's teams are taking action to issue challans as per their rules, the official added. Garg said that under the GRAP, burning garbage, throwing garbage and debris in public places, and keeping and transporting construction material without covering it is prohibited. He also informed that the civic body is spraying STP-treated water on roads and trees to reduce and control the level of pollution.

announced plans to intensify

their agitation in support of

farmers' various demands,

including a legal guarantee for

MSP, by starting a fast unto

Farmers have been camping

at the Shambhu and the

Khanauri border points

between Punjab and Haryana

since February 13 after their

march to Delhi was stopped

The protesting farmers have

accused the Centre of not

taking steps to address their demands, stating that it had not held any talks with them

regarding their issues since

Besides a legal guarantee for

MSP, the farmers are

demanding implementation

Commission's

recommendations, pension

for farmers and farm labourers, farm debt waiver,

reinstatement of the Land

Acquisition Act, 2013, and

compensation to the families

of farmers who died during a previous agitation in 2020-21.

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the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), an official of the Andaman and Nicobar tri-services command said on Tuesday

Speaking to PTI, the senior defence official said, "This is the biggest ever seizure which we suspect is linked to big international drug cartels. The total consignment is approximately around 5,500 kg. A total of six Myanmarese crew were arrested with crystalline banned Methamphetamine. They were handed over to the local police further for interrogation."

He said, "I would like to congratulate the ICG for their outstanding effort in apprehending the foreign

dedication and swift action of our teams involved in ensuring that such illicit activities do not compromise national security. "The Andaman and Nicobar

Command remain vigilant and committed to ensuring the safety of Andaman waters. Enhanced patrolling and intelligence continue to play a vital role in combating such crime," he added. The police suspect that the 5,500 kg of banned

Methamphetamine drug seized from a fishing trawler with six Myanmarese crew from near Barren island was supposed to be delivered to Thailand, officials said on Tuesday

the seize phone call detail record because the crew members are refusing to reveal anything interrogation. It seems that they are scared to reveal the identity of the receiver and the person behind sending the consignments. We are trying to get in touch with the service provider to get the call

detail record," the officer said. The huge consignment of Methamphetamine drug was supposed to be delivered in Thailand and could be part of drug cartels, police sources said

"Based on the quantity of the consignments and the modus operandi it definitely seems like the handiwork of wood, 128 challans for construction and demolition activities, 22 challans for illegally dumping C&D waste, 290 challans for illegally dumping garbage and 218 challans for using single-use plastic," he said. It may be noted that The Central Air Quality Management Commission implemented GRAP in the National Capital Region and NCR region earlier in October. Under this, instructions have been given to the concerned departments to control the level of pollution and restrictions have also been imposed by the Commission on many activities that increase pollution. There is also a provision to impose

For the first time, robotic fire tenders will be deployed at Mahakumbh 2025 to enhance fire safety at the world's largest spiritual gathering, according to officials.

Mahakumbh

Alongside these cutting-edge machines, 200 specially trained fire commandos will be stationed to manage emergencies and protect visitors.

Additional Director General (Fire Services) Padmaja Chauhan said that three robotic fire tenders, weighing 20-25 kilograms each, will be used to reach areas inaccessible to personnel.

These robots are capable of climbing stairs and extinguishing fires with precision, ensuring faster and safer responses, he said. "The inclusion of robotic fire tenders marks a technological leap in fire management.

They can be easily carried and deployed in sensitive zones," Chauhan said.

Additionally, Mahakumbh will feature an articulating water tower capable of spraying water from a height of 35 meters.

The tower is equipped with a high-tech camera to monitor fire-prone areas from above, he said.

To bolster human resources, a Special Trained Rescue Group (STRG) has been established, modelled after the National Disastei Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), the ADG said.

The unit comprises 200 personnel trained by the NDRF and Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Hyderabad, who will be deployed in high-risk zones during the fair, he said.

"Our focus is on preventing fire incidents altogether. Daily fire audits will be conducted, and sanitation workers will check for the unsafe use of equipment like blowers and immersion rods in camps," Chauhan added.

### Radio-tagged Amur falcon 'Chiuluan 2' reaches Punjab farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal hospitalised Kenya, heads to Tsavo East National Park after Police remove him from protest site



### PTI 📕 IMPHAL

n Amur falcon bird radio An Amur faicon bird facto tagged by scientists of Wildlife Institute of India (WII) in Manipur's Tamenglong district has entered Kenya and is heading towards Tsavo East National Park, a scientist said. Dr Suresh Kumar scientist of Wildlife Dehradun-based Institute of India told PTI on Tuesday that the Amur falcon bird named 'Chiuluan 2' has crossed Somalia and entered Kenva. Forest Officer Divisional (DFO) of Tamenglong, Kharibam Hitler Singh told

PTI that two Amur falcons

which arrived in Manipur from Siberian region on October 12 were captured by a team of Tamenglong forest division and local volunteers under the supervision of Suresh Kumar from Chiuluan roosting site.

The two birds were radiotagged by scientists of the Wildlife Institute of India in Tamenglong district. The male bird was named 'Chiluan 2' and the female 'Guangram', after two important roosting in Tamenglong villages district. 'Chiluan 2' was released on

November 8 after tagging it

Orissa on November 15 after a non-stop flight. From there it went to Maharashtra and eventually crossed the Arabian Sea to reach the Somalia-Kenya borders", Singh said. The female bird 'Guangram' is, however, yet to leave Manipur,

he added. The Amur falcon is a small raptor of the falcon family. It breeds in south-eastern Siberia and Northern China. To escape from the harsh winter of Siberia and Northern China

the birds travel a distance of around 14,500 km to head for the wintering grounds in Southern and East African coasts. In April-May they start their return journey, said the DFO. The birds make a stopover in Nagaland Manipur and a few other areas of North East region while on their way to Africa. The Amur falcons locally known 'Akhuaipuina' roosts for an average of 45 days where they

engage in feeding for the arduous journey ahead, Singh with satellite transmitters. It said

### PTI CHANDIGARH reached the coastal areas of

Punjab farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal, who was to begin a fast unto death to press for farmers' demands, was taken to a Ludhiana hospital for a checkup on Tuesday after allegedly being forcibly removed from the Khanauri border point.

Kisan Mazdoor Morcha leader Sarwan Singh Pandher alleged Dallewal was forcibly taken away by police early on Tuesday from the Khanauri border point.

A senior Punjab Police officer said Dallewal was taken to the private Davanand Medical College and Hospital (DMC) in Ludhiana.

Deputy Inspector General of Police Mandeep Singh Sidhu said the administration was concerned about Dallewal's age and health in the wake of his fast-unto-death call.

"Considering his health and seniority, the administration decided that his proper medical checkup was important.

We are getting his medical checkup done at DMC, Ludhiana," said Sidhu. Dallewal announced on

Monday that he would begin a fast unto death on Tuesday to demand a legal guarantee for minimum support price (MSP) for crops. He had also asserted that he was ready to sacrifice his life

to get the farmers' demands accepted. Claiming that the police forcibly removed Dallewal from the spot early on Tuesday before he could begin his hunger strike,

Pandher said he strongly condemned the act and demanded his immediate release.

Farmers said a police team of 250 reached the Khanauri border at 2:30 am and forcibly took Dallewal away.

Initially, the farmers were not Dallewal's aware of whereabouts but later learned that he had been taken to DMC.

Farmer leader Guramneet

informed that Dallewal had been taken to the hospital on health grounds.

Mangat, however, said they would continue with their fast-unto-death plan. Another farmer leader will now sit on the fast.

Meanwhile, Union minister Ravneet Singh Bittu accused Bhagwant the Mann government in Punjab of Dallewal's orchestrating "detention".

"Detention of farmer leader Dallewal ji is orchestrated by Bhagwant the Mann government. No central agency is involved in his arrest.

It is purely the work of the state police, aimed at shifting the blame onto central agencies to divert attention from the real issues.

The central government always works for the welfare of farmers and does not engage in such tactics," Bittu said in a post on X.

The Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and the Kisan Singh Mangat said they were Mazdoor Morcha had earlier BHUBANESWAR | WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 27, 2024

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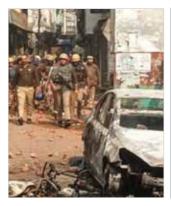
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-PAPER WITH PASSION-

# Yet another flashpoint

All stakeholders must demonstrate utmost restraint to prevent any escalation of communal tensions in Sambhal

he town of Sambhal in Uttar Pradesh has become the epicentre of intense communal tension following a violent confrontation over a court-mandated survey of the historic Shahi Jama Masjid. The incident, which unfolded on Sunday, has claimed three lives, injured numerous others and raised pressing concerns about the fragile communal harmony in the region. The Shahi Jama Masjid, situated in Chandausi, Sambhal, is a centuries-old structure recognised as a 'Monument of National Importance' by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). Protected under the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act, 1904, the mosque became the subject of legal contention following a petition filed on November 19. The petitioners, a group of eight individuals including advocate Hari Shankar Jain and Mahant Rishiraj Giri, alleged that the mosque was built by demolishing a Shri Hari Har Temple in the 16th century under the orders of Mughal Emperor Babur. They claimed that the temple held immense religious significance for Hindus as the proph-

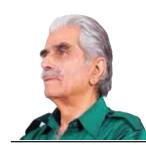


esied site of Lord Vishnu's Kalki avatar. The petition sought ASI intervention and public access to the site, accusing the mosque administrators of obstructing entry and the ASI of negligence in protecting the monument. The legal dispute led the Court of Civil Judge (Senior Division) in Sambhal to order a survey of the mosque, with a report due by November 29. The initial survey on Tuesday was reportedly incomplete, prompting authorities to schedule a follow-up on Sunday. However, tensions escalated as the survey team arrived, resulting in a violent clash between opposing groups. The confrontation saw stone-pelting, arson and the deployment of security forces. Three

lives were lost, and several were injured, including police officers and administrative personnel. The violence has since been condemned across the political spectrum, though it has also sparked a heated debate over the motivations behind the survey and its handling. Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav accused the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of instigating communal divisions. BJP spokespersons, however, defended the legal process. The situation in Sambhal remains tense, with heightened security measures in place to prevent further unrest. But are we seeing a pattern here? Some politically motivated individuals deliberately file petitions raking up controversy where none exists. Communal tension ensues and some people and party backs up the claim and polarisation is complete for politicians to exploit the situation. We have had enough of communal violence and surely this one can be avoided as 'The Place of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991' is clear that all places of religion must be preserved as they were at the time of independence. The Shahi Jama Masjid row reflects the broader challenges of navigating historical grievances, communal sensitivities and legal mandates in a pluralistic society. The need for restraint and dialogue among all stakeholders is crucial to restoring peace and preventing further loss of innocent lives.



# **K P Sharma Oli walks** a tightrope on China



ASHOK K MEHTA

Will Oli's stance on the BRI and his decision to prioritise China over India define his political legacy or deepen Nepal's internal divides?

n Kathmandu, I observed that Nepal Prime Minister KP Oli's visit to China has become a hot potato in the chilly Kathmandu valley. The China visit is being portrayed by his Unified Marxist Leninist Party (UML)-led coalition government as a bold initiative by Oli to resolve the long-pending BRI Implementation plan. The BRI Framework Agreement 2017 signed by Nepal figured during the maiden visit of President Xi Jinping in 2019 when Xi announced NC Rs 60 bn in grants under BRI. Since 2008, China has announced NC Rs 80 bn in grants. It seems the government could not use the aid for projects under BRI due to some issues. Several delegations from both

countries have interacted over the BRI Implementation plan for a long but the plan has not been signed.

Oli last visited China in 2016 after the Indian blockade and signed several agreements including energy trade but almost none has materialised. China is insisting that BRI projects that were truncated at Beijing's request from 35 to 9 be under loan whereas Nepal, especially Nepali Congress, the senior coalition partner, wants them under grant. There were fears Oli might sign in to please the Chinese which resulted in considerable squabbling between them. A high-level task force of the two parties has been meeting to arrive at a consensus. Opposition lawmakers wanted all the agreements signed so far to be made public and discussed in Parliament and with civil society. At a UML meeting, Oli recently announced he would not sign BRI for the sake of coalition unity. Chinese envoy Chen Song who had been lobbying with lawmak-ers to sign the BRI plan has clarified that Chinese-built Pokhara airport would not be converted from loan to grant. Foreign Minister Arzu Rana is going to China on November 28 to prepare for Oli's visit with some plans

on BRI.



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Pushpa Kamal Dahal (Prachanda) - all others on becoming PM have first gone to New Delhi. Prachanda had clarified that his was not a state visit to China but he had gone for the Beijing Olympics. India has not invited all PMs - like Madhav Nepal, Jhalanath Khanal, and Sushil Koirala – from both Left and Centre-Right parties but New Delhi has historically favoured Nepali Congress. Oli had said some pretty undiplomatic, even unkind things about India during his second term as PM after he had internationalised the Kalapani dispute and made it into a national issue. But later, Oli did work with India. Oli going to China without Beijing making any concession on BRI is cocking a spook at India

During the annual Kantipur Conclave in Kathmandu this month, he clarified that as a sovereign nation, a PM can visit any country first. He compared the 'first visit India or China conundrum' to visiting Nizamuddin or Ajmer Sharif first: which made little impact on the mainly Nepali audience, adding that his visit to China will not harm rela-

Prithvi Narayan Shah had described as a yam between two boulders. Geography and social and cultural factors have favoured India. The dethroned Maoist leader and four-time PM Prachanda, Oli's erstwhile short-term partner, accused him in an interview with an Indian journalist who had come for the Kantipur Conclave, of playing the China card. UML was incensed by the allegation, demanding an apology from Prachanda. At the Kantipur Conclave,

THE INDIAN Prachanda informed the audience that he was happy he was BLOCKADE no longer heading the government as he could atone for his AND SIGNED party's mistakes and serve the SEVERAL people better. He clarified that with 32 seats, he had never AGREEMENTS sought power but others (NC and UML) had come to him to INCLUDING form the government. ENERGY He asserted he had made a

direct assault on corruption -TRADE the no 1 bane of Nepal – and put many corrupt leaders **BUT ALMOST** including members of his NONE HAS party, and those who had supported his government in jail. MATERIALISED This included the newsmaker and former Home Minister, Rabi Lamichhane from the Rashtriya Swatantra Party who

on which jail he should be lodged in, due to massive protests by his supporters. They took him to the Terai towns but not to his citadel in Chitwan and brought him back to Pokhara as they were unable to present him before a Kathmandu court to avoid creating law and order issues. Every other day there are massive traffic jams in Kathmandu over some issue or the other. Oli was cool about Rabi, saying at the Kantipur Conclave that he had 'once given Rabi a job (in Nepal Television)' but did not know much about his case. The parliamentary probe that was ordered on him as demanded by the Nepali Congress was at the behest of PM Prachanda and Rabi himself who was the Home Minister in the coalition government. He added: "let law take its course". Oli's China conundrum was grabbing headlines. By declaring he won't sign the BRI Implementation plan on Chinese terms for coalition unity he has taken the fizz out of the champagne that was to be popped after his visit.

