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In last 10 years...

58 lakh houses, 1.5 crore toilets and 91 lakh
 Ayushman cards give dignified life to Vanbandhus

₹80,000 crore Dharti Aaba Janjati Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan
 launched benefitting 5 crore people

1.33 lakh ST category students studying in
 476 Eklavya Model Residential Schools

12 lakh people engaged in entrepreneurship through
 3900 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras

More than 23 lakh people got Land Rights. As against 55 lakh acres
 in 2014, Land Titles of 191 lakh acres distributed so far

MSP was earlier available only for 12 types of forest produce,
 now extended to 87

To prevent Sickle Cell Anemia,
 more that 4.6 crore people screened

Birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda
 declared as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas

Tribal Valour and Bravery gets Respect,
 Construction of 11 Tribal Freedom
 Fighter Museums approved

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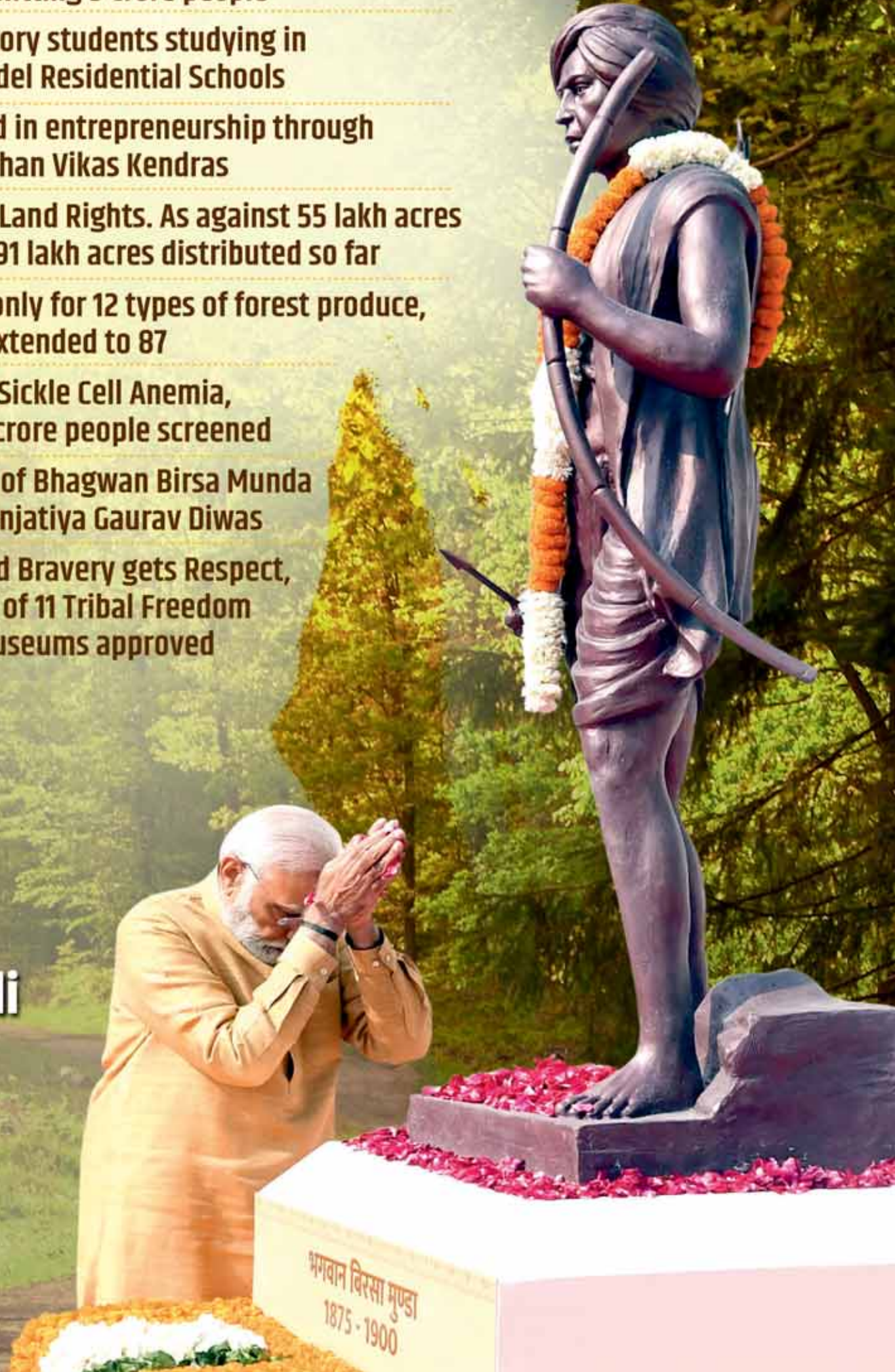
Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas

Foundation stone laying, Inauguration
 and Launch of Schemes worth ₹6600 crore
 by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**

Time: 11:00 am | Location: Jamui, Bihar

Today marks the beginning of the
150th Birth Anniversary Year
 of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda

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One dead, three injured after multiple vehicles collide on Delhi-Dehradun highway

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One person was killed and three others were injured at the Asharodi check post on the Delhi-Dehradun highway late on Wednesday night. The incident took place under the Clement Town police station area during a routine vehicle inspection by the Sales Tax department.

According to officials, a vehicle was signalled to stop by the Sales Tax team for inspection. The driver of the vehicle reportedly applied the brakes abruptly, causing a chain reaction that led to multiple collisions of six vehicles. A container truck subsequently overturned and crushed several vehicles on its path. The officials said that a total of six vehicles including two dumpers, a car, and a motorcycle were involved in the accident. The deceased has been identified as Sukhdev, a resi-



dent of Damkadi, Saharanpur, while his son, Sudhanshu, sustained critical injuries. Two Sales Tax officers, Suman Das and Naveen Mahar, were also injured and have been hospitalised. The officials said that the collision occurred when a container truck collided with vehicles that had stopped and

overturned, triggering a pile-up of vehicles. The police reached the spot and rescued the injured and transported them to the nearby hospital. They said that an investigation is underway to determine the exact cause of the accident and assess whether any safety protocols were breached.

Police secure crucial CCTV footage of vehicle involved in accident which killed six

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The police have collected crucial CCTV camera footage of the vehicle involved in the accident on the night of November 11 which resulted in the death of six youths in Dehradun. The police are probing all possible causes for the accident on the ONGC Chowk. As part of the investigation, the police have secured CCTV camera footage of the Innova involved in the accident. The footage shows the vehicle being driven around the city. The vehicle was seen being driven at a normal speed at

the stretch between Ballapur and ONGC Chowk will become clear after the youth gains consciousness and is in a position to talk to the police.

The police further informed that the container truck which the Innova hit covered a distance of 1.5 kilometres to ONGC Chowk from Kishannagar Chowk in about six minutes which shows that the truck was being driven at a normal speed. The technical team of the regional transport office has also inspected the two ve-



hicles involved in the mishap. It is pertinent to mention here that soon after the mishap, questions were being raised about the police not stopping the youths in the speeding vehicle as it was being driven around the city late at night. However, the CCTV camera footage secured by the police has ascertained that it was not speeding when it crossed the police checkpoints in various parts of the city.

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DGP issues instructions to check road accidents in State

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Following two major road accidents in Dehradun this week which killed seven persons and injured at least five, and the bus mishap in Almora which resulted in 36 deaths earlier this month, the officiating director general of police Abhinav Kumar has issued strict instructions for effective action to put a check on road accidents in the State. Considering the recent road accidents, Kumar directed the Traffic director, the in-charges of both the ranges and all senior/superintendents of police to take effective measures to prevent accidents in the State.

The Almora bus mishap was caused due to factors including overloading

or riding. The DGP has directed that the licenses of bars and pubs open late at night should be checked and necessary action should be taken. Action should be taken against those drinking, serving alcohol and creating nuisance in public places. Adequate number of CCTV cameras should be installed and their regular maintenance should also be ensured. The feed from the CCTV cameras should be regularly monitored at the police control room while adequate number of signboards should also be installed along the roads. Further, there should be signboards and proper monitoring at identified hotspots. Kumar also di-

dulging in drunk driving. In case of drunk driving, the vehicle should be seized and action should be taken under section 185 of the Motor Vehicles Act 1988. Speedometer or radar guns should be used to check oversteering and those found guilty should face legal action. Further, action should also be taken in case of overloading of passenger vehicles and overloading of goods vehicles or such vehicles carrying passengers. In case of an underage driver, action should be taken against the vehicle owner of guardian of the juvenile. Similarly, legal action will be taken against those found indulging in risky driving, jumping the red light or using the mobile phone while driving. Action will also be taken against those found racing without permission in public places.

Kumar further directed that in case of road accidents, action should be taken under section 281 of the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS) while in case of reckless driving, action will be taken under section 125 of BNS. Action will be taken under section 106(1) of the BNS in case of loss of life or injury in an accident.

Further, license holders of bars, pubs and hotels serving alcohol have been directed to prevent a person from driving if intoxicated while leaving their premises, inform their family members and hand them over to them. If they are unable to contact the family members, they should dial 112 and contact the police to facilitate their safe return to their destination. If the instructions are not followed and if there is an accident, legal action will be taken against the liquor bar license holder.



while the accident which resulted in six deaths in Dehradun caused by oversteering. According to data, the major reasons for road accidents have been ascertained to be drunken driving, overloading in both goods carriers and passenger vehicles, jumping red light, underage drivers, competing with other vehicles and using the mobile phone while driving

rected the police to coordinate with other departments concerned to take necessary measures for preventing road accidents. As part of measures to deter irresponsible behaviour on the road, the DGP has directed that an adequate number of alcoholometers should be provided at police checkpoints and barriers to check those in-

Support double-engine government's work and nationalist ideals, urges former CM

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Haridwar MP and former chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat on Thursday urged voters to support the achievements of the double-engine government and its nationalist ideals. He stated this while addressing gatherings in

the Congress's lack of leadership and organisation. Rawat recounted an incident from his time as CM, stating how Congress' candidate, who was an MLA at the time, would place conditions before addressing constituents' con-

munity-driven candidate Nautiyal, describing her as a true representative of the people's welfare.

He also highlighted infrastructure development as another key reason to support



Bavayi and Swari Gwans villages of Kedarnath Vidhan Sabha constituency to seek support for the BJP candidate Asha Nautiyal in the Kedarnath Assembly bypoll. Rawat advised locals to critically assess both the party and the candidate. He talked about the BJP's values, commitment, principles and dedication to public welfare, contrasting this with what he described as

cerns to the government. He shared that this Congress leader demanded the CM's assurance before writing a formal letter for aid to a patient, despite being aware of the urgency. "A true representative should convey public grievances to the government selflessly, but here, political biases were prioritised," he said. He called on voters to choose the BJP's compassionate and com-

the BJP. He also reminded the public that they elected the BJP in Kedarnath for a five-year term in 2022, with the late MLA Shaila Rani Rawat's notable efforts for development in the region. He affirmed the BJP's commitment to fulfilling her unfinished work in service of the people of Kedarnath for the remainder of the term.

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potential as immense, stating that the government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi is committed to multi-dimensional development in Kedarnath and the wider region. He said that with each Char Dham Yatra season, tourism is increasing and efforts are underway to incorporate local community feedback to ensure efficient travel experiences. He also stated that the ongoing

Dharampur MLA to boycott public events in protest against lack of respect for public representatives

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Bharatiya Janata Party leader and Dharampur MLA Vinod Chamoli has written to chief secretary Radha Raturi over the perceived lack of respect and appropriate conduct by government officials toward public representatives during State-organised programmes and meetings. He stated that he will refrain from participating in any public events organised by the State government or administration until guidelines are issued to departments concerned to uphold appropriate protocol for public representatives in public events. In his letter to Raturi, he conveyed his dissatisfaction with the conduct of government officials, asserting that elected representatives are often not given due respect or recognition in such settings, which he described as insulting. He highlighted the foundational principle of democracy as treasured in the constitution, wherein governance is carried out through representatives elected by the people. He pointed out that elected officials are the voice of the public and any disrespect shown toward them translates to a disregard for the people they represent. Emphasising the need for officials to adhere to a standard of decorum in their interactions with public representatives, Chamoli said that the absence of such decorum disrupts the harmony between elected representatives and the

bureaucracy. In his letter, the MLA called for the creation of a clearly defined etiquette and behavioural guideline within the state which will ensure that public representatives receive appropriate respect and acknowledgment. He asserted that this will facilitate smooth governance in line with public sentiment and safeguard the honour of elected officials. He stated that these guidelines should clarify the roles and relationships between representatives, who serve as the voice of the people, and officials, who are government servants. He stated that until the state implements such a code of conduct or directs relevant departments to uphold appropriate behaviour toward representatives, he will refrain from participating in any pub-

lic events organised by the State government or administration, except those directly impacting the development of his constituency. He formally requested that the government issue explicit guidelines on decorum and behaviour toward public representatives, stressing the need for a protocol to foster cooperation between elected officials and bureaucrats, in a manner that reflects the respect and values of a democratic system.

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Govt to expand homestay scheme in more villages after Kedarnath bypoll

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Tourism and Culture minister Satpal Maharaj campaigned in the Madmaheshwar Valley in Kedarnath Vidhan Sabha constituency on Thursday and urged voters to support BJP candidate Asha Nautiyal in the Kedarnath Assembly bypoll. He said during the campaign that the homestay scheme will be expanded to more villages in Kedarnath constituent after the bypoll.

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Conducting outreach in villages including Rasi, Uniya, Raulak and Mansuna, Maharaj emphasised the government's focus on promoting self-employment for youth through initiatives like the homestay scheme, particularly suited for regions with significant tourism potential. He talked about Madmaheshwar valley's unique heritage, renowned for its sacred sites like the second Kedarnath, Lord Madmaheshwar, Manamayi and Rakeshwari. He described the valley's tourism

Rishikesh-Karnprayag railway project is expected to be completed by 2027 which will ease travel from Kanyakumari to Karnprayag and further boost pilgrimage visits. The State aims to promote Madmaheshwar Valley and other religious sites on the tourism map to support this vision. He added that many youths have found employment through the homestay scheme which will be expanded to more villages post-election to encourage the promotion of local products.

Winter chill likely to set in next week, dry weather likely till then

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Some parts of the State may witness sparsely cloudy conditions on Friday though rain and snowfall is not forecast yet in the next few days. The temperatures may start falling next week. The State meteorological centre has forecast that dry weather is likely to prevail in all districts of the State today. The provisional State capital Dehradun is forecast to witness a mainly clear sky with mist likely to occur during the morning hours. The maximum and minimum

temperatures are likely to be about 27 degrees Celsius and 13 degrees Celsius respectively in Dehradun today.

Meanwhile, the maximum and minimum temperatures have continued to remain above normal in various parts of the State. The maximum and minimum temperatures in Dehradun were 28.2 degrees Celsius and 13.3 degrees Celsius respectively on Thursday, 26 degrees Celsius and 13.6 degrees Cel-

sius in Pantnagar, 21 degrees Celsius and 5.7 degrees Celsius in Mukteshwar and 20.9 degrees Celsius and 8.8 degrees Celsius in New Tehri. The maximum temperature and minimum temperature were three degrees Celsius and two degrees Celsius above normal respectively in Dehradun. The maximum was a degree below normal while the minimum was three degrees above normal in Pantnagar. Similarly, the maximum temperature was four de-

grees above normal in Mukteshwar while in New Tehri the maximum and minimum temperatures were both a degree above normal.

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NCR gasps, GRAP III invoked



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deteriorating air quality in Delhi and NCR regions. GRAP is announced when the Air Quality Index (AQI) reaches 'severe' category, implementing various limitations on activities that contribute to pollution in addition to the restrictions implemented under GRAP I and II.

Earlier, Delhi woke up to dangerously high levels of toxic smog covering several cities surrounding the National Capital Region for the second consecutive day on Thursday, disrupting flight operations and train schedules. Adding to the alarm, Delhi airport saw significant disruptions on Thursday, with 151 incoming flights delayed and one cancelled, while 282 departures faced delays averaging 45 minutes, according to the flight tracker website.

The AQI in Delhi's Anand Vihar was 466 ('severe plus'), IGI Airport (T3) 435, and ITO 421 at 10am on Thursday. The city's average AQI stood at 432. Ashok Vihar, Bawana, Dwarka, Jahangirpuri, Mundka, Najafgarh, Lajpat Nagar, Patparganj, Punjabi Bagh, RK Puram, Rohini, Vivek Vihar, and Wazirpur are among several areas in Delhi where the average AQI was recorded in the 'severe' category, exceeding 450, at 6 am. The air quality crosses over 400, which falls under the severe category. As the national capital faces this ongoing crisis, residents are left wondering whether the government will enforce more stringent measures, including Stage 3 of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), to tackle the worsening air quality.



Arms and ammunition recovered during a cordon and search operation conducted by Manipur Police and Security forces in Jiribam district. PTI

AFSPA returns to Manipur

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre has re-imposed the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) in Manipur's six police station areas, including the violence-hit Jiribam. An area or district is notified as 'disturbed' under AFSPA to facilitate the operations of the armed forces.

The AFSPA gives Armed Forces operating in disturbed areas powers to search, arrest and open fire if they deem it necessary for the "maintenance of public order". In a notification, the Union Home Ministry said the decision was taken given the continuous volatile situation there due to the ongoing ethnic violence.

The police station areas where AFSPA has been reimposed are Sekmai and Lamsang in Imphal West district, Lamlai in Imphal East district, Jiribam in Jiribam district, Leimakhong in Kangpokpi and Moirang in Bishnupur. The fresh order came after the Manipur government imposed AFSPA in the entire state on October 1, barring 19 police station areas that include these six.

The police stations excluded from the Manipur government's October 1 order were Imphal, Lamphal, City, Singjamei, Sekmai, Lamsang, Patsoi, Wangoi, Porompat, Heingang, Lamlai, Iriblung, Leimakhong, Thoubal, Bishnupur, Nambol, Moirang, Kakching, Jiribam. Eleven suspected militants were killed in a fierce gunfight with security forces on Monday after insurgents in camouflage uniforms and armed with sophisticated weapons fired indiscriminately at a police station and an adjacent Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) camp in Manipur's Jiribam district. A day later, six civilians, including women and children were abducted by armed militants from the same district.

The ethnically diverse Jiribam, which was largely untouched by the clashes in Imphal Valley and the adjoining hills, witnessed violence after the mutilated body of a farmer was found in a field in June this year. The disturbed area declaration was in force in the entire Manipur (except the Imphal municipality area) from 2004 till early 2022.

In April 2022, the Manipur government issued a notification where it said the disturbed area tag will no longer be applicable in seven police station areas of Imphal West district, four police station areas under Imphal East district and one police station area each in the districts of Thoubal, Bishnupur, Kakching and Jiribam. There are 16 districts in Manipur. Meanwhile, Manipur Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president Sharda Devi on Thursday called for the immediate release of the three women and three children allegedly abducted by militants in Jiribam district. She termed the alleged abduction of six members of a family from Borobekra and Jakuradorh in Jiribam as "unfortunate" and demanded their release on humanitarian grounds. "We demand the immediate release of the abducted six members of a family without any harm on humanitarian grounds. We from BJP appeal to them (armed miscreants) for their release," Sharda Devi told reporters at the BJP office in Imphal.

