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Constitution is a guiding light: PM

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

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

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



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses a gathering during Constitution Day celebrations at the Supreme Court

and Supreme Court Bar Association of India President Kapil Sibal, among others. India is going through a period of transformation and at such an important time, it is the Constitution of India that is "showing us the way and is a guiding light for us", PM Modi

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

Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna tried any encroachment. I have tried to put forward my views within the boundaries. Only a hint is enough here, there is no need to say much. Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna elaborated concerns in the judiciary, including backlog of cases, delays, costs of litigation, access to justice, and trust deficit in the system. He elaborated on some of these issues while highlighting efforts to address them. He highlighted the backlog of cheque-bouncing cases, which constitute nine per cent of pending cases in trial courts. He also highlighted the limited success of plea bargaining, compounding, and probation, as an area requiring legislative intervention.
"The backlog of check

bouncing cases in our district courts have reached an alarming proportion - nearly nine per cent of the cases pending in the trial court. Data also reveals bargaining has been a nonstarter. Compounding and probation have not gained acceptance. Perhaps these require legislative interference," CJI Khanna

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

India reacts to ISKCON monk's arrest, bail denial in Bangladesh

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/ SAUGAR SENGUPTA NEW DELHI/ KOLKATA

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

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

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

There "several documented cases" of arson and looting of minorities' homes and business establishments, as well as theft and vandalism and desecration of deities and temples, the MEA flagged.

"It is unfortunate that while the perpetrators of these incidents remain at large, charges should be pressed against a religious leader presenting legitimate demands through peaceful gatherings," the statement said.

The MEA also noted with



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

concern the attacks on according to Bangladeshi minorities protesting peacefully against the arrest "We urge of Das. Bangladesh authorities to ensure the safety and security of Hindus and all minorities, including their right of freedom of peaceful assembly and expression," it added.

Das was reportedly arrested on charges of sedition and his bail application was rejected Chittagong Metropolitan Magistrate Court. The court, noting that the police did not request Das' remand, ordered his transfer to judicial custody.

It also directed that he be granted all religious privileges during his detention. He was arrested on charges of disrespecting the Bangladeshi flag during a rally he in October, addressed

media reports. Hindus in West Bengal have announced plans to protest and block the Petrapole Border if bail is not granted to

Meanwhile, Suvendu Adhikari, a senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader, said the party would hold protests in front of the West Bengal Assembly over the situation in Bangladesh. A torch rally is also planned. Concerned at the arrest of

ISKCON's Chinmoy Das.

Swami Chinmoy Krishna Das senior sadhu Society International of Consciousness, Krishna Bangladesh the ISKCON has appealed to the Indian Government to take up the issue with the Government on the other side of the border so as to secure the release of the monk at the earliest.



Maharashtra Governor CP leader Eknath Shinde's resignation as

Maharashtra still awaits its next CM

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

On a day when he continued to put up covert resistance to Bharatiya Janata Party's plans to name its senior leader Devendra Fadnavis as the next Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Eknath Shinde on Tuesday tendered his resignation as the CM, to Maharashtra Governor CP Radhakrishnan after the completion of the five term of the outgoing government. However, the Governor asked Shinde to remain as the caretaker CM till the new government assumed office in the State. Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar, both of whom are Deputy CMs in the outgoing government, were present when Shinde tendered his resignation from his post as the CM to the Governor at Raj Bhavan. Governor has asked the Chief Minister to continue to hold the charge of his post till arrangements are made," a communiqué from Raj



SC asks for creative ways to deal with unruly air passengers

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ **NEW DELHI**

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

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

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

EVMs are tampered when you lose, and fine if you win: SC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday indicated that a level of hypocrisy is attached to criticism about the Electronic Voting Machine (EVM), saying "EVMs are tampered when you lose and fine if you win". The oral remark was made by Justice Vikram Nath before dismissing a petition filed by evangelist KA Paul, who sought a judicial order to return to paper ballots. As the petitioner pointed out that even prominent leaders like Chandrababu Naidu and YS Jagan Mohan Reddy had raised concerns about tampering with EVMs, the SC Bench remarked, "When remarked, Chandrababu Naidu or Mr Reddy lost, they said that EVMs were tampered and when they won, they didn't say anything. How can we see this? We are dismissing this. This is not the place where you argue all of this." Petitioner KA Paul referenced Elon Musk's remarks who had suggested that EVMs could be tampered with.

Apart from ballot paper voting, the plea sought several directions including a directive to the Election Commission to disqualify candidates for a minimum of five years if found guilty of distributing money, liquor or other material inducement to the voters during polls.

When petitioner-in-person KA Paul said he filed the PIL, the Bench said, "You have interesting PILs. How do you get these brilliant ideas?". The petitioner said he is the president of an organisation which has rescued over three lakh orphans and 40 lakh

"Why are you getting into this



political arena? Your area of work is very different," the Bench retorted. After Paul revealed he had been to over 150 countries, the Bench asked him whether each of the nations had ballot paper voting or used electronic voting.

The petitioner said foreign countries had adopted ballot paper voting and India should follow suit. "Why you don't want to be different from the rest of the world?" asked the Bench.

There was corruption and in June 2024, the Election Commission announced they had seized Rs 9,000 crore, Paul responded. "But how does that make your relief which you are claiming here relevant?" asked the Bench, adding "if you shift back to physical ballot, will there be no corruption?".

Paul claimed CEO and co-founder of Tesla, Elon Musk, stated that EVMs could be tampered with and added TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu, the current chief minister of Andhra Pradesh, and former state chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy had claimed EVMs could be tampered



Pieces of broken window glass lie on the floor after an explosion outside a club in Chandigarh

Two low-intensity explosions outside Badshah's lounge

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

wo low-intensity explosions occurred I outside as many bar-cum-lounges, one of them owned by rapper Badshah, in the Sector 26 area of Chandigarh early Tuesday. No casualties were reported The blasts occurred outside De'Orra and Seville. Seville is reportedly owned by the rapper. The explosions shattered De'Orra's glass windows. In CCTV footage, an unidentified person was seen throwing something towards the lounge and thereafter a cloud of smoke emerged. Sources said two suspects came on a motorcycle.

Police said they received a call reporting a "loud sound" from the area around 3.25 am. A police team recovered jute rope pieces from the spot. A team from the Central Forensic Science Laboratory collected the samples, police said.

Chandigarh Deputy Superintendent of Police Dilbag Singh Dhaliwal told media an investigating officer who responded to the call found broken glasses at the scene. An FIR has been lodged and an investigation was underway, Dhaliwal said.

Puran, a worker at one of the clubs, said though the joint was closed, there were seven to eight workers inside at the time of the incident. He said they heard a loud sound around 3.15 am and rushed outside. They found broken glass, but did not spot anyone, he added.

Doctors on duty still vulnerable to attacks

SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW DELHI

mid the nation-wide talk about the safety Amid the nation-wide talk about the African Amid the nation-wide talk about the African Amid the nation-wide talk about the the nation-wide ta Kar hospital rape and murder case in Kolkata, the medical workers still continue to remain vulnerable as they faced harassment in two Delhi government hospitals including Safdarjung hospital where a senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer allegedly verbally abused a doctor on duty, over the treatment of his wife. A CCTV video, purportedly showing he incident depicted General (DIG) of Armed Police and Training in Puducherry, angrily gesturing at the doctor and pointing his finger towards him.

However, no police case has been filed in both the cases even though the Central government had asked heads of all government hospitals in the country to register an institutional FIR within six hours of any incident of violence against an on-duty healthcare worker in the wake of the RG Kar rape and murder case that happened in Kolkata.

After the incident, doctors started sharing their concerns, raising questions about the behavior of people toward healthcare workers. Expressing his displeasure over the incident, a doctor on X said, "Brijendra Kumar Yadav, DGP Pondicherry disgraced his position and abused power by threatening and verbally assaulting a young on duty resident doctor treating his wife at Safdarjung Hospital. We turn to the police when we are assaulted. What to do when a top police officer becomes the perpetrator of aggression?"

In the first instance at Safdarjung hospital, the incident led operations in the emergency ward being temporarily halted. The wife of Brijendra Kumar Yadav had been admitted to the hospital for postoperative care following surgery at the hospital's Sports Injury Centre

Although the CCTV footage had no sound, the man's body language clearly conveyed hostility. Later, the official X handle of the Resident Doctors' Association of Safdarjung Hospital shared an audio clip of the incident.



In the clip, a man can be heard saying, "I have studied twice as much as you, so don't think you are indispensable.

Federation of All India Medical Association (FAIMA) also issued a press release strongly condemning the incident of verbal harassment and bullying faced by a general surgery postgraduate resident of VMMC and

Safdarjung Hospital Delhi on duty. The concerned person, Brijendra Kumar Yadav (IPS Officer) Batch 2010 AGMUT Cadre, and husband of patient Anita Roy (admitted to the seventh floor of the SIC building), engaged in behaviour that was both disgraceful and unacceptable. Such actions, particularly by a senior government official, are highly condemnable and violate the dignity of healthcare professionals who work tirelessly to serve patients," they said,

demanding an apology from Yadav. In another incident that took place in GTB hospital, a male patient, allegedly drunk, created ruckus in the neurosurgery department during treatment, breaking fixtures and threatening doctors on duty.

According to a statement by the Resident Doctors' Association of the University College of Medical Sciences (UCMS) and GTB Hospital, on Monday evening, a patient became violent during an examination, abused doctors, nurses, and staff on duty, and attempted to assault them. The patient also broke cabin partitions and smashed glass

Mewar dynasty descendants spar in bizarre battle royale

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI/

The descendants of Rajput I ruler Maharana Pratap, who fought against the mighty Mughal emperor Akbar nearly 450 years ago, have now had to deal with a family to complete the rituals of accession to the "throne" in Udainur, Bharting Lineate Udaipur. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA Vishvaraj Singh Mewar, was challenged by his uncle Arvind Singh Mewar and his son Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar who allegedly denied him entry to the 'dhuni' (sacred fire) temple in the palace premises and then to Eklingnath Ji temple to finish the ritual.



between two factions of the erstwhile royal family of Mewar, resulting in stone injuring pelting, several persons and a standoff at the led to a heated historic City Palace.

coronation of BJP MLA Vishvaraj Singh Mewar as the 77th Maharana of Mewar earlier that day at Chittorgarh Fort. On Tuesday, the district administration of Udaipur appointed a receiver to

unresolved. However, the situation is under control, district officials said. Property dispute is at the core of this entire episode,

manage a disputed area of the City Palace. The issue stands

which apparently has turned into the battle of supremacy. City palace and Eklingnathji temple are under the control of Arvind Singh. A stand-off between Vishvaraj Singh and his cousin Dr Lakshay Raj Singh Mewar followed at the gates of the historic city palace after Vishvaraj Singh Mewar was refused entry into the palace, which is now run by a trust managed by his cousin and uncle Shreeji Arvind Singh







uttarakhand 02

Centre approves Rs 139 crore for disaster mitigation in Uttarakhand

PNS DEHRADUN

Ahigh-level Community of Co-Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah has approved Rs 1,115.67 crore for disaster mitigation and capacity building projects for variincluding States Uttarakhand. Out of this amount, the committee has approved a sum of Rs 139 crore for Uttarakhand in addition to funds approved for Himachal Pradesh, North Eastern States, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal. The high-level committee also approved a proposal for training and capacity building of civil defense in all States and Union Territories under preparedness and capacity building from the funding window of National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for Rs 115.67 crore The committee considered the proposal to mitigate landslide risk in 15 States, for funding from National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF) and another proposal for training and capacity building of Civil Defense volunteers in all States and UTs under preparedness and capacity building from the funding window of National Disaster Response

Fund (NDRF). The high level committee approved the National Landslide Risk Mitigation project in 15 States at a total cost of Rs 1,000 crore including Rs 139 crore for Uttarakhand. Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union minister Shah for approving the Rs 139 crore for Uttarakhand. The CM said that funds approved for Uttarakhand will help in strengthening the disaster risk reduction system which will enable mitigation of any major loss to lives and property in case of disasters.