(The writer, a retired Major General, was Commander, IPKF South, Sri Lanka, and founder member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the Integrated Defence *Staff; views are personal)* 

The other troubling issue was the first where – China or India' visit of Oli. Traditionally barring two exceptions - Prime Ministers Tanka Prasad Acharya and founding father of Nepal,

tions with India. For Nepal maintaining balance between India and China is a vital strategic mission that the

is at present in jail, being investigated for fraud. In Kathmandu, I discovered that Lamichhane has created a problem for the government

# Prasar Bharati unveils WAVES app amid criticism and challenges



AMIT KR ROY

Prasar Bharati launched its much-anticipated app, WAVES touted as a strategic leap for India's national broadcaster

n a vibrant ceremony during the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa, Prasar Bharati unveiled its long-awaited app, WAVES. Marking a strategic step forward for India's national broadcaster, the launch was graced by Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant.

However, the event's significance was overshadowed by the absence of central ministers, drawing criticism that this oversight represented a missed public relations opportunity. A Shift from OTT to App: A Branding Challenge Originally envisioned as an OTT platform, WAVES has undergone a rebranding as an app. This shift has sparked speculation that the change may be linked to limited new content. Critics have argued that the current branding does little to leverage Doordarshan's rich legacy, potentially alienating audiences, particularly in

and rural areas where Doordarshan's identity is deeply entrenched. Many users remain unclear

WAVES

between Prasar Bharati and Doordarshan, adding to the confusion about accessing the app.

Delays and Controversies The WAVES launch comes after multiple postponements, with its original debut planned for August 15. These delays have raised questions about Prasar Bharati's preparedness to compete in the fast-paced digital media environment. Observers have highlighted internal issues, including allegations of favouritism mismanagement. Notably, the consultancy hired to guide WAVES has faced criticism for lacking expertise in the OTT domain and allegedly sidelining experienced offiabout the relationship cials in key roles.

Adding to these challenges are unresolved trademark issues surrounding the "WAVES," which name could further complicate the app's rollout. Private broadcasters, wary of potential regulatory challenges, have shown reluctance to collaborate with the platform, dampening its industry reception. Content and Vision

Despite the hurdles, WAVES aims to differentiate itself in the competitive Indian media landscape. Offering over 65 live channels and content in 12+ languages, the app seeks to combine nostalgia with fresh appeal.

Iconic Doordarshan programmes like 'Ramayan' and 'Mahabharat' are set to feature alongside new productions such as 'Fauji 2.0.' WAVES also plans to support emerging talent by showcasing student films and works by National Creator Awardees.

Operating on a revenuesharing model, WAVES aspires to empower creators while ensuring the protection of intellectual property. However, stand-

ing out against global giants like Netflix and Amazon Prime Video, known for their vast libraries and advanced technology, pre-sents a formidable challenge.

### The Road Ahead

The launch of WAVES is a critical juncture for Prasar Bharati, offering a chance to redefine public broadcasting in the digital era. However, success will hinge on resolving internal discord, addressing operational concerns, and crafting a user experience that resonates with audiences. While the launch at IFFI has created a momentary buzz, sustaining momentum will require robust strategies, consistent content quality, and a clear

brand identity. As WAVES ventures into the competitive digital media space, its journey will be closely watched. For Prasar Bharati, the app represents both a bold opportunity and a test of its capacity to adapt and thrive in an evolving media ecosystem.

(The writer is a journalist; views are personal)

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### **HISTORIC WIN AT PERTH**

Madam - Apropos to the news headline "Team India rises like a phoenix at Perth" (November 26). Kudos to Team India! After the drubbing from the Kiwis in our own backyard 0-3, India dominated the first Test in Perth, crushing Australia by a massive 295 runs. Chasing a daunting 534, Australia crumbled for 238. This historic win marks India's largest victory by runs in Australia, surpassing their 222-run win in Melbourne in 1977. What is more redeeming is the way the Indian team played the 2nd innings. Not many teams have come back after being 150 all out on the first day, but this Indian team has time and again shown that it is built differently. Bumrah, leading in only his second Test, was left with a lot to do and fewer options to work with

While Yashasvi Jaiswal, Virat Kohli and KL Rahul will be among the heroes with their solid second innings batting performances, it was the stand-in skipper Jaspreet Bumrah's unbelievable skill set and selfbelief during Australia's first innings rout that formed the cornerstone of India's win. Hope, after this Test, players should be retained based on their current performance, not on past achievements. The selection process should send a clear message that no player is above the team's performance standards. If a replacement player has excelled, they should be given priority and retained for their contributions. Senior players, regardless of their past glory, must earn their place back through demonstrated performance. This ensures that performance, consistency, and fairness drive the selection process, keeping the team competitive and motivated.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee | Faridabad

### **HOUSE ADJOURNED OVER ADANI**

Madam— On the first day of the winter session, i.e., Monday, the House was adjourned due to the demand for a discussion on Adani. Now it does not seem that much work or meaningful discussion will be done in this session. Because of the kind of allegations that have been made against for their renewable energy company in

### SC rejects plea challenging Preamble



n a landmark ruling, the Supreme Court has dismissed a batch of petitions challenging the inclusion of the terms 'Socialist and Secular' in the Preamble to the Constitution as per the 42nd Amendment passed in 1976. The Preamble declares India a Sovereign. Socialist. Secular and Democratic republic. The objectives of the Preamble are to secure justice, liberty and equality for all citizens and promote fraternity to main-

Gautam Adani and his entire team in America, it is obvious that the Opposition of the country will raise its voice on it. Now our Prime Minister wants to defeat every solid allegation through his electoral victory (Maharashtra). That is why when the House was not functioning on Monday, he told the Opposition that "those who have been rejected by the people are indulging in hooliganism in the House."

Is this really so? Obviously, the people who are sitting in the Opposition are sitting there because they are in the minority. Does minority mean that they should not even talk about such a big stain on the country's reputation? Why does this government repeatedly stand in favour of Adani? Charge sheets have been filed in a New York court against Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani, his nephew Sagar Adani and six others. It is impossible to file a charge sheet there without proof. The US Securities and Exchange Commission has alleged that Gautam Adani and his associates paid a bribe of more than \$250 million, i.e., about two thousand crore rupees,

tain the unity and integrity of the nation. The Preamble is considered the soul and spirit of the Constitution. It still plays an important role when there is ambiguity in Articles' provisions or when an interpretation of the Constitution becomes confusing.

The Preamble, which highlights guiding principles and some fundamental values of the bases of which the Indian Constitution was written, will become invalid and insignificant when important terms 'Sovereign, Socialist, Secular' are removed from the Preamble. Knowing the importance of the Preamble, in 1973, in the Kesavananda Bharati case, a 13-judge bench of the Supreme Court declared that the Preamble would be considered as part of the Constitution. In the 1995 Union Government vs LIC of India case, the Supreme Court once again held that Preamble is an integral part of the Constitution. P Victor Selvaraj | Tirunelveli

India and hide this information from investors while raising capital in America. Jang Bahadur Singh | Jamshedpur

### SAMBHAL MOSQUE DISPUTE

Madam - The horrific incident that occurred in Sambhal highlights the authorities' alarming reaction, where, without conducting a proper hearing or trial, they initiated a survey within just two hours. The incident has spread a curtain of fear and horror across the country.

The assertion of replacing a mosque with a temple is intensifying over time, threatening the diversity and unity of our nation. Mohan Bhagwat's statement should be taken into account: it is not right to dig beneath every mosque in search of a Shivling and claim it as a temple. Such actions are detrimental to the harmony of society. Early recognition can help us to take immediate measures to limit any damages

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# **FIRSTCOLUMN LESSONS IN HUMILITY AND FAITH**

Are we ready to confront the truth of our smallness in the grand scheme of existence?



### AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

ave we realised that we are intrinsically small souls? That we only play small roles, yes, of different levels, but always small. I will cite many examples to substantiate this fact in this article. The only big is God, who is omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient. He controls everything. We shouldn't be surprised by the reality of us being small. What did we expect? There are billions of us and all interdependent.

We cannot exist without the support of others right from our birth. Ravana was puffed up because he thought that he was big, having defeated important entities. But he was made to bite the dust and he accepted that his highly bloated ego was his undoing. Hitler thought that he was big and was going to control the world. What happened? He committed suicide having realised his smallness. Nixon was President of the USA – a large and prosperous nation. He was forced to resign, because of his underhanded activities. Napoleon was similarly humiliated when he was banished from his country to live in Elba - an Italian island, away from his dear country France.

Smallness is only one of our handicaps; ignorance is another. Despite the vast knowledge Ravana possessed, he was ignorant like most of us; he ignored the reality of God. Only the most fortunate like



Sant Tulsidas transcend the barrier of ignorance. What will you call Kansa? He kept on trying to kill the child Krishna without realising that the Lord cannot be killed. Ultimately, Lord Krishna had to kill him. Duryodhana saw so much of Lord Krishna, but somehow it didn't sink in that the Lord was different; He was God. He saw how the Lord protected Draupadi from being disrobed; how Arjuna was protected by bringing back sunlight; and many such instances. His ignorance was quite deep-seated. What will you call persons, who outwardly pretend to be servants of God, but molest unsuspecting children?

Their depth of darkness, which engulfs their consciousness does not let them see that punishment is coming. Only after they are hit with severe punishments they realise that they are quite helpless really. Draupadi realised it and cried for the Lord's help, which the merciful Lord provided. Arjuna knew in his heart that he was enjoying the protection of the Lord. That is how he was able to triumph over very powerful adversaries. In the modern era, famous film stars have committed suicide. We become very impressed by the fame they enjoy but little do we realise that they are just as helpless as we are. Wealthy people are no better when they are hit with mental trauma as a result of extraordinarily stressful events, which shatter their sense of security, making them feel insecure in this dangerous world we live in. Yes, this world is a place of misery (The Bhagavad-Geeta 8.15), as long as one does not take shelter from God. Both external and internal dangers exist. Demonic forces are out there to harm us in order to gain some pecuniary advantage like by stealing from us. Then, one does not know what is in store due to our past sinful acts. The smart thing is to come under the protection of God. So, what do I do? Having done my duty, I try to leave it to my Lord. Believe me, He takes care of me better than I could have imagined. It sounds like a fairy tale, but I am one of millions, who are benefiting in the present and have benefited thus in the past.

# Realigning India's economic strategy



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Achieving the ambitious goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047 demands a decisive overhaul of current economic policies



he world is undergoing rapid political changes. With these geopolitical changes underway, it becomes imperative to relook at the current strategy for economic development to meet the declared target of achieving a developed nation status by 2047. It becomes necessary to realign and readjust the poli-cy points with the changing circum-stances. Countries become rich by pro-ducing and selling globally valuable and value-added products. India's share in global trade has to grow rapidly from the present measly 1.8 per cent in goods exports and 2.8 per cent in goods imports. In the service sector too, India needs to enhance its share of delivered services upwards from the present 6 per cent. How will this happen? We need to take quantum measures and hard steps without caring for internal political expediency. Global political scenario may affect the choice of strategic steps but it can have, at best, limited effect if we as a nation are determined, focused and forthright.

Nothing can come in the way if we act united and our government performs its actions without fear or favour. The government's backtracking on the Agriculture and Farm Bills of 2019 was an unfortunate incident. Such incidents should not recur. The government buckled under the fake protests by agro market middlemen masquerading as farmers who created a false show of protests to put spokes in the wheel of the Bills and sabotage them. The government, under fear of bourgeoning vandalism by antinational elements to prevent the promulgation of Bills, backed by foreign enemy countries capitulated and rolled back the Bills. This should not have happened. The country paid a heavy price for this as agriculture is still the mainstay of India's economy. If only those important Bills had been passed, we would have witnessed an economic growth rate increase of at least 2 per cent over the existing. Let our government bring back those Bills at the earliest appropriate time to provide a vital booster to our economy. The other important area

employment growth and needs THE GOVERNMENT BUCKLED UNDER THE FAKE PROTESTS BY AGRO MARKET been made to utilise domestic cap-MIDDLEMEN

steps to facilitate the establishment of new units and expansion of the existing ones. These steps arebureaucratic reforms to cut red tape and reduce unnecessary regulatory compliances that engender corruption and impede growth. To boost Indigenous manufacturing and increase the share of manufacturing in the national GDP from 16 per cent (almost stagnant since 2015) to upwards of 20 per cent, rebooting the entire Make in India program is needed. The blueprint of this otherwise visionary plan was, alas, not imple-mented seriously. Too much dependence on foreign capital and FDI was never forth-coming and efforts should have

tor which continues to lie stagnant. light of the day and that too par-This sector is the prime driver of tially? The establishment of special economic zones and specialised product production zones was blueprinted but its implementation has also got stuck in the legislative and bureaucratic quagmires. Bureaucratic reforms, I reiterate, are an emergent necessity. Large imports from China over the last ten years have indeed prevented the growth of MSMEs in the country. Many pre-existing facto-ries faced closure and many manufacturers turned traders. India's exports to China in 2023-24 were USD 16.65 billion, while imports stood at USD 101.75 billion, leaving a trade deficit of more than USD 85 billion. Efforts were made by the ruling NDA government to contain Chinese imports. But most of the curtailment took place in lower-end consumer goods and ital. The central sector and state less dent could be made in import of industrial goods. Irrespective of government oncy, if our country men had decided to boycott Chinese goods that can be produced in India, we would have made a huge dent in Chinese imports and facilitated the growth of the domestic manufacturing industry. But this did not happen. The land acquisition Amendment Bill was presented in Parliament on 10 March 2015 but could not be passed due to opposition by non-BJP lawmakers in the Rajya Sabha where the ruling NDA lacked a clear majority in numbers. The opposition party MPs called the proposed amendments antifarmer and anti-poor. The pro-posed amendments sought to remove requirements for approval from farmers to proceed with land acquisition under five broad categories of projects. Its passage continues to hang fire. It is the foundational base of the Make in India program. When will it be

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grammes remain dynamic, it's

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passed? Political expediency has been truly the bane of our country and the main impediment to our fast-track economic progress. In the above context, it would be appropriate to mention that strongly nationalistic citizens can collectively create conditions conducive to the growth of the domestic industry. The economic resurgence of Germany and Japan post World War 2 are case in point. Though the USA lent economic support to these countries, their citizens were patriotically driven to establish their domestic manufac-turing base and the countries developed into major industrial and economic powers in a period of barely two decades following their defeat and total devastation in 1945, the end year of the war. Both these countries lay stress on manufacturing, innovation and technology development. Their emphasis was on production and value-added exports. A similar strategy is needed. India has been the world's major economic power for millennia and in keeping with its inherent potential; it is capable of a long-term economic growth rate of 12 per cent. For this to happen, the aforesaid steps brook no delay. In the destiny of nations, there are some phases when it becomes necessary to take bold steps in line with progressive principles of economic development rather than get bogged down by over-strategising and political expediency. Our revered political and economic scholar Chanakya had stated that Dharma (righteousness) should take precedence over everything else in governance and even strategy should be aligned with universal divine Dharma. We need to proceed further in our economic ourney accordingly.

