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Khalistani extremist threatens to disrupt DGPs' meet Navy to put up grand show on Dec 4

Modi, Amit Shah to participate in BBSR event

NALINI SAHU BHUBANESWAR

Gurpatwant Pannun, a designated terrorist and head of the banned Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) outfit, has reportedly issued threats to disrupt the upcoming three-day Directors General of Police-Inspectors General of Police (DGP-IGP) conference in Bhubaneswar, which begins on Friday.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval are

Law Minister

claims zero-

tolerance for

PNS BHUBANESWAR

Opposition BJD and Con-

gress strongly criticised the

BJP government in the State

Assembly on Thursday, alleg-

ing a steep increase in crime

During a debate on an ad-

iournment motion, they ac-

cused Chief Minister Mohan

Charan Majhi's administra-

tion of failing to maintain law

over the past six months.

criminals

called on his supporters to "disguise and take cover in temples or hotels in Bhubaneswar" to disrupt the conference. He also appealed to Maoists and Kashmiri militants to join his disruptive

(UAPA), challenged PM Modi to visit the Ram Mandir in Bhubaneswar. He alleged that the conference is not a regular meeting but a gathering to plan operations against pro-

and order, citing a rise in

crimes against women and

minors, including rape, child

marriage, newborn trafficking

BJD MLA Arun Sahoo

blamed the administration

over "insensitive" ministerial

statements, leniency toward

offenders and lack of decisive

action. He accused ruling party

members of interfering in po-

lice matters, demoralising law

Sahoo claimed that over

1,200 rapes and 556 murders

have been reported in the past

six months. Bhubaneswar led

and road accidents.

enforcement.



ing the threats.

"We have deployed a robust

three-day event will primarily focus on law and order across the country," he said.

Responding to Pannun's threats, Singh assured, "Over 70 platoons of security forces have been mobilised. While anti-India terrorist groups remain a challenge, our efforts to neutralise them are ongoing to ensure national safety. Preventive measures are in place, and we are maintaining a strict vigil to ensure the conference proceeds smoothly.'

Ahead of PM Modi's arrival on Friday, security has been significantly tightened.

surrounding areas have been declared no-fly and nodrone zones.

BHUBANESWAR, FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2024; PAGES 12 ₹4

The pan-India DGP-IGP conference, running from November 30 to December 1, will see the participation of senior officers from the Intelligence Bureau, States' DGPs, the CRPF Director General and chiefs of organisations like the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), NSG and Special Protection Group (SPG).

The event will primarily address critical issues such as internal security, Left-Wing Extremism and counter-terrorism strategies.

he Indian Navy is all set to put up a grand show demonstrating its formidable maritime might, capabilities and operational strength on

the sea along the Blue Flag

Beach of Puri on the occasion

of Navy Day on December 4. enhances maritime awareness

The day commemorates the Indian Navy's triumph in the 1971 Indo-Pak war, showcases its multifaceted competencies.

among citizens and honours

India's rich seafaring heritage.

This year's Navy Day theme is 'Operational Demonstration' or 'Op Demo' and symbolises the connection between the Indian Navy and the maritime legacy of Odisha. On the occasion, at least 24 warships and 40

aircrafts would demonstrate the Navy's maritime capabilities through water and aerial manoeuvres.

This would be the first-ever Navy Day celebrations. The event is expected to be held between 4 pm and 6:30 pm and culminate with a spectacular

The Indian Navy is working closely with the Odisha Government and the local authorities to ensure the smooth execution of the event.

In Kendrapada ing in class 10th in the village. Prime accused at

large

RAJESH BEHERA **KENDRAPADA**

In an inhuman incident that occurred under the Jamboo marine police station, a woman was allegedly stripped, molested and assaulted on a road.

Further, she was confined to a room and a stray dog was released inside, where the dog bit to the victim. The accused allegedly made an attempt to rape the victim's minor daugh-

According to SI of Police of Jamboo Marine PS Nikunja Kishore Pradhan, the incident occurred at Batighar village under Mahakalapada block. The victim's hubby works at Paradip for which the victim woman is staying with her minor daughter, who is studyTaking advantage of the absence of the victim's husband, a fellow villager, Ashoka Baidya, allegedly used to torture the woman and her daughter in regular intervals. He used to harass them sexually also. The victim woman lodged

an FIR alleging that on November 20 at about 11 am, Baidya, her wife Jinu Baidya and a family member Parbati Baidya allegedly created a reign of terror at her house.

The accused allegedly misbehaved with the victim and also abused her with filthy language. When she protested, the accused dragged her out of the house by her hair. They thrashed and stripped her on the village road. The trio later assaulted the victim severely with an iron pipe.

As if this was not enough to

satiate their anger, they confined the victim to a room and released a stray dog inside where the victim faced dog attack and got injured. She was later rescued and admitted at the Paradip hospital in critical condition. According to the victim's FIR, principal accused Ashoka Baidya also unsuccessfully attempted to rape her minor daughter.

According to SDPO of Kendrapada Debendra Mallick, the police registered two cases and arrested two women, Jinu Baidya, wife of Ashoka and her relative, Parbati Baidya.

The duo arrested woman were produced before the SDJM court where they were remanded in jail custody. The prime accused, Ashoka, however, was yet to be arrested as he is absconding. Raid is on to nab him, informed police.

The conference venue and its among the key figures to paranti-terror agencies and ticipate in this high-profile other security forces. The

event. In a video message, Pannun

Pannun, who is listed as a terrorist under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act

Khalistani Sikhs, Kashmiri militants and Maoists. Twin City Police Commissioner Suresh Dev Datta Singh addressed the media regard-

security apparatus, including Odisha Police, Bhubaneswar Commissionerate police,

in theft cases while Sambalpur

had the highest number of

dacoity cases. Incidents of child

trafficking were noted in

Balangir, Rayagada and

He also pointed to alleged

police inaction in two promi-

nent cases -- an assault involv-

ing the Governor's son and the

reported torture of an Army

personnel and his girlfriend at

the Bharatpur police station.

Congress Legislature Party

Leader Ramchandra Kadam

highlighted the rising crimes

against women, including rape

Bhubaneswar.

and gang-rape.

Opposition criticises govt over rising crimes Congress MLA Sofia Firdos suggested enacting legislation akin to West Bengal's "Aparajita Act" and addressing police staff shortages to combat crime effectively.

> Law Minister Prithviraj Harichandan, speaking on behalf of Chief Minister, refuted the Opposition's claims and emphasised administration's zero-tolerance approach to crimes, par-

ticularly against women. He accused the previous BJD government of shielding criminals and contrasted their record with the current tigation, prosecution and conviction. Harichandan highlighted several initiatives, including plans to establish a National Forensic University and create four fast-track courts staffed by women to address crimes against women. He reassured the Asembly that strict action would be taken against offenders, irrespective of their political connections or status. The minister also noted a decline in crime rates over the past five months with a significant reduction in human traf-

ficking cases.

government's focus on inves-

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PEOPLE OF ODISHA WELCOME

PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI

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We are honoured to host you on this sacred soil of Lord Jagannath.

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have new barrage: CM

A new reservoir and barrage would be constructed in the Mahanadi river system in Odisha, informed Chief Minister Mohan Majhi on Thurs-

In response to a question in the State Assembly, he said survey work for the new project is currently underway.

"Various information about the new project have been being shared with some Central agencies. The concerned Chief Engineers have also been provided with the

necessary maps," Majhi said. Meanwhile, Odisha has provided all the required information to the Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal.

Notably, disputes between Odisha and Chhattisgarh over Mahanadi river water started officially after the Odisha Government lodged a complaint with the Union Ministry of Water Resources on November 19, 2016, under the Inter-State River Water Disputes (ISRWD) Act, 1956. The State Government requested the Centre to constitute a tribunal under the Act

for adjudication of the disputes.

Subsequently, the Centre constituted a negotiation committee for the settlement of the dispute. However, the committee submitted its report in May 2017 stating that any further meeting would not be fruitful as there had been no participation from Odisha. Accordingly, it was concluded that the disputes cannot be resolved by negotiation. Following this, the Centre constituted the tribunal after a Supreme Court directive in January 2018.

Mahanadi system to Potato crisis to haunt Odisha again!

Trucks not allowed to cross WB border

PNS BHUBANESWAR

After a brief lull, it seems that the potato crisis has returned to haunt Odisha again. Many Odisha-bound potatoladen trucks have been stranded on the West Bengal border as the vehicles are not allowed to cross the border.

The situation has triggered speculation that West Bengal has put a curb on the export of the tuber vegetable to Odisha.

Hundreds of potato-laden vehicles have been reportedly



stranded near Belda and other checkpoints near the

Wednesday evening. As per sources, the West Bengal inter-State border since Government has taken the

decision to stop export of potatoes to other States to control the gradual price lowed an important meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who directed the administration to take strong actions to control the price rise of potatoes and onions in West Bengal. In response to the development, Odisha Byabasayi

West

Government's move fol-

Mahasangha general secretary Sudhakar Panda said the Odisha Government should initiate discussions with the West Bengal Government immediately to resolve the impasse.