Confusion regarding National Games dates to be cleared soon: Arya

PNS DEHRADUN

Sports minister Rekha Arya stated that the confusion surrounding the extended dates for the 38th National Games will be resolved soon following a discussion with chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami. She said this in response to various reports suggesting that the dates for the National Games have been postponed from January 28 to February 15. Recently, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) had confirmed that the games would be held in Uttarakhand starting January 28. However, some reports are indicating a possible extension of the event dates. Considering this, Arya convened a meeting with officials from the Uttarakhand Olympic Association to discuss the organisation of the National Games. Addressing the reports about the proposed amendment of the schedule, she said that there has been a request for such changes from some sports federations. The upcoming Asian Winter Games in China, which many athletes are preparing for, is also influencing this situation. Arya emphasised that this matter be discussed in detail with the CM and clarity on the situation will be provided after their meeting.

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5-day UPES convocation concludes

PNS ■ LALKUAN

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Nainital Dugdh Utpadak

(NDUSSL) while celebrat-

ing National Milk Day on

Tuesday to mark the birth anniversary of Verghese

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across the district to high-

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the human body and the nutrients present in it.

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The 22nd Convocation of UPES which was held for five days for the first time this year ▲ concluded here on Tuesday with graduates from each of UPES' seven schools being

honoured. UPES office bearers said that they had invited distinguished socio-political figures and conferred honorary doctorates on them in recognition of their exceptional contributions to society. Among them was the founder secretary of the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Achyuta Samanta and the British-Indian businessman Lord Karan Bilimoria. Through the fiveday convocation, UPES showcased its research excellence and global impact, highlighting how the university has achieved a per capita research output on par with global standards. In his concluding address, the UPES vice- chancellor Ram Sharma said that they believed in the transformative power of education, research and collaboration and their initiatives had not only driven impactful research and entrepreneurship but strengthened Uttarakhand's local economy.

NDUSSL celebrates National Milk Day through seminars

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The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- https://assets.matexauctions.com) of our auction agency Matex Net Pvt Ltd. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before 12th Dec,'24 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit a signed copy of the Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before 12th Dec,'24 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. - Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article. The general public is requested to submit their bids higher than the amount being offered by the interested buyer mentioned above. It is hereby informed that in case no bids higher than the amount being offered by the aforementioned interested buyer is received by ICICI HFC, the mortgaged property shall be sold to the said interested buyer as per Rule 8(8) r/w Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the sale or submission of bids, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920807300.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit https://www.icicinfc.com/

Authorised Officer, ICICI Home Finance Company Limited CIN: U65922MH1999PLC120106 Date: 27.11.2024 | Place: UTTARAKHAND

complete diet for the human डंडियन बेंक Zonal Office1, Gandhi Road, Indian Bank **Branch:** Dehradun. Ph- 2713957, 2713976 Haridwar Station Road ALLAHABAD POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property) inancial Assests and Enforcement (Security) Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 8 & 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer issued a Demand Notice on the dates noted against each account as mentioned hereinafter, calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of reciept of the said Notice. The borrowers/ guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the under noted borrowers / guarantors/mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Sec. 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rules 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned against each Account. The borrowers/ guarantors/ mortgagors in particular and

	Allahabad Bank for the amounts	ned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject and interests thereon mentioned against the account herein below: The attentio ion (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured a	n of the borro	wers detailed	I hereunder is	
l	S. Name of the Description of Immovable Property Demand Date of Notice Date Possession Due Amoun					
	Prakash S/o Baljet & Smt.	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of House No. 52 (New No. 58) ward No. 2 Mohalla Seemli, Nagar Palika Parishad Laksar, Pargana Manglor, Tehsil Laksar Distt. Haridwar, Uttrakhand. Bounded by: On the North by: House of Sonu & Monu, On the South by: House of Pramod, On the East by: House of Pramod, On the West by: 8 ft wide CC road House of Rampal.		20.11.2024	Rs. 11,31,199/- and interest, thereon	
ш	Date: 26 11 2024	Date: 26 11 2024				

पंजाब नैशनल बैंक 🧡 punjab national bank Circle Sastra , Dehradun, mail-id cs8218@pnb.co.in

(NOTICE UNDER 13 (2) OF SARFAESI ACT 2002 following Borrower/s 1.Mrs. Krishna Devi W/o Late Mr. Janeshwar Dayal (Co Borrower)&or that

is hereby notice given behalf of legal heir of Late Mr. Janeshwar Dayal, 2. Mr. Navdeep Saini S/o Late Mr. Janeshwar Dayal (Co Borrower) & on behalf of legal heir of Late Mr. Janeshwar Dayal, Gaurantors Mr. Diwaker Semwal S/o Sh Pati Ram (Guarantor), Other Legal heirs Mr. Sanjay Saini S/o Late Mr. Janeshwar Dayal on behalf of legal heir of Late Mr. Janeshwar Dayal, Mr. Deepak Saini S/o Late Mr. Janeshwar Dayal on behalf of legal heir of Late Mr. Janeshwar Dayalhave defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtainedby them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets(NPA). Then otices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned unserved and as such they are here by informed by way of this public notice

1. Branch: Rani Pokhari/IDPL.Rishikesh 1. Mrs. Krishna Devi W/o Late Mr. Janeshwar Dayal (Co Borrower)& on behalf of legal heir of rakba 200 sq yard or 167.28 sq mtr situated at mauza All that property comprising land & building khatak hatoni 18.11.2024 No. 00054 fasli year 1420 to 1425 land khasra no 593 min rakba 200 sq yard or 167.28 sq mtr situated at mauza	ils of Properties/Address of Secured Assets to be Enforced Date of Notice NPA Amount Outstanding (as On the date of NPA)
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-ham Society, Near Doon Institute, Shyampur,PO S N Temple, Dist Dehradun 249204,3. Mr. Diwaker Semwal S/o Sh Pati Ram (Guarantor), Add: Geeta Nagar, Bapu Gram,Rishikesh Dist. Dehradun 249202, 4. Mr. Sanjay Saini S/o Late Mr. Janeshwar Dayal on behalf of legal heir of Late Janeshwar Dayal Add: R.K.72, 2nd floor, Gali No 21, Bhagwati Garden Ext., Jain Road, Uttam Nagar, D.K.Mohan Garden, West Delhi, Delhi 11005 Mr. Deepak Saini S/o Late Mr. Janeshwar Dayal on behalf of legal heir of Late Mr. Janeshwar Dayal Add: CourtCompound, Shail Vihar Rishikesh Dehradun Add: 2:Street No 1, Shri Krishna Heights, Gokuldham Society, Near Doon Institute, Shyampur, Dehradun 245 The above Borrover(s) and for their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) are here by called upon to make payment of cutstanding amount within 60 days.	

The above Borrower(s) and /or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) are here by called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitzation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section13 of the Act, inrespect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

THE PIONEER **PUBLIC NOTICE**

नगर निगम, देहरादून

In my husband's army record my name is mistakenly recorded as KIRAN ALE whereas my correct name is KIRAN GURÚNG as mentioned in other all documents. Kiran Gurung W/o Army No 5449071N Rank Ex-NK (T.S) Mohan Singh Gurung, R/o 71, Vijaypur, Gopiwala, Anarwala, Near Guchu Pani, Dehradun vide UK IN-UK58892399415927W Affidavit 26.11.2024 before

In my army record my daughter's name mistakenly recorded as REETU GURUNG whereas my daughter's correct name is RITU GURUNG as mentioned in other all documents Army No 5449071N Rank Ex-NK (T.S) Mohan Singh Gurung, R/o 71, Vijaypur, Gopiwala, Anarwala, Near Guchu Pani, Dehradun vide UK IN-UK58892902927513W Affidavit 26.11.2024

The general public is informed that I have changed my name from PRITAM LAL to PRITAM LAL KUMHAR and in future I should be known as Pritam Lal Kumhar s/o-Tota Ram address: Sharvan Nath Nagar Haridwar Uttarakhand

I, BHARAT KUMAR SAHOO as deponent (existing name) legally father of Army No.JC-343965K NB SUB GYÁNESH RANJAN SAHOO, Unit BEG RECORDS have changed my name from BHARAT KUMAR SAHOO to BHARAT CHANDRA SAHOO.

I, Smt Ritu Kothari W/o Shri Vikas Kothari D/o Shri Mala Singh resident of G/359 Nehru Colony District Dehradun Uttarakhand have lost the original marksheet of Class Xth Roll No. 210452037, Year 1996 somewhere and despite searching a lot it has not been found.

मेरे सैन्य अभिलेखोंनुसार, मेरे पुत्र का गलत नाम सिद्धार्थ दर्ज है, सही नाम सिद्धार्थ भट्ट आधार नं. 335842667627 S/o आर्मी नं. -JC –331794W सबेदार मेजर निरंजन भट्ट, 370 आरटीओ रोड द्वारिकापुरी फेज-2, कुसुमखेड़ा, हरिपुर नायक, हरिपुरा नायक, नैनीताल, उत्तराखंड −263139 है।

मेरे पुत्र के सैन्य अभिलेखोंनुसार, मेरा गलत नाम प्रभावती देवी (PRABHAWATI DEVI) दर्ज है, सही नाम प्रभावती देवी (PRABHAVATI DEVI) आधार नं. 482964656951 M/o आर्मी नं.15349425N हवलदार संजीव कुमार, वार्ड संख्या 08, बरवा, बरवा, पूर्वी चंपारण, बिहार–845302

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि मैंने अपना नाम लक्ष्मी मुयाल (पुराना नाम) से बदलकर लक्ष्मी देवीं (नया नाम) कर लिया है। भविष्य में मुझे लक्ष्मी देवी (नया नाम) W/o सतीश कुमार के नाम से जाना – पहचाना जाये।

NOTICE Jain wife of Shri Dr. Asheesh Agarwal. The deponent's father writes Agarwal in his name, due to this, mother's name is written as Smt. Nidhi Agarwal in some documents of the deponent. Smt. Dr. Nidhi Jain wife of Shri Dr. Asheesh Agarwal and Smt. Dr. Nidhi Agarwal wife of Shri Dr. Asheesh Agarwal are the names of the same person. Radhika Agarwal daughter of Shri Dr. Asheesh Agarwal Resident: C-5, S.G.R.R. Medical College Campus Patel Nagar, Dehradun.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited Plot No-23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non