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi's air quality has reached 'hazardous' levels, prompting the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) to implement Stage III of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) restrictions, effective from eight am on Friday. Under the third stage of the GRAP, all inter-state buses from National Capital Region (NCR) states, except electric vehicles, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles and BS-VI (Bharat Stage Emission Standards six), diesel buses, will be prohibited from entering Delhi, alongside a stringent ban on construction and demolition activities,

suspension of mining-related activities. Chief Minister Atishi said that all primary schools in Delhi will shift to online classes. "Due to rising pollution levels, all primary schools in Delhi will be shifting to online classes, until further directions," she tweeted. There will also be restrictions on the plying of BS-III petrol and BS-IV diesel vehicles in Delhi and the districts of Gurugram, Faridabad, Ghaziabad and Gautam Budh Nagar. The National Capital's Air Quality Index (AQI) has been categorised as 'severe', with a reading of 428, the worst in the country for the past two days. The decision to invoke the third stage of GRAP was announced by Commission for

Air Quality Management on Thursday, hours after Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai claimed that the stage III of Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) would not be imposed yet as the situation is expected to improve from Friday. As per its statement, CAQM Sub-Committee on GRAP imposes Stage-III of revised GRAP in the NCR, w.e.f. 8 am November, 15 (Friday). "In an effort to prevent further deterioration of the air quality, the Sub Committee decided that ALL actions as envisaged under Stage III of the GRAP - 'Severe' Air Quality (DELHI AQI ranging between 401-450) be implemented in right earnest by all the agencies concerned in the NCR, in addition to the Stage-I and II

actions already in force, from 8 am of 15th November, 2024 in the National Capital Region (NCR)," the statement read. The GRAP III restrictions also include road construction activities and major repairs; Transfer, loading / unloading of dust generating materials like cement, fly-ash, bricks, sand, murrum, pebbles, crushed stone etc. anywhere within / outside the project sites; Movement of vehicles carrying construction materials on unpaved roads; Laying of sewer line, water line, drainage and electric cabling etc. by open trench system, brick / masonry works and painting, polishing and varnishing works. The GRAP comprises specific measures to tackle



Dominica Award of Honour for PM Modi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Commonwealth of Dominica will bestow its highest national award, the Dominica Award of Honour, upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi this month, the Dominica government said. The award is in recognition of PM Modi's contributions to Dominica during the COVID-19 pandemic and his dedication to strengthening the partnership between the two countries. In a statement, the office of the Dominican Prime Minister said President of the Commonwealth of Dominica Sylvanie Burton will confer the award during the upcoming India-CARICOM Summit scheduled to take place in Georgetown, Guyana, from November 19 to 21. "In February 2021, Prime Minister Modi supplied Dominica with 70,000 doses of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine - a generous gift which enabled Dominica to extend support to its Caribbean neighbours," it stated. The award also recognises India's support for Dominica in healthcare, education and information technology under PM Modi's leadership as well as his role in promoting climate resilience-building initiatives and sustainable development on a global level, the statement read. The statement quoted PM Roosevelt Skerit as saying that the award is an expression of Dominica's gratitude for Prime Minister Modi's solidarity with Dominica and the wider region. "Prime Minister Modi has been a true partner to Dominica, particularly during our time of need amid a global health crisis. It is an honour to present him with Dominica's highest national accolade as a symbol of our gratitude for his support and as a reflection of the strong ties between our countries. We look forward to building on this partnership and advancing our shared vision of progress and resilience," he said. In accepting the offer of the award, PM Modi emphasised the importance of collaboration in tackling global challenges such as climate change and geopolitical conflicts, and affirmed India's commitment to working alongside Dominica and the Caribbean in addressing these issues, the statement underlined. President Burton and Prime Minister Skerit will attend the India-CARICOM Summit, a forum to discuss shared priorities.

Wholesale price inflation to affect retail market

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Wholesale price inflation rose to a four month high of 2.36 per cent in October as prices of food items, especially vegetables, and manufactured goods turned dearer, showed the government data released on Thursday. The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) based inflation was 1.84 per cent in September 2024. As per the data, inflation in food items shot up to 13.54 per cent in October, as against 11.53 per cent in September. This was led by

63.04 per cent inflation in vegetables, as against 48.73 per cent in September. Inflation in potato and onion remained high at 78.73 per cent and 39.25 per cent, respectively, in October. Fuel and power category witnessed deflation of 5.79 per cent in October, against a deflation of 4.05 per cent in September. In manufactured items, inflation was 1.50 per cent in October, as against one per cent in the previous month. October witnessed the second consecutive month of rise in WPI inflation. The WPI higher than



October's level was recorded last in June 2024, when it was 3.43 per cent. "Inflation in October 2024 is primarily due to increase in prices of food articles, manufacture of food products, other manufacturing, manufacture of machinery & equipment, manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers & semi-trailers, etc." the Ministry of Commerce & Industry said in a statement. According to ICRA Senior Economist Rahul Agrawal, food inflation alone pushed up the headline WPI print by 63 basis points between September and

October 2024. On a year-on-year (YoY) basis, the core WPI print rose to 0.3 per cent in October 2024 from 0.1 per cent in September 2024, while remaining muted. "Owing to the expected softening in food inflation, ICRA estimates the WPI inflation to ease to approximately 2 per cent in November 2024," Agrawal said. Looking ahead, the robust increase in Kharif output for most food items, and the healthy outlook for Rabi crops amid elevated reservoir levels augurs well for the WPI food inflation prints in the near term. However,

the outlook for the headline WPI inflation remains vulnerable to movements in global commodity and crude oil prices, Agrawal said. The consumer price index data released earlier this week showed retail inflation surged to a 14-month high of 6.21 per cent with a sharp rise in prices of food items. The level is higher than the upper tolerance limit of the Reserve bank of India (RBI), which may make cutting the benchmark interest rates difficult in the policy review meeting in December.

India will seek Arsh Dalla extradition

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

India will seek extradition of Arsh Singh Gill alias Arsh Dalla, the de facto chief of the Khalistan Tiger Force, from Canada as he is a proclaimed offender here. He was reportedly arrested there recently and it is expected that he will be extradited or deported to face justice in India, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said here on Thursday. "We have seen media reports circulating since 10 November on the arrest in Canada of proclaimed offender Arsh Singh Gill alias Arsh Dalla, the de-facto chief of the Khalistan Tiger Force.



Canadian print and visual media have widely reported on the arrest. We understand that the Ontario Court has listed the case for hearing," MEA said. Arsh Dalla is a proclaimed offender in over 50 cases of murder, attempt to murder, extortion and terrorist acts including terror financing. In May 2022, a Red Corner Notice was issued against

him. He was designated in India as an individual terrorist in 2023. In July 2023, Government of India had requested the Canadian government for his provisional arrest. This was declined. Additional information was provided in this case, it said. A separate request was also sent to Canada under the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) to verify Arsh Dalla's suspected residential address, his financial transactions to India, moveable/immovable properties, details of mobile numbers etc. all of which were provided to Canadian authorities in January 2023.

Students win, PCS exams back to one shift

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ PRAYAGRAJ

After four days of relentless protests by nearly 20,000 students, the Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission (UPPSC) has reversed its decision to conduct preliminary exams over two shifts agreeing to hold the PCS (Provincial Civil Services) preliminary exam in a single day as per the old pattern. The Review Officer/Assistant Review Officer (RO/ARO) exam, scheduled for December 22 and 23, has been postponed. A special committee will evaluate the best approach for conducting the RO-ARO exam fairly and transparently. In a bid to address student concerns, UPPSC Secretary Ashok Kumar addressed the crowd on Thursday. "The preliminary examination will be conducted in one shift. For the RO/ARO (Review Officer/Assistant Review Officer) Examination-2023,



a committee will review all aspects and submit a detailed report. The final decision on the RO/ARO exam will be taken based on this report," he announced, signifying that the proposed changes had been officially withdrawn. Consequently, the PCS prelims will occur on a single day, while the

RO/ARO exam, initially scheduled for December 22 and 23, has been postponed. According to Prayagraj District Magistrate Ravindra Kumar, the revised exam date will be announced soon. "The date for the PCS exam will be released by the UPPSC shortly," he confirmed.

Congress scheming to restore Article 370: PM

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ MUMBAI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the Congress and its allies are hatching a scheme to have a separate Constitution for Kashmir, and making all efforts for restoration of Article 370. "Will the people of Maharashtra support the Congress and its allies who speak the language of Pakistan," PM Modi said, addressing a rally in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar for the November 20 state Assembly elections. "Congress and its colleagues have passed a resolution to restore Article 370," he said. "When we made Kashmir



Prime Minister Narendra Modi being felicitated by Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde and other leaders during a public meeting. PTI

free from Article 370, Congress opposed this in Parliament and court. Now they are again hatching a scheme to restore Article 370 and have a separate Constitution in Kashmir," PM Modi said. "Kashmir is an integral part of India.

Every Indian wants that there should be only Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar's Constitution in Kashmir," Modi said. "The Congress used to say that reservations were against the country. It considered reservations were against merit. The

agenda of the Congress remains unchanged. Therefore, they can't come to terms with the fact that someone from OBC has been the PM of the country for the last 10 years," he said. "The Prince of Congress, while he is abroad, openly claims that his party will scrap reservations. To further their agenda, Congress and Maha Vikas Aghadi are conspiring to divide SCs, STs and OBCs into small castes," he said. PM Modi also said the BJP-led Mahayuti government renamed Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, and fulfilled the wish of Shiv Sena founder Bal Thackeray.

'Lottery King' Santiago Martin runs out of luck

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ CHENNAI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday conducted fresh searches in multiple states against Chennai-based 'lottery king' Santiago Martin, one of the biggest donors to political parties, with over Rs 1,300 crore in electoral bonds, as part of a money laundering investigation. The action comes after the Madras High Court recently allowed the ED to proceed against Martin as the Tamil Nadu Police had decided to close the predicate or primary FIR against him and a few others and a lower court accepted this police plea.

Santiago Martin donated Rs. 542 crore to Trinamool Congress (TMC), Rs. 509 crore to DMK, Rs.154 crore to YuvaJana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP), Rs.100 crore to Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Rs. 50 crore to Congress under the controversial Electoral Bond Scheme banned by Supreme Court. Officials said at least 20 premises linked to Martin, his son-in-law Aadhar Arjun and associates in Chennai and Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu, Faridabad in Haryana, Ludhiana in Punjab and Kolkata in West Bengal were being searched as part of a "comprehensive" action against his business empire.





IN BRIEF

CM talks to locals during morning walk in Gairsain

CHAMOLI: Out on a morning walk after staying the first night of his two-day trip to the summer capital Gairsain, the chief minister



Pushkar Singh Dhami talked to the locals and sought their views about the development works being done there. On the first day, he chaired important meetings with senior officers on what could be the ideal land law for the State and how to effectively curb migration from the mountainous areas. This is the first time a CM stayed a night at Gairsain when the Assembly was not in session.

Sex racket raided, 3 held

RUDRAPUR: Acting on the direction of the SSP Manikant Mishra, an anti-human trafficking cell team raided a house in Awasth Colony in Rudrapur on receiving tips that a prostitution racket was being conducted from it. The team arrested one man and two women from there and booked them under several sections of the anti-human trafficking laws.

Drug smuggler held with 37 kg ganja

RUDRAPUR: A joint team of Pantnagar police and STF arrested a narcotics smuggler and seized 37 kgs of ganja from him.



Besides, the vehicle in which the narcotics were smuggled was impounded. While conducting a checking drive in the Madkota Mahadev area, the team intercepted a car. The accused was identified as Sushil Sharma (26), resident of Azad Nagar Transit Camp, Udham Singh Nagar. During interrogation, he revealed that the narcotics were mainly brought from Jagdalpur district of Chhattisgarh. Police said they were probing the accused's criminal antecedents.

BJP stooping very low to retain Kedarnath: Cong

DEHRADUN: With the high-stakes Kedarnath Assembly bypoll drawing near, the opposition Congress is sharpening the pitch of its attack on the BJP. As part of its strategy to pay the BJP back in its own coin, the State Congress chief spokesperson Garima Mehra Dasauni countered the ruling party's charges. Latching on to the State cabinet minister Ganesh Joshi's charge during campaigning that there was corruption in the Kedarnath reconstruction work, post-disaster, she said that the work had been done under the direction of Colonel Ajay Kothiyal who is now in the saffron camp. Similarly, countering the saffron charge that then Congress had bungled with the Kedarnath disaster, she said that the man who was at the helm of the then State government Vijay Bahuguna had been relieved of his post in the aftermath of the Kedarnath tragedy because of his supposed inefficiency in taking on the emergency. "He is now in the saffron camp and his son is the in-charge of the BJP's high-octane and high-profile campaign," she said, adding that the people of Kedarnath were waiting impatiently to teach lesson to the party which had been stooping low to retain this seat.

Pine Hall School hosts Children's Day carnival

DEHRADUN: Pine Hall School celebrated Children's Day on Thursday with a carnival that featured an array of food and game stalls. The school's director Anurag Anand and the principal Rama Anand inaugurated it. A lucky draw was held where the two distributed top prizes, including a sound system, a microwave and an air fryer besides 15 additional gifts. In addition to games and prizes, musical performances were held on the occasion.

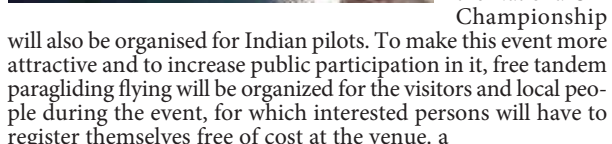


THDCIL Director (Finance) SP Garg receives Visionary CFO of India Award

RISHIKESH: The director (Finance), THDC India Limited Sipan Kumar Garg was conferred with the 'Visionary CFO of India' award at the National Economic Growth Summit 2024. This recognition celebrates his contributions to the finance sector, particularly in navigating the complexities of an evolving business environment while driving growth and innovation, senior THDCIL officers said. Garg assumed the charge of director (Finance), THDCIL on August 17. The chairman and managing director, THDCIL R K Vishnoi; director (Personnel) Shallinder Singh and director (Technical) Bhpender Gupta were among those who congratulated Garg.

Echo World Championship to commence on Dec 10

NEW TEHRI: Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board is organising Echo World Championship and Air Show 2024 from December 10 to 23 with the support of M/s Paragliding Mantra, Pune (Maharashtra) and the Tehri district administration with the objective of establishing Tehri Lake area as a hub of echo paragliding and continuously promoting and propagating this area among paragliding pilots from all over the world. In this event, along with the World Echo Competition, the National SIP Championship will also be organised for Indian pilots. To make this event more attractive and to increase public participation in it, free tandem paragliding flying will be organized for the visitors and local people during the event, for which interested persons will have to register themselves free of cost at the venue. a



CM inaugurates fairs at Srinagar, Gauchar and Jauljibi

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the Vaikunth Chaturdashi Mela at Srinagar in Pauri district, the 72 government industrial development and cultural fair at Gauchar in Chamoli district and the Jauljibi fair in Pithoragarh district on Thursday. Dhami made various announcements and launched development works on the occasion. Speaking at Srinagar, the CM first paid obeisance at the Kamleshwar Mahadev temple. Addressing the gathering at the fair, he said that this historical fair is part of the State's heritage. Recalling that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had stated that the third decade of this century will

belong to Uttarakhand, he said that the State government is working consistently to fulfill this vision. Masterplans worth crores of rupees are being executed in Badrinath and Kedarnath while completion of the Rishikesh-Karnprayag rail project underway will further strengthen connectivity in the

local and make in India are boosting the local entrepreneurs and industry. Dhami said that the State government aims to stop the migration from the mountainous regions of Uttarakhand by boosting the livelihood of the locals and enhancing facilities available to them. Referring to the Gauchar air service recently started, he said that this will boost connectivity and strengthen tourism and the local economy.

Inaugurating the Jauljibi fair, the CM also launched 18 development works worth Rs 64.47 crore. Referring to the fair as a unique heritage of the State, the CM said that it also



boosts cordial relations in the Indo-Tibet and Indo-Nepal border regions. Stating that this region has had long standing links with Tibet and Nepal, Dhami said that the relations with Nepal have further improved under PM Modi's leadership.

IJU pushes for rights and safety of journalists

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The national executive committee meeting of Indian Journalist Union (IJU) began in Dehradun on Thursday, chaired by IJU president K Sreenivas Reddy in the presence of secretary general Balwinder Singh Jammu. The two-day event brought members of the journalistic fraternity from across the nation to discuss pertinent issues and achievements. Speaking as the chief guest on the occasion, the State's Forest minister Subodh Uniyal commended the union's efforts and expressed his commitment to supporting journalists. He said that accommodation would be provided to visiting journalists in forest rest houses during their assignments. He

also acknowledged the need to work towards the implementation of the Working Journalists Act, aiming to improve protections and benefits for media professionals. During the meeting, Reddy said that the IJU has successfully established an independent office in New Delhi, a significant milestone after years of effort. The IJU also celebrated the achievement of its Telangana unit, which secured 37 acres of land for journalists' housing, a goal pursued for 15 years. IJU office bearers highlighted the urgent need to address threats to press freedom, attacks on journalists and the rise of misinformation.

Children's art exhibition starts at DLRC

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The Doon Library and Research Centre (DLRC) commenced its children's art exhibition on the occasion of Children's Day on Thursday. The exhibition will run till November 17. The in-charge of the children's reading section at the library, Megha stated that the aim of this exhibition is not only to showcase the talents of children but also to promote a sense of community and appreciation for art among attendees. This event highlights the remarkable potential of these budding artists and encourages a collective appreciation for artistic expression among visitors. Speaking at the occasion, DLRC advisor BK Joshi praised the original artistic works of the children. The programme features various artistic expressions, reflecting the hard work and passion of the students. Notably, a puppet-making workshop will also be organised at DLRC on November 17, coinciding with the conclusion of the art exhibition.

'The Modern in Print' screening hosted by Navrachana University

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Navrachana University hosted a special screening of the documentary 'The Modern in Print' made by Mala Sinha and Suchitra Balaubrahmanyam that captures the nuanced journey of block printing in a modernising Mumbai, delving into the evolution of this intricate art in the commercial capital of India. Critics said after watching the documentary that it is a compelling commentary on the legacy of textile printing as both an art form and a testament to the metropolis's transformation over the years with tradition and contemporary influences being delicately balanced. A panel discussion followed the screening with the participation of a number of personalities from the arts and design community like Mala Sinha (textile designer, researcher and co-founder of Bodhi), Suchitra Balaubrahmanyam (design historian and visiting professor), Dinaz Kalwachawala (documentary filmmaker), Amit Bhavsar (executive producer and music director), Jerry Pinto (poet and novelist) and Francis Corla of Corla & Sauza & Company. In her address, Tejalben Amin said that such screenings offer invaluable platforms for bringing together esteemed professionals to engage in meaningful dialogues. Pratyush Shankar highlighted the importance of this screening for students in architecture, design and journalism. He dwelt on the profound social power of cities like Mumbai to inspire creativity and innovation.

DM orders CCTV installation on all poles from Paltan Bazaar to Dhamawala

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The Dehradun district magistrate Savin Bansal issued an order on Thursday to install CCTV cameras along the route from Paltan Bazaar to Dhamawala in view of public safety. These installations will be mounted on pre-existing street light poles and other departmental poles in the area. Under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, Bansal has authorised the use of existing infrastructure, including street light poles, to establish this network. The new surveillance system is expected to provide real-time insights and facilitate quick response to emergencies, contributing to an overall sense of security for residents and visitors in the busy market area. Bansal said that this initiative aims towards creating a safer, more secure environment for the public in one of the city's busiest zones. The DM had also recently approved the installation of CCTV cameras at 15 selected locations within Paltan Bazaar to maintain a safer environment, especially during crowded events, to manage crowd control and to prevent incidents such as stampedes and other emergencies. He said that a total of 22 CCTV cameras, equipped with necessary supplementary devices, a public address system, and internet connectivity will be soon installed in the area.