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

MASQUERADING sector Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) should have taken the ini-AS FARMERS tiative in enhancing domestic manufacturing. Also, Make in WHO CREATED India should have emphasised A FALSE SHOW Make by India. Bureaucratic reforms, an increase in domestic **OF PROTESTS** manufacturing especially by PSUs by increasing import tariffs and TO PUT further increasing fiscal conces-SPOKES IN THE sions are some of the steps needed. Good work has been done in WHEEL the area of defence and space in OF THE this context by encouraging and promoting startups. **BILLS AND** This should be extended to other SABOTAGE THEM

sectors of the economy. Valueadded manufacturing in agriculture, food, healthcare and education will go a long way in boosting indigenous manufacturing and even exports. It is quite a pity that in spite of the wonderful success of the BJP government in the cleanup of the Banks, its benefit has not percolated to domestic manufacturing. Why out of the

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# Reaping our demographic dividend: Can skilling be the secret sauce?

With coordinated action, innovative strategies and a commitment to scalable skill development, India can emerge as a global economic and workforce leader

W ith a staggering 1.44 billion people 68 per cent of them between the ages of 15 and 64, India stands to gain from an immense, globally unmatched, demographic dividend that presents an unprecedented opportunity for economic growth amidst global challenges of declining birth rates and labour shortages. The vast labour force positions India to realise the government's vision of becoming the world's third-largest economy and the skills capital of the world.

This, coupled with the global shift towards diversifying talent supply chains - particularly to countries like India - can significantly enhance our geopolitical standing. East Asia offers compelling evidence of



ARUNESH SINGH

reaping the demographic div-idend. UNFPA reported that Korea saw its per-capita gross domestic product grow about 2,200 per cent between 1950 and 2008, and Thailand's GDP grew 970 per cent.

The pressing question now is whether India can fully capitalise on this demographic dividend, and can the skills ecosystem be the key to unlocking this potential. The To leverage India's demograph-

Challenge Effectively leveraging the demographic dividend requires addressing several critical challenges. The primary challenge is the need to create sufficient job opportunities to absorb the increasing number of young people entering the workforce. Another key challenge is to

involves creating an ecosystem support large-scale skill enhancement initiatives. Firstly, systemic change cannot occur in isolation; therefore, it is vital for government bodies and private companies bridge the 'skills gap' - the dis-crepancy between the skills to collaborate and pool resources, expertise and fund-

that job seekers possess and the ing Therefore, fostering public-private partnerships (PPPs) is skills that employers require, thereby creating opportunities for meaningful employment. essential for expanding skill This must be achieved on a development initiatives. It is large scale as the country is important to align training programs with market already home to 103 million demands, focus on outcomeyouth categorised as NEET (not in education, employment based skilling, leverage techor training) and millions of nology and design effective, replicable, and adaptable proyouth enter working age annu-ally. Crafting Scalable Solutions grams. This collaboration can significantly contribute to cre-

ic dividend effectively, scalable

solutions for skill develop-

ment are imperative. This



ating a more resilient and practical skill development ecosystem.

Several initiatives in the realm of skill development highlight the transformative impact of targeted training and strategic partnerships. One such initiative is Project AMBER, a unique public-private partnership (PPP) where each stakeholder-government,

vate sector (philanthropy) contributes to the model. This initiative aims to enhance overall employment and retention outcomes by prioritising the quality of training, mentoring, and retention. Such initiatives not only help achieve success at an individual level but also lay the groundwork for broader systemic changes that can redefine the impact of the skilling ecosystem.

Secondly, aligning skilling programs with market demand is crucial. Collaborating with businesses provides valuable input on course content which ensures that learners are trained on skill sets that are relevant for the industry. Employer feedback mechanisms enable continuous adjustments to training protraining partners, and the pri- grams, which are in sync with than merely completing a set curriculum or an instruction-

that are both effective and scalable and create significant impact. Technology can greatly expand the reach and accessibility of these programmes through online learning platforms, virtual classrooms, and mobile-friendly resources, even in remote areas. At the same time, standardised models like 'train-the-trainer' programmes ensure that rapid expansion does not come at the cost of quality, maintaining consistency across different regions.

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industry requirements. This approach addresses the skills al programme. Finally, with the right use of gap by equipping learners with relevant skills, helping them technology, we can design adapt effectively to the workskill development programmes place. Ultimately, this strategy



# Imran's supporters reach heart of Islamabad, 6 securitymen killed in violence

### PTI ISLAMABAD

ailed former prime minister Imran Khan's supporters reached the heart of Pakistan's capital on Tuesday after removing barricades and battling police in clashes that killed six security personnel and injured dozens.

Four paramilitary Rangers and two policemen were killed late Monday and over 100 security personnel injured when protesters marching towards D-Chowk turned violent, prompting the federal government to deploy the army in Islamabad along with shoot-at-sight orders, state-run media said on Tuesday.

The 72-year-old former pre-mier, who has been in jail since August last year, issued a "final call" on November 13 for nationwide protests on November 24, denouncing what he termed as the stolen mandate, the unjust arrests of people and the passage of the 26th amendment, which he said has strengthened a "dictatorial regime'

Geo News shared footage, which showed Khan's support-ers climbing on the shipping containers placed on the roads leading to D-Chowk, which is located close to several impor-tant government buildings: the Presidency, the PM Office, the Parliament, and the Supreme Court.

It was unclear if the protesters would stage a sit-in or leave D-Chowk, though the top leaders

of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) had vowed to remain in Islamabad until Khan was

released. Khan's wife Bushra Bibi, who stubbornly led the protests, said in one of her addresses to the protestors to go away only if Khan comes in person to tell about the next course of action. They reached their declared destination despite repeated claims by Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi that nobody would be allowed to make it to D-Chowk.

Naqvi also said the government tried to convince PTI leaders in every way, but they only gained time from negotiations and moved towards the federal capital.

"We offered the protestors to gather at Sangjani. Their entire leadership does not want a bloodbath, but there's one secret leadership controlling all this, which was the apple of the discord," he said. He also said that all PTI sup-

porters had come from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Led by Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa

Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur and Khan's wife Bushra, the marchers began their journey from the militancy-hit province on Sunday. Pakistan deployed the army amid a tense stand-off with Khan's supporters. The govern-ment has vowed to foil their

attempt "even if a curfew needs to be imposed? Hours earlier, the state-run





Supporters of imprisoned former premier Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party, oather to remove shipping containers to clear way for their rally demanding Khan's release in Islamabad on Tuesday (Right) A supporter Imran Khan's party, aims to throw stones with slingshot following police fire tear gas shell to disperse them during clashes. AP/PTI

rammed into Pakistan Rangers. killing four personnel on the Srinagar Highway in Islamabad late on Monday night. Five other Rangers and several police officials sustained severe injuries. About five kilometres from this spot, a bunch of miscreants, equipped with weapons and ammunition, pelted stones on the Rangers and carried out indiscriminate firing on the security personnel at Chungi No 26 in Rawalpindi, Radio Pakistan Radio Pakistan said a vehicle said. It also reported that two

policemen were killed but didn't provide any details.

According to Punjab police, one policeman was killed at the Hakla interchange on Islamabad's outskirts during clashes with the PTI protestors on Monday. It did not give details about the second policeman.

Separately, Interior Minister Naqvi said, at a late Monday night media interaction, that more than 100 security personnel, mostly from police, were injured. "One senior police officer was critically injured he suffered a severe head injury due to stone-pelting by pro-

testers," he said Radio Pakistan further reported that the Pakistan Army was called in "to deal with the miscreants with an iron hand" and "clear orders have also been issued to shoot miscreants and troublemakers on sight." Strongly condemning the

attack on Rangers and police personnel by protesters, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, in a statement, directed to immedi-

ately identify those involved in the incident and ensure they are brought to justice.

"Attacks on police and Rangers, under the guise of a so-called peaceful protest, are condemnable," he said, adding, that the anarchist group seeks bloodshed and "Pakistan cannot afford any form of chaos or bloodshed. Bloodshed for nefarious political agenda is unacceptable and highly con-demnable."

Meanwhile, Khan's party has accused the authorities of using

violence in which several of its supporters have been injured. A party spokesman told BBC Urdu that two supporters have also been killed but it was not confirmed from other sources so far. All public and private educational institutions remained closed on Tuesday given the law and order situation both in Islamabad and Rawalpindi.

Khan has been implicated in dozens of cases since his gov-ernment was dismissed through a no-confidence

motion in 2022. He has been in Adiala Jail at Rawalpindi since last year facing over 200 cases. His party won the largest number of seats in the February general elections despite contesting as independents as the party was denied an election symbol. The party founder has alleged that the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and its coalition partners, including the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), had "stolen the mandate" to grab power at the federal level

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their maximum penalty, that of death, for any drug dealers

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nately, they never followed

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through Mexico, at levels never

'Until such time as they stop,

we will be charging China an additional 10% Tariff, above any additional Tariffs, on all of

their many products coming into the United States of

Trump said the executive order

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This is not only fighting for

Hong Kong could become like

Taiwan and Thailand in legal-

a non-governmental organiza-tion, said in a statement that the

judges' decisions made it clear

that discrimination and differ

ential treatment on the grounds

of sexual orientation violate

human dignity and equality. It

called on the government to

immediately end the exclu-

sion of same-sex couples from

The top court's rulings also

marriage.

partner, Edgar Ng.

izing same-sex marriage. Hong Kong Marriage Equality,

seen before," he alleged.

America," he added.

Israel bombards Beirut suburbs as its | **Trump to impose tariffs on imports** leadership prepares to vote on ceasefire

### AP BEIRUT

sraeli warplanes struck build-Lings in Beirut's suburbs and in a southern Lebanese city Tuesday, as Israel's security Cabinet pre-pared to vote on a US-brokered ceasefire proposal aimed at ending more than a year of fighting with Hezbollah.

Hopes have risen for the deal, which calls for a two-month initial halt in fighting and would require Hezbollah to end its armed presence in a broad swath of southern Lebanon, while Israeli troops would return to their side of the border.

Israel's security Cabinet, meeting Tuesday afternoon, was expected to approve the proposal, which Lebanese officials have said Hezbollah also supports.

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city of Tyre, where the Israeli mili-

ground troops reached parts of

Lebanon's Litani River — a focal

point of the emerging ceasefire.

said troops clashed with

Hezbollah commander.

Among the main sticking points has been an Israeli demand to reserve the right to act should Hezbollah vi nte its Under the proposal, thousands of Lebanese troops and UN peacekeepers would deploy in the south, and an international panel headed by the United States would monitor all sides' compliance. Israel's Defence Minister Israel Katz said the military would strike Hezbollah if the UN peacekeeping force, known as UNIFIL, doesn't provide "effective enforcement" of the deal. "If you don't act, we will act, and with great force," he said, speak ing with UN special envoy Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert. The European Union's top diplomat, Josep Borrell, said Tuesday that Israel's security concerns Other strikes hit in the southern had been addressed in the US-French-brokered deal. tiary said it killed a local "There is not an excuse for not implementing a ceasefire. Otherwise, Lebanon will fall The Israeli military also said its apart," Borrell told reporters in Fiuggi, Italy, on the sidelines of a Group of Seven meeting. He said the US would chair a ceasefire implementation committee, and France would participate at the request of Lebanon. Bombardment of Beirut's south-



# from Canada, Mexico, China

### PTI WASHINGTON

US President-elect Donald Trump has said he will impose a 25 per cent tariff on all products coming ( all products coming from Canada and Mexico, and 10 per cent on Chinese goods to check the flow of illegal immigrants and drugs into the United States.

In a series of posts on his Truth Social platform on Monday, he said he would sign executive orders imposing tariffs on the three countries as one of his first actions after assuming office on January 20.

"As everyone is aware, thou-

through Mexico and Canada, bringing Crime and Drugs at levels never seen before. Right now, a Caravan coming from Mexico, composed of thousands of people, seems to be unstoppable in its quest to come through our currently Open Border," Trump said.

"On January 20th, as one of my many first Executive Orders, I will sign all necessary documents to charge Mexico and Canada a 25% Tariff on ALL products coming into the United States, and its ridiculous Open Borders.

This Tariff will remain in "As everyone is aware, thou-sands of people are pouring in particular Fentanyl, and all

Illegal Aliens stop this Invasion of our Country! Both Mexico and Canada have the absolute right and power to easily solve this long simmering problem," he said. "We hereby demand that they use this power, and until such time that they do, it is time for them to pay a very big price," Trump said.

Further, the president-elect accused China of failing to stop the flow of drugs into the US. "I have had many talks with China about the massive amounts of drugs, in particular Fentanyl, being sent into the United States – But to no avail," Trump said. "Representatives of China told

on the first day of his presiden-cy on January 20, 2025.

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ern suburbs continues Even as Israeli, US, Lebanese and international officials have

expressed growing optimism over a ceasefire, Israel has continmove its forces north of the Litani, which in some places is ued its campaign in Lebanon, about 30 km north of the Israeli which it says aims to cripple border. Hezbollah's military capabilities. A ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah, the strongest Iranian-Israeli jets struck at least six buildings in Beirut's southern suburbs backed force in the region, would Tuesday. One strike slammed likely significantly calm regionnear the country's only airport, al tensions that have led to fears sending large plumes of smoke into the sky. There were no immediate reports of casualties. The airport has continued to

of a direct, all-out war between Israel and Iran. It's not clear how the ceasefire will affect the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza. Hezbollah function despite its location on had long insisted that it would not the Mediterranean coast next to agree to a ceasefire until the war the densely populated suburbs in Gaza ends, but it dropped that where many of Hezbollah's opercondition.