A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial

Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has no been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Shakeel./ Puja Sharma (LBHWR00006154999) & 10, Salempur Mahdood, Uttarakhand Haridwar- 249402	Plot No.23, Comprised In Part of Khasra No.457mi, Situated At Village Badhedi Rajputan (Ananda City), Pargana And Tehsil Roorkee District Haridwar, Uttarakhand- 249410	23/10/2024 Rs. 17,00,565.78/-	24/08/ 2024
2.	Shakeel./ Puja Sharma (LBHWR00006370005) & 10, Salempur Mahdood, Uttarakhand Haridwar- 249402	Plot No.23, Comprised In Part Of Khasra No.457mi, Situated At Village Badhedi Rajputan (Ananda City), Pargana and Tehsil Roorkee District Haridwar, Uttarakhand- 249410	23/10/2024 Rs. 24,239.54/-	24/08/ 2024
3.	Shakeel./ Puja Sharma (TBHWR00006562378) & 10, Salempur Mahdood, Uttarakhand Haridwar- 249402	Plot No.23, Comprised In Part of Khasra No.457Mi, Situated At Village Badhedi Rajputan (Ananda City), Pargana And Tehsil Roorkee District Haridwar, Uttarakhand-249410	23/10/2024 Rs. 2,98,963.88/-	24/08/ 2024
4.	Mushahid Ali/ Akila Begam (LBRUD00005758387) & Kacchi Khamriya Lalpur Uttarakhand Udham Singh Nagar - 263148	House On Part of Khet No.117Min, Plot No 2, Revenue Village-Khamariya, Tehsil- Rudrapur, District Udham Singh Nagar- 263153	23/10/2024 Rs. 3,95,389.86/-	03/08/ 2024
5.	Mushahid Ali / Akila Begam (LBRUD00005758389) & Kacchi Khamriya Lalpur Uttarakhand Udham Singh Nagar- 263148	House On Part of Khet No.117 Min, Plot No 2, Revenue Village-khamariya, Tehsil- Rudrapur, District Udham Singh Nagar-263153	23/10/2024 Rs. 5,45,253.90/-	03/08/ 2024
6.	Mushahid Ali/ Akila Begam (LBRUD00006354661) & Kacchi Khamriya Lalpur Uttarakhand Udham Singh Nagar- 263148	House On Part of Khet No.117 Min, Plot No 2, Revenue Village-Khamariya, Tehsil- Rudrapur, District Udham Singh Nagar, 263153	23/10/2024 Rs. 5,18,490.12/-	03/08/ 2024
7.	Mushahid Ali/ Akila Begam (LBRUD00005807654) & Kacchi Khamriya Lalpur Uttarakhand Udham Singh Nagar- 263148	House On Part of Khet No.117 Min, Plot No 2, Revenue Village-Khamariya, Tehsil- Rudrapur, District Udham Singh Nagar, 263153	23/10/2024 Rs. 17,659/-	03/08/ 2024
8.	Sanjay Kumar/ Dolly Shrivastava (LBRUD00005811287) & Rudrapur, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand Rudrapur- 263153	Property Bearing Khet No.189Mi, Pvt Plot No.68, Village Fulsunga, Rudra Enclave, Tehsil Rudrapur, District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand- 263153	23/10/2024 Rs. 8,55,870.17/-	03/08/ 2024
9.	Sanjay Kumar/ Dolly Shrivastava (LBRUD00005811288) & Rudrapur, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand Rudrapur- 263153	Property Bearing Khet No.189mi, Pvt Plot No.68, Village Fulsunga, Rudra Enclave, Tehsil Rudrapur, District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand- 263153	23/10/2024 Rs. 3,34,322.87/-	03/08/ 2024
10.	Rakesh Kumar/ Leelawati. (TBRUD00006441640) & Ward No.2, Krishna Colony, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand Rudrapur- 263153	Plot of Land Comprised In Khet No.36 Min., Situated At Village Fulsunga, Tehsil Rudrapur, District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand- 263153	24/10/2024 Rs. 1,54,3051/-	06/08/ 2024
11.	Rakesh Kumar/ Leelawati. (TBRUD00006441639) & Ward No.2, Krishna Colony, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand Rudrapur- 263153	Plot of Land Comprised In Khet No.36 Min., Situated At Village Fulsunga, Tehsil Rudrapur, District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand- 263153	24/10/2024 Rs. 3,82,882.08/-	06/08/ 2024
12.	Arun Kumar Chauhan/ Alpana Devi (LBRUD00006747261) & Avas Vikash Amrit Pur, Jaspur Patti Mansha, Near Tehsil Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand Jaspur - 244712	Plot Comprised In Khata No.0012, Khasra No.131min, Situated At Waky Mouza Jaspur Patti Kalyan, Tehsil Jaspur, District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand- 244712	24/10/2024 Rs. 54,731.80/-	06/08/ 2024
13.		Plot Comprised In Khata No.0012, Khasra No.131min, Situated At Waky Mouza Jaspur Patti Kalyan, Tehsil Jaspur, District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand- 244712	24/10/2024 Rs. 14,29,513.34/-	06/08/ 2024
14.	Kaleem Ahmad/ Saleem Ahmad/ Meharbano (LBSAH00006026826) & MPL No. 6/3191, And New No.6/3196, Situated At Mohalla Chhipiyan, Uttar Pradesh Saharanpur- 247001	Mpl No.6/3191, And New No.6/3196, Situated At Mohalla Chhipiyan, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh- 247001	02/11/2024 Rs. 16,45,098.68/-	08/08/ 2024
15.	Roshan Lal/ Seema. (LBRUD00004733929) & 601 LIG, Awas Vikas Rudrapur, Near Vivekanand School, Uttarakhand Rudrapur- 263153	Part of Plot No.157 Khet/Khasra No. 333min, Situated At Village Bhamraula, Tehsil-Rudrapur, District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand- 263153	16/11/2024 Rs. 21,81,327.75/-	03/09/ 2024

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Date: November 27, 2024

House Part of Plot No.10, Comprised In

Khasra No.244, Nagar Palika Khata No.549/543 Within Boundary of Nagar Palika Samiti Haridwar, Situated At Gurunanak Colony, Village-Ahmedpur

Kadach, Pargana- Jwalapur, Tehsil and District Haridwar, Uttarakhand- 249403

Property Situated At Khasra No.424, Mayo

Vihar Colony, Phase-1, Village-Jamalpur Kalan, Pargana-Jwalapur, Tehsil And District Haridwar, Uttarakhand- 249407

Property Situated At Khasra No.424, Mayo

Vihar Colony, Phase-1, Village-Jamalpur Kalan, Pargana-Jwalapur, Tehsil and District Haridwar, Uttarakhand- 249407

16/11/2024

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16/11/2024

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Uttarakhand Rudrapur- 263153

(LBHWR00001715775) & E-47,

16. Vinod Kumar Chaudhary/

Sri Ram Nagar, Jwalapur, Uttarakhand Haridwar- 249403

Bhupender Singh/ Archana

Bhupender Singh/ Archana

Haridwar- 249408

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(LBHWR00005052328) & Maya Vihar, Phase-1, Jagjeetpur Laksar Road, Uttarakhand

(LBHWR00005052331) & Maya Vihar, Phase-1, Jagjeetpur Laksar Road, Uttarakhand

Rita Chaudhar

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Date of Date of Amount Outstanding



Three killed, two injured in car | Don't purchase land from accident in Udham Singh Nagar

PNS DEHRADUN

State, threeyoung men died and two sustained serious injuries after the car they were travelling in reportedly lost control and overturned near BSB Inter College in Jaspur area of Udham Singh Nagar district late on Monday night. The injured were taken to a nearby hospital for treatment,

spot upon receiving information late at night. The deceased were identified as Shahrukh, Aamir and Khalid who are residents of Chand Masjid, Rahmatnagar area of Jaspur. The police sent the bodies for post-mortem examination. The officials informed that the accident was so severe that the car was completely wrecked.

With fatal accidents rising team reached the accident person driving the car was in frequency across the spot upon receiving infor-overspeeding due to which he lost control and the car overturned, resulting in the death of three men and injuries to two. However, the police said that they have started examining the cir-cumstances that led to the fatal crash and it will be too soon to say what exactly caused the accident. The injured will also be questhe officials said. They According to them, the pri-tioned once their health gets informed that the police mary inquiry showed that the stable, the officials added.

State Govt appoints administrators in Panchayati Raj bodies

PNS DEHRADUN

The State government has decided to appoint administrators in the Panchayati Raj bodies in all the 12 districts except Haridwar. The term of the Panchayati Raj bodies in these districts is ending later this month and the process of the new elections of the Panchayati Raj bodies has not started yet. The administrators will govern these bodies for a period of six months or till the constitu-

tion of new elected bodies. The order for appointment of administrators was issued by the Panchayati Raj secretary Chandresh Kumar on

here that the five-year term of the three tier Panchayati Raj bodies commences from the date of their first meeting. The first meeting of all the village Panchayats in the 12 districts of the State after

the election was organised on November 28, 2019. The first meeting of the block Panchayats was held on November 30, 2019 while the first meeting of the district Panchayats was con-It is pertinent to mention vened on December 2, 2019. As per the rules, the tenure of village Panchayats is ending on November 28 while the term of Block and district Panchayats is ending on November 30 and December

BJP likely to field more women candidates in ULB elections

PMS DEHRADUN

 $T^{he\ Bharatiya\ Janata\ Party}_{(BJP)\ is\ considering\ giv-} \quad \text{broader\ strategy\ of\ empowering\ women\ in\ politics.\ The}$ ing more tickets to women candidates in the upcoming urban local body (ULB) elections in Uttarakhand, senior party leader and Rajpur Road MLA Khajan Das said. He stated that there are 11 municipal corporations and that the BJP might field more women candidates as mayoral candidates too. He said that the BJP's focus on increasing women's representation aligns with its elections simultaneously in

party acknowledges everyone's contributions and will take further action once the election dates are announced, he added. Das revealed that party members recently met chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami to request timely conduct of ULB elections. "With the tenure of Panchayat representatives also ending this month, we have urged the

December," he said. When asked whether the government could manage both elections in December, he assured that all possible measures are being taken to ensure the polls are con-ducted on schedule. Commenting on the BJP's preparedness, Das said, "The BJP and its workers are always ready, regardless of when the elections are held. The BJP does not require exclusive preparation.'

outsiders selling lands fearing action: Administration to locals

PNS DEHRADUN

The State administration has made it clear that the outsiders who have pur-chased lands in the State in violation of the existing land laws will face punitive action irrespective of whether they have sold the land to any resident of the State or not. The assertion comes in the wake of the information that many people who had purchased huge tracts of land in the State in violation of land laws are selling their lands to locals in order to evade

The additional secretary of Revenue said that the action at the level of district administrations is underway in the cases of violation of the land

laws. He said that the administration is privy to the information that some people are selling lands to locals in order to evade action in cases of the violation of land laws. He appealed to the people that they should not purchase lands from such people so that they don't face any financial loss in future. The officer said that action as per the land laws will be taken against the outsiders who have purchased excess land in the State and such people cannot evade punitive action by selling their lands to local peo-

He said that the district magistrates have been asked

to remain vigilant on such cases as the outsiders can sell their excess lands to the local people and cause losses to

It is pertinent to mention here that chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has asserted that stringent land laws enacted in the State and for this a bill will be tabled in the next year's budget session. The government has asked all the DMs to prepare a list of the offenders who have purchased lands in the State in violation of the existing land laws. As per the norm any outsider can purchase only 250 sq meter of land in a non municipal area

Cong gears up for Urban **Local Bodies elections**

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

preparing for the upcoming elections of urban local bodies (ULBs) in the State.