SCPCR holds meeting on child rights

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The chairwoman of the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR), Geeta Khanna presided over a virtual meeting with various departments to discuss child rights on the occasion of Children's Day on Thursday. The departments at the meeting included the Police, Education department, Women Welfare department and others. Khanna informed that she provided detailed information about children's rights and their protection, highlighting the background of child rights as well as the role of society and government in ensuring these rights. She further added that during the meeting, a dialogue was established between the children, their families and the representatives of various departments, with a focus on explaining the importance of child rights. Khanna emphasised that raising awareness among children about their rights is essential for meaningful progress in protecting those rights. She noted that this initiative by the SCPCR aims to enhance awareness of children's rights in the state and concrete steps will be taken to ensure their safety. Additionally, this meeting is scheduled to take place in the remaining 12 districts of the State on November 16, as part of the programme initiated by chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, she added.

Further, Khanna informed that in response to a video showing children working in the mining area of Vikasnagar, she has directed the sub divisional magistrate to take immediate action regarding the situation.

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By-election battle intensifies in Katehari where dalit votes hold the key

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In the high-stakes Katehari by-election, political fervor is at an all-time high as the BJP, SP, and BSP gear up for a tight race in this constituency, historically linked with BJP's religious agenda due to its proximity to Ayodhya.

Leaders hope the temple's completion and the popularity of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will rally voters in their favor. BJP candidate Dharmaraj Nishad, a seasoned politician who previously served as MLA here on a BSP ticket, faces Shobhavati Verma from SP, wife of sitting MP Lalji Verma, and BSP's Amit Verma.

The constituency's Dalit population will play a pivotal role in determining the outcome. As the community's influence rivals that of upper castes, candidates are vying to secure both Dalit and backward-caste support. "The candidate who manages to unite the Dalit and backward vote



The SP is contending with internal discord. By nominating Shobhavati Verma, Lalji Verma's wife, the party faces accusations of nepotism. Prominent local SP leaders, like Pahadi Yadav and Shankhlal Yadav, have expressed displeasure over the selection. "It has sparked a rift within SP, which BJP is trying to leverage to its advantage," commented a local analyst. The SP's PDA (Pichda, Dalit, Alpashankhyak) formula, often successful in uniting backward castes, Dalits, and minorities, appears less

effective in Katehari this time. The Verma couple's history with BSP is also significant, as Lalji Verma was previously elected from Katehari under the BSP banner. This BSP legacy, along with Amit Verma's candidacy, introduces the possibility of vote division among SP and BSP supporters, potentially giving BJP an edge.

Despite BJP's efforts, the party grapples with internal issues. Some local leaders allege that key party cadres, essential to mobilizing voters, feel neglected. Rajesh Kumar Dubey, a former village head, expressed dissatisfaction with BJP's handling of grassroots supporters. "Those who have supported BJP for decades are facing disrespect at local police stations," he claimed, adding that the actions of certain BJP leaders are tarnishing the party's image in Katehari.

Development and employment, usually central to elections, are less prominent in the discourse this time. "It's the candidate's personal appeal that matters. People may be angry with BJP, but Yogi Adityanath's influence remains strong," noted Ranjan Kumar. Regardless of the outcome, the BSP's legacy in Katehari remains influential. SP candidate Shobhavati Verma's husband, Lalji Verma, previously held the seat as a BSP representative, and BJP's Dharmaraj Nishad served as a minister under the BSP government. This history signals that, while the BSP may not hold the seat currently, its role in Katehari politics endures.

Government bans Meghalaya based insurgent group HNLC

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Meghalaya-based insurgent group Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC) was on Thursday declared banned by the government for five years for its involvement in violent incidents and for carrying out activities prejudicial to India's sovereignty and integrity. In a notification, the Union Home Ministry said the Central government is of the opinion that the HNLC has declared objective for secession of areas in the Meghalaya, largely inhabited by Khasi and Jaintia tribes, and continued intimidation and bullying of the civilian population to extort funds for their organisation. It said the group is also maintaining links with other insurgent groups of the northeastern region for carrying out extortion and intimidation and indulging in 48 criminal cases, including that of explosion or planting of explosives in Meghalaya, from November 2019 to June 2024. During this period, 73 cadres of the outfit were also arrested by the secu-



rity forces. "The HNLC along with all its factions, wings and front organisations of Meghalaya has been involved in such activities which are prejudicial to the sovereignty and integrity of India," the notification said. The Home Ministry said it is of the opinion that the activities of the HNLC are detrimental to the sovereignty and integrity of India. If these are not immediately curbed and controlled, the HNLC may regroup and rearm itself, expand its cadres, procure sophisticated weapons,

cause loss of lives of civilians and security forces and properties and thereby accelerate its anti-national activities, the ministry said. It is also of the opinion that for the reasons aforesaid, it is necessary to declare the HNLC together with its factions, wings and front organisations, as an unlawful organisation. Considering all these facts, the Ministry of Home Affairs decided to declare HNLC outlawed under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967) with immediate effect for five years, the notification said.

Doctors across TN protest against brutal attack on oncologist

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Doctors across Tamil Nadu staged a protest on Thursday condemning the brutal attack on a government oncologist at a hospital here, and also demanded safety for medical professionals. The strike by the members of the Indian Medical Association and Tamil Nadu Government Doctors Association has not affected the medical services to the patients at the government facility, an official said and claimed that the senior oncologist Balaji, assaulted by the son of a patient in the outpatient room on Wednesday, was responding well to treatment. State Health Minister Ma Subramanian visited Balaji Jegannathan, associate professor, medical oncology, Kalaingar Centenary Super Speciality Hospital (KCSSH), Guindy, here, earlier in the day and enquired about his health condition. "There has been good progress in Dr Balaji's health. His vitals are good without any support. He had breakfast in the morning. He spoke to the Minister of Health saying he is doing well and sought to be shifted to ward," KCSSH director Dr L Parthasarathy said. When



reporters asked about Wednesday's violent attack on hospital premises, he replied, "one is bound to be emotionally upset if diagnosed with cancer. The patient was admitted after the doctors explained about the treatment options to her." On whether the strike affected the medical services to the patients, he said that there were sufficient numbers of doctors to attend to about 500 to 600 inpatients and those in ICU at KCSSH. "I hope the issue will be resolved amicably soon," Parthasarathy added. The 1,000 bedded Kalaingar Centenary Super Speciality

Hospital, where the crime occurred, was inaugurated a year ago. In addition to this facility, the National Centre of Aging (NCA), and the King Institute are functioning on the sprawling campus near the Guindy railway station. "There's an outpost near the NCA. Police officials said they would establish outposts in all the hospitals lacking such facility," the director said. The protest was announced to create awareness among the public and not intended to affect the patients. All Medicare facilities were being provided to the patients without any let up, he

added. Subramanian later informed that Dr Balaji was recovering well and would be shifted to the ward today after tests. Speaking to reporters after visiting the recuperating doctor, the Minister said all government medical colleges, district headquarters hospitals and taluk hospitals would provide (temporary) identity tags to the patients' attendants. "The four-colour tag system for patients' attendants was introduced at the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital in early October and it will be expanded to other government facilities," the Minister said.

He said the police have registered cases under seven sections of the BNS (Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita) including an attempt to murder on the attacker Vignesh, who was caught by the hospital staff and public and handed over to the police. The assailant was allegedly frustrated over the treatment given to his mother who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma in an advanced stage. "I am stable. They have checked my pacemaker. I am being given antibiotics for the sutures (to seven stab injuries)," Dr Balaji said. When the Health Minister asked him "How are you feeling Dr Balaji," immediately he replied, "I am recovering well" and demonstrated by eating breakfast. Balaji was stated to have expressed his desire to continue his service to the patients at KCSSH, in spite of the shocking attack on him. According to the Dean of RGGGH Dr E Therani Rajan, the hospital has not compromised its OPD services on account of the strike. "Some doctors wanted to protest against the stabbing incident. We did not interfere. Otherwise everything is going on smoothly," he said.

CM Majhi holds previous BJD Govt responsible for miseries of farmers

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

Holding the previous BJD government "responsible" for the "miseries" of farmers in Odisha, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Thursday said that the state government will now pay an additional Rs 800 per quintal of paddy to cultivators. Farmers will get the additional Rs 800 per quintal of paddy as input assistance as Odisha farmers are often affected by different calamities like floods, cyclones, drought, dry spells and pest attacks, Majhi said while addressing a function marking 'All India Cooperative Week 2024' celebration. The chief minister came down heavily on the previous BJD government and accused it of "betraying" the trust of Odisha farmers. "Former chief minister (Naveen Patnaik) at a farmers rally at Sohela in Bargarh district nine years ago had announced a bonus of Rs 100 per quintal of paddy. This could have been very helpful for poverty-stricken farmers.



But, the farmers did not get even Rs 1 as bonus from the government", Majhi said. Majhi alleged that some of the farmers in the state were forced to commit suicide under the debt burden during the BJD government. However, this situation will not occur in Odisha under the BJD government, he claimed, adding that now the farmers of Odisha will get Rs 3,100 per quintal of paddy. He said: "We will give Rs 800 per quintal to farmers on December 8 at the same place (Sohela) where former chief

minister Naveen Patnaik had unsuccessfully announced to give Rs 100 as bonus per quintal of paddy." "These Rs 3,100 per quintal of paddy comprise Rs 2,300 as the minimum support price (MSP) and an additional Rs 800 as input assistance. The BJP in its election manifesto had promised Rs 3,100 per quintal of paddy for Odisha farmers", Majhi said, and added that the BJD government in its first Cabinet meeting had approved this proposal. The chief minister also said

that the government will host a state-level farmers' convention on December 8 at Sohela in Bargarh district, where farmers will be assured an additional Rs 800 per quintal. This additional payment, along with the MSP, will be transferred directly to farmers' bank accounts within 48 hours via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), he said. Majhi said that the kharif paddy procurement will commence from Bargarh district on November 20 followed by Sambalpur on November 22, and then across all districts. From November 20 to December 7, farmers will receive a minimum support price (MSP) of Rs 2,300 per quintal for their paddy. Later from December 8, they will get the additional amount of Rs 800 after it was launched from Sohela in Bargarh district. This apart, the government has launched information and awareness programmes to inform small and marginal farmers about the paddy procurement process. Special measures, including deploy-

ment of grain analyzers, quality analysts, and mandi supervisors at procurement centres, have been implemented, an official release issued by the CMO said. According to officials, the government will start token distribution to farmers from November 15, with an option for District Collectors to extend the token period by up to seven days, if necessary. The chief minister asked district collectors to monitor areas bordering neighbouring states to prevent unauthorised entry of paddy from outside Odisha. For this, additional measures including enhanced patrolling have been introduced in border areas, officials said. "We will take stringent action against the people who create disturbance in the paddy procurement process. Jharpada jail is there for the disturbing elements in the cooperative societies. The government is keeping a close eye on these disturbing elements and it will not spare them," the chief minister said.

IMD introduces localised weather forecasting for Sabarimala pilgrimage

PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

In a first for the Sabarimala pilgrimage, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has introduced a localised weather forecasting system, similar to those for the Amarnath and Char Dham yatras. IMD officials announced on Thursday that its regional centre has installed three rain gauges at Sannidhanam, Pamba, and Nilakkal to issue three-day weather forecasts. These forecasts will soon be upgraded to real-time weather bulletins, known as "nowcasts," said IMD regional director Neetha K Gopal. Recognising the challenges posed by rising temperatures and high humidity during dry spells, the IMD also plans to install temperature gauges in the area. The initiative follows a request from the Pathanamthitta district administration, which sought

real-time weather updates for Sabarimala due to the region's susceptibility to extreme rainfall. Recent landslides in Wayanad have further emphasised the need for caution in sensitive areas. Authorities revealed that while the IMD initially considered setting up Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) at Sabarimala, they opted for rain gauges to expedite the process. Plans for a permanent weather monitoring facility in the area are under consideration. "This is the first time we are providing localised weather forecasts for Sabarimala, akin to our services for Amarnath and Char Dham yatras," Gopal said. She noted that the effort is a collaboration between the Pathanamthitta district administration and the IMD. The IMD staff have trained district administration personnel to collect data from the gauges, which are validated at

the IMD centre. However, Gopal emphasised that offering district-wide forecasts would require a "larger network and substantial manpower." Currently, the State Disaster Management Authority is disseminating the weather updates to the public. Additionally, efforts are underway to integrate the weather bulletins into the "Swamy AI Chat Bot" app, recently launched by the state government for Sabarimala pilgrims. This app, available in six languages, provides pilgrims with assistance and information. Once integrated, the weather updates will be easily accessible to users. The path to Sannidhanam from Pamba, featuring small streams and the Pamba River, remains a focus of safety measures. Severe flooding during the 2018 deluge devastated the area, washing away several pilgrim facilitation centres.

BJP reminds Opposition how corruption, favouritism in jobs flourished while Congress was in power

PTI ■ CHANDIGARH

The BJP MLAs launched a fierce attack on the opposition Congress in the Haryana Assembly on Thursday reminding how corruption and favouritism in jobs flourished when they were in power whereas merit and transparency has been the sole criteria under the ruling dispensation. Participating in the discussion on the governor's address in the assembly on the second day of the ongoing Winter Session, Sohna MLA Tejpal Tanwar said all-round development took place under the BJP led government in the state for last ten years. The people gave us mandate for the third consecutive time when we delivered, said Tanwar while pointing to the Congress' benches. He said that jobs were given on merit and several schemes were brought for the welfare of var-

ious sections of the society. BJP's Rewari MLA Laxman Singh Yadav reminded the Congress that there was a time when the opposition party was in power and "people had to sell their land to procure jobs and then middlemen used to exploit them too." "But our government brought in transparency and we gave 1.70 lakh jobs during the past ten years...When the Congress was in power, there was regional bias in development while favouritism, corruption prevailed in giving jobs, but our government gave jobs without any 'kharchi and parchi' and merit has been sole criteria, undertook equitable development and brought in transparency," Yadav said. The discussion during the governor's address also saw verbal exchanges between the ruling BJP and the opposition Congress members on some issues. Congress' Rohtak MLA B B

Batra, while participating in the discussion on the governor's address, said, "Money power has also been used by the BJP in the polls. People raised questions on EVMs." Haryana Minister Arvind Sharma intervened and said the Congress has always been in the habit to put blame on EVMs whenever they lose an election. Batra said, "There are 120 countries where EVMs is not used. Why elections are not held in the country using ballot papers?" The Congress leader said the new data shows that 70 per cent of the population in the state falls below the poverty line (BPL). "Seventy per cent of population is below poverty line, we have to ponder on this," he said. Batra said it was ironic that while on one hand the per capita income is over Rs 3.25 lakh, but 70 per cent population was below poverty line.



He said there are two things - one is removing poverty and second is to provide food to the hungry. The Congress leader claimed the government is not focusing to remove poverty but working to meet only hunger needs. Senior Congress member Raghuvir Singh Kadian pointed to Governor Bandaru Dattatreya in his address to the newly elected Haryana MLAs on the opening day of session

on Wednesday, saying the government is committed to securing its legitimate share of water from the Ravi and Beas rivers and complete the Sutlej-Yamuna Link canal. Kadian said Haryana should get its share of SYL waters at the earliest and urged the chief minister to take an all-party delegation to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi on SYL matter. He said the government is say-

ing there is no DAP fertiliser shortage, "but the reality is that there is a shortage". On law and order front, Kadian said that ransoms are being sought from the traders and crime is increasing. Congress MLA Nirmal Singh said the government should put out data stating how many out of total government jobs given during the past ten years have been given to those who are from outside the state. BJP's Bhiwani MLA Ghanshyam Saraf alleged that his constituency was neglected during the Congress' time, but it witnessed development during the saffron party led government. Intervening in a matter raised by Congress member Mohd Ilyas, the MLA from Punhana in Nuh district, Haryana Minister Rao Narbir Singh said the Mewat region witnessed development under the BJP rule. The minister said the Congress

should tell how much funds were given to Mewat when they were in power. Kanwar Singh, the BJP MLA from Mahendragarh, said that his party came to power for the third consecutive term on the basis of works done by the government. The government gave jobs to youth purely on merit basis...The government is procuring every single grain of the farmers and money is being credited into their bank accounts, he said. BJP MLA from Rai in Sonapat district, Krishna Gahlawat, said the government, has done works for various sections, including poor, farmers and women, during the last ten years. "1.70 lakh youth have got jobs on merit during past ten years," she said. BJP's Safidon MLA, Ram Kumar Gautam, said that he had said "the fight is between BJP and Hooda's party and not the Congress" even before the

assembly polls were held in Haryana. "When we used to go to villages and towns and ask people how many development works were undertaken during the Congress' time, they used to say all development took place under the BJP's rule," Gautam said. "After poll results were out, the Congress has once again blamed EVMs. Ten years ago, no one could even think people will get jobs on merit. Development used to be concentrated around Rohtak region...Country's prestige around the globe has risen under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's regime," he said. BJP's Kalka MLA, Shakti Rani Sharma, and another party legislator from Pataudi in Gurugram district, Bimla Chaudhary, said many youth from ordinary backgrounds have secured jobs on merit basis during the BJP rule.



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Bulldozer justice quashed

The SC strikes down 'bulldozer justice,' mandating strict accountability for officials involved in illegal demolitions

The Supreme Court of India has delivered a landmark judgement against the practice of "bulldozer justice," emphasising that officials who engage in illegal demolitions will now be held personally liable to restore properties and pay damages. The judgement is a response to the growing concern over arbitrary demolitions used as punitive measures, often targeting properties associated with individuals accused of crimes. The judgement introduces strict procedural requirements and enforces personal accountability for officials. This liability includes covering the cost of restoring the demolished properties and compensating affected parties. This measure is designed to deter officials from disregarding due process and underscores the responsibility that comes with exercising state power. The Supreme Court has established mandatory procedural guidelines to prevent arbitrary demolitions— A 15-day prior show-cause notice is required, along with a personal hearing; a detailed final order justifying why demolition is the only viable action must be provided and a 15-day grace period post-final order allows the affected party to seek legal recourse or vacate the premises.



The Supreme Court has mandated real-time updates on a digital portal for all demolition notices and orders to prevent arbitrary actions and foster transparency. Additionally, the entire demolition process must be videographed, with a list of officials involved to ensure accountability and adherence to procedure. Officials violating these directives risk contempt proceedings and prosecution, underscoring the Court's commitment to upholding the rule of law. The judgement holds far-reaching implications for governance, rule of law and individual rights in India. By restricting demolitions carried out as a form of punishment, the Supreme Court reinforces the fundamental legal principle that the executive cannot act as judge and enforcer. The decision underscores the judiciary's role in protecting individuals' rights against arbitrary state action, affirming that everyone is entitled to due process before facing punitive measures. The decision is laudable because it is tough on arbitrary demolitions, which often infringe on the right to shelter, impacting families and communities and safeguards citizens' fundamental rights, emphasising that actions targeting individuals suspected of crimes must follow legal due process. The judgement must come as a relief to many families who dread the demolition as one of them might have been on the wrong side of the law. However, the judgement falls short of putting onus on the political masters of the bureaucrats on whose behest such actions are often taken. Nevertheless, it would rein in the erring officers who go out of way to please their political masters. It is a bold move that could reshape administrative conduct.

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PICTALK



A crow quenches its thirst by drinking water from a fountain, in New Delhi

India's cricket boycott is a safety issue, not politics



BHOPINDER SINGH

As the deadliest year in Pakistan's recent history unfolds, calls for separating sports from safety concerns overlook the urgent realities facing the nation

Global Terrorism Index 2024 reports that Pakistan had the highest recorded terror attacks of any country in the world. 490 attacks were formally recorded with spiralling instances in the fourth successive year of increased deaths and terror incidents. The US Department of State currently maps the situation at "level 3" i.e., warning its citizens to "Reconsider Travel". Similarly, British authorities "advise against all travels to parts of Pakistan" and note bluntly, "No travel can be guaranteed safe".