Hezbollah began firing into northern Israel, saying it was showing support for the Palestinians, a day after Hamas carried out its Oct 7, 2023, attack on southern Israel, triggering the Gaza war. Israel returned fire on Hezbollah, and the two sides have been exchanging barrages ever since. In early September, Israel escalat-

Hezbollah forces and destroyed ed its campaign of bombardment rocket launchers in the Slouqi and sent troops into Lebanon, area on the eastern end of the vowing to put an end to Litani, just a few km from the Hezbollah fire.

Under the ceasefire deal, More than 3,760 people have Hezbollah would be required to been killed by Israeli fire in

Lebanon the past 13 months many of them civilians, according to Lebanese health officials The bombardment has driven 1.2 million people from their homes Israel says it has killed more than 2.000 Hezbollah members.

Hezbollah fire has forced some 50.000 Israelis to evacuate homes in the country's north, and its rockets have reached as far south in Israel as Tel Aviv. At least 75 people have been killed, more than half of them civilians. More than 50 Israeli soldiers died fighting in the ground offensive in Lebanon.

After previous hopes for a cease-fire were dashed, US officials cautioned that negotiations were not yet complete and noted that there could be last-minute hitches that either delay or destroy an agreement. "Nothing is done until everything is done," White House national security spokesman John Kirby said.

While the ceasefire proposal is expected to be approved if Netanyahu brings it to a vote in his security Cabinet, one hardline member, National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, said he would oppose it.

# inheritance for same-sex couples

### AP 📕 HONG KONG

Hong Kong's top court on Tuesday upheld earlier rulings that favored subsidized housing benefits and equal inheritance rights for same-sex married couples, in a landmark victory for the city's LGBTQ+ community.

The Court of Final Appeal's dismissal of the government's appeals ended some yearslong legal battles over the differential treatment facing same-sex couples married overseas under Hong Kong's Housing Authority policies and two inheritance laws.

The unanimous decisions are expected to have a far-reaching impact on the lives of same-sex couples, who have traditionally had fewer rights compared to their heterosexual counterparts in the global financial hub.

Chief Justice Andrew Cheung said in his judgement that exclusionary housing policies were argued to be beneficial to opposite-sex married couples

because they increase the supply of subsidised housing for them and thereby support the institution of traditional families. But Cheung said authorities failed to provide evidence showing the potential impact on opposite-sex couples if those policies were relaxed.

<sup>th</sup>The challenged policies can-not be justified," he wrote.

On the inheritance laws, judges Roberto Ribeiro and Joseph Fok ruled that the disputed provisions are "discriminatory and unconstitutional" in their written judgement.

Hong Kong does not recognize same-sex marriage, prompting some couples to marry elsewhere.

Currently, the city only recognizes same-sex marriage for certain purposes such as taxation, civil service benefits and dependent visas. Many of the government's concessions were won through legal challenges, and the city has seen a growing social acceptance toward same-sex marriage.

in 2018, told reporters that Tuesday's rulings "acknowl-In September 2023, the top court ruled that the government should provide a frameedged same-sex couples can love each other and deserve to work for recognizing same-sex partnerships. This ruling, along live together." with other successful legal chalme and for my partner, but this lenges brought by members of the LGBTQ+ community, is fighting for all the same-sex couples in Hong Kong," he said outside the court building. made Hong Kong the only place in China to grant such But he added he was still "a bit pessimistic" about whether recognition for same-sex couples.

În separate judgements handed down in 2020 and 2021, a lower court had ruled that the housing policies involved in Tuesday's cases violated the constitutional right to equality, and that excluding same-sex spouses from inheritance law benefits constituted unlawful discrimination.

The government had challenged these decisions at the Court of Appeal but subsequently lost in October 2023. It then took the cases to the top court.

Nick Infinger, who first concluded a long legal journey taken by Henry Li and his late launched a judicial review against the Housing Authority

Prime Minister Narendra

Tamil film Maharaja to be released in China

### PTI BEIJING

Tamil suspense film Maharaja will be released in China on Friday becoming the first Indian cinema to be screened for Chinese audiences after the normalisation of ties between the two countries following last month's agreement to resolve the standoff in Eastern Ladakh. The suspense film Maharaja has already begun pre-screenings and its release here coincides with two competitors maior Hollywood's Gladiator II and

local film Her Story. State-run Global Times reported on Tuesday that the film currently holds a high rating of 8.7/10 on Chinese

Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping at their meeting in Kazan in Russia on the sidelines of the BRICS summit on October 23 endorsed the agreement and issued directions to revive various bilateral dialogue mechanisms and normalise ties that were hit by a deadly military clash in 2020 at Galwan Valley.

Indian films specially Aamir Khan's Three Idiots, Dangal and Secret Superstar have become a major success in China in recent years as the themes largely resonated with the Chinese audiences and earned a significant amount of revenue.

Khan has become a household name in China.

# Interpol clamps down on cybercrime, arrests over 1,000 suspects in Africa

### AP DAKAR (SENEGAL)

Interpol arrested 1,006 sus-▲pects in Africa during a twomonth operation clamping down on cybercrime that left tens of thousands of victims, including some who were trafficked, and produced millions in financial damages, the global police organisation said Tuesday

Operation Serengeti, a joint operation with Afripol, the African Union's police agency, ran from Sept 2 to Oct 31 in 19 African countries and targeted criminals behind ransomware, business email compromise, digital extortion and online tion.

"Through Serengeti, Afripol has significantly enhanced supscams, the agency said in a statement. "From multi-level marketing port for law enforcement in African Union Member States, scams to credit card fraud on an industrial scale, the increas-Jalel Chelba, Afripol's Executive ing volume and sophistication Director, said in the statement. of cybercrime attacks is of serious concern," said Valdecy In Kenya, the police made nearly two dozen arrests in an Urquiza, the Secretary General online credit card fraud case of Interpol. linked to losses of USD 8.6 mil-Interpol pinpointed 35,000 viclion. In the West African country of Senegal, officers arrest-

tims, with cases linked to nearly USD 193 million in financial losses worldwide, stating that local police authorities and private sector partners, including internet service providers, played a key role in the opera-

ven malware and advanced cyberattack techniques.

Öther dismantled networks included a group in Cameroon suspected of using a multi-level marketing scam for human trafficking, an international criminal group in Angola running an illegal virtual casino and a cryptocurrency investment scam in Nigeria, the agency said. Interpol, which has 196 mem-

ed eight people, including five ber countries and celebrated its Chinese nationals, for a USD 6 centennial last year, works to million online Ponzi scheme. help national police forces Chelba said Afripol's focus communicate with each other now includes emerging threats like Artificial Intelligence-driand track suspects and criminals in fields like counterterror-

ism, financial crime, child pornography, cybercrime and

organised crime. The world's biggest — if not best-funded - police organisation has been grappling with new challenges including a growing caseload of cybercrime and child sex abuse, and increasing divisions among its member countries. Interpol had a total budget of

about 176 million euros (about USD 188 million) last year, compared to more than 200 million euros at the European Union's police agency, Europol, and some USD 11 billion at the FBI in the United States.

movie review site Douban and is regarded as one of the highest-rated Indian films in recent years. Nithilan Directed by Swaminathan, the film stars actors Vijay Sethupathi,

Anurag Kashyap, Mamta Mohandas and Natty Natraj. It hit the Indian screens on June 14 and was a huge hit. Maharaja — which is titled 'Yin Guo Bao Ying' in Chinese — will be first Indian film to be screened in China after both the countries firmed up an agreement on patrolling and disengagement of troops along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh, in a major breakthrough to end the over fouryear border standoff.



### New NATO chief Rutte says alliance Sri Lanka to present interim budget on Dec 5

### PTI COLOMBO

The interim budget of the new government will be presented on December 5 while the full budget for 2025 would be presented on February 17, the government announced on

Tuesday. "There would be a submission of an interim budget to the Parliament for the continuation of government functions and debt servicing from January to April 2025," government spokesman and Minister Nalinda Jayathissa told reporters.

The interim budget would be presented on December 5 and would seek parliament's approval on December 6, he

said referring to a cabinet deci-President Anura Kumara sion on Monday.

He also announced that the full budget for 2025 would be presented in parliament on February 17 next year. Earlier last week, the new

parliament of Sri Lanka – the 10th parliament since 1978 was convened on Thursday for the first session after the ruling National People's Power's (NPP) landslide electoral victory. Soon after his presidential victory in September, President Anura Kumara Dissanayake

had announced parliamentary polls. The ruling NPP created history in the November 14 election by winning 159 seats in the 225-member assembly.

Meanwhile, Sri Lankan

Dissanayake plans to visit China following his proposed official trip to India, Cabinet spokesman Nalinda Javathissa said on Tuesday.

Jayathissa said an official invitation has been handed to Dissanayake by the Chinese Ambassador in Colombo.

Dissanavake's first over seas visit will take place in the third week of December to India, a Cabinet spokesman said, adding that no dates have been fixed.

On November 18, Foreign Minister Vijitha Herath said that Dissanavake will visit India at the invitation of the Indian government in mid-December. External Affairs Minister S

Jaishankar who became the first foreign dignitary to call on Dissanayake when he was elected President in September had extended the invitation.

Jaishankar visited Sri Lanka in October since the National People's Power (NPP) government led by Dissanavake came to power on September 23.

On Monday, a top Chinese delegation led by Sun Haiyan, the Vice Minister of the International Department of the Central Committee, met Dissanayake in Colombo.

The Chinese delegation reaffirmed China's willingness to assist Sri Lanka and Dissanayake expressed his gratitude to China for steadfastly assisting Sri Lanka

### needs further support Ukraine AP ATHENS

MATO's new Secretary General Mark Rutte on Tuesday said the alliance "needs to go further" to support Ukraine in its fight against a Russian invasion and accused Moscow of dangerously escalating the conflict by bringing in thousands of North Korean troops.

"In pursuing its illegal war in Ukraine, Russia makes use of North Korean weapons and troops, Iranian drones and Chinese dual use goods for its defense industry," Rutte said while on a visit to Greece. "This is a dangerous expansion of the

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the general public that original allottee of Plot No. JH-02, Sector 159, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Smt. Kalawati, wife of Late Sujan Singh, resident of Village Jhatta, Tehsil and District Gautam

Tesidenti of village Jitata, Tenisi and District Gattatin Budh Nagar Had registered a will in favour of Smt. Madhu Chauhan, wife of Shri Rohtas Singh Chauhan, resident of 47-2, Pratag Vinar, Ghazibada, currently resident of GT-28. Sector 70, Noida, of Khata No 70 and Khasra No 192, Village Jhatta, in respect of residentia Jol No. JH-02, Sector 155, Noida, Gautan

war and a challenge to global peace and security. Rutte, a former Dutch prime

minister who took over as NATO chief last month, met Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis in Athens and thanked him for Greek support for Ukraine that includes weapons and ammunition, as well as training for F-16 pilots and technicians. "Our support for Ukraine has kept them in the fight, but we need to go further to change the trajectory of the conflict," Rutte said.

Greece spends over 3% of its gross domestic product on defense, above the 2% committed minimum for NATO members, and is seeking a change in European Union budget rules to allow for greater military spending. It also wants to help create a common European air defence system. "We agree on one of the fundamental priorities for all allies: the need to strengthen our collective defence, a goal that requires a strong defence industry with significant investments," Mitsotakis said, adding that Athens backed "a more functional relationship between NATO and the European Union, to further strengthen the European pillar of the alliance."

been discussing plans to boost defence investments for months due to the ongoing war in Ukraine and uncertainty surrounding the incoming US administration following the election victory of President-

elect Donald Trump. Rutte's visit to Athens follows meetings with Trump in Florida and Turkish leaders in Ankara Monday, Rutte also held talks with Greece's Minister of Foreign Affairs George Gerapetritis and Minister of Defence Nikos Dendias. Several thousand protesters marched through central Athens in opposition to the NATO chief's visit.

Europe's NATO members have

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construction of flats and other changes in original sanctioned plans. A copy of earlier

approved building plans and super imposed plans are available on the website

The said plans can also be perused in the office of company on address mentioned

above as well as site office of the company and also in the office of Senior Town

Any bonafide Allottee having any objection/suggestion on such changes may file

his/her/its objection in the office of Senior Town Planner, Town & Country Planning

Department, Sector 14, HSVP Complex, Gurugram within 30 days of publication of this

notice under intimation to the company, failing which it shall be assumed that there are

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# Rebel group takes key border town, a rare earth mining hub, in setback for military regime

### AP BANGKOK

powerful rebel group has Aseized a key trading town in northeastern Myanmar on the Chinese border, taking control of a lucrative rare earth mining hub in another setback for the military-led government, according to witnesses.

The apparent loss of Kanpaiti to the Kachin Independence Army leaves Myanmar's military in control of only one town with a border crossing, Muse, and deprives it of potential profits from the mines that provide China with rare earth minerals critical for electric motors and wind turbines, as well as hightech weapons and a broad range of electronics

Neither Col Naw Bu, the KIA's spokesperson, nor Thet Swe, spokesperson for the military, responded to multiple requests for comment, but several local media outlets reported that Kanpaiti fell last week. The ongoing civil war and military restrictions make travel for journalists

Philippine Vice-Prez

summoned over

her public threats

against President

**AP** ■ MANILA (PHILLIPINES)

Philippine authorities hand-ed a subpoena to Vice

President Sara Duterte's office

Tuesday, inviting her to answer

investigators' questions after

she publicly threatened to have

the president, his wife and the

House of Representatives

on October 27, 2023

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nearly impossible, but the reports were confirmed by witnesses by telephone.

Video clips circulating on social media, which could not be independently verified, showed what was said to be a KIA member raising the group's flag at the tunnel through the mountain to China. Other clips showed a vast quantity of weapons allegedly captured by the KIA.

The military seized power from the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi in February 2021, triggering intensified fighting with long-established armed militias organised by Myanmar's ethnic minority groups in its border regions which have struggled

for decades for more autonomy. The once-mighty armed forces, known as the Tatmadaw, have suffered a series of unprecedented defeats over the past year, especially in areas to the east near the Chinese border and in the western state of Rakhine, after an alliance of three powerful militias launched a coordinated offensive

Since then, other militias organised along ethnic lines have joined in, including the KIA in the northern state of Kachin. In Kachin's so-called Special Region 1, where Kanpaiti is located, the KIA since late September has been increasing assaults on a rival ethnic militia, the New Democratic Army-Kachin, which is allied with the

government military and had provided border guard forces. The NDA-K also controlled the web of small, unlicensed operations where heavy rare earth elements are mined, then sold directly to China's big stateowned mining conglomerates

or through intermediaries. There are more than 300 unreg ulated mines in the area, producing most of the USD 1.4 billion in rare earths for sale to China last year "at a terrible cost to the environment and local communities, according to a report issued by London-based environmental group Global Witness in May. It's not clear how much of the profits flowed to the military government, and how much directly to the NDA-K, however, and while the loss of any revenue stream would be bad for the military, the fall of Kanpaiti is not necessarily a game changer for the overall conflict, said Morgan Michaels, a Singapore-based analyst with the International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS) who runs its Myanmar Conflict Map project.