New Year gift

Air connectivity from BBSR to 5 more cities



BHUBANESWAR

Odisha capital city Bhubaneswar is all set to enhance its air connectivity with five more Indian cities from New Year 2025, informed Biju Patnaik International Airport (BPIA) Director of Prasanna Pradhan on Thursday.

The upcoming flight services from Bhubaneswar will provide travellers convenient access to the cities of Indore, Dehradun, Lucknow, Jaipur, and Kochi.

An IndiGo plane from Bhubaneswar will fly to Indore four days a week from January 1. Flight services to Dehradun will be available for

three days a week. Travellers Bhubaneswar can also fly directly to Lucknow and Jaipur three days a week from January 3. Moreover, the Air India will connect flyers directly from Bhubaneswar to Kochi all seven days of the week, starting New Year.

Apart from convenience to flyers, the upcoming flight services from Bhubaneswar will also go a long way in contributing to the Temple City's growing importance as a regional transportation hub.

Sr. citizens' meet in Cuttack 'Freebies, quota not in interest of nation'

The present trend in our democracy is to woo the voters with freebies. Some parties offer free electricity, some offer free water and some others offer a variety of schemes like KALIA, Suvadra etc. Before offering such facilities, the politicians have not taken the opinion of the experts; they have not calculated the impact

of such a burden on the economy and overall benefit on the society. If the government provides free services and goods, it becomes counterproductive and ultimately decelerates the economy, opined members in a meeting organised here on behalf of the Cuttack "Mahanagar Baristha Nagarik Mahasabha" and presided over by Dr Krupasindhu

It is also seen, some of the political parties are arguing in favour of reservation. Initially it was for a period of 10 years only. It is being extended by all politicians keeping their winning prospects in mind at the cost of the social hazard. Some also want to divide the nation based on caste lines. This is suicidal and detrimental to the progress of the nation, they said further.

Professor Baishnab Samal spoke on the ill effects of these freebies which are adopted by all the political parties. He wanted the trend to be done away with.

Among others, Dr Sunil Bose, a senior member, spoke. The meeting was managed by general secretary Bishnu Mohan Samant while joint secretary Barada Prasanna Das offered the vote of thanks.

Digital arrest fraud CB arrests scammer for cheating Rs 1 cr that his mobile number has

PNS BHUBANESWAR

he Crime Branch (CB) has arrested a person who claimed to be a TRAI and Mumbai Cyber crime division official and duped a person of Brahmapur in Odisha of Rs 1 crore. The arrested was identified as Abdul Salim of Nizambad in Telangana.

The Crime Branch seized a mobile phone, 3 SIM cards, including one of Saudi Arabia, a passbook and other incriminating documents. More than 13 cases are lodged against Salim across the country. Salim threatened the victim

In city

would face three to six years in jail. Then he asked the victim to transfer all his money in his bank account for probe, which would be returned later. Following theis, the victim trans-

been used to procure illegal

arms and drugs. Besides, he

said that a threatening call has

been made from the victim's

number to several persons in

Maharashtra for which he

After the victim came to know that he has been cheated, he approached the Crime Branch.

ferred Rs 1 crore in two phases.

'Sabarmati Report' tax-free in State

PNS BHUBANESWAR

The Odisha Government on Thursday announced that the film "The Sabarmati Report", based on the Godhra be tax-free in the State.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mukesh Mahaling announced the decision in the State Assembly.

"The Sabarmati Report" is based on the burning of

S-6 coach of Sabarmati Express near the Godhra station of Gujarat on February 27, 2002. In the incident, 59 Hindu devotees returning from Ayodhya triggered riots in Gujarat that year.

The film has already been made tax-free in several States, including Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh



adult tuskers, 12 adult makhnas, 678 adult females, 186 sub-adult tuskers, four sub-adult makhnas, 305 subadult females, 181 juveniles

Evidence of elephant presence was not found in 13 divisions during this winter cen-

The last census had been carried out in May 2024 when

and 403 calves.

forest divisions across 28 dis-

A total of 2103 elephants

were counted in 38 Forest Di-

visions. Those include 334

2,098 elephants were counted.

of elephants have been found winter months, an official said. in Dhenkanal (291), Keonjhar The ratio among male, fe-(160), Athgarh (124), Deogarh (123) and Angul (117). There is a marginal increase

in elephant numbers in the State during this winter census. This change may be due to inter-division and inter-

State seasonal movement pat-Now, the highest numbers terns of the elephants during tuskers.

> male and young was 1:2.17:1.25 during summer, 2024. In the winter census, the ratio was 1:1.83:1.08. The change is due to an increase in the number of males in sub-adult category and inter-State movement of

adult tuskers and sub-adult

A large-scale inter-State movement of elephants from Jharkhand and West Bengal has been observed during the winter census.

As per the census report, 48 elephant deaths were reported between the summer census, 2024 and winter census, 2024.

Sex racket busted;

girls rescued

he Commissionerate police on Thursday busted a sex racket running in a house in the Khandagiri area in Bhubaneswar and rescued four girls.

Acting on a tipoff, a police team raided the house and rescued the girls, who had been illegally detained. The girls were taken to the police station for questioning.

As per sources, a woman from Nayagarh had brought the girls and detained them for operating a sex racket.

"After receiving information from a reliable source, we raided the house and rescued four girls who were illegally detained there. All the rescued girls are from the State. We have started an investigation into the incident and the rescued girls are being questioned," said a police officer.

"We will also question the owner of the house. More information about the incident could be divulged after the completion of the investigation," he added.

SOCIAL CANVAS

'Odia identity' meaningless as State's poverty not dented

Minister belonging to the

Thile engaging ourselves in the assertion of 'Odia identity and dignity' issues, the multidimensional poverty scenario in Odisha shows a very discouraging picture about a section of Odia who still lives in sub-human conditions, threatening our Odia pride and identity.

The Odisha Economic Survey 2023-24, based on NITI Aayog's Multidimensional Poverty Index Report, 2023, informed that Odisha's multidimensional poverty headcount ratio remains higher than the national average ranking 12th among 17 States of India and the intensity of multidimensional poverty is also above the national average where Odisha occupies the 14th position. It is reported that a major proportion of the population of Odisha has been facing a number of deprivations across multiple indicators as components of poverty such as housing, sanitation, drinking water, cooking fuel, electricity, schooling and assets etc. where Odisha



JENA MANAS

ranked among bottom States. The Household Consumption Expenditure Survey 2022-23 ranked Odisha at 15 among 17 States as Odisha's average monthly per capita consumption expenditure is Rs 2,950, one of lowest and less than the national average Rs 3,773 for rural ar-

Why do the average Odias live a

miserable life and their income level has not improved to lead a dignified life while the people in other parts of the country have a higher level of income? The data further says a major portion of the poor suffering with poverty is STs in scheduled areas of the State. Why has the situation of tribal people in Odisha not improved to the desired extent and they remain largely poor in comparison to other social groups of the State? The uninterrupted 24 years of

rule by BJD, a regional party, (in alliance with BJP for 9 years), has not done much in changing the structural issues of the State specially poverty and migration that impact a sizable population of the State. Though the poverty ratio has reduced to 15.68 percent in the 2019-21 survey but still its intensity is much higher, even some of the basic human necessities such as safe drinking water have not been provided to all.

People have voted for a double en-

gine government in the 2024 Assem-

bly and Parliament election, and now,

marginalised sections of the State, those who suffer the most. The focus of the government must be poverty alleviation and arresting distress migration. It is estimated that about 1.75 million people migrated to other States in search of livelihood. There are reports of hunger death and extreme poverty in interior parts where still people consume mango kernel gruel to survive. The vulnerable plight of migrant workers is very often reported in the media. It is most unfortunate that the

State government has not developed any own scheme in an indigenous way to intervene in issues of poverty, migration and specially for its marginalised sections; rather it has been dependent on Central schemes and grants and on charity work of international agencies. The State government has enough resources to implement its own ideas to the very specific micro situations based on ground realities rather than mechanically implementing schemes of

the government is headed by a Chief the Central government. For any social transformation and especially to bring economic change, education is vital along with the right to self-determination. The suffering communities must be empowered with education and power to make decisions about their own development. In this context education and the PESA Act are two most important tools against poverty in tribal areas. The planning for poverty alleviation must be done at panchayat, block and district level. The Panchayati Raj institutions must have power to plan and execute their own local schemes suitable for the area based on the strength of the available manpower and local resources.

Odisha is the only State among 10 others having 5th schedule area where the PESA Act 1996 has not been implemented properly. PESA is one of the important legal instruments to transfer power and resources to tribal communities so that they can manage their own affairs locally but such an important instrument of self-governance has been purposefully ignored by the ruling elites in Odisha who head the political parties, bureaucracy and CSOs. It is expected that the State government will not delay the process further in fully implementing the PESA Act and revisit its education

Education and skill development is an important area to change the quality of life and make people more employable in the changing conditions. The State government has been engaged in running 1,737 residential schools and 5,500 hostels and supporting private factory schools to house tribal children in big numbers in the name of residential education. The process has alienated the children from the communities and from their locality by making them rootless and increasing social isolation. It is reported that the dropout rate is much higher in case of ST and SC students . At secondary level the dropout rate is almost 30 percent for both ST and SC students in the year 2021-22. The school dropout

among SC and ST is higher than State dropout rate at upper primary and secondary level, mostly among boys. It impacts the employment of youth as they fail to complete a minimum level of education that is re-

quired for skill development. The State government spends very little money on the education of marginalised children such as STs and SCs. The per-matric and post matric stipend amount to the children is a cruel joke for being paltry. The condition of the residential schools has not improved; rather students are forced to live in subhuman conditions while the elite schools are promoted for a section of students with all care and dignity. Double standards are being followed in matter of education in the State which further marginalizes communities. The State government has spent Rs 473 crore on permatric and Rs 762 crore on post matric stipend which is nothing for education of the children of marginalised communities.