There are two dedicated Pakistani Army Divisions deployed to secure Chinese personnel and assets of the various Chinese-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) imperatives in Pakistan, yet the same gets targeted with seeming impunity and deadly consequences. Even royals from various Arab sheikdoms who used to descend into the Pakistani hinterland for the annual Houbara hunting season have desisted from the same, given the acute security concerns prevailing. Whereas India has rightfully slammed Pakistan for being the "world's terrorism factory" for its nefarious record in fanning religious extremism and armed insurgency on Indian soil, since independence. Stating that there is a grave security concern in Pakistan is not a political statement but a statement of fact. The fact that it was featured prominently in the Grey List of the global anti-terror watchdog agency, Financial Action Task Force (FATF) till very recently, is also a fact. Amidst this undeniable security landscape in Pakistan, Pakistani authorities pooh-pooh concerns of the Indian Cricket Board, i.e., BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India), to avoid sending the Indian Cricket Team to play in Pakistan owing to security concerns, is not political one-upmanship but the expected concern of any board towards the safety and welfare of its team. That several India-facing terror groups are thriving on Pakistani soil is a very old story that needs no reiteration, and that itself makes the threat to the Indian team especially severe. The official breakdown and



downgrading of diplomatic ties between Delhi and Islamabad since 2019, do not help mend popular mood or perceptions about India or Indians in Pakistan (or vice versa), either. While it is certainly true that sporting ties between the two restive nations were always given to political 'point-scoring' and even positive leverage in the form of 'cricket diplomacy' (to thaw bilateral freeze) - this time the security situation in Pakistan has deteriorated to such levels, that to suggest that it is the usual 'point-scoring' diplomacy is to live under a rock. The reality of the situation is even beyond the intellectual debate of allowing or disallowing sports between two 'enemy' countries. Sometime back, India did choose to conflate sports with other bilateral engagements owing to Pakistan's established role in sponsoring terrorism in India, but even if one were to delink the two, the security situation in Pakistan itself warrants a cautionary note from the Indian side. Understandably the Pakistanis are miffed and embarrassed about what they perceive as a deliberate Indian affront, but deep down they know better given that 2024 has emerged as the deadliest year ever, from the perspective of terrorism in



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Pakistan. However, coming from its imagined nemesis i.e., India, it is a bitter pill to swallow openly. Given that Pakistan's Interior Minister, Mohsin Naqvi, also double-hats as the Chairman of the Pakistani Cricket Board (PCB) - the Pakistani reaction to BCCI concern assumes a political reaction. He has cavalierly downplayed the 'Hybrid Option' (wherein India plays its matches in a neutral venue, while others can play in Pakistan) by countering, "one of the options the government is mul-ling is that of asking the PCB to ensure Pakistan don't participate in the Champions Trophy", as a political face-saving comeback. He also fumed that the PCB ought not to be expected to "carry on with their good gestures" of playing in India, as Pakistanis did earlier. This wounded statement misses the point of contrasting the security situation existing in India, vis-à-vis Pakistan, currently. The Pakistani Government may be tempted to 'retaliate' optically and go as far as asking its team to desist from playing against India in any of the ICC or Asian Cricket Council tournaments, to negate the perceived sleight. Currently, the heavily invested narrative of a perennial 'enemy' in India leads to an instinctive ostrich-

like head in the soil, and denials by Pakistan. Situational irony is magnified by the chairing of the global body of cricketing governance i.e., the ICC, by the son of India's Home Minister (equivalent of Interior Minister in Pakistan), Jay Shah. Pakistani social media is agog with memes of Kathik-calling-Karthik allusions and its questionable neutrality in handling the current situation. Fair as that concern might be from a Pakistani perspective in normal times, it still does not take away from the genuineness of security concerns in Pakistan. For Pakistan to give examples of the security cover afforded to India's Foreign Minister on a recent visit to Pakistan as an example of its preparedness to host matches with tens of thousands of spectators and other accompanying circumstances, is contrived and grossly stretched logic. Pakistan is in the midst of an undeniable and complex security crisis and will only be able to resume events with Indian participation, once the ground security situation changes. For now, it is clearly beyond political one-upmanship. (The writer, a military veteran, is a former Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry; the views expressed are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CLIMATE CRISIS

Madam — The editorial, 'Deliver tangible results' (November 13), should sensitise all the concerned. The COP29 is seen more as a ritual congregation than as producing anything tangible in the interest of humanity. The present economic order, marked by rabid chasing of capital for instant profits with its predatory character, knows no sentiments. As capital has gained such power over the policies of a government or even changed the government itself to make its course further smooth. In this background, Trump regaining his political power grossly reduces the scope for any further positive developments in this affair. He is for outright support for faster exploitation for mines and oil wealth to enrich the rich at the cost of the very survival of the living beings. The latest manifestations of climate change are serious signals to attend to the damages inflicted on the environment but have yet to be taken seriously by any country. COP 29 that meets periodically, discusses the issue, receives consents and commitments for its resolutions from members but utterly fails to put in practice to bring about any tangible improvements in the status. The Indian government is not different. The amendments brought in by the Forest Act last year will see more damage to forests and more men and material loss. Attaching more importance to money has its toll on living beings, which, under the present economic order, is very difficult to infuse a humane face to it.

A G Rajmohan | Anantpur

VISTARA MERGED WITH AIR INDIA

Madam — The Indian full-service airline called Vistara Airlines has finally reached its merger completion stage with Air India. With this, it is now only the Tata Group-owned Air India in the country to manage the full-service flight facility in India. The ten-year-old Vistara, which is a joint venture between Indian and Singaporean companies, has finally flown its last flight from Delhi to Singapore with the code name UK. The premium Club

Inflation on the rise



The inflation rate based on the consumer price index increased to 6.21 per cent in October, up from 5.49 per cent in September, according to the data released by

the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The increase was driven by the prices of food products, particularly the vegetables, especially tomatoes, onions and potatoes (TOP), rising above 42 per cent. The food inflation rose sharply to 10.87 per cent in October from 9.2 per cent in the preceding month. There is a greater need for the government to implement additional supply-side measures to stabilise food prices. A weakening of the rupee to an all-time low (November 13, rupees 83.40 against one dollar) against the dollar has also raised the specter of India's oil import bill climbing, which could stoke inflation if retail fuel prices go up. Since this is man-made inflation, the government, which has virtually failed to check inflation, needs to make all-out efforts to check it to give a sigh of relief to the poor.

S K Khosla | Chandigarh

Vistara tickets and pre-booking orders of Vistara have already been shifted to the Maharaja Club of Air India. Although this whole merger and amalgamation process of Vistara is quite heartening, as Vistara is renowned for its quality service, while Air India grapples with some service issues. Although Air India is in its process of transitioning, any comment with respect to its services quality and experience post merger with Vistara would be too early. Tata's are the trusted group of India, and let's not forget that their airline's contribution holds a long history. They have been in national service in India since 1932, with the visionary mentality of JRD Tata. The expansion of Air India with the merger of Vistara will surely improve the aviation operations of Air India and also help the Air India group to focus more on customer-centric service with a memorable quality experience in every flight.

Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

PROMISES AND POLITICS

Madam — The political scenario is getting hotter as the stakes are very high in the

Maharashtra state elections. Honours are even and fighting for supremacy is gearing up in a fancy mood. Allegations and counter-allegations are mounting up and a war of words is now in a now-or-never situation. Freebies funds find routes in a big way, finding routes from the household items and electronic items. As the manifestos are out, the realities come to light in the electioneering. In the public view, election manifestos are issued solely to sway voters, who know they will hear about these promises again only when the next election comes. People will have to simply wait and watch as mute spectators. If parties truly believe in the validity of their manifestos, they should allow voters to judge these promises on their own merits, rather than muddying the waters with divisive or defamatory statements. The real lie lies in cheating voters. Lies lay low in a political flow of fight between EVMs and electorates.

C K Subramaniam | Mumbai

Pathway to a knowledge rich, future-ready nation

By promoting multilingualism, skill development and character-building, NEP 2020 aims to empower students to tackle both national and global challenges



UMANG BAJAJ

On July 29, the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 completed four years, a transformative framework that has reshaped the country's educational landscape by connecting contemporary needs with its traditional roots. NEP 2020 stands as the first education policy since independence that genuinely aligns with Bharat's ancient traditions, advocating for accessible, quality education with an emphasis on relevance and inclusivity. The policy introduces a host of progressive features, such as flexible study options, multiple entry and exit points, the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), credit transfer mechanisms, and a focus on online courses, aiming to create a seamless, adaptable educational journey for learners across the nation. A defining aspect of NEP 2020 is its commitment to the five foundational pillars of Access, Equity, Quality, Affordability and Accountability. NEP 2020 brings traditional values, arts, languages and culture into the mainstream curriculum, underscoring



Bharat's ambition to reclaim its heritage as a knowledge superpower. One of the most notable additions is the incorporation of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS), promoting the revival and research of traditional subjects such as Vedic mathematics, Ayurveda, environmental studies, linguistics, Yoga and other indigenous disciplines. This shift helps bridge the gap left by prior policies, which often neglected or excluded these areas under the influence of Western paradigms. The NEP also recommends a three-language formula, promoting multilingualism by including at least two Indian languages in school curricula. While this policy is intended to support India's linguistic diversity, it

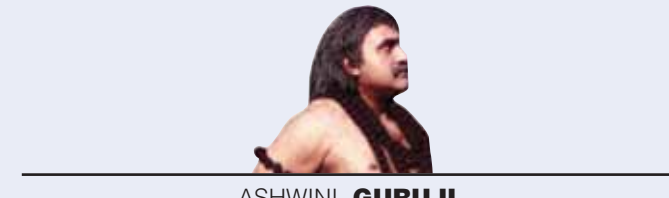
faced resistance in some non-Hindi-speaking states, where concerns about linguistic hegemony and regional language preservation surfaced. The central government may need to address these concerns carefully, especially given education's status on the Concurrent List, to ensure a balanced approach that respects regional identities while achieving national integration. The policy's emphasis on Sanskrit, often regarded as a foundational element of Bharat's cultural heritage, is a major milestone. With Sanskrit included as an optional language under the three-language formula, both school and higher education institutions are encouraged to integrate it into their curricula. NEP serves as a turning point in Bharat's educational history, aiming to foster character development and national pride alongside academic excellence. NEP 2020 emphasises two overarching themes: nurturing Indian values and fostering character-building among students. This holistic approach is intended to develop responsible, ethical citizens ready to tackle both national and glob-

al challenges. Despite allegations of "saffronisation", proponents argue that the NEP aims to realign the educational system with what benefits the nation and its people. Science and history, though based on facts, are often viewed through the lenses of time and place. A major thrust of NEP 2020 is skill development, with the objective of enhancing employability by integrating vocational training and practical learning into the curriculum. The inclusion of courses on data structures, programming, machine learning and artificial intelligence is intended to prepare students for a tech-driven future. NEP 2020 also encourages societal engagement through initiatives like internships and community visits, fostering creativity and real-world problem-solving skills. Institutions like NIT Uttarakhand have already embraced the NEP's multidisciplinary model, focusing on research and innovation to build a skilled and socially conscious workforce. (The author is the BJP Councilor, New Delhi; views are personal)



FIRST COLUMN UNVEILING THE SHAKTIS

Shakti forms are central to authentic spiritual practice. Nature's energies are accessible but require dedication



ASHWINI GURUJII

The creation is governed by certain *Shaktis*. As you progress in your *sadhana*, you can experience their forms. Every day, each one of the 365 days, is governed (sanchalit) by a specific *shakti*. That is why the importance of *niyam* and daily practice is insisted upon in yoga. If one misses the *sadhana* for even a single day, the *shakti* of that day is left behind and the *sadhana* of an entire year goes to waste because in Brahmand, if a single thing goes missing then its effect is felt on everything — our body, the earth, as well as other planets and stars. Every *Shakti* has a day, but one need not perform rituals to access them. In yoga and *tantra*, there is no ritual, just the *sadhana* of *Shakti*. It is important to understand the *shakti* of each day and the *Swaroop* of that *shakti*. There is a name for every form of *Shakti*, but at the present moment, we will only be discussing their forms. The names are taken only after generating the capacity in the body, through specific *sadhanas*. At a basic level, when you do *dhyana* with your *guru*, you can see certain forms in him/her, like the sun or even the moon. Ever wondered where these forms come from and what they represent? There are many *sadhaks* who have reported seeing the form of the sun in *dhyana*. What is so special about the Sun? If you look at the Sun at the time of Sunrise and Sunset, keeping the awareness of *Manipoorak* and chanting the mantra 'Ram', you will find a certain glow starts coming into the body and just within a month you will start looking very different (A word of caution here, for any yogic practice it is important to have a Guru who guides you as per your capacity). Just like the sun, the moon too is an extremely interesting energy. The moon merely reflects the light of the Sun, but with that



light, it can attract the tides as well as the earth's surface on a full moon night. Have you ever thought about it- what is so special about the moon? Not just that, on a full moon night, animals become violent, the mentally unstable start behaving funnily and accidents and fights are on the rise. Right now I am only discussing the basic aspects, to give you a hint that there is something different about these forms. What that is, is a subject of experience and you will get that experience with the correct practice of *Sanatan Kriya*.

The speciality of the Moon is that it looks calm and peaceful but it is more volatile than even the Sun. When you look at the moon under the guidance of a *Guru*, you will be able to see all the mantras in its form because you cannot see the sun, which channelises that *Shakti*. There are certain *shaktis* which you cannot see and so there are certain other *shaktis* through which you can see and feel their effect, it becomes an experience for you. And till you have that experience, yoga is a waste for you, nothing can happen and nothing is possible. Experience is the basis of yoga. All the things that we see in the sky and on the earth, there are so many flowers of so many different kinds and colours, if you simply look at them without blinking your eyes under *Guru Sanidhya*, all the defects and imbalances in the body disappear. But there is a small problem... *niyam*. There should be no break in the practice, and the break will come if you do not have the capacity for that *Shakti* or if you don't have a *Guru*. Nature, everything that we see around us, has all the *swaroops* of *shaktis* hidden in it and all these *shaktis* are very easily accessible. If one makes him/herself stir on these *shaktis* and accesses them properly, then they start following that person. The nine days leading to Diwali are especially powerful because of the congregation of specific *shaktis* during these days. Our ancestors prescribed observing the *vrat* of *brahmacharya* during these days to make the body strong enough to accept these *Shaktis*.

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

AI revolutionises the beauty and wellness industry



DINESH SOOD

As global demand for unique beauty solutions surges, the sector's embrace of AI reflects a profound shift towards customisation, efficiency and consumer satisfaction



Innovative products and services utilising new technologies are beginning to disrupt the beauty and wellness sector. As a result, traditional skills need to be strengthened and combined with modern technological skills such as artificial intelligence (AI), app development, augmented reality for try-on services, data analytics and enhanced customer engagement strategies. AI has made significant advancements in the beauty and wellness sector, particularly as the demand for customisation and personalisation has increased.

This trend reflects diverse customer preferences, lifestyles, body types and genetic factors. Recent news about Maybelline's AI-powered "makeup" filters for Microsoft teams has reignited discussions on AI's role in the beauty sector. It is crucial to explore how AI is transforming the industry and to stay updated on the latest developments. The global beauty industry market utilising AI was valued at \$216.12 million in 2020 and is projected to reach \$1.26 billion by 2027. An industry report indicates that the annual growth rate (CAGR) of AI in the beauty sector from 2021 to 2027 is expected to be 33.2 per cent. Several laboratories have developed AI-driven skin consultation tools that integrate augmented reality and artificial intelligence to analyse skin ageing. These tools can identify signs of ageing and assess skin strength, providing tailored skincare recommendations to prevent further deterioration. Their algorithms are based on 10,000 images and 15 years of dermatological expertise. Users can take a selfie and provide their age and skin type to receive an estimate of their skin condition along with a personalised analysis. They will then receive customised skincare prescriptions. AI assists in analysing skin conditions, recommending personalised skincare and wellness routines and even predicting trends, ultimately enhancing product development and customer satisfaction. Acne is a common concern worldwide, affecting 80 per cent of teenagers and 40 per cent of adults. With AI, a database of 6,000 images representing various ethnic skin types



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enables accurate analysis and personalised routine recommendations for those suffering from acne. This groundbreaking AI technology draws from a library of 10,000 authentic images evaluated by real dermatologists, achieving an accuracy rate of nearly 97 per cent across eight clinical parameters and a wide array of skin types.

In the ever-evolving beauty and wellness industry, where innovation fosters confidence and self-expression, AI has become a powerful ally in creating more effective and personalised product formulations than ever before. By leveraging its diverse applications and capabilities, AI is driving a revolution that is changing how beauty and wellness products are developed, personalised, and marketed.

From trend spotting to precise product formulation, AI is reshaping the beauty industry in exciting and groundbreaking ways. Integrating AI into the formulation process can also ensure product effectiveness. AI algorithms can simulate how ingredients are absorbed and metabolised by the skin, identifying potential unwanted interactions or side effects.

This approach minimises the risks associated with bringing new products to market and ensures consumers achieve optimal results without compromising their wellbeing. Traditionally, skincare products have been developed with one-size-fits-all approach, often failing to meet individual consumers' unique needs. AI changes this methodology by analysing various data points, including skin type, age, environmental factors and personal preferences.

By using AI-powered tools, brands can create customised skincare products tailored to each customer's specific requirements. For instance, AI algo-

rithms can assess a user's skin condition through photographs and questionnaires, recommending or formulating products with particular concentrations of active ingredients that address individual skin concerns. Additionally, AI can analyse molecular structures to predict how new compounds will interact with human skin, significantly reducing the time and cost of traditional trial-and-error methods.

The AI system recommends suitable ingredients, products and skincare routines tailored to each individual's needs. It can also suggest branded products that address specific conditions in the beauty and wellness industry, aiming to connect deeply with each customer's preferences. As technology continues to evolve, it promises solutions that will enhance both appearance and wellbeing in the future. Importantly, your data remains private; it is not stored and only you can view the results unless you choose to share your information with others. A personalised experience is crucial for success in the beauty and wellness industry. AI technology plays a significant role in identifying each customer's unique preferences and addressing their individual needs.

As technology advances, beauty companies are expected to introduce innovative services that enhance customer interaction and contribute to the global growth of the beauty market. Online services are evolving rapidly alongside these technological advancements. The importance of websites, engaging social media platforms and online marketplaces is increasing. The share of online revenue in the beauty and personal care sector, which was approximately 4.6 per cent in 2017, is projected to rise to 18.2 per cent by 2025. The

future of the beauty and wellness industry will depend on an omnichannel experience that seamlessly integrates online and offline interactions, utilising a range of digital tools to enhance the consumer experience.

Virtual try-ons and consultations have become standard in beauty retail; however, replicating the human connection remains a challenge. Online influencers and "show me how" content are gaining popularity as consumers learn to master services that they previously sought from professionals.

Additionally, live streaming on platforms like Facebook Live and Instagram significantly engages younger consumers. In India, the beauty and wellness industry is growing rapidly, expanding twice as fast as that of the United States and Europe. Greater consumer awareness and aspiration have led to increased spending on beauty and wellness products and services.

Per capita spending on beauty and personal care products rose from Rs 450 per annum in 2017 to Rs 684 in 2022, with a further increase projected to Rs 772 by 2025. Today's consumers demand unique experiences, making traditional approaches less effective. There is a growing preference for convenience and on-demand services, which have become essential in the fast-paced lives of working professionals. As a result, there is an increasing need for transferable skills within the workforce in the beauty and wellness sector, as customer service expertise becomes more in demand.