In view of the upcoming elections of ULBs, the Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Karan Mahara appointed in-charges in all the 13 districts on Tuesday. He appointed senior leader Surveer Singh Sajwan as the in-charge of Dehradun district. Former secretary of All India Congress Committee Prakash Joshi has been made the in-charge of Haridwar district while vice president Surya Kant Dhasmana would be the incharge of Uttarkashi district. Former cabinet minister Surendra Singh Negi would be the in-charge of The PCC president has Tehri district while MLA asked all the in-charges

Prasad Naithani and Jot Singh Gunsola would be the in-charges of Chamoli, Rudraprayag and Pauri dis-Rudraprayag and Fauri districts respectively. Bhagirath Bhatt will be the in-charge of Pithoragarh, former MP Mahendra Singh Pal would be the incharge of Champawat while MLA Harish — Dhami and Satish Dhami and Satish Nainwal would be the in-charges of Almora and

Bageshwar districts respectively. Former speaker of Vidhan Sabha Govind Singh Kunjwal would be the in-charge of Nainital district while former MLA Ranjit Rawat would be the incharge of Udham Singh Nagar district.

Date: 26.11.2024

Bank, Clock Tower, Dehradun 248001

The Uttarakhand Madan Singh Bisht, former to visit the districts Congress has started cabinet minister Mantri assigned to them and coordinate with the senior leaders, former MPs, MLAs former MLAs, MLA candidates of 2022 Assembly elections and heads of district, Mahanagar and Vidhan Sabha committees and make preparations for the ULB elections.

Activists start hunger strike in Dehradun for strict land laws

PNS DEHRADUN

Several activists and locals began a hunger strike at the Shaheed Smarak in court premises in Dehradun on Tuesday. They demanded a strict land law and permanent resident status for the State's local people, the convenor of the Uttarakhand Mool Niwas Bhu Kanoon Sangharsh Samiti, Mohit Dimri said. The activists arrived at the memorial and the police blocked their entry, leading to intense protests. Tensions flared as both sides clashed, with protesters chanting slogans against the State govern-

In response, the police locked the gates of Shaheed Smarak, preventing further access. Despite the blockade, Dimri and his supporters began their hunger strike outside the gates, continuing their protest for a fair land law. Dimri criticised the State government's handling of land law amendments and its lack of transparency in land deals made under

He demanded the immediate revocation of recent amendments

the guise of investment.

and called for the public disclosure of land transaction details. He stated that the BJP government has shown no seriousness in enacting a strong land law, despite stating that a new law will be introduced in the upcoming budget session. However, there is no clarity about what kind of law the government plans to bring, he said.

He also expressed concern over the amendments made since 2018, particularly the removal of section 2, which has led to the inclusion of rural areas in urban zones, threatening agricultural land. Dimri warned that these changes could allow the encroachment of over 50,000 hectares of agricultural land. He called for the draft of the new land law to be made publicly available for review before it is passed in the assembly.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing

A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets

and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice. Description of Secured Date of Notice sent/ NPA

No.	Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Asset to be enforced	Outstanding as on Date of Notice	Date
1.		Plot Comprised In Khata No.0012, Khasra No.131Min, Situated At Waky Mouza Jaspur Patti Kalyan, Tehsil Jaspur, District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand- 244712	24/10/2024 Rs. 54,731.80/-	06/08/ 2024
2.	Arun Kumar Chauhan/ Alpana Devi (TBKAP00006742110) & Avas Vikash Amrit Pur, Jaspur Patti Mansha, Near Tehsil Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand Jaspur- 244712	Plot Comprised In Khata No.0012, Khasra No.131min, Situated At Waky Mouza Jaspur Patti Kalyan, Tehsil Jaspur, District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand- 244712	24/10/2024 Rs. 14,29,513.34/-	06/08/ 2024

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002. Date: November 27, 2024

Sincerely, Authorised Signatory

12 doctors appointed at GDMC & Haridwar Medical College: Rawat PNS DEHRADUN

College. The State government has approved the recruitment of a dozen specialist ed to GDMC and six have been appointed to doctors across various departments in both these medical colleges. These appointments, made on a contract basis, aim to ensure that medical students' education and training are not disrupted and that better healthcare services can be provided to the public in affiliated hospitals, he said. Rawat further added that the state government is actively working to fill 100 per cent of faculty positions in all government medical colleges managed by the Medical Education department. To achieve this, an interview committee has been established. This committee conducts walk-in interviews to select specialist doctors and forwards their names to the health department, he said. Rawat said that recently, a selection commit-

Health minister Dhan Singh Rawat informed that 12 doctors have been appointed at Government Doon Medical College (GDMC) and Haridwar Medical by the State government. Specifically, six specialist doctors have been appointed by the State government.

Haridwar Medical College. Further, these specialist doctors will serve on contract for three years or until regular appointments are made for the respective positions, whichever comes first. He added that the addition of these specialist doctors is expected to strengthen the medical colleges, allowing students to receive improved training and education.

Companies must not treat sanitation as mere business in Dehradun: DM

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

n a stern message to sanita-**⊥**tion companies, Dehradun district magistrate and the administrator of the Municipal Corporation of Dehradun (MCD) Savin Bansal emphasised that waste management is not just a business but a matter directly impacting public health and lives. He warned companies to fulfill their contractual obligations or face severe consequences, including termination of contracts. Chairing a review meeting on Dehradun's sanitation and street lighting systems at the MCD office, Bansal expressed dissatisfaction with the performance of several sanitation companies. He instructed them to increase resources or deploy their existing workforce and vehicles more efficiently to meet the demands. "If the companies fail to improve their performance within 15 days, tender processes for managing the remaining 53 wards will be initiated," he said. Bansal also directed the companies, Econ Waste Management and Sunlight, to strictly adhere to their agreements, including deploying the requisite manpower and vehicles. Any failure to meet these conditions, he warned, would necessitate double-duty operations on their existing routes to ensure proper waste lighting collection. Regarding the companies' request for an increase

to examine the legal feasibili-

he made it clear that the primary focus was on maintaining cleanliness and protecting public health, not on penalising companies unnecessarily. Bansal criticised the management of the solid waste management and recycling plant in Sheeshambada for failing to dispose of waste as per prescribed standards. He summoned senior officials from the companies involved and warned of termination if they failed to appear within a week. He also instructed the MCD officials to impose penalties on the companies concerned for their lapses in waste disposal. Bansal also reviewed the city's lighting system. He was informed that 26,852 streetlights had

been repaired since October

1 including 4,072 complaints addressed through various channels, including the CM Helpline and the control room. Bansal directed the representatives the maintenance in financial support, Bansal company asked the municipal authorities to ensure

ty of such a proposal. However, repairs and avoid any backlog in pending complaints.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Sr.DEN/HQ/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against following tenders Nos. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like (www.ireps.gov.in) net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Tender No. Date	244-DRM-MB-24-25 dt. 26.11.2024	245-DRM-MB-24-25 dt. 26.11.2024				
Name of Work	ZONE 02 (2024-25) from CH-MB, CH-HGJ, RJK- SHTS section (excluding ZRTI, CH & MB) for staff qtrs & service building under ADEN/CH.	ZONE 03 (2024-25) for staff quarters and service buildings in ZRTI/CH under ADEN/CH.				
Tender Closing Date Time	nder Closing Date Time 23.12.2024 23.12.2024					
Advertised Value (Rs.) 79,99,995.57 51,99,988.30						
Earnest Money (Rs.)	1,04,000.00					
Tender Cost (Rs.)						
Bidding Start Date	09.12.2024	09.12.2024				
Period of Completion	Period of Completion 06 month 06 month					
No. 75-W/2/3/WA/Publicati	ion DATED : 26.11.2024	3642/2024				
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कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, यात्रिक शाखा उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल संसाधन विकास एवं निर्माण निगम, हरिद्वार ई-मेल- eeyantrik.hw@gmail.com

पत्रांक:- 2193/निविदा/21

दिनांक:-26.11.2024 निविदा संशोधित सूचना

इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 2142/निविदा/17 दिनांक 14.11.2024 के द्वारा आमंत्रित निविदा में निम्नानुसार संसोधन किया जाता है:-

।. निविदा प्रपत्र क्रय करने की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय— दिनांक 29.11.2024 अपराह्न 17:00 बजे तक 2. निविदा प्रपत्र जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय— दिनांक 30.11.2024 पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे तक। 3. निविदा प्रपत्र खोलने की तिथि एवं समय – दिनांक 30.11.2024 पूर्वाहन 11:30 बजे ।

निविदा के शेष नियम एवं शर्ते पूर्ववत रहेंगी। अधिशासी अभियन्ता

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(NOTICE UNDER 13 (2) OF SARFAESI ACT 2002

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrower/s Mr Braham Swarup Gupta Alias Mr Braham Swarup Agarwal S/o Late Mr Subhash Chand and Mrs Usha Gupta W/o Late Mr. Subhash Chand, (Gaurantors) Mr. Vikas Bisht, Mr. Vikram Gaba S/o Sh Harbans Lal Gaba & Mr. Ravindra Dutt have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned unserved and as such they are here by in formed by way of this public notice

S. No.	Name of the Borrower/Guarantor	Details of Properties/Address of Secured Assets to be Enforced	Date of Notice	Date of NPA	Amount Outstanding (as On the date of NPA
	Branch: Yamuna Colony, Dehradun 1. Mr Braham Swarup Gupta Alias Mr Braham Swarup Agarwal S/o Late Mr Subhash Chand (Borrower/Mortgagor) Add : 167-C (Old no 154), Khurbura, Near Guru Ram Rai, Dehradun 2. Mrs. Usha Gupta W/o Late Mr. Subhash Chand (Borrower/ Mortgagor) Add :167-C (Old no 154), Khurbura, Near Guru Ram Rai, Dehradun 3. Mr. Vikas Bisht (Guarantor) Add : 31/2, Dilaram Bazar, Dehradun. 4. Mr. Vikram Gaba S/o Sh Harbans Lal Gaba (Guarantor) Add : 43, Rajpur Road, Dehradun Add : 9, Pritam Road, Dehradun 5. Mr. Ravindra Dutt (Guarantor) Add : 1, Old	1.All that property No. 154 (Old No. 167-C) Block 1, Khurbura Mohalla, Dehradun measuring 1070.05 Sq Ft or 99.41 Sq. Mt out of which covered area is 348.05 Sq. Ft or 32.34 Sq Mt, bounded and butted as East- Property of Sh. Suresh Kumar Gupta West- Road North- Property of Sh. Suresh Kumar Gupta and road South-Property Sh. Brahma Swaroop Gupta As described in the sale deed dated 06.05.2002 duly registered in the office of , the Sub Registrar, Dehradun 2, in Book No.1, Volume 963 at pg 162, additional file book No.1, Vol1204 on pages 867/878 at sr. no. 2212 dated 06.05.2002. Owner Sh. Braham Swaroop Gupta S/o Late Sh. Subhash Chand 2. All that New property No. 154(Old no.167-C) Block 1.	14.11.2024		Rs. 19,36,564.47 as on 29.10.2024 with further interest and incidental expenses costs w.e.f.30.09.2024
	II, Dehradun. Add : 31, Preet Vihar, Niranjanpur, Dehradun.	Khurbura Mohalla, Dehradun measuring 519.46 Sq Ft or 48.26 Sq Mt. Bounded and butted as under East: Property of Sh. Brahm Swaroop Gupta West: Road, North: 4'11"			
	lwide personal road of Sh. Brahm. Swaroop Gur	ota, South- Property Smt. Usha Gupta As per Sale deed da	ited 06.05.20	102 duly reai:	stered in the office of the

Sub Registrar 2 , Dehradun in Book No.1, Volume 963 at page 162, Additional File Book No.1, Volume 1204 on pages 853/866 at sr. No. 2211.Owner Sm Usha Gupta S/o Late Sh. Subhash Chand

3. All that property No. 167-C (Old No.154) Block 1, Khurbura Mohalla, Dehradun measuring 107.13 Sq Mt, out of which 63.33 Sq Mt is covered and rest is open. Bounded and butted as under East: Property of Sardar Karam singh,West: Road, North-Property Sh. Lala Ram Prasad, South: Property of Sm Shanti Devi Vide perpetual lease deed dated 29.05.2002, duly registered in the office of the Sub Registrar 2, Dehradun at serial No. 2718 dated 30.05.2002 Owner Sh. Braham Swaroop S/o Late Sh. Subhash Chand.