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Sheik Samsad Azad of Paschim

The ambulance was carry-

ing the woman patient Aroti

Bibi, her two daughters

Manowara Begum (54) and

Sanwara Dey (52) and the de-

ceased Sheik Samsad Azad,

son of Manowara Begum for

admission of Aroti Bibi in a

hospital in Bhubaneswar

when the driver lost control

over the wheel and the vehicle

crashed against a roadside

Medinipur district.

Ambulance mishap in Jajpur

West Bengal youth killed; 3 women injured

In Mayurbhanj = Man held for staging own murder to claim insurance

 $oldsymbol{A}$ finance executive staged his own kidnapping and murder in a desperate attempt to claim insurance money. The matter came to the fore after the Mayurbhanj police arrested him after three months of hide-and-seek.

On August 8, a bloodstained motorbike and a bag were discovered near a pond in the Khasia forest under Rairuan police station of Mayurbhanj.

The missing person was identified as Hemant Patra from Jamudagaon under Harichandanpur PS in Keonjhar district.

Patra's wife and mother-inlaw lodged a police complaint alleging him being kidnapped



and murdered. However, police investigations failed to yield any concrete findings of his murder.

A significant breakthrough came when police traced his

phone records, revealing that Patra was in contact with relatives. Investigations revealed was hiding

Police kept a watch on his

Secunderabad.

during a visit to his home to collect his certificates. During interrogation, Patra confessed to fabricating his own abduction and murder.

Patra admitted that mounting financial pressures, particularly difficulty in managing his equated monthly installments (EMI), prompted him to devise the elaborate hoax to secure an insurance payout. Karanjia SDPO Subrat

Kumar said, "He was under financial burden. He was paying a lot of EMIs. So, he planned everything from placing the blood-stained bike to fleeing to Secunderabad. We are not sure if his wife and other family members are also involved in this.

Missing Bhadrak girl found dead in Cuttack

Kin allege murder by BF's family

PNS BHADRAK

The body of a minor girl could not be cremated even 16 hours after her death at Sorishadiha village under the Dhamnagar police station in Bhadrak district as the family members alleged that she was murdered by the family members of her lover.

The deceased was identified as Lilirani Sutar (16).

As per the allegation by Lilirani's family members, she was in love with one Goutam Behera of the same village. Subsequently, Lilirani eloped with Goutam some eight months back. As the family members of Goutam feigned their ignorance about the matter, Lilirani's family members lodged a missing complaint at the Dhamnagar police station.

However, the family members of Goutam informed the family members of Lilirani over phone some four days back that their daughter was in Cuttack in critical condition. However, to their utter shock, the family members found her dead when they visited Cuttack.

Though Lilirani's body has been lying near the door of Goutam since Wednesday evening, the family members of the deceased are refusing to take the body for cremation. They are alleging that Goutam's family members have murdered Lilirani.

Tension prevailed in the area following the incident. Upon being informed, the Dhamnagar police reached the spot and started an investigation into the incident.

lice station in Jajpur district in stationary truck. The driver of wee hours on Thursday. The the ambulance fled from the spot after the accident. deceased was identified as In Bargarh



PNS B ARGARH

JAJPUR

A 24-year-old youth from

West Bengal was killed and

three women, including a 74-

year-old patient, sustained se-

rious injuries when an ambu-

lance they were travelling in

from their village in Paschim

Medinipur district to a private

hospital in Bhubaneswar col-

lided with a truck at Neulapur

Chhack on National Highway-

16 under the Dharmasala po-

A herd of over 25 elephants crossed into Padmapur subdivision of Bargarh district and were spotted roaming around the Ghens Range.

The sightings terrified local residents as the tuskers closed in on nearby settlement

The herd reportedly caused extensive damage to farmland with hundreds of hectares of

The locals as well as the forest officials were trying to drive away from the human habitations to the jungles.

Reports said the large herd had likely migrated from the Ihojha hills of adjoining Chhattisgarh in search of food. Notably, this is not the first such instance of jumbos invading the area. Padmapur has a history of elephants migrating close to human settlements and farms. The alarming situation comes just a day after State Forests and Environment Minister Ganesh Ram Singh Khuntia informed the State Legislative Assembly that human-elephant conflicts in the State has escalated to an all-time high.

In Bhadrak Tension after teacher misbehaves with girl

l ension prevailed after a science teacher at the Barapur Nodal High School in Basudevpur block in Bhdrak district allegedly misbehaved with a girl student on Wednes-

The teacher was accused of misconduct with a minor girl student leading to outrage in the locality. The allegations sparked protest from parents of the student as well as local residents on the school pre-

Sources said parents of several students gheraoed the

school and detained the teacher inside the campus, demanding an explanation.

Soon, police arrived at the scene and took stock of the situation even as the agitated parents demanded immediate action against the accused.

"My daughter narrated the ordeal and described that the teacher used to regularly misbehave with her. However, today his intensity crossed all limits," stated the mother of the victim. She further alleged that the accused teacher also behaved inappropriately with several other students.

In his statement, the ac-

cused teacher, Sashikanta Rout refuted the allegations. He demanded a thorough investigation and asked authorities to review CCTV footage.

"These are all baseless lies. I was taking my science class in the sixth period and there absolutely misbehaviour on my part. I have stated the same to police and they will probe CCTV footage after the formation of a team. The truth will be out soon," Rout said.

However, police detained the teacher and were questioning him.

BU Economics Dept holds career counselling



PNS BRAHMAPUR

The PG Department of Economics of Berhampur University organised a Career Counselling Workshop on Skill Development and Entrepreneurship for students of the department here on Friday. Eminent resource persons, educationists and alumni members of the university such as Dr Bibhudatta Achary, Prof J Satpathy, Research Director, NSI of Colombia and Kali Prasad Ravi,

Soft Skills trainer delivered

career counselling talks on diverse areas of skill develop-

1st and 2nd technical sessions were delivered by Dr Bibhudatta Achary, Joint Director, Madhusudan Das Regional Academy of Financial Management (MDRAFM), State Civil Service Training Centre, Bhubaneswar.

During the afternoon session, Prof J Satpathy, Research Director, Neurointegral Scientific Institute of Colombia, Bogota, Republic of Colombia, discussed on the theme

'Entrepreneurship Wave', and 'Skill Development: A Contemporary Perspective'. At the end of the programme, the students provided their feedback. Vice Chancellor Prof Geetanjai Dash thanked the department for organising and facilitating such workshop. Among others, Chairman, PG Council of the University Prof Sukant K Trpathy, Director, IQAC Prof Sudhakar Patra and Head of the Department of Economics Prof Mrutyunjay Swain were present. Prof Swain coordinated

all sessions.

B'pur Rotary 'Youth Activities '24' ends Army Public

School declared champion

PNs BRAHMAPUR

The Rotary Club of Brahmapur concluded its Youth Activities 2024 with a grand valedictory ceremony at on November 24 here.

Chief guest, ADG W Dhawantri distributed the prizes to the winners of various events.

Rotary Youth Activities 2024 kicked off on October 20 with 30 schools participating



in 36 events, with around 1,500 students competing.

Army Public School, Gopalpur, was declared the champion, while St. Vincent Convent was the runner-up, and KC Public School secured the third position.

The winners received cer-

youth merit award.

President Rtn CA R Laxmi Tarun and honorary secretary Rtn KVG Ravi Kumar led the activities. The club's director, Youth Activities, Rtn Lalit Mangaraj, and chairman Rtn Miten Bhuyan, also played a key role in organizing the events.

The valedictory ceremony was attended by several dignitaries, including past president Satyakam Patro, president elect Venkat Anand, Madhismta Sahu, treasurer Rtn

Satyanarayana, joint secretary Tangudu Rahul and other Rotary Club members.

Vajpayee bust to be unveiled at B'pur

PNS BRAHMAPUR

 $oldsymbol{A}$ bronze statue of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee will be installed in Brahmapur. MLA K Anil Kumar laid the foundation stone for the project at the Ramalingam Park here.

The height of the statue would be 17 feet, with base of 6.5 feet.

Several BJP leaders, including former Deputy Speaker Rama Chandra Panda and BeMC Mayer Sanghamitra Dalai, attended the function. Anil Kumar said around Rs

20 lakh would be needed for the statue, and it would be spent from his Local Area Development (LAD) Fund. "We are targeting to unveil

the statue on December 25, the birth anniversary of the former Prime Minister, " he said, adding that a local sculptor has been entrusted to make the statue on a war foot-

PNS SAMBALPUR

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m olice}$ on Thursday rescued a newborn baby boy who had been stolen from the VIMSAR, Burla, a couple of days ago.

tificates and prizes during the

ceremony. The events were

held at various venues, includ-

ing the Khallikote College Sta-

dium, Sail Lifestar Spa, and the

RCS Hall. The competitions in-

cluded chess, badminton, hand-

ball, kho-kho, basketball, athlet-

ics, swimming, extempore and

Police traced the newborn to a couple at Rengali in Sambalpur district. Police also took into custody the couple from whom the infant was recovered and began interrogating them to ascertain

to the ambulance on a

the nature and purpose of their act.