(The writer is co-founder and MD of Orane International, a training partner of the National Skill Development Corporation and a network Member of India International Skills Centres, an initiative of GoI; the views expressed are personal)

Cybersecurity: Safeguarding a digital future amid rising cyber threats

India must act swiftly to secure its digital future in an era where technological prowess is now essential for national security

Today, cyber-attacks impact every aspect of life, from government agencies and corporations to individuals' personal data and privacy. While the reach of cybercrime is vast, the underlying complexity remains poorly understood by many, with significant security consequences for nations that fail to address these threats adequately. Cyber-attacks threaten national security and underscore the vulnerabilities associated with our increasing dependence on digital infrastructure. Although the internet has revolutionised the world by providing incredible convenience, connection and comfort, these benefits come with the challenge of safeguarding critical data and



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infrastructure. As cybersecurity becomes the essential defense for peace, prosperity, and privacy in the digital age, recent incidents such as the breach of 7.9 million customer records at India's stockbroking firm Angel demonstrate the necessity of strengthening digital protections. While the internet facilitates ease of access, it also introduces serious vulnerabilities that call for immediate,

concerted efforts. The recent cyber-attack on Iran marks a chilling advance in digital warfare, illustrating that no nation is immune to the risks of a hyperconnected world. As countries, corporations, and citizens expand their online presence, the scope for potentially devastating cyber-attacks rises dramatically. This incident serves as a reminder of the need for nations to address cyberspace's complex, escalating risks. India, for example, is undergoing a digital revolution with over 936 million internet users as of December 2023. These "Digital Nagriks" fuel a dynamic digital economy, supporting critical sectors such as healthcare, education, finance and agricul-

ture. However, the rapid pace of digital adoption has outpaced India's cybersecurity measures, creating opportunities for cybercriminals to exploit these gaps. According to the 2024 Cisco Cybersecurity Readiness Index, only 4 per cent of Indian companies are fully prepared to counter cyber threats, exposing significant vulnerabilities within the nation's digital framework. These threats arise not only from criminal organisations but also from state-sponsored entities targeting India's economic and strategic assets. Moreover, emerging technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) enable more sophisticated cyber-attacks, including deepfake technology and disinformation cam-



paigns, adding complex layers to cyber defenses. In today's world, technological prowess in fields such as AI and cybersecurity equates to national security, rivaling traditional military strength. However, India faces several challenges in coordinating an effective cyber defense. While initiatives like Cyber Surakshit Bharat have shown early progress, a comprehensive national cybersecurity

strategy is still missing, which limits effective threat response and assessment. A recent step forward has been the Prime Minister's Office's appointment of a cybersecurity oversight official, but gaps remain in the infrastructure needed to support comprehensive defence. Cyberspace's borderless nature complicates defence efforts, as attacks can target both military and civilian assets globally, bypassing traditional political and geographic constraints. India has implemented several initiatives to tackle cyber threats. For instance, the Cyber Fraud Mitigation Centre (CFMC) at the Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre in New Delhi unites major players—including

banks, telecom providers and law enforcement agencies—to combat online financial crimes. This initiative, exemplifying "Cooperative Federalism," enables swift responses to fraud. The government has also introduced the Samanvaya Platform, a centralised repository of cybercrime data to foster interagency cooperation. Despite these initiatives, further action is required to establish a comprehensive cybersecurity framework. Without unified regulatory standards, gaps remain in protecting the public and private sectors, especially for small businesses that may lack the resources for robust cybersecurity protocols. This vulnerability could undermine both national

security and public trust in India's digital infrastructure. Programs like Cyber Surakshit Bharat, the National Cybersecurity Coordination Centre (NCCC), and CERT-In have all aimed to strengthen India's defences, with additional measures such as the Information Security Education and Awareness Project (ISEA) helping to create a culture of security consciousness among citizens. The 2023 Digital Personal Data Protection Act reinforces this commitment by aligning with global data security standards to improve transparency and accountability among companies. (The writer is an assistant professor, Indian Institute of Information Technology, Sonapat; views are personal)

Will have orderly, peaceful transition of power, says White House after Trump-Biden meeting

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The United States will see an orderly and peaceful transition of power, the White House said following a two-hour long meeting between President-elect Donald Trump and outgoing President Joe Biden on Wednesday.

"Today, President Biden met with President-elect Trump for approximately two hours in the Oval Office. White House Chief of Staff Jeff Zients and incoming Chief of Staff Susie Wiles joined the meeting. It was substantive meeting and exchange of views,"

White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters here.

"They discussed important national security and domestic policy issues facing the nation and the world. President Biden also raised important items on Congress's to-do list for the lame-duck session, including funding the government and providing the disaster supplemental funding the president requested," she said.

"Finally, the president reiterated what he said to the president-elect the day after the election and to the American people in the Rose Garden

just last week: We will have an orderly transition and a peaceful transition of power," Jean-Pierre said.

US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan told reporters that transitions are uniquely consequential moments in geopolitics. "They're a time when competitors and adversaries can see possibly opportunity, because you have this change in government here," he said.

Responding to a question, Jean-Pierre said the Biden administration wants to move forward. "We respect the will of the people. There was an election, as you know, last week, and the

American people spoke. And so, the president is going to make sure that he puts the American people first. He's going to make sure that we move forward in this process and this transition process in a way that is respectful to the American people and to lead by example," the White House press secretary said.

"I think the president has shown that in the past week of that leadership. So, that's what you're going to hear. That's what we're going to continue to do in the 68 days that we have left in this administration," she added.

Lanka votes for new parliament

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lanka on Thursday voted to select a new parliament, a first major test for the ruling National People's Power (NPP) party led by President Anura Kumara Dissanayake.

The snap parliamentary polls are the first after the 2022 economic crisis.

Dissanayake said he would be happy to finish short of an absolute majority of 150 seats in the 225-member Parliament.

Polls monitoring groups said the voter turnout out was lower than the high 79 per cent recorded at the presidential election held in September.

The election commission said it anticipated an overall turnout of 65 per cent in the polling concluded in a largely peaceful manner across the country.

While the counting of postal ballots began soon after voting concluded at 4 pm local time, counting of votes cast on Thursday was set to begin immediately after all ballot boxes were received at the counting centres, and the first results were expected after midnight, the election officials said.

Ruling NPP is expected to win the contest by gaining a simple majority of 113 seats in the 225 member assembly, according to poll observers.

Having failed to secure 50 per cent of the vote at the September 21 presidential election, Dissanayake is pleading for a stronger parliament with well over a simple majority of 113 seats to enable him to implement his anti-corruption accountability reformist programme.

After casting his vote in Colombo, Dissanayake told reporters he was expecting a mandate for a very strong parliament.

Stating that he would be happy to finish short of an absolute majority of 150 seats, Dissanayake said, "A strong parliament is sufficient for us. Because the bills that we bring are laws that are favorable for the common people."

"If we are introducing laws that benefit people, we can secure a vote that exceeds two thirds," he said.

Asked about the Tamil minority dominated north, Dissanayake said the Tamils have high hopes from his government.

"A key point in the change is when there will be a government that is accepted by people in the north and south, in the east and west."

Voting that started at 7 am local time took place at over 13,314 polling stations across the country.

Over 17 million voters from the island's 21 million population were eligible to vote for the new 225-member Parliament for a five-year term.

Nearly 90,000 security personnel from the police and the military were deployed to provide security at the election venues.

Police spokesperson said that except for the arrest of three individuals involved in illegal election campaigning activities, no acts of violence were reported and the election remained peaceful overall, local media reported.

This was the first parliamentary election since Sri Lanka plunged into an economic crisis when the island nation declared sovereign default in mid-April of 2022, its first since gaining independence from Britain in 1948. Almost civil-war-like conditions and

months of public protests led to the fleeing of the then president Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

Since assuming office, Dissanayake has stayed on course with his predecessor Ranil Wickremesinghe's International Monetary Fund (IMF) bailout programme.

The country is still in the process of recovering from its worst economic crisis in history as the Dissanayake government faces the challenge of meeting the IMF targets on revenue in the third review of the USD 2.9 billion programme.

The western province district of Gampaha elects the highest number of members of Parliament - 19 with the capital district of Colombo from the same province electing 18 MPs while the eastern province district of Trincomalee elects the lowest number - just 4 MPs.

As many as 196 members are to be elected from the 22 districts based on the proportional representation system while 29 would be elected from the cumulative votes polled national list to provide a 225-member Parliament for a five-year term.

Pak court rejects Imran, Bushra plea

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

A court in Pakistan on Thursday rejected former prime minister Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi's acquittal requests in the Toshakhana-II case. Special Judge of Central Islamabad, Shahrukh Arjumand, during the hearing at the Adiala Jail, rejecting the acquittal requests, announced that charges would be formally framed against them on Monday.

Bushra Bibi was not present in court during the hearing. Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) confirming the trial court's order said: "This case doesn't merit proceedings as the prosecution admitted that Imran Khan did not gain any personal benefit from the case, neither do the proceedings meet the law."

It said the case was originally filed by the National Accountability Bureau and unlawfully referred to the Federal Investigation Agency after amendments in the law.

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Statement of Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended September 30, 2024

Sr No.	Particulars	Standalone					
		Quarter Ended		Half Year Ended		Year Ended	
		30-09-2024 (Unaudited)	30-06-2024 (Unaudited)	30-09-2023 (Unaudited)	30-09-2024 (Unaudited)	30-09-2023 (Unaudited)	31-03-2024 (Audited)
1.	Total income from operations	135.04	132.28	134.24	268.32	254.12	726.89
2.	Net Profit for the period (before Tax and exceptional items)	101.90	100.40	109.69	202.30	207.29	617.48
3.	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, after exceptional items)	101.90	100.40	109.69	202.30	207.29	617.48
4.	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after exceptional items)	77.42	75.71	81.29	153.13	157.60	453.32
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the Period after Tax and Other Comprehensive Income after Tax)	(0.30)	(0.30)	(0.02)	(0.60)	(0.04)	(1.20)
6.	Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value Rs.5/- each)	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00
7.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.5/- each) (Not Annualised)						
	a) Basic	0.72	0.70	0.15	1.42	0.29	4.20
	b) Diluted	0.72	0.70	0.15	1.42	0.29	4.20

Statement of Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended September 30, 2024

Sr No.	Particulars	Consolidated					
		Quarter Ended		Half Year Ended		Year Ended	
		30-09-2024 (Unaudited)	30-06-2024 (Unaudited)	30-09-2023 (Unaudited)	30-09-2024 (Unaudited)	30-09-2023 (Unaudited)	31-03-2024 (Audited)
1.	Total income from operations	140.21	136.41	138.15	276.62	261.89	742.64
2.	Net Profit for the period (before Tax and exceptional items)	105.01	104.49	113.57	210.50	214.99	632.97
3.	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, after exceptional items)	105.01	104.49	113.57	210.50	214.99	632.97
4.	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after exceptional items)	80.93	79.19	84.62	160.12	164.21	466.62
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the Period after Tax and Other Comprehensive Income after Tax)	(0.30)	(0.30)	(0.02)	(0.60)	(0.04)	(1.20)
6.	Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value Rs.5/- each)	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00
7.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.5/- each) (Not Annualised)						
	a) Basic	0.75	0.73	0.78	1.48	1.52	4.32
	b) Diluted	0.75	0.73	0.78	1.48	1.52	4.32

Notes:
 1. The above results were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and then approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on November 14, 2024. The financial results for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2024 have been limited reviewed by the Statutory Auditors of the Company.
 2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly/annual financial results filed with the stock exchanges under regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full format of the quarterly financial results is available on the stock exchange websites of BSE (www.bseindia.com) and NSE (www.nseindia.com) and Company's website at <http://www.addiindustries.com/>.
 3. There is no change(s) in accounting policies which impact on net profit / loss, total comprehensive income or any other relevant financial items.
 4. Exceptional items adjusted in the Statement of Profit and Loss in accordance with Ind-AS Rules.

For and on behalf of Board of Directors
 Addi Industries Limited
 Sd/-
 Chamam Lal Jain
 Managing Director, DIN: 00022903

Place : New Delhi
 Date : November 14, 2024

SUNIL HEALTHCARE LIMITED
Registered Office 38E/252-A, Vijay Tower, Shahpurjat New Delhi-110049 Email: info@sunilhealthcare.com; website: www.sunilhealthcare.com
CIN No. L24302DL1973PLC189662

Extract of Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended 30th September 2024

S. No.	Particulars	Standalone						Consolidated					
		Quarter Ended		Half Year Ended		Year Ended		Quarter Ended		Half Year Ended		Year Ended	
		30th September 2024 Unaudited	30th June 2024 Unaudited	30th September 2023 Unaudited	30th September 2024 Unaudited	30th September 2023 Unaudited	31st March 2024 Audited	30th September 2024 Unaudited	30th June 2024 Unaudited	30th September 2023 Unaudited	30th September 2024 Unaudited	30th September 2023 Unaudited	31st March 2024 Audited
1.	Total Income from Operations	2,045.10	2,159.94	2,390.79	4,205.04	4,685.62	9,438.38	2,043.42	2,163.69	2,392.13	4,207.11	4,761.89	9,541.24
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	6.75	5.64	(138.56)	12.39	(237.16)	(288.04)	(51.32)	(64.68)	(146.13)	(116.00)	(233.02)	(255.51)
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	6.75	5.64	(138.56)	12.39	(237.16)	(288.04)	(51.32)	(64.68)	(146.13)	(116.00)	(233.02)	(255.51)
4.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	3.24	1.19	(102.01)	4.43	(177.62)	(210.78)	(54.83)	(69.13)	(109.89)	(123.96)	(174.06)	(178.85)
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(9.48)	(11.53)	(102.01)	(21.01)	(177.62)	1,231.83	(32.38)	(39.06)	(107.60)	(71.44)	(192.03)	1,221.99
6.	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value Rs. 10/- each)	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-	-	-	6,378.90	-	-	-	-	-	5,796.20
8.	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of Rs.10/- each)												
	(a) Basic (Rs.)	0.03	0.01	(0.99)	0.04	(1.73)	(2.06)	(0.53)	(0.67)	(1.07)	(1.21)	(1.70)	(1.74)
	(b) Diluted (Rs.)	0.03	0.01	(0.99)	0.04	(1.73)	(2.06)	(0.53)	(0.67)	(1.07)	(1.21)	(1.70)	(1.74)

Notes:
 1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Half Year ended Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Half Year ended Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites. (www.bseindia.com) and the Company's website (www.sunilhealthcare.com) .
 2. The financials results have been prepared in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind-AS) prescribed u/s 133 of the companies act, 2013 and other recognised accounting practises and policies to the extent applicable.
 3. As the Company's business fall within a single primary business segment viz. sale of capsule, the disclosure requirement of Indian Accounting Standard (Ind AS-108) "Operating Segments" prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the relevant rules issued thereunder, is not applicable.
 4. The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in their respective meetings held on November 13, 2024 .

Place : New Delhi
 Date : 13/11/2024

Harish Pal Kumar
 Independent Director
 DIN 01826010

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Ground Floor without roof parts part of Property No.139, Block-B, Pocket-06, Sector-05, Rohini, Delhi

That our client Vikram Rawat, proposes to purchase the above said property from Amit Gupta & Geeta Gupta, who has assured our client that they are absolute owner in possession of the said property vide Sale deed No. 11678 dated 15.10.24 having purchased the same from Jai Bhagwan Gupta & Sarwan Kumar Gupta. The said property previously purchased by Murti Devi vide Sale Deed No.30401 dated 17.09.04, who died leaving behind a will dated 29.11.12 bequeathing the said property to Anand Saroop Gupta, who also died leaving behind a will dated 12.06.19 bequeathing the same in favour of Jai Bhagwan Gupta & Sarwan Kumar Gupta.

Under the circumstances, notice is hereby given to the General Public, Bank/Financial institutions or other person/s, organization/s, company/ies, government authority/ies, having any claim, rights, title, or any interest of any nature whatsoever into or upon the said property, is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing with documentary evidence by registered AD Post to the undersigned at the address mentioned hereinbelow within 14 days of the publication of this notice and in the event no response having been received to the notice, the title of Am: Gupta & Geeta Gupta to the said property shall be deemed to be clear of any claim, charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever and any subsequent claim shall not bind our client in any manner whatsoever.

Kumar Abhishek
 Advocate
 Legal Access
 132A, Anarkali Complex, Jhandewalan Ext. New Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
 This is to declare that KEYSTONE WORLD PRIVATE LIMITED (Developer) Regd. Office: A-130, First floor, Neeti Bagh, New Delhi-110049 And Jan Priya Buildestate Pvt Ltd.(Licensee company) Regd. Office: Flat no. 41, Aurobindo Apartment, Adhchini, New Delhi-110016 has been accorded Environmental Clearance vide proposal number IA/HR/INFRA2/436421/2023 dated 13/02/2024 by MoEF&CC, EC Identification no. EC23B3812 HR5131429N, File no. 21-112/2024-IA.III dated 04-Nov-2024 for setting up of a Group Housing Project located at sector-77 Gurugram, Haryana. The copy of the Environmental Clearance letter is available on Parivesh portal of MoEF&CC via the following link: https://parivesh.nic.in/newup/grade/#/proposal-summary/proposal=6722381&proposal_no=IA%2FHR%2FINFRA2%2F436421%2F2023&proposal_id=6722380

Date: 15-Nov-2024

Keystone World Private Ltd.
 504, MVL I-PARK, SECTOR 15 (II), GURUGRAM, HARYANA-122001
 PHONE: 0124-4003999,
 EMAIL: info@keystone.world

MODI RUBBER LIMITED
CIN: L25199UP1971PLC003392, Registered Office: Modinagar - 201204 Dist. Ghaziabad (U.P.), Corporate Office: 4-7C, DDA Shopping Centre, New Friends Colony, New Delhi 110025
Website: www.modirubberlimited.com Email: investors@modigroup.net Phone: +91-11-2684 8416

EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Sl. No.	Particulars	(Amount in Rs. Lacs)											
		QUARTER ENDED						HALF YEAR ENDED					
		STANDALONE			CONSOLIDATED			STANDALONE			CONSOLIDATED		
		30-Sep-24 Unaudited	30-Jun-24 Unaudited	30-Sep-23 Unaudited	30-Sep-24 Unaudited	30-Jun-24 Unaudited	30-Sep-23 Unaudited	30-Sep-24 Unaudited	30-Sep-23 Unaudited	30-Sep-24 Unaudited	30-Sep-23 Unaudited	31-Mar-24 Audited	31-Mar-24 Audited
1.	Total Income from operations (Net)	79.69	71.26	63.12	650.18	534.29	498.59	150.95	127.33	1,184.47	977.10	274.57	2,243.67
2.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	1,635.51	(236.15)	2,503.27	(4.55)	(109.89)	(128.18)	1,399.36	3,296.61	(114.45)	(300.00)	3,797.79	(656.87)
3.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	1,635.51	(236.15)	2,503.27	(4.55)	(109.89)	(128.18)	1,399.36	3,296.61	(114.45)	(300.00)	3,797.79	(656.87)
4.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	1,353.15	(307.16)	2,293.40	632.25	678.60	317.60	1,045.99	2,876.76	1,310.84	678.35	2,856.13	1,552.79
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (after tax)	2,863.94	630.91	2,485.67	2,653.59	1,707.30	662.90	3,494.85	3,040.72	4,360.88	866.34	2,896.63	1,654.94
6.	Equity Share Capital (Face value of share is Rs. 10/- each)	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,499.55	2,499.55	2,499.55	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,499.55	2,499.55	2,504.05	2,499.55
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as per Financial Statements of previous year)	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A
8.	Earnings per share (EPS) (of Rs. 10/- each) (Not Annualised)												
	(a) Basic and Diluted EPS (before exceptional Items) (in Rs.)	5.40	(1.23)	9.16	2.53	2.71	1.27	4.18	11.49	5.24	2.71	11.41	6.21
	(b) Basic and Diluted EPS (after exceptional Items) (in Rs.)	5.40	(1.23)	9.16	2.53	2.71	1.27	4.18	11.49	5.24	2.71	11.41	6.21

Notes:
 1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/ Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/ Annual Financial Results are available on the stock exchange website, www.nseindia.com, www.bseindia.com and on the Company website www.modirubberlimited.com.
 2. The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their respective meeting held on November 14, 2024. The Statutory Auditors of the Company have carried out an audit of the aforesaid results.
 3. Previous quarter/ year end figures have been rearranged and / or regrouped, wherever necessary, to make them comparable with those of the current quarter/ year end.