4. All that property No.154 / 167C Block1, Khurbura Mohalla, Dehradun measuring 181.5 Sq Mt. Bounded and butted as under East: Property of Sh Karam Singh boundary measuring 21 Ft, West: Road, North: property of seller boundary measuring 92 Ft, South: Property of Jaswant kumar boundary measuring 94 Ft Vide sale deed dated 02.06.1998 duly registered at sr no. 2273 dated 04.06.1998. Owner Smt Usha Gupta S/o Late Sh. Subhash Chand

The above Borrower(s) and /or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) are here by called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section13 ofthe Act, inrespect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Authorised Officer

पंजाब नैशनल बैंक 🖰 punjab national bank Circle Sastra , Dehradun, mail-id cs8218@pnb.co.in (NOTICE UNDER 13 (2) OF SARFAESI ACT 2002

following Borrower/s Mr Narender Kumar Bansal S/o Mr J.N.Bansal, (Gaurantors) Mrs. Manjula Bansal W/o Mr Narender Kumar Bansal have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets(NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Renstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned unserved and as such they arehere by informed by way of this public notice.

Name of the Borrower/Guarantor	Details of Properties/Address of Secured Assets to be Enforced	Date of Notice	NPA	Amount Outstanding (as On the date of NPA
(Borrower/ Mortgagor) Add : 12, DAV College Road (Bangali Mohalla), Dehradun 248001 Add: 26, Arvind Marg, Old Sahastradhara Road, Dehradun. Mrs. Manjula Bansal W/o Mr Narender Kumar Bansal (Guarantor) Add : 26, Arvind Marg, Old Sahastradhara Road, Dehradun, Add :12,	1.All that property Nagar Nigam No. 26, Arvind Marg (Old Sahastradhara Road) Dist Dehradun measuring total area 153.10 sq mtr bounded and butted as East: Property of Sh. Naresh Prakash, West: Property of Sh. Ramesh Chadha, North: 25 ft. wide road, South:Property Sh. Raje-nder Kumar As described in the sale deed duly registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Dehradun IV, in Bahi No.1, zild 82 at pages 257 to 272, reg. no. 218 dated 21.01.2011. Owner Mr Narender Kumar Bansal S/o Mr. J.N.Bansal			Rs. 19,44,835.48 as on 30.10.2024 with further interest and incidental expenses costs w.e.f.30.09.2024

The above Borrower(s) and /or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) are here by called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Subsection (8) of Section13 ofthe Act, inrespect of time available to redeem the secured assets

Date: 26.11.2024 **Authorised Officer**

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday said here it is the responsibility of the executive, legislature and the judiciary to work together to make the lives of common people better in accordance with the spirit of the Constitution.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

India in the comity of nations and the Constitution-makers had given a directive for India to play an important role in promotion of international peace and security, the president said. She said the Constitution was the strong foundation stone of India's democratic republic and ensured the country's collective and individual dignity. On January 26, India will

celebrate the 75th anniversary of the republic and such celebrations provide the country with opportunities to take stock of the journey so far and plan better for the journey ahead, President Murmu said. She said the Constitution, in one sense, was the outcome of nearly three years of deliberations by some of the greatest minds, but, in the true sense, it was the outcome of the long

freedom struggle. The celebrations Samvidhan Divas every year since 2015 have helped increase awareness among the youth about India's founding document, President Murmu highlighted.

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

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

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

fully commit to "our fundamental duties -- protecting national sovereignty, fostering unity, prioritising national interests, and safeguarding our environment".

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

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

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

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

ed 75 years ago. "These traditions of con-structive and dignified debates should be imple-

mented by our respective Houses as well," he said. Birla said the Constituent Assembly has seen members sharing views with dignity and tradition of such discourse should continue.

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

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

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

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

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

April 2, 2026 Jawhar Sircar of the TMC had resigned in April following the rape-murder of a woman doctor in Kolkata, creating a vacancy in the state. He was otherwise to retire in April 2026. Krishan Lal Panwar of the BJP had quit his Rajya Sabha seat from Haryana fol-

lowing his election as an MLA in the recent state polls. After the recent assembly polls, TDP in Andhra Pradesh and BJP in Odisha will have an upper hand in the Rajya Sabha bypolls. While the TMC rules West Bengal, the BJP had retained

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

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

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

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



ing any "constitutional integrity or federal character" and alleged that the party was undoing everything that BR Ambedkar and other members of the Constituent Assembly did through the

Constitution. Rahul Gandhi said the country's whole system is pitted against Dalits, Adivasis and backward-class people. 'Slowly the wall (obstructing the path of SCs, STs, OBCs) is getting strengthened. Earlier, the UPA government gave MGNREGA, the land acquisition act, the right to

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

"However, we used to make efforts to weaken that wall but they (the BJP) are strengthening that wall by adding concrete," the former Congress president said. Therefore, Gandhi said, a nationwide caste census is important as through it, people would get to know, how many people from the SC, ST, and OBC sections are there in the judiciary, media, corporate India, private hospitals, and colleges.

"This X-ray is the first step, we know that Dalits, Adivasis, OBCs, poor general caste people, minorities are in pain. So we have to find out where is the injury, where is the fracture, whether there is a

compound fracture...We will get data by caste census," he

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

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

Chouhan inaugurates 227 new Gender Resource Centres

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

U Development, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, on Tuesday inaugurated 227 new Gender Resource Centres (GRCs) across 13 states, designed to provide survivors of genderbased violence (GBV) with safe spaces, access to vital information, legal support, and a network to report inci-

The opening of the centres is part of the third edition of the Nayi Chetna - Pahal Badlaav Ki campaign launched here by the Minister with an aim to raise awareness about all forms of GBV, encourage communities to speak out and demand action, provide timely assistance through support systems, and empower local institutions to take decisive actions against violence.



During his address, Chouhan emphasised that the government has undertaken multiple initiatives for the social and economic development of women, stressing that and the 49 government GBV is prevalent not only in schemes dedicated to suprural areas but also in urban spaces, said a statement here. Annpurna Devi, Union Minister of Women and Development, launched the #abkoiba-

hananahi campaign, which calls for collective action against GBV. She highlighted the role of 10 crore Self-Help Group (SHG) women porting gender equality. These include 24/7 national help lines, One-Stop Centres, and initiatives for fast-track justice. Smt. Devi emphasized that GBV must be erad-

have equal opportunities for month-long Nayi Chetna 3.0 participation in economic, focuses on the theme 'Ek Other leaders, including Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Minister of State for Rural Development, and Shri Kamlesh Paswan, Minister State for Rural Development, highlighted the importance of a wholeof-society approach to end gender-based violence.

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

icated, and all women should Building on this success, the Khilaf', encouraging collective action against violence, fostering safe and inclusive spaces, and breaking the barriers of inequality, the statement added.

The campaign is being organised by the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) under the Union Ministry of Rural Development. It is a nationwide effort involving SHGs across India and aims to create a Jan Andolan for gender justice.

At the event, three gender champions from Jharkhand, Puducherry, and Madhya Pradesh shared their personal journeys, moving from being victims of genderbased violence to becoming leaders in the fight against it

India's milk production rises 4 per cent, meat production rises 5 per cent in 2023-24

NEW DELHI

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

However, the annual growth rate has slowed down in the previous two fiscal years, the data showed. The growth rate was 6.62 per cent in 2017-18; 6.47 per cent in FY19; 5.69 per cent in FY20; 5.81 per cent in FY21; and 5.77 per cent in FY22. In FY23 it came down to 3.83 per cent and 3.78 per cent in FY24.

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

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



per cent) as compared to the previous year.

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

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

(11.70 per cent). As per the data, the country's total egg production is estimated as 142.77 billion during 2023-24 and registered a growth of 6.8 per cent over the past 10 years as compared to the estimates of 78.48 billion eggs during 2014-15. Further, the production increased annually by 3.18 per cent during 2023-24 over the preceding fiscal.

The major contribution in the total egg production comes from Andhra Pradesh with a share of 17.85 per cent of total egg production, followed by Tamil Nadu (15.64 per cent), Telangana (12.88 per cent), West Bengal (11.37 per cent) and Karnataka (6.63 per cent). In terms of AGR, the highest growth rate was recorded by Ladakh (75.88 per cent) and followed by Manipur (33.84 per cent) and Uttar Pradesh (29.88 per cent).

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

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

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

Opposition demands debate on Constitution in both houses of Parliament

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

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

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

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



mented in letter and spirit. "Are people getting justice, liberty? Is there freedom of expression? Where is fraterni-Only bowing to the Constitution will not lead to it being followed," he said.

Referring to the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party's slogan of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas, Sabka Vishwaas, Sabka Prayaas', Singh said, "It will happen when confidence is instilled in every citizen from every community. Mr Prime

saying. Practice before you preach". Incidents like Sambhal are

repeatedly occurring. I am surprised that even Supreme Court judges and our retired Justice Chandrachud overlook the laws of this country and state that surveys are permitted as it is a matter of faith... Every individual in this country has equal rights to practice their religion and faith. The growing disharmony is a threat to the nation," Singh said.

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

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

Giving details, officials said during the meeting, the two sides discussed a wide range of areas of cooperation, including growing training partnership

Joint Secretary Amitabh

Prasad, included senior officials

and service-to-service, maritime and defence industry collaboration. They also reviewed the progress on decisions taken during the previous JDCCs, and explored new areas to further expand bilateral defence cooperation. The Indian delegation, led by

and the Armed Forces. The High Commissioner of India to Tanzania Bishwadip Dey also attended the meeting. The Tanzanian delegation was led by Land Forces Commander Major General Fadhil Omary Nondo. As part of the tour, the

from the Ministry of Defence

Tanzanian delegation will visit Goa Shipyard Ltd to get first-hand experience of India's capabilities in port development and shipbuilding. The delegation is also scheduled to visit INS Hansa and National Institute of Hydrography in

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

President Droupadi Murmu pays tribute to 26/11 martyrs

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

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

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

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

It is also the day to reiterate that India remains firmly



defeating committed terrorism in all its forms," the President said.