The baby's recovery followed a couple from Chhattisgarh making a complaint about their newborn son going missing from the VIMSAR on November 26 and alleging theft of the baby. The mother of the newborn had raised an alarm after her baby, born a day before, went missing from the hospital premises.

In Keonjhar Patient carried beneath goods train to hosp

Due to absence of motorable road PNS KEONJHAR

 $oldsymbol{A}$ patient, who was in urgent need of medical assistance, was put on a stretcher and carried beneath a goods train to reach an ambulance waiting for him in Keonjhar district.

The incident occurred in Lahanda Mundasahi under Ioda block in the district. where the person became seriously ill requiring immedi-



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The only mud road leading to the village further passed through an active train line where a halted goods train was 'blocking' the path.

Since the condition of the patient was serious, the ambulance staffs decided to continue carrying him on the stretcher while passing be-

neath the goods train. The incident soon caught the attention of social media after video clippings of the incident went viral

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

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

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

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

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



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

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

ter has taken a keen interest

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

This will provide an opportunity to the senior police officials to share their views and recommendations with the prime minister on key policing and internal security issues affecting the country. Till 2013, the annual meet was held in New Delhi. The following year, after the Modi government came to power, it was decided to hold the event, organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the Intelligence Bureau (IB), outside the national capital. Accordingly, the conference was organised at Guwahati in 2014, Dhordo in Rann of Kutch in 2015, National Police

Academy, Hyderabad in 2016;

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

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

Before 2014, the deliberations largely focused on

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LS extends tenure for Waqf Bill Joint Committee amid Opp walkout

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

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

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

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



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

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

Opposition parties have stridently criticised the amendthe existing Waqf Act, alleging they violate the religious

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

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

"He was returned to India on

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

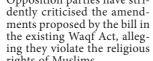
16.1 crore children in this category in 2021, around 8.82 crore are enrolled in anganwadis. Growth measurements taken for 8.55 crore children in this group show that 37 per cent are stunted and 17% are

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

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

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

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



rights of Muslims. The ruling BJP has asserted

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

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

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



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

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

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

already resulted in the flawed decision with regard to the

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

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

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

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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



103,183 grievance officers on the CPGRAMS portal.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

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

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

Question Hour, when CM Nitish Kumar left the House.

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

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

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

Maner MLA Bhai Virendra

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

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

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

implemented

on the measures taken in this

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

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

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



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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

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

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

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

Prior to taking the oath, Soren,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5,000 judges: Govt in RS

Judiciary short of over

Security heightened ahead of Friday prayers in Sambhal

BISWAJEET BANERJEE LUCKNOW

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

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

In the urban areas, 18 critical points have been identified for magistrate deployment.

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

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

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

Kerala finishes survey of unrecognised schools

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

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

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

by the chief minister to discuss the issue, and a list of schools along with available details will be handed over to him, Sivankutty said.

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

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

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

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

Manipur schools, colleges reopen from November 28

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

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

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

An order issued by the Directorate of Education-Schools said, "Normal classes will resume for all schools of the state, government, government aided, private and schools central November 29."

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

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The subordinate and district courts face shortage of over 5,000 judges, while the 25 high courts have collective vacancies of over 360, the Rajya Sabha was informed on Thursday.

In a written reply, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwwal also said the Supreme Court, with a sanctioned strength of 34 judges, including the chief justice of India, has two vacancies.

Following Justice D Y Chandrachud as the CJI and Justice Hima Kohli earlier, the top court has two vacancies.

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

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



Members in the Rajya Sabha during the Winter session of Parliament

HCs is 1,114 judges.

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

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

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

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

Parliament continues to witness disruption across both houses over Opposition demands

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

 $P^{\text{arliament}}_{\text{continued for the third day}}$ on Thursday with both the houses adjourned for the day amid opposition protests over the violence in Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh, Manipur and the Adani issue.

In the Lok Sabha, Opposition members were in the Well of the House raising slogans demanding action against the perpetrators of the violence in Sambhal during a survey being carried out in a mosque. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju flayed the protests "I condemn the saying, attempts by the Congress and its allies in disrupting the House proceedings.

He said the opposition members were protesting despite the government

agreeing to their demands for extension of the tenure of the Joint Committee on the Waqf Sambhal violence. Amendment Bill and debate in the House on certain issues. However, as the opposition protests continued TDP member Krishna Prasad Tenneti, who was in the chair,

Earlier, the Lok Sabha adopted a resolution granting minute extension to the Joint noon, Committee on the Waqf adjour Amendment Bill till the last day of the Budget session next

adjourned the proceedings for

year. The House also witnessed disruptions during the Question Hour, soon after two Congress leaders -- Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Ravindra Chavan -- took oath as members of the Lok Sabha. The opposition has been the beginning of the final pressing for discussions on

Proceedings of the Rajya Sabha were washed out for the third day in a row after opposition MPs created uproar over the Adani issue and the violence in Manipur and Sambhal.

The proceedings of the Upper House were adjourned within minutes after it met at 12 following one adjournment soon after 11

appeals made by

Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar to maintain decorum and allow the Question Hour to function went unheeded as the opposition members continued with their protests. The chairman said Wednesday marked a historic milestone --

quarter-century before our

Constitution turns 100 -- and lamented that the House missed members opportunity to engage in a productive dialogue.

This was a moment for our House of Elders, guided by the spirit of nationalism, to send a powerful message of hope to 1.4 billion Indians, reaffirming our commitment to their dreams and our journey towards 'Viksit Bharat at 2247'," he said.

"Yet, with deep regret, I must say we missed this historic opportunity. Where there should have been productive dialogue echoing the collective aspirations of our nation. We fell short of our people's expectations," he lamented. Dhankhar said this chamber is

more than just a House of

Debate. It is where our

national spirit finds its voice

and where the destiny of our

great nation takes shape, he said.

"Parliamentary disruption is not a remedy but a malady that weakens the very foundation of our democracy. The sanctity of this house demands debate, not discord; dialogue, not disruption," he said as opposition members continued with sloganeering and protests.

The chairman said, "When we deviate from constructive discussion, we fail to honour the trust of millions who look to us as the guardians of their democratic aspirations.

"I urge you all to embrace the spirit of meaningful dialogue. Let us return to our tradition of thoughtful discussion and deliberation. In this spirit, I request your cooperation in proceeding with today's agenda," he urged the protesting members.

HRERA warns realty cos to file annual reports

The views of the states and the

PARVESH SHARMA **GURUGRAM**

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

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

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

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

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

Power struggle breaks out in MahaYuti after Shinde bows out



TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

previous Shinde Cabinet, there

were 29 ministers - all

Shinde Cabinet consisted of 10 ministers each from the Shinde Sena and BJP, while the NCP had nine ministers. The 29 ministers included chief minister Shinde and his two deputies -- Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar. However, given that the MahaYuti has got absolute

Cabinet-ranked ones.

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

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One nation, one subscription

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

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

students, researchers and faculty members. This move could enhance India's standing in the global research ecosystem, reducing resource disparities across institutions. The ONOS scheme could democratise access to academic knowledge.

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

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



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

Countering China's African influence



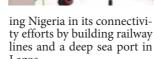
Prime Minister Modi's visit to Nigeria highlights India's bid to rejuvenate ties with the African nation and counter China's growing influence through partnerships

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

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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Unpaid care workers: The neglected workforce



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SIDHU SPARKS CONTROVERSY Madam — The former cricketer and

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

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

A P Thiruvadi | Chennai

MINORITIES RAISE CONCERNS

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

Protecting mental health of Children



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

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

Jayanthy Subramaniam | Mumbai

GANGA UNSAFE FOR BATHING

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

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

because, as we know that social media is caus-

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

information and false news has become the

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

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

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TRUMP 2.0: STEEP TARIFFS ON CARDS

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



KUMARDEEP BANARJEE

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

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



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

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

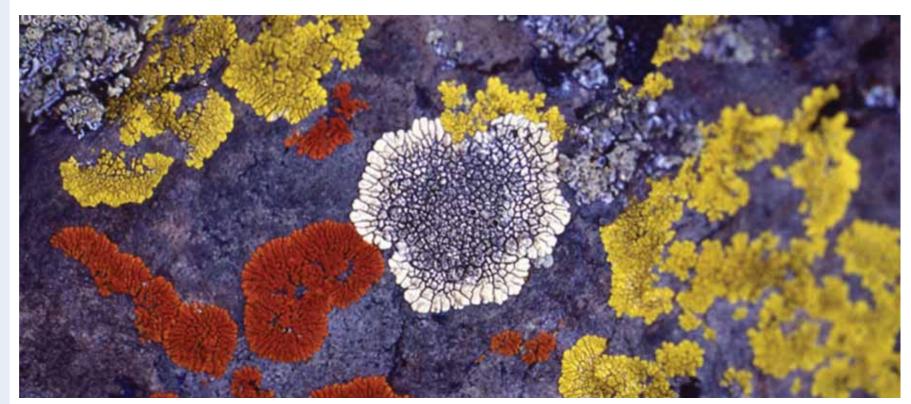
It may be worth noting that India has a trade surplus with the US, a point Mr Trump will keep in mind to extract his side of the deal. Meanwhile, the expected tightening of the trade environment between the US and China would have a significant impact on the global economy. China would have to find newer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

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

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Climate change and Lichens: The tiny titans of nature

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Educate. Advocate. Act Now: Confronting antimicrobial resistance

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

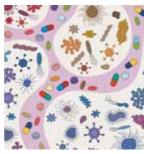
These "miracle drugs" revolutionised healthcare, microbes and the role of enabling complex surgeries, hygiene were poorly under- cancer therapies, and organ stood, enabling infectious transplants that depended

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

the Making

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Public education is a power-

ful tool in combating AMR. Raising awareness about the

Educate:

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

sible antimicrobial use. Advocate:

Governments, healthcare

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

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Dhaka High Court refuses to ban ISKCON in Bangladesh

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

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

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

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

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

the notice.