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This is to inform the general public that Smt. Gainda Devi is the GPA Holder Property No. 58

area measuring 62 ½ Sq. Yds., Block- A-1Out of Khasra No. 104/8/1 Situated at Village- Palam

Colony known as Rajapuri New Delhi. She is oossession through GPA, ATS & Will Date 22.10.1982 executed by Smt. Rati Ram in favour o

### वर्तमान प्लॉट सं0- SH-11, सैक्टर—145, नोएडा PUBLIC NOTICE It is for genral information that A request has beer made for transfer of plot no. D-3, Area 8160.00 sq.m ndustrial Area Surajpur Site-5, Kasna, Greater Noida n favour of M/s Envirotech Systems Limited has en requested for setting up of steel fabrication unit The executed List Lease Deed of the said plot dated

Limited, ne / sine should like a written objection in the office of the Regional Manager of Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority, Administrative Building, Kasna, Gautam Budh Nagar within 15 days from the date of publication of the notice. Transfer related action will be taken after the prescribed date and no objection will be considered after that. लिए मेरे मुविक्कल की कोई जिम्मेदारी नही होगी। मोब. नं0— 9999057392, 8527616246.

Supreme Court of India, New Delhi

Form no INC-26 [Pursuant to rule 30 the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014) rtisement to be published in the newspa hange of registered office of the Compa from one State to another State.

BEFORE THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, NORTH

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the Company proposes to make application to

The state of the company to trange its registered officie from National Capital territory Delhi to the state of Uttar Pradesh." Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the Company may deliver on MCA portal (www.mca.gouin) by filling investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/ her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature if his/ her Interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Directors, Northern Region B-2 wing, 2nd floor, pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, 2nd floor, GCO complex, New Delhi-110003 within fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy of the applicant Company at its registered office at the address of Registered Office - 81/H3, Ground floor, Mohan Co-operative, Mathura Rd, industrial area, Block b, Badarpur, South Delhi, New Delhi, Delhi, India, 110044 (Present Address) BY THE ORDER OF BOARD FOR CNW COURIER

Address) BY THE ORDER OF BOARD FOR CNW COURIER

NETWORK INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED AMAN GUPTA (DIRECTOR) DIN: 10227583 KOORI BARGADI KOT BHABHUWA GONDA COLONELGANJ UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA 271311

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PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given to the General Public on behalf of our client that Mrs. Anuradha is claiming to be owner of Residential Flat No. SF-04, on Second Floor without roof rights built on Plot bearing No. B-180, area measuring 100 so., vds., out of Khasra No. 233, situated at Rail Vihar Shehixari Awas Smith I'd in the area of Vilane Sadvalabad Daranana & Public Notice To be known to all that I,Ishu Sikka W/o Manish Sikka To be known to all that Jishu Sirkka Wio Manish Sirkka Rio Fiat No.35-C.Si/FBI/Wirk.B\_Bast of Kailash,ND-65 owner of DDA SFS-I flat no.35-C,Si/FBI/k/pkt-B,East of Kailash, ND-65 has applied for conversion of the aforesaid property from leasehold to freehold wide ap-plication No.DDAHCA50108986 dt. 25.10.2024 in DDA. Criginal document i.e. Allocation/Sth & Final Demand Letter. of above property have hean lost An EIR anai No. 233, situated at Rail Vihar Shehkari Awas Smiti Ltd, in the area of Village Saddulabad, Raragana & Tehsil Loni, District Ghaziabad, U. P. Ali 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 objections's upon the ownership of above owner over the said property, its sale/mort-gage/iligation, and any other objections, kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 7 days of the present. Kumar & Associates (Advorates & Consultants) Letter, of above property have been lost, An FIR agai-nst this effect has been lodged in Police station. Any persons claiming any right, interest, having any object-ion or found in possession of original documents may ion or tound in possession of original documents may write/cont with above named person at above add/Ph 9373483512 with 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to this property can personally inform or write to Director Housing-I or Dy. Director (SFS), D-Block, 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, N.D.-23 PUBLIC NOTICE



Smt. Gainda Devi in respect of the said Property. Smt. Gainda Devi in respect of the said Property. Smt. Gainda Devi intends to transfer the ownership by way of Sale Deed of aforementioned property to Mr. Nitin Malkoti. Subsequently, Mr. property to Mr. Nuth Malkoti. Subsequently, Mr. Nithi Malkoti is in the process of mortgaging the said property with Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited. Any objections or concerns regarding this transaction should be raised within a period of 15 days from the date of this public notice. Any objections submitted after the completion of this 15-day period will not be considered binding with respect to the said property or the interests of our client.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

My client HDFC Bank Ltd, Capital Court, Munirka, New Delhi, in the business of Housing Loan, from whom Mr. Aashish Vilas Tale and Mrs. Urmila ashish Tale has taken a housing loan against Flat No. M-1307, 13th Floor, Ashiana Town-Beta (05 to 08) Sector-

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> Sunny Chauhan Advocate & Legal Consultant

BEFORE THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, NORTH REGION OFFICE, DELHI In the matter of sub-section 4 of section 13 of the Companies Act 2013 and clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules 2014 AND In the matter of CNW Courier Network India Private Limited (CIN: US200D12023FTC416128) A Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013 and having its registered office at B1/H3, Ground Floor, Mohan Co-Operative, Mathura Rd, Industrial Area, Block B, Badarpur, Youth Delhi, New Delhi, Delhi, India, 110044 Petitioner Notice is hereby given to the general public that

the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on Thursday 17TH OCTOBER 2024 AT 10:00 AW to enable the company to change its registered office from National Capital territory Delibit of he utto of Ultra Wordsor V.

residential plot No. JH-02, Sector 159, Noda, Gautam Budh Nagar, received In lieu of the above 5 percent Naksha 11 of Nisan quota. Which is registered in Sub-Registrar's Office, Noida, in the same No. 3, Document No. 172, dated 16/03/2011. Original alottee of the above residential plot, Smt. Kalawati, died on 14/11/2015. Therefore, on the hasis of the said will, an application has been made for transfer or mutation of the above property in favour of Mrs. Madhu Chauhan, If anyone has any objection in this regard, then within 30 days of the publication of this regidential. Plot Office, Noida. Development Authority, Sector 6. No objection will be valid later. Department, Haryana Chandigarh vide Memo No ZP-768-Vol.IV/JD(RA)/2024/36068 dated 22.11.2024 for its residential group housing colony project for Tower D,E & J (earlier known as Tower F). license No. 64 of 2011 dated 16.07.2011 granted for setting up Group Housing Colony (Imperia Esfera) on an area measuring 17.00 acre. And whereas the office of Director General Town & Country Planning, Harvana Chandigarh has asked company to invite objections from existing bonafide Allottees सार्वजनिक सूचना regarding (i) Change in Nomenclature of Tower-F to Tower-J and also change in सर्वसाधरण को सूचित किया जाता है कि आवासी location/orientation of Tower J without approval of revised building plans (ii) भरवण्ड खसरा नं0 862 और खाता सं0 453 प्लॉट Basement-2 has been constructed without sanctioned plan. However both the changes शहदरा कुल रकबा 345.55 वर्गमीटर जिसक are in conformity with Haryana Building code-2017. Accordingly, the objections are

killed in an unspecified plot herself.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr on Monday described her threat as a criminal plot and vowed to fight it and uphold the rule of law in the country in a looming showdown between the country's two top leaders.

The national police and the military expressed alarm and immediately boosted Marcos's security. National Security Adviser Eduardo Ano said the threats were a national security concern.

Duterte, a 46-year-old lawyer, said her remarks were not an actual threat but an expression of concern over her own safety due to unspecified danger to her life. The Marcos administration's statements against her were "a farce" and part of efforts to persecute critics like her, Duterte said.

The subpoena ordered Duterte to appear before the National Bureau of Investigation on Friday to "shed light on the investigation for alleged grave threats?

Duterte said Monday she was willing to face an investigation but demanded the Marcos administration also respond to her questions, including alleged irregularities in govern ment.

Under Philippine law, such public remarks may constitute a crime of threatening to inflict a wrong on a person or their family and is punishable by a prison term and fine.

Marcos ran with Duterte as his vice-presidential running mate in 2022 elections and both won landslide victories on a campaign call of national unity. In the Philippines, the two positions are elected separately. The two leaders and their camps, however, soon had a bitter falling out over key differences, including in their approaches to China's aggressive territorial claims in the disputed South China Sea. Duterte resigned from the Marcos Cabinet in June as education secretary.

CHANGE OF NAME No.15782800F L/Hav (OPR) S. Kulanthaivel, R/o-Vill- Saluppapatti, Po-Kudiseri, Tk- Peraiyur, Dist-Madhurai, TN- 625705, have changed my minor son's name from K. Jeya Kumar to K. Jeyakumar, vide affidavit

dated 26/11/2024 before Notary Public Delhi. PD(974)C

I, JC-678256M NB SUB Deepak Chauhan, R/o- 2936, Raj Enclave, Adityapuram, Gwalior, M.P.- 474020, declare that Nishi is my wife, in my service record her D.O.B is wrongly recorded as 15/07/1984, whereas her correct D.O.B is 02/07/1981. PD(975)C

I, Dalip Singh, Father of- JC-385819L Sub Mukesh Kumar, R/o- VPO- Jarwa, Teh+Dist-Mahendragarh, Haryana, have changed my name from Dalip Singh to Dalip, with my correct D.O.B. as 01/01/1951, vide affidavit 26/11/2024 before Notary Public Delhi. PD(976)C

I, Santosh Devi, Mother of-JC-385819L Sub Mukesh Kumar, R/o- VPO-Jarwa, Teh+Dist- Mahendragarh, Haryana, have changed my name from Santosh Devi to Santosh, with my correct D.O.B. as 01/01/1950, vide affidavit dated 26/11/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

> I, Vibhash Kumar S/o Radhe Prasad Yadav R/o Agahpur, Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P-201301 have changed my name from Bibhash Kumar to Vibhash Kumar for all future purposes.

New Delhi 110049. Request all public, clients and stakeholders to update your records for all future correspondence Dated: 27.11.24 Place: Delhi PROVISION OF GRID CONNECTED ROOF TOP

SOLAR POWER PLANTS Tender Notice No. : Sr.DEE/LMG/26 of 2024-25, dtd, 22-11-2024; E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the ollowing work; SN-1; Tender No.:

Provision of Grid connected Roof top Solar power plants for Residential uilding over Lumding Division. Tender Value: ₹.14,24,85,280/-; Earnest Money .8,62,400/-; SN-2; Tender No.: EL/LM/ 24-25/23-RT: Name of Work : Provision of Grid connected Roof top Solar power plants for Station buildings over umding Division. Tender Value: 17.30.18.848.02/-; Earnest Money ₹.10, 15, 100/-; Date & time of closing of above tenders at 15:00 hrs. and opening at 15:30 hrs. on 13-12-2024. For complete nformation with the tender document of bove e-tender will be available up to

15:00 hrs. on 13-12-2024 in website http://www.ireps.gov.in.

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SIGNALLING WORK E-Tender Notice No.: N-2024-K-24; dated. 22-11-2024. E-tenders are dated invited by the undersigned for the lowing work: SL. No.1; Tender No. N-2024-K-24; Name of the work: Signalling work for BG TTR (P) of the existing 60 Kg rail 1 in 12 (FS) by 60 kg 1 in 12 (TWS) Pt No. 101 at Ambari Falakata yard, Pt No. 111, 113, 115, 116 at Belakoba yard, Pt No. 121, 122 at Raninagar Jalpaiguri yard, BG TTR (P) of the existing 52 kg rail 1 in 8.5 (FS) by 60 Kg 1 in 8.5 (FS) Pt. No. 107, 108 at Panjipara yard, Pt no. 108, 111 at Gaisal vard, BG TTR (P) of the existing 60 kg rail 1 in 12 (FS) by 60 Kg 1 in 12

(TWS) with sleeper Pt No. 102, 103, 104, 105, 107, 125, 124, 123, 122, 121, 127 at Ambari Falakata yard, Pt No. 101, 105, 106, 103 at Belakoba yard, Pt No. 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107, 126, 124, 125, 127, 131 at Raninagar Jalpaigur PD(977)C yard under the jurisdiction of DEN/Line

Katihar. Tender Value: ₹78,48,286.81; Earnest Money: ₹1,57,000.00. E-tender will be closed at 15:00 hrs. on 13-12-2024 and opened at 15:30 hrs. on 13-12-2024. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15.00 hrs of 13-12-2024 in website http://www.ireps.gov.in PD(978)C

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movement of file one file containing the original Flat Buyer Agreement dated 19.10.2013. Allotment Letter dated 25.09.2013, Tripartite Agreement dated 12.11.2013, Permission to Mortgage dated 25.09.2013 and Two Payment receipts is not traceable which was lost/misplaced, if any body find the same may return to the

undersigned, if anybody misuses the same, the same shall be at his/their own risk and cost. Karnail Singh, (Advocate), K-8, LGF Jangpura Extn, New Delhi-110014. EL/LM/24-25/22-RT; Name of Work :

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1) Rate contract for procurement of Implants material at GGSMCH Faridkot 2)SSMA Services of various photocopier machines 3)Providing of Pest control services 4) Rate contract for the purchase of Xerox Toner an copy cartridges for photocopier machines 5)Supply and installation of Skir Graft Mesher 6)Supply and installation of Patient Bath Trolly machine 7 Procurement and installation of Neurosurgical Electric drill at GGSMCH Faridkot 8) Rate contract for supply of Radiopharmaceuticals in Nuclear machine department at GGSMCH, Faridkot 9) Supply and installation of NCT Machine 10) Supply and Installation of Electrocautry