In Mumbai, Maharashtra Governor C P Radhakrishnan and Chief Minister Eknath Shinde paid floral tributes to the martyrs who made the ultimate sacrifice while fighting terrorists during the Mumbai terror attack in 2008. chief ministers

Devendra Fadnavis and Aiit Pawar also paid tributes at the martyrs' memorial in the premises of the Police Commissioner Office in south Mumbai, where senior police officials were also present. Family members of the policemen, who lost their lives

the martyrs.

simultaneous attacks in several parts of Mumbai on November 26, 2008. Ten armed militants from the during the November 2008 Lashkar-e-Taiba attacks, also paid tributes to

Pakistan

Pakistan-based terrorist group (LeT) entered the city via the sea and carried out a series of

their lives and over 300 were

injured after 10 terrorists from

launched

multiple high-profile locations, including the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, Oberoi Trident Hotel, CST Railway Station, and Nariman House. The attacks prompted global condemnation and led to significant changes in India's counter-terrorism measures. In Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath recalled the loss of lives in the 2008 Mumbai terror attack and urged people to be united and determined to end terrorism. Adityanath also paid tribute to

the brave hearts who laid down their lives in the line of duty during the attack. "Humble tribute to

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

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

CM Yogi Adityanath accuses Congress of 'tampering' with Constitution, celebrates Ambedkar's vision

BISWAJEET BANERJEE LUCKNOW

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

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

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

guidance. He also highlighted India's pioneering move to adopt universal adult suffrage from its first general elections, framers.

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

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

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

calling it a testament to the vision of Ambedkar and the Adityanath accused Congress of fostering a "dictatorial and fascist mentality," particularly the party

during the Emergency, and alleged that continues to marginalize disadvantaged given 'Whenever have opportunity, thev deprived socially economically backward sections of their constitutional rights," he charged, citing both historical actions and recent

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

political statements.

empowerment.

Mamata Banerjee putting personal interest above INDIA: LF, Congress

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

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

Trinamool Congress of trying

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

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



silence on the Adani issue. Another senior leader of the CPI(M) Samik Lahiri said Banerjee did not want to embarrass the Government in Parliament and also she did not want to incur the wrath of the corporate house which was her party was avoiding a statement on the issue.

On why she would run with the hare and hunt with the hound, the leader said that "it suits her type of politics which is "cloaked by a thick smog of corruption. Any department the TMC touches from land to education to Health to housing to rural roads and name them - they

convert them into gold mines

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

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

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

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

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

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

Four dead in LPG cylinder explosition

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

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

intact during the removal of debris, he told reporters. Sub Divisional Magistrate Bhupendra Singh Kushwaha said the reason behind the blast was vet not clear.

A Forensic Science Laboratory team will be able to ascertain whether it was gunpowder or a gas cylinder that exploded, he added. The injured persons were sent to Gwalior for further treatment, said a doctor at the Morena district

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

PTI ■ PORT BLAIR

The 5,500 kg of banned Methamphetamine drug seized from a fishing trawler with six Myanmarese crew near Barren island is the the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), an official of the Andaman and Nicobar tri-services command said on Tuesday

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

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

were handed over to the local

further

smugglers braving the rough sea during the operation. This the call record of the satellite effort of the ICG indeed once again proved its commitment towards safeguarding our territorial integrity and preventing the trafficking of the recipients of the drugs dedication and swift action of our teams involved in ensuring that such illicit activities do not compromise

"The Andaman and Nicobar Command remain vigilant and committed to ensuring the safety of Andaman waters. Enhanced patrolling and intelligence continue to play a vital role in combating such crime," he added.

national security.

The police suspect that the 5,500 kg of banned Methamphetamine drug seized from a fishing trawler with six Myanmarese crew from near Barren island was supposed to be delivered to Thailand, officials said on

phone seized from the trawler which was coming from

phone call detail record because the crew members refusing to reveal anything during interrogation. It seems that they are scared to reveal the identity of the receiver and the person behind sending the consignments. We are

trying to get in touch with the service provider to get the call detail record," the officer said. The huge consignment of Methamphetamine drug was supposed to be delivered in Thailand and could be part of drug cartels, police sources

"Based on the quantity of the consignments and the modus operandi it definitely seems like the handiwork of

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

> The laboratory tests of the seized substance in Port Blair confirmed that the substance was Methamphetamine.

Punjab farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal, who was to

begin a fast unto death to

press for farmers' demands, was

taken to a Ludhiana hospital for

for 14 days".

PTI ■ CHANDIGARH

Gurugram authorities crack down on polluters, impose fines of ₹30.10 Lakhs on 705 violators

PARVESH SHARMA **GURUGRAM**

Despite the ban on construction in Gurugram, there has been rampant flouting of the Graded Response Action force in the district since October 15 for the prevention

of air pollution. The team of the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) took action against 705 violators and imposed a fine of Rs 30.10 lakhs, MCG Commissioner Ashok Kumar Garg said that all types of activities that increase pollution are prohibited under GRAP, which include burning coal or wood in tandoor, construction and demolition, dumping and transporting construction material or debris without covering, throwing debris or garbage in public places and burning garbage are punishable offences. "MCG teams are

constantly monitoring the violators. The teams have been taking continuous action since October 15 and have imposed a fine of Rs 30,10, 500 on 705 violators. These include 20 challans for burning garbage, wood, 128 challans for construction and demolition activities, 22 challans for illegally dumping C&D waste, 290 challans for illegally dumping garbage and 218 challans for using single-use plastic," he said. It may be noted that The Central Air Quality Management Commission implemented GRAP in the National Capital Region and NCR region earlier in October. Under this, instructions have been given to the concerned departments to control the level of pollution and restrictions have also been imposed by the Commission on many activities that increase pollution. There is also a provision to impose

fines as per rules on those who do not follow GRAP. The MCG officials said that in compliance with GRAP, the

civic authority is using 14 machines for mechanized sweeping of roads to control sprinkling of water through tankers on the construction sites of the Municipal Corporation to prevent dust from flying. Apart from this, those doing activities prohibited under GRAP are also being monitored and the corporation's teams are taking action to issue challans as per their rules, the official added. Garg said that under the GRAP, burning garbage, throwing garbage and debris in public places, and keeping and transporting construction material without covering it is prohibited. He also informed that the civic body is spraying STP-treated water on roads and trees to reduce and control the level of pollution.

Robotic fire tenders to debut at Mahakumbh

PTI ■ PRAYAGRAJ

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m F}$ or the first time, robotic fire tenders will be deployed at Mahakumbh 2025 to enhance fire safety at the world's largest spiritual gathering, according

to officials. Alongside these cutting-edge machines, 200 specially trained fire commandos will

be stationed to manage emergencies and protect Additional Director General (Fire Services) Padmaja Chauhan said that three

robotic fire tenders, weighing

20-25 kilograms each, will be used to reach areas inaccessible to personnel. These robots are capable of climbing stairs and extinguishing fires with precision, ensuring faster and safer responses, he said.

"The inclusion of robotic fire tenders marks a technological leap in fire management.

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

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

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

To bolster human resources, a Special Trained Rescue Group (STRG) has been

established, modelled after National Disastei Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), the ADG said. The unit comprises 200

personnel trained by the NDRF and Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Hyderabad, who will be deployed in high-risk zones during the fair, he said. Our focus is on preventing

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

Radio-tagged Amur falcon 'Chiuluan 2' reaches | Kenya, heads to Tsavo East National Park



PTI IMPHAL

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

Forest Officer Divisional (DFO) of Tamenglong, Kharibam Hitler Singh told PTI that two Amur falcons from Siberian region on October 12 were captured by a team of Tamenglong forest division and local volunteers under the supervision of Suresh Kumar from Chiuluan roosting site. The two birds were radio-

which arrived in Manipur

tagged by scientists of the Wildlife Institute of India in Tamenglong district. The male bird was named 'Chiluan 2' and the female 'Guangram', after two important roosting in Tamenglong

'Chiluan 2' was released on November 8 after tagging it with satellite transmitters. It said

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

raptor of the falcon family. It breeds in south-eastern Siberia and Northern China. To escape from the harsh winter of Siberia and Northern China the birds travel a distance of around 14,500 km to head for the wintering grounds in Southern and East African coasts. In April-May they start their return journey, said the DFO. The birds make a stopover in Nagaland Manipur and a few other areas of North East region while on their way to Africa. The Amur falcons locally known

'Akhuaipuina' roosts for an average of 45 days where they

engage in feeding for the

arduous journey ahead, Singh

a checkup on Tuesday after allegedly being forcibly removed from the Khanauri The Amur falcon is a small border point. Kisan Mazdoor Morcha leader Sarwan Singh Pandher alleged Dallewal was forcibly taken away by police early on Tuesday from the Khanauri

border point. A senior Punjab Police officer said Dallewal was taken to the private Dayanand Medical College and Hospital (DMC) in Ludhiana. Deputy Inspector General of Police Mandeep Singh Sidhu

said the administration was concerned about Dallewal's age and health in the wake of his fast-unto-death call. "Considering his health and seniority, the administration decided that his proper

checkup

medical

important.

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

after Police remove him from protest site

Punjab farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal hospitalised

Monday that he would begin a fast unto death on Tuesday to demand a legal guarantee for minimum support price (MSP) for crops.

He had also asserted that he was ready to sacrifice his life to get the farmers' demands accepted.

Claiming that the police forcibly removed Dallewal from the spot early on Tuesday before he could begin his hunger strike, Pandher said he strongly condemned the act and demanded his immediate release.

Farmers said a police team of 250 reached the Khanauri border at 2:30 am and forcibly took Dallewal away. Initially, the farmers were not

Dallewal's whereabouts but later learned that he had been taken to

Farmer leader Guramneet

informed that Dallewal had been taken to the hospital on health grounds. Mangat, however, said they would continue with their

farmer leader will now sit on the fast. Meanwhile, Union minister Ravneet Singh Bittu accused Bhagwant government in Punjab of Dallewal's orchestrating

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

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

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

The Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and the Kisan Singh Mangat said they were Mazdoor Morcha had earlier

announced plans to intensify their agitation in support of farmers' various demands, including a legal guarantee for MSP, by starting a fast unto fast-unto-death plan. Another death.

Farmers have been camping at the Shambhu and the Khanauri border points between Punjab and Haryana since February 13 after their march to Delhi was stopped by security forces.

The protesting farmers have accused the Centre of not taking steps to address their demands, stating that it had not held any talks with them regarding their issues since February 18.

Besides a legal guarantee for MSP, the farmers are demanding implementation the Swaminathan Commission's recommendations, pension for farmers and farm labourers, farm debt waiver, reinstatement of the Land Acquisition Act, 2013, and compensation to the families of farmers who died during a previous agitation in 2020-21. www.dailypioneer.com

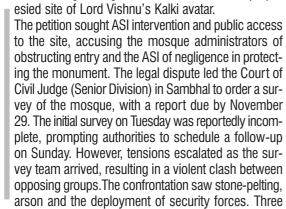
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-PAPER WITH PASSION-

Yet another flashpoint

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

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



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



eople buy groundnut during the inauguration of the 'Kadalekai Parishe', in Bengaluru'

K P Sharma Oli walks a tightrope on China



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

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

Several delegations from both countries have interacted over the BRI Implementation plan for a long but the plan has not been

Oli last visited China in 2016 after the Indian blockade and signed several agreements including energy trade but almost none has materialised. China is insisting that BRI projects that were truncated at Beijing's request from 35 to 9 be under loan whereas Nepal, especially Nepali Congress, the senior coalition partner, wants them under grant. There were fears Oli might sign in to please the Chinese which resulted in considerable squabbling between them. A high-level task force of the two parties has been meeting to arrive at a consensus. Opposition lawmakers wanted all the agreements signed so far to be made public and discussed in Parliament and with civil society. At a UML meeting, Oli recently announced he would not sign BRI for the sake of coalition unity.