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

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

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

He was denied bail and sent to jail

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

Bangladesh.

Pakistan, China hold military level talks on counter-terrorism

PTI ISLAMABAD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

unwavering support for

Pakistan.

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

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

China have come under strain

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

religious freedom and human

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

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

shockingly labelled ISKCON, a globally respected humanitar ian organisation, a "religious fundamentalist organisation' Kand said. This baseless accusation, spear-

Bangladeshi government has

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

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

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

Russian missile, drone attack targets Ukraine's energy infrastructure

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

more than half a million house-

holds without electricity. Over 280,000 households in the northwestern Rivne region were without electricity because of the attack, according to regional Gov. Oleksandr Koval. Running water supplies were also patchy in affected areas. Some schools in Rivne city switched to online classes There were also strikes on the bordering Volyn region, where

electricity, regional head Ivan Rudnytskyi said. All critical infrastructure that lost power was switched to generators. Energy infrastructure was also targeted in the western Ivano-Frankivsk region, local officials said. Air defences were activat-

ed there, and emergency power

outages were introduced.

215,000 households had no

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

Bangladesh seeks Hasina's trial in ICC

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sheikh Hasina condemns arrest of Hindu spiritual leader, seeks release

PTI DHAKA

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

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

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



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

Israel-Hezbollah ceasefire holds

AP ■ TYRE (LEBANON)

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

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

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

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

along the border. "They were a nasty and ugly 60

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

ical extremist wings.

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

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

been ordered to prevent people

from returning to villages near

headed by the United States

the border. Israel is still fighting Hamas militants in Gaza in response to the group's cross-border raid into southern Israel on October 7, 2023. But President Joe Biden

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

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

A complex attack involving exploding pagers and walkie-talkies, widely attributed to Israel, appeared to show a remarkable degree of penetration into the

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

honked their horns and residents cheered.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Canadian officials say lumping Canada in with Mexico is

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

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

to the US and has 34 critical

minerals and metals that the

Pentagon is eager for and

investing in for national secu-

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

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

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

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Zuckerberg dines with Trump in Mar-a-Lago

AP ■ FORT LAUDERALE(US)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

US embassy in Pak issues securiy alert for Peshawar

PTI ■ PESHAWAR

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

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

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PD(986)A

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

PD(988)A I, Rohit Kumar S/o Sh. Shyam Lal R/o H.No.B-11, Khubram Park, Prem Nagar-1, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi-110086 Confirmed that my correct name is Rohit Kumar not Rohit and also confirmed that

Rohit Kumar and Rohit both

are the same and one person.

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

Public Delhi.

PD(990)C

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

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

PD(992)C

PD(993)C

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

which may be amended accordingly.

been uploaded in GeM portal.

Rhown to all that I, Rama Sethi W/o : Narain Sethi R/o H.No.268, Block,C na Vihar. Delhi- 110053 is the owner ter, Site Possession Slip,Form-C & Form-of the above plot have been lost.An FIR R to this effect has lodged in Crime Branc ice Station, New Delhi, vide SO No. 430/2C RNo. 2344541/2024 dated 27.11.2 024. Ar son(s) Claiming any right, interest, havin objection or found in possession of origin

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the General Public that, I Dr. Deepali Bhardwaj D/o D.S. Bhardwaj R/o 292, SFS, Hauz Khas, New Delhi have lost the Original (Provisional Allotment Letter No. 49213/AMOB 309 A02 dtd. 23.04.2014 issued by Jaiprakash Associates Ltd in respect of Unit No.AMOB309A02 in AMAN 3 project situated at Jaypee Greens, NOIDA on 26.11.2024. Anyone finding the said document is requested to Kindly return the same to me or to the Company.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

The person doing so shall be liable to b SHIVKANT ARORA, ADVOCATE FOR M/S INTELLECTIVE LAW OFFICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pushpendra Kumar S/o Yatindra Dev R/o House no.209, Budh Vihar, Akbarpur-Bahrampur, Ghaziahad (201009). Declare that Birthdate of my minor Daughter has been wrongly written As 22/01/2021 in the School record of my minor Daughter Yashi Verma aged 3 years. Her actual Date of birth is 22/01/2020. Respectivly

PARCEL HANDLING CONTRACT

GeM Bid Number: GEM/2024/B/ 5638483, Dated: 22-11-2024. E tenders are invited by the Item Category: Custom Bid for Services- Parcel Handling Contract New Jalpaiguri Railway station. Estimated Bid Value: ₹40,26,323.76/-; **EMD Amount** ₹80,550/-. Bid End Date/Time: a 17:00 hrs. on 16-12-2024. Bid Opening Date/Time: at 17:30 hrs. on

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE amuna Vihar, Delhi - 110053 is the owner of tox No. 238, Block C-4, Situated at Yamun ihar, Delhi has applied for Conversion of the foresaid property in DDA Vide onlin pplication/Request ID No.LD42/737/LAB/COI 26082024. The original Perpetual Lease Dee (Idlothemt Letter, Handing Over Possessio etter, Site Possession Slip, Form-C & Form-I for fix has how hot As A been lett As well as the coff the above lett As I was not a few and the supervised to the complete of the com ny objection or round in possession of original occuments, may write/contact with above amed person at above address/phone. No 371435462 within 15 days from the date oublication of this notice. The person claiming wright interest which the person claiming.

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

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

INVITING EOI FOR PURCHASING **DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES** Notice No. Mech./DSL/Condemnation/2015/20 Vol-I Dated: 26-11-2024

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

E-Tender (Two Packet) (Open Tender)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3680/2024

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

hundred Only)

Tender closing date 20.12.2024 upto 15:00 hrs.

24 (Twenty Four) Months

web site up to 20.12.2024

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

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

Dy.CME/D/HQ



THE PUNJAR STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION LTD.

Sr. No.	Name of Work/Item	Period/Tentative
1.	Facilitate Unit Office Observations	Qty
	For Verka Head Office, Chandigarh	Annual/
	Purchase of different items	
	a) Paper Gallon	401/
	i. 2 Ltr	10 K
	ii. 4 Ltr	10 K
	iii. 5 Ltr	65 K
	b) Milk Pouch Tray	1.50 Lac
	i. HDPE Tray	
	ii. PPCP Tray	
	c) Polyliner	
	25 kg SMP Polyliner	75 MT
	d) Paneer Bags	
	i. 2kg	15 MT
	ii. 5kg	5 MT
	e) Citric Acid	2.5 MT
	f) Caustic Soda Lye	1400 MT
	2. Empanelment of statutory auditor for financial years 2024-25 to 2026-27	
	for:-	
	i. Milkfed, Pb.	2024-25
	ii. Verka Ludhiana Dairy, Verka Amritsar Dairy & Verka Patiala Dairy.	to
	iii. Verka Mohali Dairy.	2026-27
	For Verka Bathinda Dairy	
	Hiring of vehicles for sale depot bathinda & verka bathinda dairy for supply of	
	W.M.P.S.M.P Panjiri, Ghee, Butter, Powder, Tetra Pack & others products all Punjab	As per requirement
	& other states. Capacity 09 Ton,15 Ton, 20 Ton, 25 Ton.	, to per roquirement
	For Verka Patiala Dairy	
	Hiring of :-	

Vehicle for procurement, marketing activities and extension work etc.for Verka Milk Plant (Swift Dezire, Toyta Etios, Honda Amaze i.e Sedan cars) Innova crystal for procurement & marketing activities etc. 01 No. Cold Store for storage of white butter (-18°C). Annual Refrigerated vehicles with data logger for transportation of Verka Ahmedabad. Annual/ 07 MT (As & when required Dec 2024 to March 2025/ 2000 MT For Jalandhar Dairy 2000 MT a) Steam Coal having calorific value not less than 5500 Kcal/Kg (900-1000 MT per month) b) Hiring of insulated vehicles for supply of packed milk and fresh milk products i jalandhar, kapurthala and shaheed bhagat singh nagar district. Annual c) e- Tender are invited for disposal of unserviceable scrap material and machinen one time basic and annual rate contract. As per site For Verka Ludhiana Dairy a) Transportation of LSHS/ HSP (Heavy Petroleum Stock) from Panipat/ Mathur b) Hiring of passenger vehicles innova crysta without driver for minimum running of 01 No. 2000 kms per month on lump sum basis.