### E-tender are invited for the procurements of following items upt 17.12.2024

1) Re-construction of damaged boundary wall from TB ward upto wate vorks of GGSMC&H, Faridkot 2) Raising height of boundary wall & provid ing concertina coil fencing around boundary wall from water works to Aara (Sadiq Road) in GGSMC&H, Faridkot 3) Raising height of boundary wall 8 providing concertina coil fencing around boundary wall from Aara marke to class 4 quarters in GGSMC&H, Faridkot 4) Special Repair of Old Pharmacy Block (Shed) in GGSMC, Faridkot 5) Construction of shed for four wheelers vehicles in premises of BFUHS, Faridkot 6) Repair of 8 nos washrooms of MBBS Girls Hostel, Repair of damaged RCC parapet walls, eakage of damaged ceiling plaster, painting, Distempering of Block no.1 8 2 in GGS Medical Residential Complex, Faridkot 7) Providing fixing and up gradation of Electrical works at Laundry Plant in GGSMC&H, Faridkot 8 Special Repair of Laundry Plant in GGSMC&H, Faridkot 9) Supply an installation of Physiotherapy equipments at SINPMS, Badal. 10) Procurement of Projectors and IT equipments.

and conditions can be downloaded http://eproc.punjab.gov.in. The tenders will be accepted in E-Tende mode only. Bidder can also download tender notification and docume from the University website i.e. www.bfuhs.ac.in Registra

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From 11:00 Hrs of Dt.28.11.2024 to 12:00 Hrs of Dt.17.12.2024 Up to 12:00 Hrs of Dt.17.12.2024 Last date & time of submission of bid:

12:00 Hrs onwards of Dt.18.12.2024

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	THE PUNJAB STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATI SCO 153-155. SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH-160022. EPABX NO. 0172- Notice Inviting Tender w	
Cas	aled tenders are hereby Invited for the purchase and supply of following items:-	
r. o.	Name of Work/Item	Period/Tentative Qty
	For Verka Head Office, Chandigarh Automatic Machine Made Ghee Tins with C. Boxes. i. ½ Kg ii. 1 Kg iii. 2 Kg iii. 2 Kg	Annual/ 15 Lac 20 Lac 1 Lac 50 K
	For Verka Chandigarh Dairy I. Manual tenders:- a) Tutty fruity b) Spong cake(Veg.) c) Calcium Choride d) Kassatta box e) Plastic tray for Kassatta slice f) Kassatta dibbi	Annual
1	II. e-Tenders:- a) Pouches & rolls i. Kaju pinni rolls ii. Besan burfi rolls iii. Punjabi kulfi pouches iv. Ice candies rolls (40) (all variants) v. Ice cream bar rolls (40)ml) (all variants) b) Flavours and colours	Annual
	c) Sweet boxes for kaju pinni (800gm, 400 gm, 2kg) d) Nitric Acid e) 1.25 litre ice cream brick cartons f) Punjabi kulfi sticks g) Wooden sticks (114x10x2mm) h) Sundae magic cups For Verka Mohali Dairy	Annual Annual Half Yearly Annual Half Yearly Annual
	Hiring of Agency for packaging of dahi pouch/cups/matkas, lassi pouches, kheer cups, ghee, paneer and yoghurt, packaging and recombination of white butter and reconstitution of SMP/WMP & Sugar.	As per day to day requirement of market.
	<ul> <li>For Verka Sangrur Dairy</li> <li>i. Supply, installation and commissioning of GC (Gas Chromatography) Machine with RP- HPLC Machine under NPDD PB 09 project.</li> <li>ii. Hiring of :- <ul> <li>a) Insulated road milk tanker for transportation of milk from MCC/BMC to Milk Plant, Sangrur.</li> <li>b) Passenger vehicle with fuel Diesel/ Petrol/ CNG (Swift Dzire, Toyota Etios, Bolero or equivalent) at Verka Sangrur Dairy for Field/Extension work.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	- Annual/04 No's Annual/01 No.
i	For Verka Bathinda Dairy i. Supply of Rice Husk for Boilers. ii. Pest Control services.	3500 MT (+-10%) Annual/ 01 Complete Job
	For Verka Amritsar Dairy a) e-Tender for hiring of vehicles for supply of Fresh Milk and Milk Products at i. Army Route -1 ii. Local Route-1 iii. Local Route-6	Annual
	iii. Local Route-6 b) e- Tender for the Disposal of Unserviceable Material. c) Purchase Of :- i. Polypropylene bottles cap. 180ml with caps. ii. Printed shrink sleeve rolls for PP bottles cap. 180ml. iii. Corrugated tray for PP bottles cap. 180ml.	61 Items Annual
- I	d) Outsourcing of Security, Housekeeping and Hotriculture activities.     For Verka Mega Dairy, Bassi Pathana.	Annual



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# **First generation entrepreneur and Essar group co-founder Shashi Ruia dies**

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Shashikant Ruia, a first-generation entrepreneur who turned a small construction business into an infrastructure conglomerate, died after a prolonged illness. He was 80.

Shashi Ruia, as he was fondly called, co-founded the metals-to-technology conglom-erate Essar with his brother Ravi. Ruia, who would have turned

81 next month, died in Mumbai around midnight. He had returned from the US, where he was undergoing treatment, about a month back.

"It is with profound grief that we inform of the passing of

Shashikant Ruia, Patriarch of the Ruia and Essar Family," the Ruia famassets.

ily said in a statement. He is survived by his wife Manju and two sons Prashant and Anshuman. Starting his career in 1965

under the guidance of his father Nand Kishore Ruia, Shashi and his brother Ravi laid the foundation of Essar in 1969 when they bagged a Rs 2.5 crore order from the Madras Port Trust for the construction of an outer

breakwater in the port. In the early years, Essar focused on construction and engineering projects and built a number of bridges, dams and power plants. In the 1980s, Essar diversified into

the energy sector with the acquisition of oil and gas

A decade later, it became a significant player in steel and telecommunications, setting up a large steel plant in Gujarat, and rising to become India's second-largest telecom operator in a joint venture with Hutchison. It also went on to build an oil refinerv in Gujarat despite funds being stopped because of business rivals.

Later, it exited the telecom business, sold the oil refinery to a consortium led by Russia's Rosneft and had to let go of steel plants to ArcelorMittal when insolvency proceedings were initiated to recover unpaid loans.

ESSAR

Today, Essar Global Fund structure, energy, metals and Ltd, which oversees the busimining, technology, and sernesses co-founded by the Ruia vices. According to the Essar brothers, manages assets

across sectors such as infra-Group's website, these portfolio companies generate combined revenues of USD 14 billion.

"With an unwavering commitment to community upliftment and philanthropy, he touched millions of lives leaving an enduring impact. His humility, warmth, and ability to connect with everyone he met, made him a truly exceptional leader," the Ruia family statement said.

An iconic industrialist, Shri Shashikant Ruia, Chairman, Essar Group, played a signif-icant role in redefining India's corporate landscape. He laid the foundation of the Essar Group and made it a global conglomerate."

His "extraordinary legacy will remain a guiding light for

all of us, as we honour his vision and continue to uphold the values he cherished and championed," it added.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi called Ruia a 'towering figure' in his condolence message.

"Shri Shashikant Ruia Ji was a colossal figure in the world of industry. His visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to excellence transformed the business landscape of India. He also set high benchmarks for innovation and growth. He was always full of ideas, always discussing how we can make our country better. Shashi Ji's demise is deeply saddening. My deepest condolences to his family and

loved ones in this hour of grief. Om Shanti," the PM wrote on social media platform X (formerly Twitter). He also posted a picture of him with Ruia.

Ruia held several prominent positions in national and industry organisations. He was part of the managing committee of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and served as chairman of the Indo-US Joint Business Council. He was also the former president of the Indian National Shipowners Association and a member of the Prime Minister's Indo-US CEO Forum and the India-Japan Business Council.

# Sensex, Nifty snap two-day rally on weak global trends after Trump's tariff threats

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All Adani group stocks ended lower, with Adani Green Energy tumbling 7.05 per

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 $B_{\mathrm{and}}^{\mathrm{enchmark}}$  indices Sensex the two-day rally and closed lower on Tuesday in line with weak global market trends amid concerns over tariff threats by US President-elect Donald Trump. In a volatile trade, the 30-share Sensex declined 105.79

points or 0.13 per cent to set-tle at 80,004.06. During the day, it lost 311.18 points or 0.38 per cent to 79,798.67.

The broader NSE Nifty declined by 27.40 points or 0.11 per cent to 24,194.50. From the 30-share Sensex

pack, UltraTech Cement, Adani Ports, Sun Pharma, NTPC, Tata Motors, Mahindra & Mahindra, Larsen & Toubro and Power Grid were among the biggest laggards.

Asian Paints, Infosys, JSW Steel, Tata Consultancy Services and Reliance Industries were among the biggest gainers.

Global stock markets Global oil benchmark Brent declined following concerns over US President-elect crude climbed 0.71 per cent to USD 73.58 a barrel. Donald Trump's comment



tariffs on Mexico, Canada the BJP pulling off a stunning and China as soon as he takes performance in Maharashtra, winning a record number of In Asian markets, Seoul, seats to propel the party-led Tokyo and Shanghai settled ruling Mahayuti alliance to a lower while Hong Kong landslide victory.

The BSE benchmark jumped 992.74 points or 1.25 per cent to settle at 80,109.85 on Monday. The Nifty surged 314.65 points or 1.32 per cent to 24,221.90.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) turned buyers on Monday after unabated selling for the past many They bought equities days. worth Rs 9,947.55 crore, Benchmark equity indices according to exchange data.

# Rupee falls 3 paise to close at 84.32 against US dollar

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Rupee fell 3 paise to close at 84.32 (provisional) against US dollar on Tuesday, as the greenback strengthened on Donald Trump's tariff plans and a muted trend in domestic equities.

Forex traders said US President elect Donald Trump's comments that he would impose additional 10 per cent tariffs on Chinese goods and impose a 25 per cent levy on imports from Mexico and Canada has affected risk sentiment.

Traders are also awaiting the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) minutes of the November 7 meeting for further cues.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 84.27 and touched an intraday high of 84.22 and low of 84.35 against the greenback. The unit ended the session at 84.32 (provisional) against the dollar, registering a fall of 3 paise over its previous close. On Monday, the rupee appreciated 12 paise to close at 84.29 against US dollar. "Traders look forward to the



FOMC minutes of the November 7 meeting to be released later tonight. The USD-INR pair may continue to trade in the 84-84.50 in the short term. Interim support is said. at 84.11," said Praveen Singh Associate VP, Fundamental Currencies and Commodities, Sharekhan by BNP Paribas. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six tle at 24,194.50 points. currencies, was trading higher by 0.06 per cent at 106.87. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.79 per cent to USD 73.59 per barrel in futures trade.

The overall strength of the data.

### Most Gen Z professionals prefer growth path, mentorship over salary: Report

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# HC stays clean energy agency's bar on Anil Ambani firm

### PTI NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court has stayed clean energy agency SECI's decision to bar Anil Ambani group firm Reliance Power Ltd from participating in auctions for three years, the company said on Tuesday.

The Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) had earlier this month barred Reliance Power and its units from par-American currency and eleticipating in auctions for three vated crude oil prices are years over allegations of submitting a fake bank guarantee likely to strain India's trade to support its bid for a recent balance, creating challenges for the rupee, forex traders battery storage tender.

"High Court of Delhi, in its In the domestic equity marhearing held today, has grantket, the 30-share BSE Sensex ed stay on notice of debarment fell 105.79 points, or 0.13 per and public notice issued by cent, to close at 80,004.06 SECI against the company, points, while Nifty fell 27.40 including all its subsidiaries points, or 0.11 per cent, to setexcept Reliance NU BESS Limited (formerly known as Foreign Institutional Maharashtra Energy Investors (FIIs) turned net Generation Limited)," the firm said in a stock exchange filing. buyers in the capital markets on Monday, purchasing shares worth Rs 9,947.55 Reliance NU BESS had submitted a bank guarantee purcrore, according to exchange portedly issued by the FirstRand Bank through its

branch supposed to be located in Manila City, Manila, the Philippines Upon detailed investigation, it

was confirmed by the Indian branch of the above Bank that there does not exist any such branch of the bank in the Philippines, prompting SECI to conclude that the BG submitted was a fake document.

On November 6, SECI announced debarring Reliance Power and Reliance NU BESS from participating in SECI tenders for three years for submitting "fake documents".

Reliance Power said it had challenged the notice of debarment by SECI in the Delhi High Court.

# **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

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PSU banks to launch new products in 3-4 months to ramp up credit growth: Banking Secy

### PTI NEW DELHI

 $F_{\mathrm{M}}^{\mathrm{inancial}}$  Services Secretary Nagaraju on Tuesday said public sector banks will



tem to the fintech industry including robust digital infrastructure and schemes like PM Suraksha Bima Yojana and Atal Pension Yojana, which

few months to improve credit growth.

We are actually committed to enhancing, and we want to push as much credit as possible because we have a huge number of young people," he said while addressing the Financial Inclusion and Fintech Summit organised by CII here. Public sector banks are going to launch new products in the next 3-4 months to push credit for all sectors, including

MSME, he said. Over the last few years, the government has already taken multiple steps to improve credit availability to small borrowers, including announcing a new credit model in the Budget to lend to borrowers with no previous financial records.

Though the banking sector is robust, Nagaraju said rising digital frauds are posing a risk to financial sector stability, and banks should focus on

addressing this challenge. Both digital innovations and financial literacy will help mitigate this, he added. Speaking on the sidelines,

Nagaraju also said the Banking Amendment Bill tabled in Parliament during the monsoon session will likely be moved in the ongoing winter session. The amendments are aimed at bringing changes to banking regulations, including redefining substantial interest for directors, increasing the number of nominees for bank deposits and changing com-

pliance reporting dates.

India is the third largest country in terms of startups, and there are about 13,000 such entities working in the space. The government remains committed to the goal of financial inclusion and it is working closely with the fintech indus-

try to attain greater inclusivitv, especially in under-penetrated areas. "The government is making a lot of efforts to foster ease of

doing business and reduce compliance burden for the Fintech companies," he noted. He underscored the government's continuous endeavour Speaking on Fintech, he said to provide a facilitating ecosys-

nuge for the industry.

'A fine balance is required between fostering innovation and protecting the regulatory system's integrity," he cautioned.

Speaking on the occasion, Nabard Chairman Shaji KV emphasised the need to bring about technological transformation in a more democratic manner, especially in the rural economy.

While bigger banks have benefited from greater digitisation, cooperative banks and regional rural banks may not have reaped the benefits of digitisation to a similar extent, Shaji added.

Given that these banks may not have sufficient funds to invest in new technologies, it is important that all stakeholders make a greater effort to include RRBs and cooperative banks in new digital endeavours, he said.

over traditional metrics like salary, reflecting a stronger focus on personal and professional development, a report said on Tuesday. Gen Zs (people born between

round 80 per cent of Gen AZ professionals prioritise

the mid-to-late 1990s and early 2010s) adopt a more deliberate approach, seeking clarity and purpose in their careers, unlike those from previous generations for whom financial stability was the primary concern, said a report by jobs and professional networking platform apna.Co.