Chinese envoy Chen Song who had been lobbying with lawmakers to sign the BRI plan has clarified that Chinese-built Pokhara airport would not be converted from loan to grant. Foreign Minister Arzu Rana is going to China on November 28 to prepare for Oli's visit with some plans on BRI.

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



Madhav Nepal, Jhalanath

Khanal, and Sushil Koirala – from both Left and Centre-

Right parties but New Delhi

has historically favoured

Nepali Congress. Oli had said

some pretty undiplomatic, even unkind things about

India during his second term

as PM after he had internation-

alised the Kalapani dispute and

made it into a national issue.

But later, Oli did work with

India. Oli going to China

without Beijing making any concession on BRI is cocking

During the annual Kantipur

Conclave in Kathmandu this

month, he clarified that as a

sovereign nation, a PM can

visit any country first. He

compared the 'first visit India

or China conundrum' to vis-

iting Nizamuddin or Ajmer

Sharif first: which made little

impact on the mainly Nepali

audience, adding that his visit

to China will not harm rela-

For Nepal maintaining balance

between India and China is a

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OLI LAST **VISITED** CHINA IN **2016 AFTER** THE INDIAN **BLOCKADE** AND SIGNED SEVERAL **AGREEMENTS INCLUDING** TRADE **BUT ALMOST**

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

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

direct assault on corruption the no 1 bane of Nepal - and put many corrupt leaders including members of his party, and those who had supported his government in jail. This included the newsmaker and former Home Minister, Rabi Lamichhane from the Rashtriya Swatantra Party who is at present in jail, being investigated for fraud. In Kathmandu, I discovered that Lamichhane has created a problem for the government

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

on which jail he should be

lodged in, due to massive

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Prasar Bharati unveils WAVES app amid criticism and challenges



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

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

However, the event's significance was overshadowed by the absence of central ministers, drawing criticism that this oversight represented a missed public relations opportunity.

A Shift from OTT to App: A Branding Challenge

Originally envisioned as an OTT platform, WAVES has undergone a rebranding as an app. This shift has sparked speculation that the change may be linked to limited new content. Critics have argued that the current branding does little to leverage Doordarshan's rich legacy, potentially alienating audiences, particularly in rural areas where Doordarshan's identity is

deeply entrenched. Many users remain unclear about the relationship cials in key roles.

between Prasar Bharati and

Doordarshan, adding to the confusion about accessing

Delays and Controversies The WAVES launch comes after multiple postponements, with its original debut planned for August 15. These delays have raised questions about Prasar Bharati's preparedness to compete in the fast-paced digital media environment. Observers have highlighted internal issues, including allegations of favouritism mismanagement. Notably, the consultancy hired to guide WAVES has faced criticism for lacking expertise in the OTT domain and allegedly sidelining experienced offiAdding to these challenges are unresolved trademark issues surrounding the "WAVES," which could further complicate the app's rollout. Private broadcasters, wary of potential regulatory challenges, have shown reluctance to collaborate with the platform, dampening its industry reception.

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

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

Creator Awardees. Operating on a revenuesharing model, WAVES aspires to empower creators while ensuring the protection of intellectual property. However, standing out against global giants like Netflix and Amazon Prime Video, known for their vast libraries and advanced technology, pre-sents a formidable challenge.

The Road Ahead

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

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

(The writer is a journalist; views are personal)

HISTORIC WIN AT PERTH Madam —Apropos to the news headline

tions with India.

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

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

team competitive and motivated. Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee | Faridabad

HOUSE ADJOURNED OVER ADANI

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

SC rejects plea challenging Preamble



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

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

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

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

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

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

SAMBHAL MOSQUE DISPUTE

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

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

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FIRST COLUMN LESSONS IN HUMILITY AND FAITH

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



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

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

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

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



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

Their depth of darkness, which engulfs their consciousness does not let them see that punishment is coming. Only after they are hit with severe punishments they realise that they are quite helpless really. Draupadi realised it and cried for the Lord's help, which the merciful Lord provided. Arjuna knew in his heart that he was enjoying the protection of the Lord. That is how he was able to triumph over very powerful adversaries. In the modern era, famous film stars have committed suicide.

We become very impressed by the fame they enjoy but little do we realise that they are just as helpless as we are. Wealthy people are no better when they are hit with mental trauma as a result of extraordinarily stressful events, which shatter their sense of security, making them feel insecure in this dangerous world we live in. Yes, this world is a place of misery (The Bhagavad-Geeta 8.15), as long as one does not take shelter from God. Both external and internal dangers exist. Demonic forces are out there to harm us in order to gain some pecuniary advantage like by stealing from us.

Then, one does not know what is in store due to our past sinful acts. The smart thing is to come under the protection of God. So, what do I do? Having done my duty, I try to leave it to my Lord. Believe me, He takes care of me better than I could have imagined. It sounds like a fairy tale, but I am one of millions, who are benefiting in the present and have benefited thus in the past

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

Realigning India's economic strategy



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



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

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



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MARKET MIDDLEMEN AS FARMERS WHO CREATED A FALSE SHOW OF PROTESTS TO PUT SPOKES IN THE WHEEL OF THE **BILLS AND SABOTAGE THEM**

that needs the urgent attention of the government is the MSME sector which continues to lie stagnant. This sector is the prime driver of employment growth and needs steps to facilitate the establishment of new units and expansion of the existing ones. These steps are bureaucratic reforms to cut red tape and reduce unnecessary regulatory compliances that engender corruption and impede growth. To boost Indigenous manufacturing and increase the share of manufacturing in the national GDP from 16 per cent (almost stagnant since 2015) to upwards of 20 per cent, rebooting the entire Make in India program is needed.
The blueprint of this otherwise visionary plan was, alas, not implemented seriously.

Too much dependence on foreign capital and FDI was never forth-coming and efforts should have been made to utilise domestic capital. The central sector and state sector Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) should have taken the initiative in enhancing domestic manufacturing. Also, Make in India should have emphasised Make by India. Bureaucratic reforms, an increase in domestic manufacturing especially by PSUs by increasing import tariffs and further increasing fiscal concessions are some of the steps needed. Good work has been done in the area of defence and space in this context by encouraging and promoting startups.

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

2014, only about 20 have seen the light of the day and that too partially? The establishment of special economic zones and specialised product production zones was blueprinted but its implementation has also got stuck in the legislative and bureaucratic quagmires. Bureaucratic reforms, I reiterate, are an emergent necessity. Large imports from China over the last ten years have indeed prevented the growth of MSMEs in the country. Many pre-existing factories faced closure and many manufacturers turned traders. India's exports to China in 2023-24 were USD 16.65 billion, while imports stood at USD 101.75 billion, leaving a trade deficit of more than USD 85 billion. Efforts were made by the ruling NDA government to contain Chinese imports. But most of the curtailment took place in lower-end consumer goods and less dent could be made in import of industrial goods. Irrespective of oncy, if our country men had decided to boycott Chinese goods that can be produced in India, we would have made a huge dent in Chinese imports and facilitated the growth of the domestic manufacturing industry. But this did not happen. The land acquisition Amendment Bill was presented in Parliament on 10 March 2015 but could not be passed due to opposition by non-BJP lawmakers in the Rajya Sabha where the ruling NDA lacked a clear majority in numbers. The opposition party MPs called the proposed amendments antifarmer and anti-poor. The pro-posed amendments sought to remove requirements for approval from farmers to proceed with land acquisition under five broad categories of projects. Its passage continues to hang fire. It is the foundational base of the Make in India program. When will it be

100 smart cities conceived in

passed? Political expediency has been truly the bane of our country and the main impediment to our fast-track economic progress. In the above context, it would be appropriate to mention that strongly nationalistic citizens can collectively create conditions conducive to the growth of the domestic industry. The economic resurgence of Germany and Japan post World War 2 are case in point. Though the USA lent economic support to these countries, their citizens were patriotically driven to establish their domestic manufac-turing base and the countries developed into major industrial and economic powers in a period of barely two decades following their defeat and total devastation in 1945, the end year of the war. Both these countries lay stress on manufacturing, innovation and technology development. Their emphasis was on production and value-added exports. A similar strategy is needed. India has been tne world's major economic power for millennia and in keeping with its inherent potential; it is capable of a long-term economic growth rate of 12 per cent.

For this to happen, the aforesaid steps brook no delay. In the destiny of nations, there are some phases when it becomes necessary to take bold steps in line with progressive principles of economic development rather than get bogged down by over-strategising and political expediency. Our revered political and economic scholar Chanakya had stated that Dharma (righteousness) should take precedence over everything else in governance and even strategy should be aligned with universal divine Dharma. We need to proceed further in our economic ourney accordingly.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Another key challenge is to bridge the 'skills gap' - the discrepancy between the skills that job seekers possess and the skills that employers require, thereby creating opportunities for meaningful employment. This must be achieved on a large scale as the country is already home to 103 million youth categorised as NEET (not in education, employment or training) and millions of youth enter working age annually. Crafting Scalable Solutions ic dividend effectively, scalable solutions for skill development are imperative. This involves creating an ecosystem support large-scale skill enhancement initiatives.

Firstly, systemic change cannot occur in isolation; therefore, it is vital for government bodies and private companies to collaborate and pool resources, expertise and fund-

Therefore, fostering public-private partnerships (PPPs) is essential for expanding skill development initiatives. It is important to align training programs with market demands, focus on outcomebased skilling, leverage technology and design effective, replicable, and adaptable programs. This collaboration can significantly contribute to cre-



ating a more resilient and practical skill development ecosystem.

Several initiatives in the realm of skill development highlight the transformative impact of targeted training and strategic partnerships. One such initiative is Project AMBER, a unique public-private partnership (PPP) where each stakeholder-government, training partners, and the prigrams, which are in sync with than merely completing a set

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

Secondly, aligning skilling programs with market demand is crucial. Collaborating with businesses provides valuable input on course content which ensures that learners are trained on skill sets that are relevant for the industry. Employer feedback mechanisms enable continuous adjustments to training proindustry requirements. This approach addresses the skills gap by equipping learners with relevant skills, helping them adapt effectively to the workplace. Ultimately, this strategy offers a solution to talent scarcity and unemployment by bridging the gap between workforce skills and market demands.