For Cattle Feed Plant Bhattian, (Khanna) Khanna GKB Magnese Sulphate 02 MT (2000 kg) 2.3 MT(2300 kg) b) Live Yeast (saccharomyees cerevisiae) 20 MT 14 MT HMTba Chelates (Zine, Copper, Maganese) 15 MT,8MT,5MT|11.5MT,2MT,5MT HMTba Molecule 1MT(1000kg) Potassium iodide 0.12MT(120kg) Hiring of two five seater AC car model less than 7year old 02 cars For Cattle Feed Plant Ghania-ke-Banger a) Transportation of Verka cattle feed and mineral feed supplement to various stations in the state of Punjab. Annual (11.12.2024 to b) Disposal of old bardana jute gunny bags above 50kg, katta upto 50kg & plastic 10.12.2025)/ kattas. Approx. 13-14 lakh bags For Branch Sales Office, Jammu Annual Hiring of commercial vehicles for material load of less than 01 MT, 01 MT, 1.5 MT (01.01.2025 till to 2.5 MT, 4.5 MT, 06 MT, 09 MT & 10 MT for supply of Verka Milk Products from

1. For complete details regarding above tender (NIT), please visit our website i.e. www.verka.coop & e Tendering portal i.e. eproc.punjab.gov.in.

2. Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website only

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

& Kashmir and Union territory of Ladakh.

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

Dy. General Manager (Purchase)

31.12.2025) Initially & may be

extended for another equal period

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

of Kit of Hand Writing improvement and Calligraphy. To participate in this tender process through e-procurement

assamtenders.gov.in by themselves.

per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.





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

Vhereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of UGRO Capital Limited, having its regist office at 4th Floor, Tower 3, Equinox Business Park, LBS Road, Kurla, Mumbai 400070 .under the ecuritisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security

nterest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice to repay the amount mentioned in the notice together with interest thereon, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise f powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the said ules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.on the day, month and year mentioned below. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the roperty and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **UGRO Capital Limite** or the amount mentioned in the notice together with interest thereon. The borrower's attention rvited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, edeem the secured assets

Borrower Details	Demand Notice	Mortgaged Property	Date
1.Sai General and Kiryana Store 2.Sushma 3.Kuldeep Singh Loan Account Number: UGDELTH0000001248	Demand Notice dated 05.08.2024 for an amount of Rs. 33,98,380/- as on 05.08.2024	"All that piece and parcel of immovable property situated at the colony known as "Hari Nagar", of Entire Third Floor with Roof Right of Front Side Portion, Build on Property No. Be-A/136, Area Measuring 60 Sq. Yds. Out Of Khasra No. 1926/1, Village Tihar, New Delhi- 110064"	28-11-2024
Date : 29-11-2024, Place	: Delhi	Authorised Officer, UGRO Ca	pital Limited

INVITING EOI FOR PURCHASING DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES OF DIESEL LOCO SHED

Notice No.: Mech./DSL/Condemnation/2015/20 Vol-I Dated: 25-11-2024

The principal Chief Electrical Engineer of Electrical Department N.F.Railway invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from prospective purchasers for purchase of 09 Nos. of WDM3A Diesel Locomotives Loco No. 16621, 16634, 16639, 16640, 16724, 16765, 16845, 16848 & 16873) & 07 Nos of WDG3A Locomotives (Loco No. 14502, 14504, 14505, 14506, 14509, 14512 & 14513) a total of 16 Nos. of Diesel Loco Shed Malda Town (MLDD) of N.F. Railway. condition. Locomotives can be inspected at Diesel sheds, Malda Town (MLDD). For any queries please contact Dy.CME/DSL/NFR on any working day (Monday - Friday) between 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Contact No. 9957550408). The responds may be submitted in an envelope super scribed "EOI FOR PURCHASING DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES IN RUNNING CONDITION" to the address mentioned below, latest by 13-12-2024. Proposal may also be sent by email to ssedsImIg@gmail.com Office of the PCEE, N.F.Railway, Maligaon, Guwahati-781011.

Address: Office of the PCEE, NF Railway, Maligaon, Guwahati-



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

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

(for immovable property) (Under section 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Indian Overseas Bank nder Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforce of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 08/08/2024 calling upon the Borrowers Mortgagors Murli Dhar to repay the amount mentioned in the notice ating to Rs 25,41,910,16 (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Forty One Thousand Nine Hundred Ten and Paise Sixteen Only) as on 08.08.2024 with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc till date of

ealization within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.) The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken ossession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the

aid Rules on this 27" Day of November of the year 2024. (2) The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Indian Overseas Bank for an amount of being Rs 25,41,910,16 Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Forty One Thousand Nine Hundred Ten and Paise Sixteen Only) with interest thereon at contractual rates & rests as agreed, charges etc., from the aforesaid date mentioned in the demand notice till date of payment less repayments, if any, made after issuance of Demand lotice. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is Rs 26,15,229,16 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Fifteen Thousands Two Hundred Twenty Nine and Paisa Sixteen Only) as on 09-11-2024 payable with further

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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

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

Sd/- Authorized Officer

NSE, Meghalaya Government ink pact for youth in BFSI sector

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

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

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

"As India cements its position amongst the world's largest economies and continues its remarkable growth story, the



Northeast region stands transformative role in this committed to being at the Meghalaya journey.

"Our collaboration with the NSE through their Student Skilling Program marks a significant step in empowering Meghalaya's youth in the BFSI sectors.

By equipping our youth with financial knowledge and skills, we are investing in their future and Meghalaya's prosperity," Conrad Sangma, Chief Minister of Meghalaya, said. This program aims to empower the youth of Meghalaya with essential skills and knowledge in the BFSI sector, bridging the skill gap and enhancing their employment opportunities for the future.

'With financial literacy at the heart of NSE's mission, we aim to transform young people from job seekers into job creators," Ashishkumar Chauhan, MD and CEO at

Government collects ₹ 1.44 lakh crore in toll tax since 2000

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

In a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha, road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari said all user fee plazas on National Highways established as per the National provision of Highways

(Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008 and the respective Concession Agreement.

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

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

The minister said presently, Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) based tolling system is not operational anywhere on National Highways.

However, he added that amendment to the the NH Fee Rules, 2008 (dated Sep 9, 2024) has been made to enable GNSS-based tolling system through On-Board Unit (OBU) and users of vehicles not fitted with a valid, functional Global Navigation Satellite System On-Board Unit shall have to pay a fee equivalent to two times of the user fee applicable for that category of vehicle at that fee plaza in case the GNSS based tolling

is made operational. In the GNSS-based user fee collection system, toll charges shall be levied based on the actual distance travelled by a vehicle, on a National Highway or expressway in term of NH Fee Rules, 2008 and amendment thereof.

Whereas, at present, the user fee is collected at the fee plaza depending on project influence length of respective

Generative AI will enhance effectiveness of tax functions: Report | Air India sees growth from

Most of the CFOs as well as finance and tax IVI as finance and tax leaders in India believe generative AI (GenAI) will significantly enhance the effectiveness of their tax functions, said a study on Thursday.

Globally, 87 per cent of leaders echo this sentiment, GenAI's underscoring potential to revolutionize tax functions worldwide, said a EY Tax and Finance Operations (TFO) Survey

Based on insights from 1,600 leaders across 32 countries and 18 industries, including 70 CFOs and tax leaders of leading Indian corporates, the global survey highlighted key challenges in the tax and finance domain.

It said, "94 per cent of CFOs and finance and tax leaders in India believe generative AI (GenAI) will significantly

The rupee depreciated 9 paise to close at 84.49 (provisional) against US

dollar on Thursday, weighed

down by a negative trend in

domestic equities and broad

strength of the American

Forex traders said a mixed-

to-weak tone in crude oil

At the interbank foreign

exchange, the rupee opened at 84.45 and touched the

lowest level of 84.50 against the greenback during intra-

day. The unit ended the session at 84.49 (provisional)

against the dollar, registering a fall of 9 paise over its

The rupee hit its lowest-ever

closing level of 84.50 on

On Wednesday, the rupee depreciated by 11 paise to

close at 84.40 against the US

"We expect the rupee to trade with a negative bias on strength in the US dollar and

month-end dollar demand

cushioned

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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November 21

enhance the effectiveness of tax functions remarkable increase from just per cent in 2023, highlighting a growing recognition of GenAl's potential in the tax landscape.

The survey 2024 also showed that Indian tax leaders have already begun to make strides in their GenAI journey, with per cent actively developing strategies, launching pilot projects, and exploring early-stage Gen AI applications.

Another 47 per cent are in the exploratory phase, investigating

experimenting with GenAI's potential to enhance their operations, surpassing the global average of 40 per cent. Rahul Patni, Digital Tax Leader, EY India, said that GenAI is clearly emerging as an effective tool for tax professionals to transform workspaces

However, overall weakness in

crude oil prices and fresh FII

inflows may support the

"US markets will remain

closed today to observe the

USD-INR spot price is

expected to trade in a range

of Rs 84.35 to Rs 84.70," said

Anuj Choudhary - Research

Analyst at Mirae Asset

According to traders, the

rupee at lower levels.