Place : New Delhi
 Date : November 14, 2024

By order of the Board
 Sd/-
 Piya Modi
 Whole Time Director
 DIN- 03623417

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION, KEONJHAR

NOTICE INVITING TENDER & Procurement

Bid ID No. 08 SEMID (KJR/2024-2025) Dt. 08.11.2024

The Superintending Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Keonjhar on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites online percentage rate tender through "e" procurement to be received in online mode for the works as detailed in the Annexure to this bid notice.

Name of work: Civil Construction works
No. of Works: 8 (Eight) Nos.
Estimated Cost: Rs. 172.55 Lakhs
Tender Paper Cost: Mentioned in Column No. 6 of Tender call notice
Period of completion: 03 (Three) calendar months
Availability of Bid Documents: From 16.11.2024 to 26.11.2024 during office hours in Website (www.tendersodisha.gov.in)
Period of receipt of Bid through online: From 16.11.2024 to 26.11.2024 through online.
Date of Opening of Technical Bid Documents: At 11.00 A.M. on 27.11.2024 in the office chamber of the Superintending Engineer, M.I. Division, Keonjhar
Date of Lottery: At 11.00 A.M. on 04.12.2024 in the office chamber of the Superintending Engineer, M.I. Division, Keonjhar
Digital Signature Certificate of Bidder: The bidder must possess compatible digital signature certificate (DSC) of Class-II or Class-III
Name and Address of the OIT: Superintending Engineer, M.I. Division, Keonjhar, Near Parkline Keonjhar, At/PO-Keonjhar, Dist. Keonjhar Pin-758001. E-Mail: D-semid@odisha.gov.in
Further Details can be seen from the website: www.tendersodisha.gov.in
(Er. Sudhansu Sekhar Sahoo) Superintending Engineer M.I. Division, Keonjhar
OIPR-32123/11/0006/2425

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Brajesh Rana had acquired Plot area measuring 100 sq. yards out of Total area measuring 1600 sq. yards, out of Khazra No. 11/17 and 11/18, situated at Village Kamal Pur Majra, Barani, Delhi vide G.P.A. Dt. 26.12.2020 along with ATS executed by Mr. Sanjay Bhatia & Mr. Anil Kumar Bhatia and Now Mr. Brajesh Rana is the undisputed owner of the said property.

OR
Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance whatsoever or otherwise is hereby requested to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client.

Ajay Kumar Giri (Advocate) H No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi -110024

LOST & FOUND

L.R. No. 2281213/2024
Date : 08/11/2024
I, Leela Mittal, S/D/W/O Kishan Lal Katri, A-4-217 Kalkaji Extn. New Delhi-110019 sams.nz@gmail.com. I hereby Missing/Lost Builder-Buyer agreement between M/s DFL Building and Services Pvt Ltd. and M/s. Maktoum Developers Pvt Ltd., dated approximately year 2011 for property no. SP-203, Richmond Park, DLF Phase 4, Gurugram from our residence.
If anybody find it please contact at this number - 9013538166 or address above.

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the share certificates for the undermentioned equity shares of Grasim Industries Limited have been lost/misplaced/stolen and I am applying to the Company for issue of duplicate share certificates. Any person who has a claim in respect of the said equity shares should lodge the same with the company at its corporate office at Grasim Industries Limited, Aditya Birla Centre, A Wing, 2nd Floor, S K Ahire Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400030 Maharashtra within 15 days from this date. The company will proceed to issue duplicate share certificates to the aforesaid holder/claimant without any further intimation and no further claim would be entertained from any person.
Folio Name of No. of Certificate Distinctive No. Share holder shares No. D. Deepak Raspal 350 3095168 444839506 11835 Raspal 444839555 117494 Deepak Raspal 415 3095101 44482471 44482885
Place Delhi. Date 12.8.2024
Name of claimant : Geeta Raspal

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR APPOINTMENT
TENDER NOTICE NO. CPM-MLG-HQ-GC-2024-01; Date: 10-11-2024. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Tender No.: CPM-MLG-HQ-GC-2024-01. Name of work : Request for Proposal (RFP) for appointment of General Consultant for N.F. Railway, Gati Shakti Unit. Approx. Value: ₹14,88,08,535.16/-.** E-tender will be closed at 15:00 hrs. on 09-12-2024 and will be opened at 15:30 hrs. on 09-12-2024. For details please visit www.ireps.gov.in
CPM/GSU/Malligaon
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PROVISION OF BOGIE MODIFICATION FOR ANTI-FALLING TRACTION MOTORS
Tender Notice No.: DLS/MLDT/NFR/01A/2024-2025, Dated: 08-11-2024. E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work: **Name of Work :** Provision of Bogie Modification for anti-falling of Traction Motors in 30 Locomotives, WAG-9HC at Diesel Shed, Malda Town. Estimated Value: ₹25,52,970/-; Earnest Money: ₹51,100/-; Date & time of closing of above tender at 11:00 hrs. on 09-12-2024 and opening on 09-12-2024 after closing. For complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in the website www.nfr.indianrailways.gov.in
Sr. DME/DSL/MLDT
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COURT NOTICE
IN THE COURT OF
Sh. Hari Kishan
Judicial Magistrate - Ist Class, Gurugram
MOHINDER SINGH BHARDWAJ
Vs.
NB FIRE PROTECTION
CNR No. HRGR03-108401-2019
Next Date:- 16-12-2024

PUBLICATION ISSUED TO:
NB FIRE PROTECTION
PROP ANIL KUMAR D-80
GANESH NAGAR PANDAV
NAGAR NEW DELHI
In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that accused should appear in person or through counsel on 16-12-2024 at 10.00 a.m.
For details logon to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs_districtnotice&district=Gurugram
Judicial Magistrate - Ist Class Gurugram
Dated, this day 14-11-2024

DRM (W), Lumding
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Information is given to general public at large that Mr. Zaid S/O Mohd Hakim who is/are purchasing Part of Residential plot no. 80 & 81 area measuring 50 sq. yds Khazra no. 18/2 and 20 situated at Anar Vihar Khoda Colony Village Khoda Pargana, Tehsil & Distt. Ghazabad UP from Mr. Ramchandra S/O Heralia who was the owner of property by virtue of Regd. GPA dated 14.10.2019 (Doc. No. 3208) executed by Mrs. Anju Rani W/o Rakesh Kumar Inland to mortgage the same against the financial assistance from Shubhan Housing Development Finance Company Limited. Original Sale Deed of above mentioned property registered on dated 04.06.2001 (Doc. No. 3358) in favour of Mr. Ramchandra S/O Ram Lakhan is lost by Seller i.e. Mr. Ramchandra S/O Heralia. To comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC. To this public notice that if any person(s) having any objection regarding ownership and/or creating mortgage of the said property is/are hereby requested to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days at below address.
NCR LAW ASSOCIATES (Advocates & Consultants A-96, Sector-9, New Vihar Nagar, Ghazabad, (U.P.) 201009. Mob. Nos. 9999721152/9999826427

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that the Bank of Baroda, Bank of Baroda, S.S.I. Noida Branch, Sector-18, Noida, (U.P.) intends to accept the undermentioned property standing in the name of M/s Ajanta Gortex Processors Pvt Ltd., as a security for non-credit facility requested by it.
If anyone has any right/interest/claims over the undermentioned property, they are advised to approach the Bank within 10 days along with necessary proof to substantiate the claim.
If no response is received within 10 days, it is presumed that the property is free from any charge/claim/encumbrance, and the Bank shall proceed with the mortgage.
Details of the Property-1: Leasehold Industrial Property No. H-8, area 1805.73 sq.meters, situated at Sector D-1 (F), Industrial Area at Tonica City, Lon, Tensil Lon, District Ghazabad, (U.P.)
Boundary/Survey No./Reg. No./Extent: Regd. Lease Deed duly registered in the office of Sub-Registrar-IV, Ghazabad, in Book No. 1, Volume No. 24853, Page No. 117 to 190, as Document No. 24,851, dated 08/09/2013.
Boundaries: East: Plot No. H-10, West: Plot No. H-8, North: Industrial Area Boundary Wall, South: Plot No. 24, 24 meter road.
Details of the Property-2: Leasehold Industrial Property No. H-8, area 1548.59 sq.meters, situated at Sector D-1 (F), Industrial Area at Tonica City, Lon, Tensil Lon, District Ghazabad, (U.P.)
Boundary/Survey No./Reg. No./Extent: Regd. Lease Deed duly registered in the office of Sub-Registrar-IV, Ghazabad, in Book No. 1, Volume No. 27557, Page No. 197 to 265, as Document No. 14,706, dated 27/05/2019.
Boundaries: East: Plot No. H-9, West: Plot No. H-8, Industrial Area Boundary Wall, North: Industrial Area Boundary Wall, South: Plot No. 24, 24 meter road.
Branch Details/Contact No.: - Mr. Anurag Singh, Branch Head Contact: 91-9675178853
Bank of Baroda, S.S.I. Noida Branch, Sector-18, Noida, (U.P.)
Advocate Details/Contact: Deepak Singh, Delhi High Court Contact: 9999170096

सूचना

सूचित किया जाता है कि हम को समिति स्थित ग्राम बुन्दरपुर सड़क गाँव 46 मे से बकरदूध पाग 0. 41280 हे० का मालिक बनसरोय बननामा सं० 15719 बरी सं० 01 ज़िद सं० 7762 परे 345 से 376 दिनांक 03.09.2015 उपनिवेशक सरदर अमरोहा है जिसका मूल मुआवजदवम पंजीकृत वही सं० 1 जिन सं० 7762 पेज 289 से 328 रू० 15717 दिनांक 03.09.2015 इकरारी सौर अग्रवाल आदि उपनिवेशक सरदर अमरोहा से कही मु से गई है। कानूनी तलसरोय पर भी नहीं मिला। किसी को मिलने पर हमें सूचित करें। अन्य किसी के द्वारा प्रयोग अथवा हस्तांतरण किसी बैंक मे बंधक नहीं है। गुप्तगोपनी को सूचना थाना डिस्ट्रीक जिला अमरोहा मे दिनांक 12.08.2024 को दर्ज करा दे गई है।
प्रकाशन मिलस लि०, ग्राम अमरोहा तहसील व जिला अमरोहा द्वारा मैनेजर कपिल पुजा पुत्र श्री दया किरण गुजा

BG TRR (S) WORKS IN LUMDING DIVISION

Tender Notice No. : LMG/Engg/155 of 2024, Dated: 11-11-2024. E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work: **Brief Description of Item :** BG TRR(S) of existing 52Kg rail by 52Kg(S/H) (90 UTS) rail at Panikhaiti(L-1 & 4), Thakurkuchi (L-1 & 4), Panbari (L-1 & 4), Digaru (L-1), Tetelia (L-1), Kamrup Khetri (L-4), Barahu (L-4 & 5), Jagiroad (L-5), Aujuri (L-4), Thekeraguri (L-1 & 4), Chaparmukh Jn. (L-4), Kamrup (L-4), Lamskhang Yard (L-1), Lumding Yard (L-1, 5.6, Saloon Siding & Goods Siding), Bar Langon Yard (L-1 & 3), Habaipur Yard (L-1), Dhalpukhuri Yard (L-1) & Jamunamukh Yard (L-4) (Total=24.901 Km) in the section Guwahati-Lumding and Chaparmukh Jn.-Senchoa Jn. (SL) & Senchoa Jn.-Haibargaon (SL)-TFR (25.80 Km) under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/IL/Lumding. **Tender Value:** ₹2,01,97,589/-; **Earnest Money:** ₹2,51,000/-; **Date & time of closing of above tender at 15:00 hrs. on 05-12-2024 and opening at 15:00 hrs. on 06-12-2024.** For complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15:00 hrs. on 05-12-2024 in website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>.

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Statement of Standalone Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year ended 30 Sept 2024

Sl. No.	Particulars	3 months ended		Half Year ended		Standalone Previous Year Ended
		30-09-2024	30-06-2024	30-09-2024	30-09-2023	
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
1	Total Income (Net)	4,778.65	5,301.92	10,080.56	6,485.08	13,605.26
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	866.56	613.42	1,479.96	540.67	970.65
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	866.56	611.67	1,478.21	540.67	972.00
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	681.10	465.34	1,146.42	394.14	743.56
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	681.10	465.34	1,146.42	394.14	743.56
6	Paid Up Equity Share Capital	1,593.23	1,593.23	1,593.23	1,274.58	1,274.58
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-	240.00	5,131.57
8	Securities Premium Account	558.65	558.65	558.65	240.00	240.00
9	Net Worth	8,148.55	7,510.58	8,148.55	6,056.74	6,406.15
10	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.17	0.17
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preferences Shares	-	-	-	-	-
12	Debt Equity Ratio	0.81	0.90	0.81	1.22	1.18
13	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (before and after extraordinary items)	1. Basic: 4.27	2.92	7.20	3.09	5.83
	2. Diluted: 4.27	2.92	7.20	3.09	5.83	
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
15	Debtenture Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	3.40	3.07	3.25	1.56	1.36
17	Interest Service coverage Ratio	9.64	6.56	8.03	3.03	2.83

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Bombay Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the websites of the Bombay Stock Exchange i.e. www.bseindia.in and on website of the Company i.e. www.ashnoortex.com

By Order of the Board of Directors
For Ashnoor Textile Mills Limited
Sd/-
Suneel Gupta
Managing Director
DIN - 00052084
Place : Gurugram, Haryana
Date : 13-11-2024

LOST & FOUND

I, Suraj Mourya (Owner) S/o Muneshwar Mourya, R/o A-215, Shastri nagar, Delhi-110052 hereby declare that I have lost the property chain documents of Shanti Devi, (2011 Owner) A-180 Upper Second Floor Shastri Nagar Delhi-110052. Anyone who finds the documents please contact at 9312335902

INDAG

INDAG RUBBER LIMITED
CIN: L74899DL1978PLC009038
Regd. Office: Khemka House, 11 Community Centre, Saket, New Delhi - 110017
Phone: 011-26963172 - 73, Email: info@indagrubber.com, Website: www.indagrubber.com
NOTICE
Pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Regulation 42 & 43 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Company had, in their meeting held on November 14, 2024, declared an Interim Dividend of Rs. 0.90/- per Equity Share of Rs. 2/- each for the Financial Year 2024-2025. The Dividend will be paid to those Members, whose name appears in the Register of Members of the Company as on the record date i.e. November 28, 2024.

Date: November 14, 2024
Place: New Delhi

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD.
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813. Website: www.pspsc.in
(Contact number 9646117606)

E-Tender Enquiry No.116/MM-I/BMC-336(B)/O&M/GHTP/2024 Dated: 14-11-2024
Dy. Chief Engineer, Mechanical m/c, Circle-I/ GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat Invt. E-tender for Capital/ Major Overhauling of Valves & Piping, Coal Piping, Ducts, Dampers & Gates, Expansion Joints and LDO/HFO Pumps (210MW, OEM-BHEL) at GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat on Lump sum basis. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 14/11/2024 from 05:00 PM onwards.
Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
76155/12/3638/2023/39064 Dated CHD - 11/14/2024 GHTP-94/24

verka
Tender Notice for Outsourcing of Verka Milk Booths

Name of Verka Dairy	No. of Milk booths
i. Verka Mohali Dairy	37No's
ii. Verka Sangur Dairy	01No.
iii. Verka Ludhiana Dairy	05No's
iv. Verka Amritsar Dairy	13No's
v. Verka Ferozepur Dairy	03No's
vi. Verka Jalandhar Dairy	33No's
vii. Verka Hoshiarpur Dairy	04 No's
viii. Verka Gurdaspur Dairy	03No's
ix. Verka Bathinda Dairy	09No's
Total	108 No's

NOTE: For complete details of the above mentioned number of booth dairy wise, please visit our website i.e. www.verka.coop
Di, General Manager (Purchase)
NA/12/26309/2023/39031

JITF INFRALOGISTICS LIMITED
CIN No. : L60231CT2008PLC106434
Registered Office: A-11 (7), Udyog Society, Sector-3, Tatibandh, Dharsawa, Raipur- 492099, Chhattisgarh, India.
Website: www.jindalinfralogistics.com, E-mail: contactus@jindalinfralogistics.com

NOTICE OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Extra Ordinary General Meeting ("EGM") of the Company will be held on Tuesday, 10th December 2024 at 12.30 P.M. at A-1, UPSIDC Industrial Area, Nandgaon Road, Kosi Kalan, District Mathura-281403, (U. P.) to transact the business as set out in the Notice of Extra Ordinary General Meeting. The Notice of EGM has been sent to the members who hold shares as on record date, i.e. 08th November 2024, by email, whose email id is registered with the Company/Depository(s) and the physical copy to all the other members. The said documents can also be viewed on the company's website at www.jindalinfralogistics.com.
Further, pursuant to the provisions of section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with rule 20 of Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Company is providing remote e-voting facility to its members to cast their vote electronically on the resolutions to be transacted at EGM of the Company.
The member please note the following:
a. The remote e-voting shall commence at 9.00 a.m. on Saturday, 07th December 2024 and shall end at 5.00 p.m. on Monday, 09th December 2024.
b. The remote e-voting shall not be available beyond 5.00 p.m. on Monday, 09th December 2024.
c. The cut-off date for determining the eligibility of members for remote e-voting and voting through poll at EGM is 03rd December 2024.
d. Any person who becomes member of the Company after dispatch of notice of the meeting and holding shares as on cut-off date i.e. 03rd December 2024, may obtain the user id and password by contacting RCMC Shares Registry (Pvt.) Ltd., R & T Agent of the Company at B-25/1, Okhla Industrial Area Phase II, New Delhi - 110020, phone-011-26387320-21, Fax-011-26387322, Email-evoting.services@rcmcdelhi.com.
e. The members who cast their vote through remote e-voting may also attend the EGM but shall not be allowed to cast their vote at EGM.
f. The facility of voting through poll shall be available at the EGM to those members who have not casted their vote through remote e-voting.
g. Members may go through the e-voting instructions provided in the EGM Notice or visit <https://evoting.nsl.com> and in case of any queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for members and e-voting User Manual for members available at the download section of <https://evoting.nsl.com>

For JITF Infralogistics Limited
Sd/-
Alok Kumar
Company Secretary
ACS-19819
Place: New Delhi
Date: 14.11.2024

LOST & FOUND

L.R. No. 2281219/2024
Date : 08/11/2024
I, Leela Mittal, S/D/W/O Kishan Lal Katri, A-4, 217 Kalkaji Extension New Delhi-110019 sams.nz@gmail.com. I hereby Missing/Lost Possession Letter issued by M/s DFL Building and Services Pvt Ltd. and M/s. Maktoum Developers Pvt Ltd., dated approximately year 2011 for property no. SP-203, Richmond Park, DLF Phase 4, Gurugram from our residence.
If anybody find it please contact at this number - 9013538166 or address above.

RAMPUR FERTILIZERS LIMITED

Registered Office: Judges Bareilly Road, Rampur 244 901 (U.P.)
E-mail: rkumar@rampurfert.com, CIN: L15136UP1988PLC010084
EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER / HALF YEAR ENDED ON 30 SEPT., 2024.