They aim to build skills that naturally lead to rewards, emphasising a future-oriented, strategic mindset instead of short-term gains, said the report.

The report is based on a survey carried out among 10,000 Gen Z professionals during October and November to explore their professional

preferences and workplace expectations.

Positive work environment emerged as a critical factor for 74 per cent of respondents, indicating the importance of inclusivity, respect and active engagement, it said.

While people of earlier generations often overlooked mentorship and structured learning, Gen Zs demand continuous feedback, collaboration, and recognition.

Gen Zs reject working in isolation or receiving occasional acknowledgement. Instead, they value workplaces that align personal and professional growth, it stated.

Chennai: The Honourable Governor of Tamil Nadu Mr. R.N. Ravi on Tuesday appealed to youth, especially students of law, to take Constitution outside the confines of institutions and to the masses across India "Constitution is the crystallisation of dreams of millions of people - freedom fighters, martyrs who laid down their lives to realise the aspirations of India, and it needs to be celebrated," Mr. Ravi said, while speaking at the Symposium on National Law Day organised by Saveetha School of Law. The Constitution reflects the ideals and dreams to ensure that every citizen got social, economic, and political justice, with a right to dignified life. The Constitution, he said, also gave the direction to achieve goals of founding fathers of this great nation. Now that it has been 76 years since independence, it was now time to take a pause and recall if the ideals of social justice was taken all across the country. Pointing out even in a progressive State like Tamil Nadu, where there were incidents of human waste being discharged into a drinking water tank and untouchability, the Governor said that social justice could not be ensured through implementation of law alone, and that it had come from within every individual, and youth had to be at the forefront of this great cause. He said that India, which was among the wealthiest nations, had also at the same time suffered a lot due to centuries of colonisation and foreign invasions.

# Moody's cuts outlook on Adani firms to negative; Fitch puts some Adani bonds on negative watch

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 $R^{\rm atings\ agency\ Moody's\ said}_{\rm On\ Tuesday\ that\ it\ has\ cut}$ the outlook on the ratings of seven Adani entities to 'negative' from 'stable', citing the US indictment of Chairman Gautam Adani and others on alleged bribery charges, while Fitch Ratings put some bonds of the conglomerate on negative watch.

Moody's affirmed the ratings on all seven entities -- Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd, two limited restricted groups of Adani Green Energy Ltd, Adani Energy Transmission Step-One Ltd, Transportation Adani Restricted group 1 (AESL RG1), Adani Electricity Mumbai Ltd and Adani International Container Terminal Pvt Ltd.

"These rating actions follow the indictment of Adani Green

Energy Ltd's (AGEL) chairman

its capital costs," it said. Gautam Adani and several senior management team members by the US Attorney's Office in a criminal case and the filing of charges by the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in a civil case," Moody's said. The charges and allegations

include bribery of Indian government officials, securities and wire fraud; conspiracy to violate the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and obstruct justice; false statements made in annual reports, and false statements made to the US government in relation to its investi-

gation into the group. "The change in the outlook on the seven Adani entities to negative considers the indictment of Adani and other senior Adani executives on bribery

and other charges, which will likely weaken Adani Group's access to funding and increase

The rating action, Moody's said, recognises the possibility of broader weaknesses in the governance structure across the rated Adani group entities as well as potential operational disruptions, including on their capital spending plans, while

legal proceedings are going. 'Although the allegations and the charges made by US Attorney's Office and SEC pertain to AGEL's chairman and senior management team members, we believe they could have a broader credit impact on all rated Adani Group issuers, given Gautam Adani's prominent role as chairman of each of the rated entities or their parent companies as well as the controlling shareholder," it said. The project finance entities of

the group are not exposed to refinancing risk and do not require any substantial capital



investment, it said, adding that stable if legal proceedings conthey remain exposed to the clude clearly with no material negative credit impact. potential governance weakness and the risks that could arise from any negative findings in the ongoing legal proceedings. Stating that an upgrade of the ratings is unlike-

change the rating outlooks to

"A stable outlook will also be predicated on the group maintaining appropriate financial metrics for the respective ratings, demonstrating its retained ly in the near term, given the access to funding to meet negative outlook on all seven growth initiatives and refiissuers, Moody's said it could nancing requirements, and

strengthening its governance

practices across the group enti-ties," it added. "We could downgrade the ratings of the group entities if the legal proceedings lead to a material disruption to their operations or access to capital. A downgrade is also likely if the group is unable to address or rectify governance issues associated with the ongoing legal proceedings".

on Adani Energy and Adani Electricity Mumbai on negative watch list following the bribery charges and indictment of certain board members of Adani Green Energy Limited (AGEL) by the US Securities and Exchange Commission and

Department of Justice. This, it said, "reflects increased corporate governance risk and potential contagion risk that could affect the funding access and liquidity.

"While the US indictment

and AEML to be sufficient, as mainly involves AGEL's key leadership, the proceedings there are no significant scheduled debt maturities in the and the outcome could reflect significantly weaker corporate next 12-18 months. They also have some flexibility in capex governance practices of the group and lead to negative plans. rating actions. Two of the "We believe the latest develindicted board members opments could hamper the group's funding access. This can significantly affect the belong to the founding shareholders of Adani group, and one of them is a trustee and beneficiary in the SB Adani

Family Trust, which effective-

ly owns a majority of shares in

both AESL and AEML," it said.

Fitch said it will monitor the

investigations for any impact

on the financial flexibility of the

rated entities, particularly any

material deterioration in near-

to medium-term funding

access, including their ability to

roll over existing credit lines or

access new facilities, as well as

potentially higher credit

The rating agency expected the

near-term liquidity of AESL

spreads.

growth plans of AESL, though there is some flexibility in its capex plans. Increased reliance on onshore funding could heighten refinancing risk over the medium term, and a material rise in borrowing costs could reduce operating cash flow generation," it said.

"The impact of a material deterioration in the group's fund-ing access is likely to be limited for AEML, as regulations allow for pass-through of operating and interest costs, limiting the impact on the credit profile even in the event of rising borrowing costs, it said."

Separately, Fitch placed ratings

# sports 11



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# **US** goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher retires from international soccer

### P WASHINGTON

S women's national team goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher, known for her unflappable demeanor in the face of pressure, is retiring from international soccer.

Naeher was on the team's roster for a pair of upcoming matches in Europe but those games will be her last after a full 11 years playing for the United States

Naeher was the starting goalkeeper for the U.S. Team that won the Women's World Cup in 2019 and the gold medal at this year's Olympics in France. She's the only U.S. Goalkeeper to earn a shutout in both a World Cup and an Olympic final.

She made a key one-handed save in stoppage time to preserve the Âmericans' 1-0 victory over Brazil in the

Swanson, who scored the only goal, ran down the length of the field to embrace Naeher at the final whistle. Naeher announced her retirement on social media Monday. 'Every tear shed in the challenging times and disappointments made every smile and celebration in the

final.

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moments of success that much more joyful. This has been a special team to be a part of and I am beyond proud of what we have achieved both on and off the field," she wrote. "The memories I have made over the years will last me a lifetime."

Naeher has been known throughout her career for her calm and steady leadership. She is one of just three goalkeepers to make more than 100 appearances for the



United States.

Naeher made her debut with the national team in 2014 and was a backup to Hope Solo at the 2015 World Cup, which the United States won. She became the team's regular starter following the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics and was on the squad that repeated as World Cup winners in 2019.

For her career, Naeher has appeared 113 games with 110 starts, 88 wins and 68 shutouts. She had four shutouts over the course of the Olympic tournament in France.

In all, she was on the U.S. Roster for three World Cups and three Olympic teams. The 36-year-old has also played for the Chicago Red Stars in the National Women's Soccer League since 2016. She plans to play for Chicago next season.

The United States is headed to Europe for a match against England at Wembley Stadium on Saturday and on Dec. 3 against Netherlands in The Hague.

In addition to her save at the Olympics, Naeher has had many other memorable moments. In the 2019 Women's World Cup semifinals against England, she stopped Steph stopped Houghton's penalty kick in the 83rd minute. The Americans won 2-1 before downing the Netherlands 2-0 in the final.

Earlier this year in the semifinals of the CONCACAF Women's Gold Cup, Naeher made three saves during a penalty shootout with Canada and also converted a penalty kick herself — tucking the ball neatly into the corner of the net.

Iceland coach Åge

ahead of 2026 World

team ahead of the start of World Cup qualifying, and said he plans to retire.

decision to leave in a statement late Monday.

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# **ISL: Mohammedan SC hunt for maiden** home win against upbeat Bengaluru FC

### PTI KOLKATA

Mohammedan SC will be desperate to register their maiden home win of the season when they host Bengaluru FC in the Indian Super League here on

Wednesday. The 12th-placed MSC, competing in their debut ISL season, has suffered three defeats in their previous five matches, along with a

been on a solid ride this their ground early, especially season, winning five games since BFC has also scored on eason, winning five games

Andrey Chernyshov and co encounter between the two will be desperate to avoid. The only consolation they can attain is that Bengaluru's only loss this season came in

Goa. MSC tend to take some time to settle into the proceedings, having conceded four goals in the

opening 15 minutes of the contests this ISL – the highest by any side this

in the tournament, The Blues will be hoping to change that

record with a victory here. Ahead of the meeting, MSC head coach Chernyshov an away match - versus FC heralded BFC and its dominant style of play this season.

"We will play against one of the best teams at the moment. They are very strong and have started the season perfectly. Their style success and a draw each. season. of football makes them one On the other hand, BFC has The hosts will have to hold of the best teams in the ISL, of football makes them one Chernyshov said.

Newcastle's winning run in the Meanwhile

# tournament in the Bahamas AP WASHINGTON

Tiger Woods to skip his holiday

Tiger Woods won't be playing in the Bahamas next week at the Hero World Challenge as he recovers from a sixth back surgery he

from a sixth back surgery he had in September. In announcing Monday on social media he won't be playing, Woods said the 20-man field for his holiday tournament will be filled out by Justin Thomas, Nick Dunlap and Jason Day. Scottie Scheffler is the defending champion.

defending champion.

Woods was unlikely to play in the Bahamas since disclosing Sept. 13 he had yet another surgery on his lower back — his sixth in 10 years — that he hoped would relieve some of the spasms he had experienced this year.

He described it as a

AP NEWCASTLE



surgery of the lumbar spine for nerve impingement, and the recovery time typically is eight to 12 weeks. Woods said while he was disappointed not to play, he looked forward to his role as the tournament host. Woods finished 18th in the 20-man field a year ago.

birth to their first child a week ago, a daughter they named Molly Grace. He has played only once since the

The newcomer to the unofficial event — its gets world ranking points but not official money — is Dunlap, who won a PGA Tour event

Cup qualifying second win. Dunlap joins Woods as the only players to win the U.S. Junior Amateur and the U.S. Amateur. AP REYKJAVIK (ICELAND) Woods, meanwhile, is far Veteran coach Åge Hareide has resigned from the Iceland national

Woods, meanwhile, is lar more likely to play the PNC Challenge on Dec. 14-15 in Orlando, Florida, a 36-hole event with his son, Charlie. Woods is allowed to ride a cart that week because it is sanctioned by the PGA Tour Champions.

A year ago at the Hero World Challenge, Woods spoke about his hopes of playing a big tournament every month. But he withdrew after one round at Riviera and did not play again for nearly two months. He finishes the year completing only 11 rounds. He set a Masters record by making his 24th consecutive cut, and then Woods missed the cut in the other three

'I have enjoyed my time with the Icelandic national team. but I believe that now is the right time to retire," Hareide was quoted as saying in the federation statement. He added that there are

"exciting times ahead" for a team with emerging young leaders.

The next coach's first games are against Kosovo in March in a promotion-relegation playoff in the Nations League where the winner advances to the second tier in the next

edition of the tournament. Iceland will be in the pot of third-seeded teams when FIFA makes the draw for World Cup qualifying groups for Europe on December 13. Only group winners advance directly to the 2026 tournament being co-hosted by the United States, Canada and Mexico.

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Thomas is a two-time PGA as an amateur, left Alabama microdecompression champion whose wife gave to turn pro and picked up a majors.

# Tour Championship.

West Ham surprise Newcastle with

2-0 away win at St James' Park

and drawing twice. They have collected 17 points from eight contests and sit second in the standings.

Bengaluru is in a close battle with table leaders and defending champions Mohun Bagan Super Giant, who also possesses a similar tally - 17 points from eight fixtures. While The Blues look like

the favourite for this tie, the Black Panthers, coming off a goalless draw to city rival East Bengal FC, would want to ride that momentum and go a step further to eventually triumph in a

home outing. No side to date has failed to grab a win in its five home meetings, a record that

four occasions in this phase of the ongoing campaign. Meanwhile, success in this fixture will mark only the second time The Blues would bag 20-plus points after their opening nine engagements in an ISL season (23 points in 2018-19)

They have performed as a cohésive unit under Gerard Zaragoza this season, netting 13 goals and conceding just six, thus maintaining a sufficient stronghold over most clashes. Also, Bengaluru has drawn

and lost twice in its previous five outings while facing a side for the first time in the event. With this being the maiden

highlighted his players' hard work on their technical and movements, tactical especially during the international break. The break was good. We prefer playing matches but

breaks help us look at things technically and tactically. The good thing is that we

noted.

holds an impeccable record of netting against each of the 14 sides he has faced in the

Scoring versus the Black Panthers will make him the first player in the ISL's history to do so against 15

different opponents.

abrupt end when goals from Thomas Soucek and Aaron Wan-Bissaka gave West Ham a surprise 2-0 win at St. James' Park

The Hammers rose into 14th place and the pressure on coach Julen Lopetegui was eased.

The London club has been inconsistent all season and Monday's win was just its fourth in 12 league games.

West Ham was worth it in the end but the three points came courtesy of slack defending by the home side. Emerson whipped in an out-swinging corner after 10 minutes and, with Newcastle defenders rooted to the spot, Soucek stole in to nod home the opener.

Then eight minutes into the second half, captain Jarrod Bowen found Wan-Bissaka in the penalty box and he was left unchallenged and had time to fire an angled drive past Nick Pope.