Thanksgiving Holiday.

Sharekhan.



professional lives.

Rupee falls nine paise against US dollar

"Areas of application can range from AI assisted document reviews to data cleansing and drafting business deliverables for day-

revealed a significant shift in

the Federal Reserve's outlook. The Fed is likely to put downward pressure on short-

term interest rates, reducing

the appeal of dollar-

denominated assets and contributing to the decline in

Meanwhile, the dollar index,

which gauges the greenback's

strength against a basket of

six currencies, was trading

higher by 0.25 per cent at

the Dollar Index.

to-day matters.

This will allow them to work more effectively, focus on strategic priorities, and make better decisions," Patni said. The survey further said 44

per cent of respondents cited lack of skilled talent and limited understanding of GenAI's capabilities as major

It also found that 46 per cent technology skills.

of respondents in India (and 45 per cent globally) spend their time on routine tasks like data collection and tax return preparation, which Indian tax leaders believe should take not more than 20-25 per cent of their time, allowing for a greater focus on strategic initiatives. Jitesh Bansal, National

Leader, Tax and Finance Operate, EY India, said that as regulatory and reporting burdens grow, tax and finance functions face increasing strain.

Tax teams in companies will need to step out of their comfort zones and start addressing newer problems around tax function strategy, processes, data quality, audit readiness and so on," Bansal said. In the context of shift in ways of working, the survey highlighted a trend of tax skills being complemented very well by

Adani Ports, Bajaj Finance,

Tech Mahindra, Titan, Tata

Reliance Industries and

Power Grid were among the

On the other hand, State Bank

In Asian markets, Seoul and Tokyo settled in the green,

while Shanghai and Hong

European markets were trading higher. The US

markets ended lower on

Wednesday. The decline in

tech companies dragged

Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 7.78 crore

on Wednesday, according to

exchange data. Global oil benchmark Brent

American indices

Institutional

Kong ended lower.

of India was the only gainer.

Services,

Consultancy

laggards.

major

Foreign

domestic, short international flights in 2025



PTI NEW DELHI

Air India will see most of the air traffic growth coming from domestic and short-haul international operations in 2025 as more narrow-body planes are joining the fleet and legacy wide-body aircraft will be going for retrofit next year, the airline's chief Campbell

Tata Group-owned airline, which has embarked on a five-year transformation journey, expects to have a fleet of 400 planes by 2027. Currently, the total fleet strength of Air India Group,

including Air India Express, is around 300 aircraft. During a select media briefing, Wilson, who has been at the helm of Air India

for more than two years, said the airline group has a domestic market share of around 29 per cent and 55 per cent on the metro to metro routes.

On top 120 domestic routes, the market share is about 40 per cent, he said.

According to him, the retrofit of legacy wide-body aircraft will start in early 2025.

"We had hoped to start retrofit of 787s and 777s by Unfortunately, the global supply chains in some areas are still recovering and seats in particular are a challenge...
"Once it (retrofit) starts in

2025, we will be doing 3-4 aircraft every month until the full legacy 40 wide-body aircraft are completed," Wilson said.

About growth for 2025, he

said it will primarily come from domestic and shorthaul international flights as most of the aircraft that are coming in are narrow-body

"We are also taking the aircraft for the refit programme. So, the number wide-body available will shrink a little bit," he added.

consolidating its airline business, Air India has merged Vistara with itself and AIX Connect has been integrated with Air India

Express. The CEO and MD of Air India noted that there is a delay in getting all the 50 white tail aircraft, which were earlier expected to join the fleet by December this year. Out of the total 50 white tail Boeing 737 MAX aircraft, at least 35 have joined the fleet. These planes are being operated by Air India

Express. "50 white tail aircraft, all of them were to come by December this year.

They will stretch up to June next year and that in itself has a little bit of impact., Wilson said responding to a query about delays due to issues at Boeing, including the recent

strike. 'It is not clear for how long the impact will be. Six months is reasonable for

some aircraft.," he said. Generally, white tail planes are those that were originally manufactured for a particular airline and later taken by another airline.

India actively engaged with 30 nations for mutual recognition agreements: CBIC Chairman

latest Federal Open Market 106.34. Committee (FOMC) minutes Brent crude, the global oil

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from importers.

entral Board of Indirect Customs and chairman Sanjay Kumar Agarwal on Thursday said India is actively pursuing negotiation for signing of mutual recognition agreements (MRAs) with customs authorities of about 30 countries.

Mutual recognition agreements help overseas trade by avoiding dual certifications. It thus reduces compliance cost, simplifying compliance requirements by adhering to only one regulation and enhancing trade

opportunities. India is proactively engaging with its trading partners to broaden and deepen the Economic



Operator (AEO) program. India has successfully signed MRAs with several key partners including South Korea, UAE, Australia and Taiwan, Malaysia, he said.

'Negotiations are ongoing with over 30 countries with promising progress and discussions with Japan and

addressing Global Economic Authorised Operator (AEO) Conference

The AEO programme enables the Customs administration to identify safe and compliant exporters and importers and to provide them with better

facilitation. further said India South Africa," he said while continues to demonstrate its

commitment to digital and sustainable trade facilitation as evidenced by improved performance in the United Nations Economic and Social Commission Asia Pacific's Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable

benchmark, rose 0.08 per

cent to USD 72.89 per barrel

On the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE

Sensex slumped 1,190.34

points or 1.48 per cent to

79,043.74 points, while Nifty was down 360.75 points or

1.49 per cent to 23,914.15

points. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) infused Rs

7.78 crore in the capital

markets on a net basis on

Wednesday, according to exchange data.

in futures trade.

Facilitation. India has also shown improvement in the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index, he said. In the era of an increasingly connected world, he said, the coming together of global fraternity is extremely crucial to foster trust, cooperation and Innovation.

The AEO programme is central to this vision symbolising partr between customs partnership businesses, he said, adding, it is built on mutual respect and a common goal of secure and

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty Esensex and Nifty surrendered early gains to plunge nearly 1.50 per cent on Thursday, weighed down by intense selling in market

Sensex tumbles nearly 1,200

points to slip below 80k

and HDFC Bank amid a mixed trend in global equities. The BSE benchmark Sensex

slumped 1,190.34 points or 1.48 per cent to settle at 79,043.74. During the day, it tanked 1,315.16 points or 1.63 per cent to 78,918.92. The NSE Nifty tumbled

360.75 points or 1.49 per cent to 23,914.15.

"Domestic markets took a breather after a strong start to the week. The overnight selloff in the US market, driven by renewed uncertainty about the rate cut trajectory and rising geopolitical tension, led correction heavyweight IT discretionary consumer stocks," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services, said.

From the 30-share Sensex crude climbed 0.49 per cent pack, Mahindra & Mahindra, to USD 73.18 a barrel.

Finmin to review efficacy of windfall tax on crude oil, fuel exports

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The Finance Ministry would review the efficacy of windfall tax on the export of petrol, diesel and Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) as global crude oil prices stabilised, sources said.

Phenomenal profits made by some oil refiners on exporting fuel at the expense of domestic supplies had prompted the government to introduce an export tax on petrol, diesel and ATF in July 2022.

The finance ministry is going to review the windfall tax and tax being mobilised out of this,

sources said. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has already written to the Finance

sources said. The government in September slashed the windfall tax on domestically produced crude

oil to 'nil' per tonne The tax is levied in the form of Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED) and is notified fortnightly based on average

oil prices in two weeks. The last such revision took place effective August 31 when the windfall tax on crude petroleum was set at Rs 1,850 per tonne

The SAED on the export of diesel, petrol and jet fuel or ATF, has been retained at 'nil' with effect from September 18. India first imposed windfall profit taxes on July 1, 2022, joining a host of nations that tax supernormal profits of Ministry in this regard, energy companies.

INBRIEF

NEW DELHI: The Goa Pavilion is adjudged as the Gold Medal award for excellence in "Swachh Pavilion" displayed at the 43rd India International Trade Fair, 2024, which concluded at the iconić Pragati Maidan in New



GNDU OBSERVES CONSTITUTION DAY

AMRITSAR: Celebrating Constitution Day, the Department of Laws of Guru Nanak Dev University organized a Free Legal Aid Camp and a Guest Lecture titled "Constitutional Right to Justice in India: The Role and Impact of Lok Adalats." This event also marked the inauguration of the first issue of the department's new student magazine, a platform designed to reflect the creativity and voices of law students.