S. No.	Particulars	Standalone Results				Consolidated Results	
		Quarter Ended		Year Ended	Quarter ended	Year ended	
		30.09.2024	30.06.2024	30.09.2023	31.03.2024	30.09.2024	31.03.2024
1	Total Income from Operations	481.81	399.31	547.86	2240.00	481.81	2240.00
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax, exceptional items)	17.11	-110.57	-28.61	-168.88	17.11	-166.88
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	17.11	-110.57	-28.61	-168.88	17.11	-166.88
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax	17.11	-110.57	-28.61	-167.08	17.11	-167.08
5	Net Profit / (Loss) after taxes, & Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associates	17.11	-110.57	-28.61	-167.08	45.23	-128.93
6	Net Profit after comprehensive income	14.40	-128.08	-30.17	-176.18	42.52	-138.03
7	Paid up Equity Share Capital	494.82	494.82	494.82	494.82	494.82	494.82
8	Earnings/(loss) per share (of Rs. 10/- each) (not annualised, in Rs.) for continuing and discontinuing operations. Basic / Diluted	0.35	-2.23	-0.61	-3.38	0.91	-3.38

NOTES:
1 The above is an extract of the financial results for the quarter / half year ended on 30th Sept. 2024 filed with the stock exchanges under regulation 33 of SEBI (LODR) Regulation, 2015. The full financial results for the quarter ended 30th Sept. 2024 are available on www.mse.in, www.cse-india.com and www.rampurfert.com.

By order of the Board
Sd/-
Anshuman Khaitan
(Managing Director)
Place : Rampur
Date : 14/11/2024

HINDUSTAN AUTO FINANCE LIMITED

CIN:L65910DL1980PLC010617
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Regd. Off: Cabin No. DA-8, 02nd Floor, Vikas Marg, Shakarpur, New Delhi-110092

Extract of unaudited financial results for the quarter and half year ended 30th September 2024

SL. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended		
		30.09.2024	31.03.2024	30.09.2023
		Unaudited	Audited	Unaud

Reliance, Disney complete media assets merger to form ₹ 70,352 Crore

Rupee falls four paise, close at all-time low of 84.43 against US Dollar

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Reliance Industries has completed the merger of its media assets with the India business of global media house Walt Disney to form a new joint venture worth Rs 70,352 crore.

The JV, in which Reliance Industries has invested Rs 11,500 crore (USD 1.4 billion) for its growth, will be headed by Nita Ambani as its Chairperson, according to a joint statement.

"The transaction values the JV at Rs 70,352 crore (USD 8.5 billion) on a post-money basis, excluding synergies," it said. At the closing of the transactions, the said JV is



controlled by RIL. Reliance Industries holds a 16.34 per cent stake in the JV, while its step-down unit Viacom18 holds 46.82 per cent

and Disney the rest 36.84 per cent. "Nita M. Ambani will be the Chairperson of the JV, with Mr. Uday Shankar as Vice

Chairperson providing strategic guidance to the JV," it said. Viacom 18 Media and The Walt Disney Company has already received necessary

approvals required from authorities such as CCI, NCLT for the merger of the media and JioCinema businesses of media and JioCinema businesses of Viacom18 into Star India. The JV will be one of the largest media & entertainment companies in India with pro forma combined revenue of approximately Rs 26,000 crore (USD 3.1 billion) for the fiscal year ended in March 2024. The JV operates over 100 TV channels and produces more than 30,000 hours of TV entertainment content annually. The JioCinema and Hotstar digital platforms have an aggregate subscription base of over 50 million. The JV

holds a portfolio of sports rights across cricket, football and other sports. Commenting on the development RIL Chairman & Managing Director Mukesh Ambani said: "With the formation of this JV, the Indian media and entertainment industry is entering a transformational era. "Our deep creative expertise and relationship with Disney, along with our unmatched understanding of the Indian consumer will ensure unparalleled content choices at affordable prices for Indian viewers. I am very excited about the JV's future and wish it all the success," he said.



PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee traded in a tight range and fell four paise to close at an all-time low of 84.43 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, weighed down by unabated foreign fund outflows and strong dollar demand from investors. Forex traders said the downward pressure on the USD/INR pair is largely driven by persistent inflation and significant foreign outflows. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 84.40 against the US dollar. During the session, the local currency touched a high of 84.39 and a low of 84.43. It finally settled at its fresh all-time low of 84.43 (provisional) against the greenback, 4 paise lower than its previous close. On Wednesday, the rupee moved in a narrow range and settled flat at 84.39 against the US dollar. "The US dollar index has hit a fresh cycle high of 106.76 as it approaches the stiff resistance at 107.50," said Praveen Singh - Associate VP, Fundamental Currencies and Commodities, Sharekhan by BNP Paribas. "There was no respite on the US inflation front as the data released yesterday showed that

the US core consumer price index increased 0.3 per cent for a third month.

It was up 3.3 per cent on a year-on-year basis," Singh said. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading higher by 0.30 per cent at 106.80. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.03 per cent to USD 72.30 per barrel in futures trade. Forex traders said the USD-INR pair may rise to Rs 85 level in near-term, though the intervention by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) may slow the pace. On the global front, China's recent 1.4 trillion yuan stimulus, coupled with expectations of more fiscal support, has strengthened Chinese markets and added downward pressure on Indian assets, traders said. Moreover, India's inflation surge is putting additional pressure on the currency. Wholesale price inflation rose to a 4-month high of 2.36 per cent in October as prices of food items, especially vegetables, and manufactured goods turned dearer, according to government data released on Thursday. Retail inflation breached the RBI's upper tolerance level, soaring to a 14-month high of 6.21 per cent in October mainly on account of rising food prices. In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex fell 110.64 points, or 0.14 per cent, to close at 77,580.31 points, while Nifty fell 26.35 points, or 0.11 per cent, to settle at 23,532.70 points.

Gold slide continues, tanks Rs 700 to Rs 77,050 per 10 grams



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gold prices saw yet another steep fall on Thursday, with the precious metal declining Rs 700 to Rs 77,050 per 10 grams in the national capital amid subdued demand trend in the global markets, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

The precious metal of 99.9 per cent purity closed at Rs 77,750 per 10 grams in the previous session, a day after falling marginally by Rs 50 on Wednesday.

Silver also plummeted Rs 2,310 to Rs 90,190 per kg against the previous close of Rs 92,500 per kg. Extending the losses for the fourth straight session, the price of gold of 99.5 per cent purity fell Rs 700 to Rs 76,650 per 10 grams. It had ended at Rs 77,350 per 10 grams on Wednesday. In futures trade on the MCX, gold contracts for December delivery plunged Rs 804 or 1.08 per cent to trade at Rs 73,678 per 10 grams. During the day, the precious metal declined Rs 1,182 or 1.59 per cent to Rs 73,300 per 10 grams. "Gold's weakness persisted with price falling near Rs 73,500 in MCX as the dollar climbed. The US CPI data, which came in higher at 2.6 per cent compared to the expected 2.4 per cent, fuelled the dollar's strength.

"While the Fed has been continuing with rate cuts as inflation approached its 2 per cent target, the CPI data raised concerns that further cuts may be paused," Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst - Commodity and Currency, LKP Securities, said. This development added pressure on gold prices, which reacted negatively to the stronger dollar and the potential shift in Fed policy, Trivedi added.

Silver contracts for December delivery plummeted Rs 2,067, or 2.32 per cent, to Rs 87,130 per kg. Globally, Comex gold futures fell USD 29.10 per ounce, or 1.13 per cent, to hit a two-month low of USD 2,557.40 per ounce. "Gold extended its fall during Thursday's European session, hitting its lowest level since September 19. "The US Dollar's (USD) post-election rally persisted, reaching a fresh year-high which continues to put pressure on gold prices," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst of Commodities at HDFC Securities, said. The US Dollar buying remains unabated by traders in the wake of optimism over the expected expansionary policies by US President-elect Donald Trump. This, in turn, is seen as a key factor dragging the commodity lower for the fifth successive day, traders said.

Indian economy sailing smoothly amid global headwinds: Reserve Bank Governor

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Thursday said the Indian economy has been sailing "smoothly" amid the global headwinds.

Speaking at an event organised by CNBC-TV18 here, Das declined to comment on a suggestion by Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal for a rate cut, maintaining that the rate-setting panel will take an appropriate call on it at its next meeting in December. In comments made days after headline inflation shot up

beyond the 6 per cent tolerance band of RBI for October, Das said inflation is "expected to moderate despite periodic humps".

The Governor said the domestic economy has sailed very well through the prolonged period of turbulence in the recent past exhibiting resilience, but added that there are a slew of headwinds prevailing in the global economy right now like rising bond yields, commodity prices showing a divergence and a contradiction of financial markets showing resilience despite rising geopolitical risks. "The Indian

economy is sailing smoothly, powered by buffers like strong macroeconomic fundamentals, a stable financial system and a resilient external sector," said the bureaucrat-turned-central banker, who will be completing six years at the helm at RBI soon. With the rupee hitting new lows, Das said India's external sector has exhibited "strength and stability" in the recent period as seen in the current account deficit remaining at a manageable level, merchandise exports starting to grow, and service exports growth being strong.

He reminded that the country has the fourth largest forex reserves in the world.

The forex reserves, which stood at USD 682 billion as of October 31, are sufficient to cover the entire external debt and a year's import payments, he added.

The Governor also made it clear that the RBI does not target a rate for the rupee, and the fore interventions are for ensuring orderly movement and curbing volatility in the currency.

"If the Indian rupee has remained relatively stable despite severe external shocks, including the largest and the

steepest tightening by the US Fed in 2022 and 2023, it speaks volumes about the sea change in our macro fundamentals from the days of the taper tantrum," Das said. On the issue of regulation, he said the RBI will be issuing a draft of the Expected Credit Loss (ECL) framework and the final guidelines will come out post public comments. Without giving a timeline for the introduction of the draft guidelines, Das said the RBI had issued a discussion paper on the subject in 2023 and also constituted a working group to study the comments received on it.

Global oil market to calm on more oil production: Petroleum Minister

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India, the world's third largest oil consuming and importing nation, is hoping that more oil production coming from the western countries like the US and Canada will calm the markets and bring stability in prices, Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said Thursday. Speaking at CII's 12th PSE Summit here, Puri said countries in the western hemisphere are adding more production which may influence oil producers cartel OPEC to also raise output to earn more while the era of fossil fuel lasts.

Volatile oil prices upset economies reliant on imports for meeting their needs as they not just have to spend extra on buying the fuel but also import inflation that impacts purchasing powers of their people. "Today more production is coming on the global market from the Western Hemisphere. Brazil, Guyana, Canada and the US are adding more production... With more and more oil coming, one expects as a result that the market situation will calm," he said. This would also at some stage lead to producers who have cut back oil production, to produce more to earn more revenue, he said. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and allies led by Russia, together known as OPEC+, have since late 2022 made a series of deep output cuts to jack up prices and match demand. OPEC+ members are currently cutting output by a total of 5.86 million barrels per day (bpd), or about 5.7 per cent of global demand. Later talking to reporters, he said the OPEC+ is actively

reviewing their decision on production cuts and may decide on the issue in a month or two.

Irrespective of that consuming countries are not likely to face any shortfall as more and more oil is coming on to the market, he said, adding that Brazil is adding 300,000-400,000 bpd of production to their output of 3.3 million bpd. Besides, the US may add another 1 million bpd while Canada and Guyana would also increase output.

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SECI issues showcause notices to Reliance Power, its arm over fake bank guarantees

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Renewable energy agency RSECI has sent a showcause notice to Reliance Power, asking why a criminal action should not be taken against the company and its arm for submitting fake bank guarantees. Last week, Solar Energy Corporation of India barred Reliance Power and its arm Reliance NU BESS from participating in its tenders for submission of fake documents in its bids. Meanwhile, in a filing to exchanges, Reliance Power said that it has been "a victim of fraud, forgery and cheating conspiracy". "A criminal complaint in this regard has already been lodged with Economic Offence Wing of Delhi



Police against the third party on October 16, 2024, basis on which First Information Report (FIR) has been registered on November 11, 2024. The matter is under investigation and due process of law will follow," Reliance Power said.

In a notice dated November 13, SECI said on account of submission of fake endorsement of a foreign Bank Guarantee (BG) as part of its bid submission, it was discovered that the said BG submitted by Reliance

NU BESS Ltd. (known as Maharashtra Energy Generation Ltd. At the time of bid submission), was also fake.

"The repeated submission of a fake Bank Guarantee (BG) along with its counterfeit endorsement has been deemed a deliberate act by the Bidder, intended to vitiate the tendering process and to secure the project capacity through fraudulent means," SECI said in the notice.

"SECI has issued showcause notices to the entities, namely Reliance Power Ltd. And Reliance NU BESS Ltd, seeking explanation as to why SECI should not initiate criminal proceedings against them, in view of the fraudulent and forged actions," the notice stated. According to the notice,

Reliance NU BESS had submitted a BG purportedly issued by the FirstRand Bank, through its branch supposed to be located in Manila City, Manila, the Philippines.

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

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

Reliance Power shares dropped 1.53 per cent to settle at Rs 36 on BSE on Thursday.

India-US trade relations continue to grow irrespective of change in regime



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's trade relations with the US will continue to grow irrespective of the change in regime in America, a top government official said on Thursday. According to the commerce ministry data, India's exports to the US jumped to USD 39.2 billion in October against USD 21.46 billion in October 2015. During 2001-23, at a Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR), India's exports to America rose by 10.48 per cent. In this period, the US imports from the world have grown by 4.76 per cent. "Our (India-US) integration is growing and we are getting bi-partisan support. Whatever is the regime (in the US), we are finding that our economic integration

with the US is increasing over the period of time and that is a good thing for us and I trust that it will continue (to grow)," Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal told reporters here. He added that the two economies have strongly integrated with each other through various agreements, including the IPEF (Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity) and other bilateral mechanisms. "We are able to have a sustained growth in terms of exports and imports," he said. The data is showing not only the resiliency but also better integration with the US value chains and "this is very positive factor which is across all presidencies," he added. When asked whether India would ask for the proposed mini-trade deal which was discussed during the first Trump administration, the secretary said that presently the President-elect is building his team and once that team is in place, there will be policy pronouncements from them and based on that "we will be also taking a call". The US is the largest trading partner of India in 2023-24.

India's exports stood at USD 77.51 billion, while imports aggregated at USD 42.2 billion in the last fiscal. During April-October this fiscal, the country's exports to America rose by 6.31 per cent to USD 47.24 billion, while imports grew by 2.46 per cent to USD 26 billion. Additional Secretary in the Department of Commerce Rajesh Agrawal said that in the services area also, India's exports and imports have registered healthy growth with the US. Trade experts have stated that Indian exporters may face high customs duties for goods like automobiles, textiles and pharmaceuticals if the new US administration decides to pursue the 'America First' agenda, opined trade experts. Experts have said that Trump could also tighten H-1B visa rules, impacting costs and growth for Indian IT firms. Over 80 per cent of India's IT export earnings come from the US. The US is India's largest trading partner, accounting for over USD 190 billion of annual trade.

Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) Founder Ajay Srivastava has said that Trump may extend tariffs beyond China to include India and other countries. Trump had earlier called India a "large tariff abuser" and in October 2020 labelled India as the 'tariff king'. These remarks suggest that Trump's second term could bring tougher trade negotiations, he has said. International trade expert Biswajit Dhar said that Trump would increase tariffs in various sectors as he has to follow his call for MAGA (Make America Great Again). Between FY 2020 and FY 2024, India's merchandise exports to America rose by 46 per cent from USD 53.1 billion to USD 77.5 billion. Imports from the US also grew to USD 42.2 billion last fiscal from USD 35.8 billion in 2019-20. On the other hand, trade in services between the two nations expanded 30.3 per cent from USD 54.1 billion in 2018 to an estimated USD 70.5 billion in 2024. India is also a key destination for American businesses such as professional, scientific, and technical services, manufacturing, and IT. Washington is the third largest investor. India received USD 66.7 billion of FDI inflow between April 2000 and June 2024.

Goa Pavilion inaugurated at 43rd India International Trade Fair

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PANAJI

Goa Pavillion at the much-awaited 43rd India International Trade Fair, an initiative of India Trade Promotion Organisation (A Government of India Enterprise), based on the theme "Vikasit Bharat @2047" a mega event was inaugurated by Shri Dipak Bandekar, Director of Information and Publicity today. Assistant Information Officer, Shri Shanto Naik; Information Assistant, Shri Siddhesh Samant; Administrative Officer, IPB, Shri Sadashiv Pandit; Manager, Goa Tourism Development Corporation, Shri Sahadev Gaonkar; Deputy Manager, Goa Waste Management Corporation, Shri Rohan Ghadi; Engineer, Shri Rupesh Velip and Shri Arvind Naik were amongst those present on the occasion. A brochure titled Atmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa was also released at the hands of Shri Bandekar on the occasion. IITF is the largest integrated trade fair which has a wide

spectrum of Business, Social, Cultural and Educational Dimensions that are weaved together where visitors and exhibitors, media persons, marketing professional, social activists, NGOs etc. visit to source their needs and objectives. Government Organisations use this platform to spread awareness about their programmes and policies among the public.

The fair is set up on a space admeasuring 203 Sq. mts. earmarked by ITPO in Hall No. 3 (New Hall) designed in line with this year theme with emphasis on projecting rich Goan Cuisine with courteous hospitality of Goan people and Goa's developmental achievements through Audio Visuals, Small Hoardings and Photographic display. A lively celebration of Goa's rich cultural legacy will take place during IITF 2024 in the Goa Pavillion. The pavilion, which aims to provide visitors with an immersive experience, showcases Goa's cultural heritage and local handicrafts. Alongside a variety of indigenous handicrafts, the Goa Pavillion is pleased to present the rich legacy of Kaavi Art for the first time at the IITF 2024. Inspired by architectural elements and temple walls, this distinctive art form is renowned for its elaborate red and white murals, which celebrate Goa's coastal culture.

DAEWOO India appoints CM Singh as Joint MD

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

DAEWOO India has appointed veteran industry leader C M Singh as Joint Managing Director, marking a significant step in the company's entry into the consumer durables market. With over three decades of experience in electronics, Singh brings strategic insight and proven leadership that is expected to accelerate DAEWOO India's growth. Singh's career spans notable roles, including COO at Videocon.

His expertise in market expansion and operations is anticipated to support DAEWOO's expansion, particularly into India's Tier II and Tier III markets. "We are thrilled to welcome C.M. Singh, whose market expertise will be key as we enter consumer durables," said H S Bhatia, MD of DAEWOO India. Singh expressed enthusiasm about joining the team, highlighting DAEWOO's innovative technologies and potential in India. Through this the company wants to reinforce its commitment to bringing advanced, high-quality products to Indian households, renewing its presence in the competitive consumer durables sector.



THE MYSTICAL WORLD OF THEYYAM

In a world that often favours the new, 'Theyyam: Indian Folk Ritual Theatre - An Insider's Vision' by KK Gopalakrishnan remains a symbol of the resilience of India's folk traditions. The author takes us on a journey through history, explaining how this centuries-old ritual has survived and flourished despite the pressures of modernisation and outside influences, says **SAKSHI PRIYA**

In the dance of Theyyam, the gods do not watch; they come to life through the performer, bridging the human and the divine. This powerful insight into *Theyyam* offers a glimpse into the essence of the ritual, where the lines between the spiritual and the earthly are beautifully blurred. In *Theyyam: Indian Folk Ritual Theatre - An Insider's Vision*, K.K. Gopalakrishnan guides us through this captivating tradition, revealing its deep-rooted significance and the vibrant performances that bring the divine to the stage.

Theyyam: Indian Folk Ritual Theatre is an extraordinary exploration of one of India's most vibrant and spiritually rich traditions. This insightful book takes readers deep into the heart of *Theyyam*, a ritualistic folk theatre from the northern regions of Kerala. *Theyyam* is not just a performance; it is a sacred and living art form that combines the sacred with the theatrical, where performers embody gods, spirits, and heroes, giving voice to centuries of social, religious and cultural narratives. Through his book, the author offers both a scholarly analysis and an intimate visual journey into the world of *Theyyam*.