"The second goal... If you settle on a



lead it can come back to haunt you," Bowen said. Newcastle brought on Harvey Barnes, and then Callum Wilson returned from a long-term back perfectly? injury to make his first appearance of

the season, but to no avail. "I said we needed a performance and we did that," Bowen said. "Newcastle

always score at home so to keep them to a clean sheet and score twice... It's a tough place to come to. We did that

The defeat ended a three-game winning streak for Newcastle and left the Saudi Arabia-owned club in ninth place, four points outside the top four.

five years through 2008. He later took Denmark to the 2018 World Cup — losing to eventual finalist Croatia in a penalty shootout in the round of 16 — and helped it qualify for the European Championship played in 2021. Hareide joined Iceland for

the Euro 2024 qualifying program and the team was one game from the tournament, losing a playoff final against Ukraine in March.

# F1 expands grid to add General Motors' Cadillac brand, new American team for 2026 season

### AP LAS VEGAS

 $F_{\text{expand its grid in 2026 to make}}^{\text{ormula 1 at last said it will}}$ room for an American team that is partnered with General Motors. 'As the pinnacle of motorsports, F1 demands boundary-pushing innovation and excellence. It's an honor for General Motors and Cadillac to join the world's premier racing series, and we're committed to competing with passion and integrity to elevate the sport for race fans around the world," GM President Mark Reuss said. "This is a global stage for us to demonstrate GM's engineering technology expertise and leadership at an entirely new level." The approval ends years of wrangling that launched a U.S. Justice Department investigation into why Colorado-based Liberty Media, the commercial rights holder of F1, would not approve the team initially started by Michael Andretti.

Andretti in September stepped aside from leading his namesake organization, so the 11th team will be called Cadillac F1 and be run by new Andretti Global majority owners Dan Towriss and Mark

Walter. The team will use Ferrari engines its first two years until GM has a Cadillac engine built for competition in time for the 2028 season.

Towriss is the the CEO and president of Group 1001 and entered motorsports via Andretti's IndyCar team when he signed on platform financial savings Gainbridge as a sponsor. Towriss is now a major part of the motorsports scene with ownership stakes in both Spire Motorsports' NASCAR team and Wayne Taylor Racing's sports car team.

Walter is the chief executive of financial services firm Guggenheim Partners and the controlling owner of both the World Series champion Los Angeles Dodgers and Premier League club Chelsea.

"We're excited to partner with General Motors in bringing a dynamic presence to Formula 1," Towriss said. "Together, we're assembling a world-class team that will embody American innovation deliver unforgettable and moments to race fans around the

Mario Andretti, the 1978 F1 world champion, will have an

world?



ambassador role with Cadillac F1. But his son, Michael, will have no official position with the organisation now that he has scaled back his involvement with Andretti Global. 'The Cadillac F1 Team is made up

of a strong group of people that have worked tirelessly to build an American works team," Michael

Andretti posted on social media. "I'm very proud of the hard work they have put in and congratulate all involved on this momentous next step. I will be cheering for vou!'

The approval has been in works for weeks but was held until after last weekend's Las Vegas Grand Prix to not overshadow the showcase

event of the Liberty Media portfolio. Max Verstappen won his fourth consecutive championship in Saturday night's race, the third and final stop in the United States for the top motorsports series in the world.

Grid expansion in F1 is both infrequent and often unsuccessful. Four teams were granted entries in

2010 that should have pushed the grid to 13 teams and 26 cars for the first time since 1995. One team never made it to the grid and the other three had vanished by 2017. There is only one American team on the current F1 grid — owned by California businessman Gene Haas - but it is not particularly competitive and does not field American drivers. Andretti's dream was to field a truly American team with American drivers.

The fight to add this team has been going on for three-plus years and F1 initially denied the application despite approval from F1 sanctioning body FIA. The existing 10 teams, who have no voice in the matter, also largely opposed expansion because of the dilution in prize money and the billions of dollars they've already invested in the series.

Andretti in 2020 tried and failed to buy the existing Sauber team. From there, he applied for grid expansion and partnered with GM, the top-selling manufacturer in the United States. The inclusion of GM was championed by the FIA and president Mohammed Ben Sulayem, who said Michael Andretti's application was the only one of seven applicants to meet all required criteria to expand F1's

current grid. "General Motors is a huge global brand and powerhouse in the OEM world and is working with impressive partners," Ben Sulayem said Monday. "I am fully supportive of the efforts made by the FIA, Formula 1, GM and the team to maintain dialogue and work towards this outcome of an agreement in principle to progress this application?

Despite the FIA's acceptance of Andretti and General Motors from the start, F1 wasn't interested in Andretti - but did want GM. At one point, F1 asked GM to find another team to partner with besides Andretti. GM refused and F1 said it would revisit the Andretti application if and when Cadillac had an engine ready to compete.

'Formula 1 has maintained a dialogue with General Motors, and its partners at TWG Global. regarding the viability of an entry following the commercial assessment and decision made by Formula 1 in January 2024," F1 said in a statement.

World Cup, in 2018 in Russia, becoming the Russia, smallest nation ever to qualify. An international defender for

Norway, Hareide coached the

Norwegian national team for

had the whole squad training with us this week," Zaragoza Bengaluru's Sunil Chhetri competition.



# ICC board to meet on November 29 to DAP **finalise Champions Trophy schedule**

### PTI DUBA

he all-powerful board of the International

Cricket Council will meet virtually on November 29 to finalise the muchdelayed schedule of the Champions Trophy to be held in Pakistan in February-March next year.

The cause of the delay has been India's refusal to play in Pakistan considering the tense relations between the two countries. India has not toured Pakistan since the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks. The BCCI wants the tournament to be played in a hybrid model with India games scheduled in a third country, preferably UAE, something that its Pakistani counterpart has not agreed to

thus far. "The ICC board will meet on November 29 to discuss the Trophy ICC Champions schedule, an spokesperson told PTI on Tuesday.

The crucial virtual meeting takes places two days before BCCI secretary Jay Shah takes over as ICC chairman on December 1.



He and other board members including chair Greg Barclay would be keen to resolve the matter before the new regime left it for the 11th hour. takes over. With the deadlock over the

With the Indian government schedule and venue yet to be firmly sticking to the status broken, questions have been quo, Champions Trophy in a raised against the current hybrid model with India dispensation of the ICC games outside Pakistan is the

most likely option. Sources said that PCB will be and CEO over why it did not

offered financial incentives, resolve the issue earlier and over and above the hosting fees of USD 70 million, to agree to the hybrid model. similar model was followed last year when India played their Asia Cup

matches in Sri Lanka while four group games were hosted by Pakistan.

The PCB has spent millions of dollars to renovate stadiums in Karachi, Lahore and Rawalpindi for what will be its first ICC event since it co-hosted the 1996 World Cup.

Major teams including England and Australia have toured Pakistan recently after years of isolation following the horrific attack on the Sri Lanka team bus in 2009. Since the ICC awarded

Champions Trophy hosting rights to Pakistan in 2021 PČB has been facing constant pressure from the fans to host all the games in the country

PCB has also threatened that it won't send its national teams to India for future ICC events if the latter doesn't border for cross the Champions Trophy.

Having said that, Pakistan toured India for the ODI World Cup last year, the team's first visit to the country in seven years. Both India and Pakistan only play each other in ICC events

and Asia Cup.



# Gukesh draws with Liren in second game of World Championship

### PTI SINGAPORE

Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh bounced back to Grandmaster D draw a largely uneventful second game against defending champion Ding Liren of China in the World Chess Championship here on Tuesday.

Playing with black pieces, Gukesh made a comeback of sorts, having lost to Liren in the opener of the 14-game showdown, on Monday.

It was a good recovery by Gukesh as Liren could do very little with his white pieces and had to share the point

"Draw with black in the world championship match is always nice and it's too early, we still have a long match," the Chennai-based GM said in the post-game press conference.

"I think after I was surprised in the opening, I reacted pretty decently, and I didn't give him any chances. It was a solid game with black, which is nice," he added.

If Monday was the day when nothing he did worked according to plan, Tuesday changed everything for Gukesh as he could not have asked for a better start.

Gukesh just followed the draws basics as the game ended in a draw via repetition soon after black had completed the 23rd turn.

It was one of the quietest variation in the Italian opening as Liren probably did not want to rush things having grabbed a full point advantage in the first game itself.

It may be recalled that the Chinese had won the last world championship match against Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia after coming back from behind as many as three times.

The 32-year-old said he was happy with how he performed in the second round. "In the first game I played

something new in the opening and of course it requires a lot of memory. Today I also played not a common move (for me) 1.E4 and I prepared a lot," Liren said.

"I think it will be a big fight tomorrow. He's a point down and he will have the white pieces, so I am ready for a fight," he added.

Liren's fifth move, when he moved his Queen's knight, was indication enough about his peaceful intentions. There have been many top-level Liren did not press at all while games that have ended in

through this manoeuvre and this game was

no exception. Gukesh just had to develop his pieces randomly and the game

never really got off to a situation where it could be truly called complicated. Both the Bishops and the

Queens were off the board early and what remained were a couple of Knights, the Rooks pair and eight pawns each for both players with hardly any real chances for breakthrough.

The draw was a just result but there was no denying that it was a morale-boosting moment for Gukesh who can now look up to his next game with optimism with the slightly favourable colour in

the game. In head-to-head encounters, Liren has a handsome three-point lead in Classical games and Team Gukesh will now be focused on bringing it down in the USD 2.5 million prize money

championship. The 18-year-old Gukesh is the youngest ever challenger to the world crown and is looking to become the first Indian after the iconic Viswanathan Anand to win the title.

# DREAM

# My backstory always gives me confidence to tackle any situation: Yashasvi Jaiswal

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**D** rought up in penury, the

battle," Jaiswal said during a the three-figure mark, Austral lais television broadcaster Mark Howard. 22-year-old opener The added, "So this is what it and gives me and I am really blessed that I have this life, that can give me a lot of confidence, learnings about myself, how I can believe in me, and how I can go with different through emotions, different situation in my life. "So I think it's just incredible and I really want to thank god for where I am and what I am doing, and I am doing what I love, so I am just happy at the moment. I want to enjoy this with every ball." His journey to fame is a fascinating tale of a strongwilled man making his own destiny. His swashbuckling hundred more than made for the first-innings duck at Perth, where the five-match Test series began from November 22. Asked about his unusual

battle and I want to win the celebration after getting to al said was (an unusual) way to bring up the hundred. In my mind, I was like, I will do this or that, and then suddenly, something happened, and I was like, oh my god, what should I do. "So, I was like, okay, I will just celebrate, and I will enjoy this moment. I was blessed, I was grateful, I enjoyed it, this feeling will stay with me for a long time. "I give kisses to all my loved ones, all my fans who have supported me. I just wanted to give them my love with the kisses.

### Getting Venky was one of our main priorities, says Bravo

### PTI 📕 JEDDAH

Former West Indies all-rounder Dwayne Bravo, who is now the mentor of reigning champions Kolkata Knight Riders, has defended the team's strategy of "going all out" for Venkatesh Iyer to keep the "core" of the IPL championship-winning side intact. Seen as a potential captaincy candidate for KKR, Venkatesh's acquisition has sparked some criticism over why he wasn't retained if leadership was part of the team thinktank's plan for him.

Getting Venky (Venkatesh Iver) was one of the main priorities for us, as you could see, we went all out for him," said Bravo, a four-time IPL winner at Chennai Super Kings.

"It's good that we have 90 per cent of the players from the championship-winning team. That in itself is a positive sign. "It's important to keep your core because when you have to build from scratch it

Umran Malik. "The pace at which he operates, I always admire him -- his work ethic, energy and all. Happy that we're able to nail him down." KKR CEO and MD Venky Mysore added: "The way the retention rules are set up, the RTM rules, the salary caps, marquee players, and the twoday auction -- this was definitely more demanding, for sure. Quite nerve-wracking because of the nuances.



Your home is your legacy, where your memories dreams and hopes all live on. Jindal Panther TMT Rebars

Dsensational Yashasvi Jaiswal says he now uses the experience gained from those difficult days as ammunition to conquer the battles on and off the field. Jaiswal stamped his class with a masterful hundred in the first Test against Australia, and is poised to take over the mantle of being India's batting mainstay from the great Virat Kohli, who also made a century after a long time.

Having moved to Mumbai from Uttar Pradesh's Pradesh's Bhadohi at age 11 to train at Azad Maidan, Jaiswal lived tents with the in groundsmen and sold paani puri at night to earn money for food.

something (his "It's backstory) that always gives me confidence that I can come out of any situation. I always fight, I always look to fight, I want to be in the battle, I want to enjoy the

He spoke to his family after the fine achievement.

"I just called my family on whatsapp, getting everyone along and celebrate with them. My brother always talks to me about cricket." India won the first Test by a huge margin of 297 runs and the second match will be played in Adelaide from December 6.

complicated to make combinations and all." "We started planning while I

was in Trinidad. We had come with a proper plan, the players we wanted to target," added Bravo, who will be in charge of all the franchises of the Knight Riders label in T20 leagues.

At a staggering Rs 23.75 crore, the 29-year old Madhya Pradesh all-rounder, who has represented India in nine T20Is and two ODIs, emerged as the third most expensive player at the two-day IPL mega auction that concluded here on Monday. Only Rishabh Pant (Lucknow, Rs 27 crore) and Shrevas Iver (Punjab, Rs 26.75 crore) were ahead of Venkatesh on the list of most expensive players as he even eclipsed experienced Indian batter KL Rahul, a former Lucknow Super Giants captain, who was picked up by Delhi Capitals for Rs 14 crore.

Bravo was also excited that KKR roped in fiery pacer

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and they ensure excellent bonding with cement to make your house sturdy and resilient, increasing its longevity substantially. So your family has a home it loves, for a long, long time.

Gambhir flies back home for 'personal emergency,' to rejoin in Adelaide

### PTI PERTH

 $I_{\mathrm{Gambhir}}^{\mathrm{ndia}\ \mathrm{head}\ \mathrm{coach}\ \mathrm{Gautam}}$ to India with his family due to "personal emergency" and is unlikely to be present during the the two-day pink ball warm-up game in Canberra starting November 30.

Gambhir, however, is slated to directly link up with the squad in Adelaide before the 'Pink Ball Test' starting December 6.

It is understood that Gambhir has sought permission from BCCI brass with regards to his return.

"He left with his family on early Tuesday morning for India. It is an unavoidable

personal emergency. He will be back in Adelaide before the start of the second Test match," a BCCI official told PTI on conditions of anonymity

The Indian team will leave for Canberra on Wednesday, November 27 where the entire team is expected to attend an official reception thrown in their honour by the Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. Prime The two-day Pink ball match will give the Indian team a chance to get some game time under its belt. PMXI is a squad full of youngsters but Îndia will get some good match practice with pacer Scott Boland expected to play the game.

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