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

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

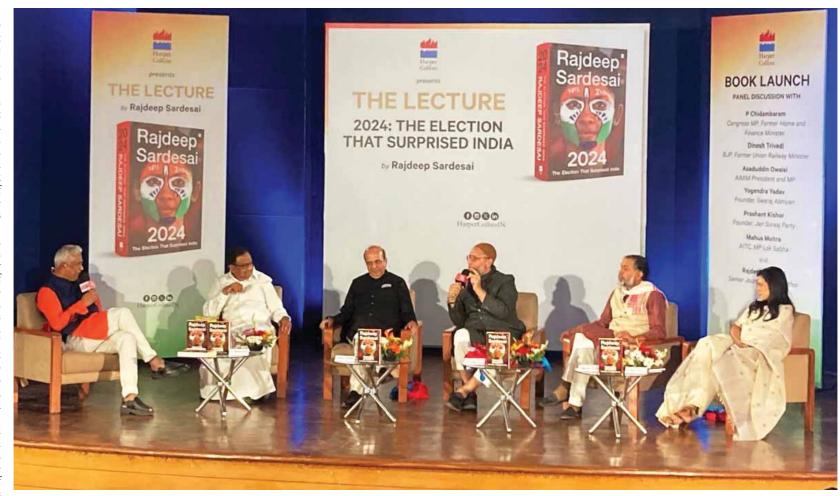
The narrative explores the operational strategies of the Modi-Shah political team, the role of enforcement agencies during the elections, and the controversies surrounding the fairness of the electoral process. Sardesai highlights the fierce battles in state elections and provides nuanced insights into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

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

A LIVELY LAUNCH EVENT

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

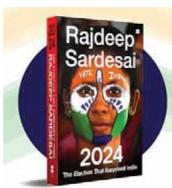
The distinguished panel included prominent political figures such as P. Chidambaram, senior Congress leader; Mahua Moitra, the fiery Trinamool Congress MP; Dinesh Trivedi, former Railway Minister; and Asaduddin



OK LAUNCH SPAI INSIGHTFUL DEBA

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

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



RAJDEEP SARDESAI

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

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

social justice. On the other hand, Mahua Moitra

Whispers of Ruins

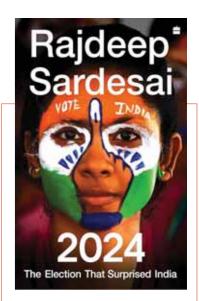
JANHWIJ SHARMA'S One Foot in the Ruin and Other Poems

is a captivating blend of evocative photography and

reflective poetry that explores the intersection of history, memory,

and the human spirit, writes SWATI PAL

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



ABOUT THE BOOK

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

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

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

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

November Reads! **By Rupa Publications** NPOLITICALLY The Wife and the Dancing Girl By ANUJA CHANDRAMOULI (PRICE: ₹395, PAGES: 272)

Chandramouli weaves a tale of searing passion and heartbreak inspired by Silapathikaram, the timeless Tamil classic by Ilango Adigal. This story explores the intricate love triangle between Kannagi the devoted wife, Madhavi, the enchanting dancing girl, and the man they both loved fiercely. Through moments of breathtaking passion and harrowing despair, Kannagi and Madhavi navigate the depths of love and loss, armed with fragile hope and the bitter truth that exquisite pleasure often comes at the cost of endless pain. Chandramouli's retelling is both tender and tragic, delivering a romance that transcends time and leaves an

The Wife and the Dancing Girl, Anuja

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

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

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

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

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

Silent spaces haunting... filtering rays of hope

Traditionally, ruins evoke somberness,

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

Is there a way to hear the ruins still telling tales of its proud past with all moments it lived cherished and felt... Time feels alive within these ruins... all that will one day remain Here, Sharma's ruins filter light, will be the ruin's whispering tales



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

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

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

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

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

Sharma's poems often delve beneath the surface of ruins to unearth enduring values, faith, and hope. This sentiment finds expression in Speak" (p. 120), inspired by the Ellora Caves:

might not be irreversible, it is the reality

of the day, nevertheless!

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

memories/with ceaseless gaze.

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

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

leave... Balanced against these profound reflections are moments of

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

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

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

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

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

And I walk alone/framed through the

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

reaching the destination/where my future will be.

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

Hybrid model for Champions Trophy not acceptable: PCB tells ICC

PTI KARACHI

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

PTI KOLKATA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

India can reach top-50 10 years: Mandaviya



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m ndia}$ can break into the top-Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Thursday, according to a release issued by All India Football Federation

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

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

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

nurtured along with coach development which will be pivotal for the sports growth." The FIFA rankings began in 1992 and the Indian men's football team's best ranking has been 94, achieved in February 1996. The team has broken into the top-100 on a very few occasions.

In the latest FIFA chart issued on Thursday, the Indian football team is ranked 127th, two spots down from the earlier October list. Japan, Iran, Korea and Australia, the regular Asian countries in the World Cup, are ranked at 15th, 18th, 23rd and 26th respectively in the latest

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PTI SYDNEY

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

following Australia's 295-run hammering in the series opener in Perth earlier this Webster, also a right-hand pace all-rounder like Marsh, has been the stand out

performer in the Sheffield

Shield over the past two years. The 30-year-old has collected

1788 runs including five hundreds and nine fifties. He starred in Tasmania's Sheffield Shield match against New South Wales earlier this week, striking a 61 and 49 besides taking five wickets.



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

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

India to send 68-member team

for Asia-Pacific Deaf Games

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

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

India here at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium

National camps were organised by SAI in Sonepat for wrestling and in the national capital

for badminton and judo from November 15 to

The camps for chess, athletics and table tennis

were held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium,

while the SAI regional centre in Lucknow

conducted the taekwondo camp on the same

India's overall contingent is of 92 members

including 24 coaches, support staff and officials

and SAI has spent close to Rs 3 crore for travel,

accommodation, training, equipment and team

The Asia-Pacific Games were held last in 2015 at

Taiwan where Indian athletes won three gold

Among those who are expected to clinch medals

include double Deaflympics gold medallist Abhinav Sharma, 2022 Deaflympics champion

shuttler Jerlin Anika and Amit, who won the

Chess has been included in the program for the

first time. Mallika Handa will lead the seven-

bronze in 86kg category wrestling.

and two silver medals.

ahead of their departure on Friday

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

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

next week.

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

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

AP ■ DURBAN

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

South Africa in 75 balls in



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

The pitch was considered batting friendly on day two of the first test, as South Africa ed morning session, resuming on 80-4 and being dismissed for 191. Kamindu Mendis top-scored with 13 in a Sri Lanka lineup which featured four ducks. Medium-pacer Marco Jansen took a careerbest 7-13 in 6.5 overs.

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

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Name of the work: Improvement to MIPs under Critical Grant No of works: 10 Nos.

Estimated cost: Approximately Rs. 5.94 to 41.95 Lakhs

Period of completion: 3 (Three) and 2 (Two) calendar months.

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Mbappe needs 'support' Real Madrid coach Ancelotti says after 2-0 loss to Liverpool said as he faced multiple questions from got to be patient. He is an extraordinary Spanish reporters about Mbappe's form.

68-member Indian team will take part in

Athe Asia-Pacific Deaf Games to be held in

The tournament is at par with the Asian Games for individuals with speech and hearing impairment and also serves as a precursor to the

Deaflympics, which will be held in Japan next

The India will have representation in seven

disciplines including athletics, badminton,

chess, judo, table tennis, taekwondo and

Kuala Lumpur from December 1 to 8.

Kylian Mbappe hoped his move to Real Madrid would finally end his wait to win the Champions League.

That felt a long way off on Wednesday after a 2-0 defeat to Liverpool left the defending champion in danger of being eliminated from European club soccer's elite tournament at the first stage and in a fight just to make the playoffs for the

If Madrid does make an early exit, Mbappe may look back on a miserable night at Anfield where he was humbled by a young defender and then missed a penalty that would have leveled the score. Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said afterward the star forward was going through a "difficult moment" just months after he joined the record 15-time European

"We've got to give him our support and love and he will soon be fine," Ancelotti

"It could be lack of confidence maybe. Sometimes when moments in the game and things are not working out, the idea is to keep things simple. Don't complicate things.

"He's going through that moment now. You get through them. Don't blame him for missing a penalty. People miss penalties. We can't put too much grief on him for that." World Cup winner Mbappe looked a shadow of himself against a Liverpool team that leads the way in the Premier League and the Champions League this season.

He was brought crashing down by a crunching tackle from 21-year-old right back Conor Bradley when threatening to burst through on goal in the first half sparking a huge cheer from the home

And it got worse for Mbappe in the second half when he had the chance to make

wrestling. A send-off ceremony was organised for the touring party by the Sports Authority of member Indian team.

it 1-1 from the penalty spot after Alexis Mac Allister had given six-time European champion Liverpool the lead. But with Caoimhin Kelleher to beat, he saw his effort pushed away by Liverpool's backup goalkeeper.Mbappe has scored nine goals in 18 appearances for Madrid since leaving Paris Saint-Germain as a free agent at the end of last season. But he has only one goal in the Champions League for his new club, which has lost three of its five games in the revamped compe-

"Things are not running for him. We've

player — a fantastic player," Ancelotti said. Madrid is 24th in the new-look 36-team league phase of the competition. The top eight teams advance to the round

of 16, while those ranked ninth to 24th go into a playoff. Mbappe wasn't the only player to fail to score a penalty in the match, with Mohamed Salah also missing a spot kick of his own. But substitute Cody Gakpo

doubled Liverpool's advantage. Victory saw new Liverpool head coach Arne Slot manage something his predecessor Jurgen Klopp never could by beating Real in the Champions League. Klopp lost five and drew once in six

defeats in the final Liverpool extended its perfect record in the Champions League this season and is top of the standings after five games. Each team plays eight games in the open-

games against Madrid — including two