Theyyam, which translates to "god's form," is a fusion of dance, drama, music and ritual and has been a central part of Kerala's spiritual and cultural life for centuries. The book captures the essence of this tradition, from the rituals performed by humble labourers to the spiritual elevation of these individuals who take on divine personas. Gopalakrishnan's perspective as an insider, with his extensive experience and deep connection to the tradition, provides a rare and valuable lens into *Theyyam*'s intricate and multifaceted nature.

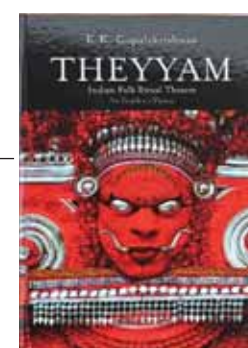
As Gopalakrishnan eloquently puts it, "At a time when the entire world, ignoring contextual relevance, is lavishly vocal on political correctness, here is an ancient art form called *Theyyam* that places the subaltern community in God's shoes." It is this transformative aspect of the art form that makes *Theyyam* such a powerful symbol of social rebellion and spiritual empowerment.

One of the most captivating aspects of *Theyyam* is the way in which the book intertwines detailed descriptions of the rituals with stunning, full-colour photographs. These images allow the reader to experience the vivid colours, intricate costumes, elaborate headgear, and the striking body paint that define

Theyyam performances. The photographs help to bring to life the dazzling transformation of the performers into supernatural beings, who, in the course of the ritual, take on divine attributes.

The central theme of *Theyyam*, as presented by Gopalakrishnan, is the juxtaposition of the sacred and the social. At its core, *Theyyam* serves as a spiritual act, honouring various deities, ancestors and natural forces such as animals and spirits. The performance is an offering of devotion and the powerful figures created in the ritual allow the worshippers to interact directly with the gods. Interestingly, despite the predominantly male performance tradition, the majority of the deities honoured in *Theyyam* are female figures, revered as Mother Goddesses. This gender aspect adds another layer of richness to the tradition, reflecting the reverence for feminine power in Kerala's religious and social landscape.

The ritual of *Theyyam* has a unique social dimension, which Gopalakrishnan is careful to highlight. In a striking reversal of traditional power dynamics, the humble performers, often daily-wage labourers, become gods and goddesses during the ritual. This transformation challenges social hierarchies and elevates the performers above the very people they serve. Gopalakrishnan reflects on this dynamic, noting that, for a moment, even the wealthy landowners and patrons bow before the performers as they embody divine figures. This inversion of power allows the performers to address social injustice and in some cases, the *Theyyam* may directly criticise those who financially support the ritual. Gopalakrishnan



ABOUT THE BOOK

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by KK GOPALAKRISHNAN
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captures this paradox and the way it highlights the intersection of religion, art and social critique.

The author's intimate knowledge of the *Theyyam* tradition is evident not just in his writing, but in the depth of the research and the perspective he brings to his subject. He outlines the origins of *Theyyam* and its evolution, acknowledging the challenges it has faced over the years, from the influence of colonial rule to the more modern pressures of contemporary life. He traces how *Theyyam*, as a practice deeply linked to local communities and their traditions, has been able to persist despite these external challenges. This persistence is rooted in the unbroken spiritual and cultural connections that the art form maintains with the past, even as it adapts to present circumstances.

The Author also delves into the community structure surrounding *Theyyam*. While the performance itself is central, the social context of the tradition is crucial to understanding its full significance. The book provides detailed insights into the various communities that perform *Theyyam*, including the Vannans and Malayans, who are the main performers. These communities play a critical role in preserving the tradition, and Gopalakrishnan offers a nuanced examination of their place in Kerala's social fabric. He explores the significance of lineage, clan and caste in *Theyyam* performances, highlighting how these factors influence the performance and how social boundaries are both reinforced and challenged within the context of the ritual.

The book is not just a documentary of a particular art form but also a reflection on the role of art in shaping and critiquing society. Through this lens, Gopalakrishnan invites the reader to consider the deeper meanings behind *Theyyam*'s rituals, from its role in spiritual devotion to its capacity to question societal norms and power structures. It is a book that encourages reflection on the role of performance in both personal and collective transformation.

For anyone interested in Indian folk traditions, spirituality, or cultural history, *Theyyam: Indian Folk Ritual Theatre - An Insider's Vision* is an enlightening read. It provides a window into the world of *Theyyam* with all its colours, sounds and meaning. This book is not just a study, it's an invitation to witness a tradition that, despite the odds, continues to be a source of strength, expression and divine connection for the people of Kerala. Gopalakrishnan's work ensures that readers come away with a deep appreciation for *Theyyam*, its performers and the community spirit that keeps it alive.

Theyyam: Indian Folk Ritual Theatre - An Insider's Vision is a compelling and richly detailed exploration of one of India's most distinctive and awe-inspiring artistic traditions. Through Gopalakrishnan's work, readers are not only given access to the visual spectacle of *Theyyam* but are also invited to engage with its spiritual, social and historical dimensions. This book serves as both a scholarly resource and a visual celebration of *Theyyam*, shedding light on an art form that continues to thrive in the heart of Kerala's cultural identity.

November Reads!

By Aleph Book Company



Middle Class India: Driving Change in the 21st Century

By MANISHA PANDE (PRICE: ₹899, PAGES: 360)

Middle Class India delves into the rise, evolution, and complexities of India's middle class, projected to comprise 60% of the population by 2047. Author Manisha Pande offers a detailed study of how this group has developed since colonial times, significantly shaped by the 1991 economic liberalisation. The book explores the influence of the middle class on education, politics, family life, and consumer habits, while highlighting its ambitions and growing consumerism. Pande also discusses recent challenges, including communal tensions and the financial strains post-pandemic, examining how these factors might be impacting the middle class's trajectory. Insightful and meticulously researched, the book provides a nuanced analysis of the middle class's role in driving economic growth, social cohesion, and the future of India.

How the Cobra Got His Spectacles

By STEPHEN ALTER (Price: ₹250, Pages: 32)

In *How the Cobra Got His Spectacles*, acclaimed wildlife writer Stephen Alter presents a delightful tale of a young naga (cobra) and an elderly hermit who live peacefully by a river. When a mischievous monkey steals the hermit's spectacles, the naga embarks on a quest to recover them. Guided only by his forked tongue, the naga encounters various woodland creatures, learning about the different ways animals experience the world. Elegantly illustrated, this book is a perfect read for young wildlife enthusiasts, offering a captivating exploration of friendship, nature, and the wonders of the animal kingdom.

From Curious Girl to Royal Heroine

Royal-ish, by Amrita Gandhi, is a whimsical kingdom quest with a dash of royal mischief, writes **ABHI SINGHAL**

Amrita Gandhi's charming fusion of contemporary royal charm and youthful adventure in *Royal-ish: Lily's Adventures in Bagradoo* offers a novel take on the children's adventure genre.

Giving its readers a reason to not keep the novel down, *Royal-ish - Lily's Adventures in Bagradoo* is a fun story about Lily Ray. Lily Ray is a seventh-grade vlogger, a lover of gumboots, and a girl who vlogs nature and is enthusiastic about the same.

A very young girl's passion is unleashed in Amrita Gandhi's novel *Royal-ish: Lily's Adventures in Bagradoo* when she learns of her link to the Bagradoo royal dynasty through a DNA test she conducted in her mother's lab with her scientist mother.

The story is a fun, light, and gentle one to begin with and catches the attention of the readers.

The story leaps when Lily writes to the King Khair of Bagradoo spitting the fact that she might be connected to his royal family.

The book gets boring between the sections which feels unnecessary to the story but the most interesting parts and the ones that are awaited in each chapter are the parts of Lily's dialogues where she is vlogging. These parts are fun and anticipated parts of the book.

The exciting part of the book starts from the start when Lily enters the Bagradoo palace and unexpected things start to happen with her. The book is a kid's book and is described with scenes in the best way possible. The scenes of Lily struggling for the perfect outfit at the Bagradoo events to

her being friends with Princess Pashmina and DJ have a quirky side to them. The scenes of friendship between the DJ and Lily have a cute side to them.

The fiction is beautifully put on paper with the introduction of *Al the Pal*, a daily robotic diary of Lily.

The robotic diary accompanies Lily everywhere giving her answers to all the questions she needs. *Al the Pal* is a quirky addition to the novel *Royal-ish - Lily's Adventures in Bagradoo*.

Having illustrations somewhere between the chapters Amrita Gandhi's book keeps the reader gripped giving them imagination from the illustrations.

The book does its best to explain Lily as a simple, happy, curious, and ambitious kid. The reactions of Lily in situations, her reactions to entering the palace and exploring is somewhat that keeps the reader connected to the book. Being invited as the seventh grader to a palace, for her ambition and her love for nature is how the book opens.

The book gives an amazing and humorous angle to the scenes, including the one when Lily's backpack falls and the toilet roll expands open in the palace and the scene where Lily is asked to dress Princess Pashmina.



ABOUT THE BOOK

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Some hilarious scenes give you a reason to continue reading.

The elements like the island's sea wonders, 'the ponypups', the walking crocodiles, and the blue illuminated pinecones keep the readers surprised and smiling while reading the book.

Among *Royal-ish*'s appealing features is its creative world-building. Gandhi meticulously created Bagradoo, depicting a unique realm that blends aspects of conventional royalty with a whimsical, fun touch.

Lily's encounters with the kingdom's residents, each with a unique personality, are full of humour and insightful life lessons that both kids and adults can relate to.

Overall the book, *Royal-ish: Lily's Adventures in Bagradoo* is a delightful, enjoyable trip that provides a blend of amusement and education.

Though its deft storytelling and subtle cultural references can enthrall readers of all ages, it is ideal for young readers. Anyone wishing to immerse themselves in a realm of royal fantasy featuring a brave young heroine should read this book.

India thrash Thailand 13-0 in women's ACT hockey

PTI ■ RAJGIR (BIHAR)
Young striker Deepika slammed five goals as defending champions India thrashed minnows Thailand 13-0 to virtually assure a semifinal berth at the women's Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament here on Thursday. It was a completely one-sided match as the Indians found the net at will, with Thailand failing to take a single shot at the opposition goal. Deepika (3rd, 19th, 43rd, 45th, 45th minutes) found the net five times, while Preeti Dubey (9th, 40th), Lalremsiami (12, 56th) and Manisha Chauhan (55th, 58th) scored a brace each. Beauty Dung (30th) and Navneet Kaur (53rd) were the other goal getters for India who registered their third consecutive win in the round-robin league stage. India had earlier defeated Malaysia 4-0 before eking

out a close 3-2 win over South Korea. The Indians will next play Olympic silver medallists China on Saturday. India are now in the second spot in the standings with nine points, the same as China who, however, are on the top on the basis of a better goal difference. China have a goal difference of +21 as against +18 of India. The top four teams out of six at the end of round-robin league stage will qualify for the semifinals. It was complete domination from India from start to finish as they continuously toyed with the Thai defence, which looked clueless against the home team's relentless attacks. The Indians also improved on the penalty corner front, converting five out of 12 PCs they secured in the match. It took India just three minutes to take the lead through a fine field goal by Deepika. She beautifully controlled a defence spitting



pass from Neha and positioned herself perfectly to find the back of the net with a reverse hit. Minutes later, Manisha Chauhan got a free shot inside the circle but she couldn't connect the ball

properly. In the ninth minute, Preeti doubled India's lead, tapping in Sangita Kumari's pass from close range. Three minutes later, Lalremsiami scored from a rebound after skipper Salima Tete's initial try was saved by Thai goalkeeper Siraya Yimkrajang. India continued to mount raids and secured their first penalty corner in the 17th minute but the Thai custodian made a triple save. In the 19th minute, Deepika scored her second goal of the day, again with a fine shot from the top of the circle. The Indians then wasted three penalty corners before scoring from the next set piece just at the stroke of half-time through Beauty, who found the net from a goal-mouth melee as the hosts went into the breather with a comfortable 5-0 lead. An unmarked Preeti beat the onrushing Thai goalie neatly and found the net in

the 40th minute for her second goal of the match. Minutes later, Deepika converted a penalty corner with a flick to the top right corner of Thai goal. Within a span of two minutes, Deepika scored two more goals -- one from field play and the next from penalty corner -- to hand India a comprehensive 9-0 lead at the end of the third quarter. After resumption, Navneet scored with a reverse hit after receiving a pass from Sushila Delvi. Five minutes from the final hooter, Manisha converted India's 10th penalty corner before Lalremsiami deflected in Udit's slap shot from another set piece in the next minute. Manisha registered her name again in the scoresheet two minutes from full time from field play. In other matches of the day, Malaysia beat Korea 2-1 while China continued their unbeaten run by defeating Japan by the same margin.

Surya gave me chance to bat at No. three after I asked, had to repay faith: Tilak Varma

PTI ■ CENTURION
Tilak Varma did not want to become a source of chagrin for his skipper Suryakumar Yadav after requesting him for the number three slot in the batting order in the third T20I against South Africa. And he didn't. Varma had batted at number four in Durban and Gqeberha, scoring 33 and 20. Surya, who himself batted at number three, after giving it a thought, obliged his young teammate. "In Gqeberha, he (Tilak) came to my room and said, 'Give me the opportunity to bat at No. 3. Let me express myself,'" said Surya. Now it was for Varma to make the most of the opportunity and responded with a match-winning century. After reaching his 51-ball-century, second fifty coming in just 19 balls, Varma pointed towards the dug-out and blew a flying kiss to acknowledge his captain. "It was for 'SKY', our skipper because he gave me a chance to



bat at number three," Varma told reporters after India's 11-run win on Wednesday night. "I love batting at number three, but in last two matches, I played at number four. Last night he came to my room and said that 'You will bat No. 3' and he said it's a good opportunity. Go and express yourself. I told him, 'You have given me an opportunity, I will show you on the ground,'" said the second youngest Indian centurion in T20 Internationals. His innings of 107 off 56 balls had seven sixes apart from eight fours including a straight and a flicked six off

international tours of Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka due to finger injury but said he always knew that he would score when his time comes. "During the last IPL game, I had a finger dislocation and was ruled out for two months. Then during nets post recovery, I sustained another fracture. So I missed two back-to-back series -- Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka. "I was feeling bad that I missed out on two series and good opportunities. But I had to remain patient, focus on the process and keep working hard. I knew my time would come and when right time comes, I will score runs." The team management chose to persist with Varma when the chips were down and the youngster is reaping rewards for that. "I was waiting for this opportunity and unfortunately in the last match it didn't happen but captain and management also supported a lot, and the results I am getting now is because of their complete backing."

Mendis and Fernando tons earn Sri Lanka comfortable win over New Zealand in first ODI

AP ■ DAMBULLA (SRI LANKA)
Kusal Mendis and Avishka Fernando smashed centuries against a new-look New Zealand as Sri Lanka cruised to a 45-run win under the DLS method in a rain-hit first ODI. Mendis smashed a career-best 143 off 128 balls and Fernando made 100 off 115 in Sri Lanka's imposing total of 324-5 in 49.2 overs before rain came and reduced New Zealand's target to 221 off 27 overs. Will Young and Tim Robinson, one of the three New Zealand debutants, combined in an 88-run opening stand but Sri Lanka derailed the Black Caps' chase through its spinners and restricted the reply to a total of 175-9. Slow bowlers Maheesh Theekshana (2-32), captain Charith Asalanka (2-15), and Jeffrey Vandersay (1-40), in place of injured Wanindu Hasaranga, all left their mark before left-arm fast bowler Dilshan Madushanka grabbed 3-39 to give Sri Lanka a 1-0 lead in the three-match series. Earlier, Mendis and Fernando combined in a 206-run second-wicket stand after debutant Nathan Smith took a well judged running catch at third man to dismiss Pathum Nissanka (12) in Jacob Duffy's second over after Asalanka won the toss and elected to bat. Duffy could not hold onto a

sharp low return catch from Mendis when the batter was on 11 in the only chance the pair gave before raising Sri Lanka's highest second-wicket stand in a one-day international against New Zealand. The double-century stand bettered the previous Sri Lanka record of 170 between Sanath Jayasuriya and Hashan Tillakaratne



during the 2003 World Cup. Both batters were solid against pace and spin as New Zealand's slow bowlers couldn't extract much turn from the wicket. Mitchell Santner returned 0-53 in his 10 overs while Ish Sodhi (1-62) and Michael Bracewell (1-73) were also expensive as both batters swept the spinners with ease. Mendis raised his fourth ODI hundred in the 37th over off 102 balls and Fernando struck his first ODI century after three years in the next over. Fernando, who hit nine fours and two sixes, got dismissed soon after completing his fourth ODI hundred when he couldn't get enough elevation against Sodhi and was caught at mid-on.

Focus on Rinku's form and batting position as India aim series win

PTI ■ JOHANNESBURG
Rinku Singh's batting slot and circumspect approach must be a cause of concern for the India team going into the deciding fourth T20I against South Africa as the side aims for another bilateral series victory here Friday. Centuries by Sanju Samson and Tilak Varma on either side of an inept batting performance has kept India's nose ahead in the series and team would want a more collective batting effort to clinch it 3-1. The Wanderers 'Bull Ring' has always been a happy hunting ground for India, where they won the 2007 T20 World Cup final against Pakistan. Even during the previous T20I series a year back, skipper Suryakumar Yadav's last international hundred till date came at this very stadium and that too in a winning cause. The Indian captain, who enjoys a staggering victory percentage of 81.25, having come up trumps in 13 out of the 16 matches, would like to do one better compared to the last series in the Rainbow Nation which had ended in a 1-1 draw with one game being washed out. Curious case of Rinku Singh Rinku, one of the finest exponents of T20 cricket has suddenly gone off the boil in the past few months, reasons of which aren't exactly clear and it wouldn't be lost on the skipper and interim head coach VVS Laxman. On the face of it, it seems that his batting position and use as a floater at number six and seven isn't helping the Aligarh man's cause. The next T20 World Cup in



India is still some distance away in 2026 and Surya, as a skipper, has enough time to dissect and put things back on track for the man, who is too precious to be lost due to lack of clarity. In the current series, Rinku came in at number six in two games and number seven in another and has managed just 28 runs. The scores 11, 9 and 8 shouldn't be taken in isolation looking at where he is coming in to bat but when the number of balls (34) he has taken to the score runs is

Most of Rinku's better efforts have come when he has batted at number five but in a line-up where Sanju Samson is settling as an opener and Tilak Varma has staked claim as a No. 3, it might be difficult for Rinku to be promoted ahead of Hardik Pandya. It is an issue that team think-tank would do better to solve at earliest. Team Combination India have used 12 out of their 15 players in the first three games and it would be interesting to see if one among the two uncapped pacers Yash Dayal or Vysakh Vijaykumar gets a debut cap in case the pitch warrants an extra specialist speedster. For Samson, he would like to forget that he is turning into Marco Jansen's 'bunny' after back-to-back failures. In the final game, it wouldn't be a bad option for skipper Surya to check on Ramandeep Singh's steady medium pace as he can be an asset with multiple skills, including ability to field at all positions save keeping. Squads: India: Suryakumar Yadav (c), Abhishek Sharma, Sanju Samson (WK), Rinku Singh, Tilak Varma, Jitesh Sharma (WK), Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel, Ramandeep Singh. Varun Chakaravathy, Ravi Bishnoi, Arshdeep Singh, Vijaykumar Vyshak, Avesh Khan, Yash Dayal. South Africa: Aiden Markram (c), Ottneil Baartman, Gerald Coetzee, Donovan Ferreira, Reeza Hendricks, Marco Jansen, Heinrich Klaasen, Patrick Kruger, Keshav Maharaj, David Miller, Mhlangeni Mpongwana, Ngqaba Peter, Ryan Rickelton. Andile Simelane. Lutho Sipamla, Tristan Stubbs.

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