To ensure training programmes remain dynamic, it's important to integrate datadriven insights to evaluate the progress of the trainees. Thirdly, focusing on outcome-based skilling is essential as it prioritises employment and retention rather than just training. Outcome-based skilling is an approach to training that focuses on achieving specific, measurable outcomes rather

curriculum or an instructional programme. Finally, with the right use of

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

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

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

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

The 72-year-old former premier, who has been in jail since August last year, issued a "Grad all" on Nevergh at 12 for "final call" on November 13 for nationwide protests on November 24, denouncing what he termed as the stolen mandate, the unjust arrests of people and the passage of the 26th amendment, which he said has strengthened a "dictatorial regime'

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

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

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

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

leadership does not want a bloodbath, but there's one secret leadership controlling all this, which was the apple of the discord," he said.

porters had come from Khyber

Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur and Khan's wife Bushra, the marchers began their journey from the militancy-hit province on Sunday. Pakistan deployed the army

to be imposed. Hours earlier, the state-run

attempt "even if a curfew needs

released.

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

"We offered the protestors to gather at Sangjani. Their entire

He also said that all PTI sup-

Pakhtunkhwa. Led by Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa

amid a tense stand-off with Khan's supporters. The government has vowed to foil their

Radio Pakistan said a vehicle



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

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

policemen were killed but didn't provide any details. According to Punjab police,

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

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

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

Strongly condemning the attack on Rangers and police personnel by protesters, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, in a statement, directed to immediately identify those involved in the incident and ensure they are brought to justice.

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

Meanwhile, Khan's party has accused the authorities of using violence in which several of its supporters have been injured. A party spokesman told BBC Urdu that two supporters have also been killed but it was not confirmed from other sources so far. All public and private educational institutions remained closed on Tuesday given the law and order situa-

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

tion both in Islamabad and

Rawalpindi.

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

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

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

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

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

Among the main sticking points has been an Israeli demand to reserve the right to act should Under the proposal, thousands of Lebanese troops and UN peacekeepers would deploy in the south, and an international panel headed by the United States would monitor all sides' compliance. Israel's Defence Minister Israel Katz said the military would strike Hezbollah if the UN

peacekeeping force, known as UNIFIL, doesn't provide "effective enforcement" of the deal. "If you don't act, we will act, and with great force," he said, speak ing with UN special envoy Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert.

The European Union's top diplomat, Josep Borrell, said Tuesday that Israel's security concerns had been addressed in the US-French-brokered deal. "There is not an excuse for not

implementing a ceasefire. Otherwise, Lebanon will fall apart," Borrell told reporters in Fiuggi, Italy, on the sidelines of a Group of Seven meeting. He said the US would chair a ceasefire implementation committee, and France would participate at the request of Lebanon. Bombardment of Beirut's south-

ern suburbs continues Even as Israeli, US, Lebanese and

international officials have



expressed growing optimism over a ceasefire, Israel has continued its campaign in Lebanon, which it says aims to cripple Hezbollah's military capabilities. Israeli jets struck at least six buildings in Beirut's southern suburbs Tuesday. One strike slammed near the country's only airport, sending large plumes of smoke into the sky. There were no immediate reports of casualties. The airport has continued to function despite its location on the Mediterranean coast next to the densely populated suburbs where many of Hezbollah's operations are based

Other strikes hit in the southern city of Tyre, where the Israeli militiary said it killed a local Hezbollah commander.

The Israeli military also said its ground troops reached parts of Lebanon's Litani River — a focal point of the emerging ceasefire. said troops clashed with Hezbollah forces and destroyed rocket launchers in the Slouqi area on the eastern end of the Litani, just a few km from the

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

move its forces north of the Litani, which in some places is about 30 km north of the Israeli border.

A ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah, the strongest Iranianbacked force in the region, would likely significantly calm regional tensions that have led to fears of a direct, all-out war between Israel and Iran. It's not clear how the ceasefire will affect the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza. Hezbollah had long insisted that it would not agree to a ceasefire until the war in Gaza ends, but it dropped that

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

In early September, Israel escalated its campaign of bombardment and sent troops into Lebanon, vowing to put an end to Hezbollah fire.

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

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

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

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

from Canada, Mexico, China

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

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

"As everyone is aware, thou-sands of people are pouring effect until such time as Drugs, in particular Fentanyl, and all "As everyone is aware, thou-

through Mexico and Canada, bringing Crime and Drugs at levels never seen before. Right now, a Caravan coming from Mexico, composed of thousands of people, seems to be unstoppable in its quest to come through our currently Open Border," Trump said. "On January 20th, as one of my

many first Executive Orders, I will sign all necessary documents to charge Mexico and Canada a 25% Tariff on ALL products coming into the United States, and its ridiculous Open Borders.

This Tariff will remain in

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

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

Trump said. "Representatives of China told

me that they would institute their maximum penalty, that of death, for any drug dealers caught doing this but, unfortunately, they never followed through, and drugs are pouring into our Country, mostly through Mexico, at levels never seen before," he alleged.

'Until such time as they stop, we will be charging China an additional 10% Tariff, above any additional Tariffs, on all of their many products coming into the United States of America," he added.

Trump said the executive order to this effect would be signed on the first day of his presidency on January 20, 2025.

HK's top court rules in favour of equal inheritance for same-sex couples

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

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

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

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

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

"The challenged policies can-not be justified," he wrote. On the inheritance laws, judges Roberto Ribeiro and Joseph Fok ruled that the disputed provisions are "discriminatory

and unconstitutional" in their

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

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

In September 2023, the top court ruled that the government should provide a framework for recognizing same-sex partnerships. This ruling, along with other successful legal challenges brought by members of the LGBTQ+ community, made Hong Kong the only place in China to grant such recognition for same-sex cou-

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

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

Nick Infinger, who first launched a judicial review against the Housing Authority in 2018, told reporters that Tuesday's rulings "acknowledged same-sex couples can love each other and deserve to

live together." This is not only fighting for me and for my partner, but this is fighting for all the same-sex couples in Hong Kong," he said outside the court building. But he added he was still "a bit pessimistic" about whether Hong Kong could become like Taiwan and Thailand in legal-

izing same-sex marriage. Hong Kong Marriage Equality, a non-governmental organization, said in a statement that the judges' decisions made it clear that discrimination and differ ential treatment on the grounds of sexual orientation violate human dignity and equality. It called on the government to immediately end the exclusion of same-sex couples from

marriage. The top court's rulings also concluded a long legal journey taken by Henry Li and his late partner, Edgar Ng.

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

AP DAKAR (SENEGAL)

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

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

digital extortion and online tion. scams, the agency said in a statement.

"From multi-level marketing scams to credit card fraud on an industrial scale, the increasing volume and sophistication of cybercrime attacks is of serious concern," said Valdecy Urquiza, the Secretary General of Interpol.

Interpol pinpointed 35,000 victims, with cases linked to nearly USD 193 million in financial losses worldwide, stating that local police authorities and private sector partners, including internet service providers, played a key role in the opera-

"Through Serengeti, Afripol has significantly enhanced support for law enforcement in African Union Member States, Jalel Chelba, Afripol's Executive Director, said in the statement. In Kenya, the police made nearly two dozen arrests in an online credit card fraud case linked to losses of USD 8.6 million. In the West African country of Senegal, officers arrested eight people, including five Chinese nationals, for a USD 6 million online Ponzi scheme. Chelba said Afripol's focus now includes emerging threats like Artificial Intelligence-dri-

ven malware and advanced cyberattack techniques.

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

ber countries and celebrated its

centennial last year, works to

help national police forces

communicate with each other

and track suspects and crimi-

nals in fields like counterterror-

pornography, cybercrime and organised crime. The world's biggest — if not best-funded — police organi-

sation has been grappling with new challenges including a growing caseload of cybercrime and child sex abuse, and increasing divisions among its member countries. Interpol had a total budget of about 176 million euros (about

ism, financial crime, child

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

Tamil film Maharaja to be released in China Prime Minister Narendra

PTI ■ BEIJING

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

local film Her Story. State-run Global Times reported on Tuesday that the film currently holds a high rating of 8.7/10 on Chinese movie review site Douban and is regarded as one of the highest-rated Indian films in recent years. Nithilan Directed by

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

Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping at their meeting in Kazan in Russia on the sidelines of the BRICS summit on October 23 endorsed the agreement and issued directions to revive various bilateral dialogue mechanisms and normalise ties that were hit by a deadly military clash in 2020 at Galwan Valley. Indian films specially Aamir Khan's Three Idiots, Dangal and Secret Superstar have become a major success in

Khan has become a household name in China.

revenue.

China in recent years as the

themes largely resonated with

the Chinese audiences and

earned a significant amount of

Sri Lanka to present interim budget on Dec 5

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

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

The interim budget would be presented on December 5 and would seek parliament's approval on December 6, he said referring to a cabinet decision on Monday.

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

Earlier last week, the new parliament of Sri Lanka – the 10th parliament since 1978 was convened on Thursday for the first session after the ruling National People's Power's (NPP) landslide electoral victory. Soon after his presidential victory in September, President Anura Kumara Dissanayake had announced parliamentary polls. The ruling NPP created history in the November 14 election by winning 159 seats in the 225-member assembly.

Meanwhile, Sri Lankan

President Anura Kumara Dissanayake plans to visit China following his proposed official trip to India, Cabinet spokesman Nalinda Jayathissa said on Tuesday.

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

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

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

External Affairs Minister S

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

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

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

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

New NATO chief Rutte says alliance needs further support Ukraine

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

residential plot No. JH-02. Sector 159, Noda, Gautam Budh Nagar, received in lieu of the above 5 percent Naksha 11 of Kisan quota. Which is registered in Sub-Registrar's Office, Noda, in the same No. 3, Document No. 172, dated 16/03/2011. Original allottee of the above residential plot, Smt. Kalawati, died on 14/11/2015. Therefore, on the basis of the said will, an application has been made for transfer or mutation of the above property in favour of Mrs. Madhu Chauhan. If anyone has any objection in this regard, then within 30 days of the publication of this notice, register your objection with all the evidence in the Residential Plot Office, Noida Development Authority. Sector 6. No objection will be valid later.

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Advocate & Legal Consultant

Supreme Court of India, New Delhi

Notice is hereby given to the general public that

the Central Government under section 13 of th

Companies act, 2013 seeking confirmation o alteration of the Memorandum of association o

alteration of the Memorandum of association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on Thursday 17TH OCTOBER 2024 AT 10:00 AM to enable the company to change its registered office from National Capital territory

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war and a challenge to global peace and security.

Rutte, a former Dutch prime minister who took over as NATO chief last month, met Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis in Athens and thanked him for Greek support for Ukraine that includes weapons and ammunition, as well as training for F-16 pilots and technicians. "Our support for Ukraine has kept them in the fight, but we need to go further to change the trajectory of the conflict," Rutte said. Greece spends over 3% of its

gross domestic product on defense, above the 2% commit-

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

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

been discussing plans to boost

defence investments for months

due to the ongoing war in

Ukraine and uncertainty sur-

rounding the incoming US

administration following the

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

AP BANGKOK

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

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

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

Philippine Vice-Prez

summoned over

her public threats

against President

AP ■ MANILA (PHILLIPINES)

 $P_{\text{ed a subpoena to Vice}}^{\text{hilippine authorities hand-}}$

President Sara Duterte's office

Tuesday, inviting her to answer

investigators' questions after

she publicly threatened to have

the president, his wife and the

House of Representatives

killed in an unspecified plot

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr

on Monday described her

threat as a criminal plot and vowed to fight it and uphold

the rule of law in the country

in a looming showdown

between the country's two top

The national police and the

military expressed alarm and

immediately boosted Marcos's

security. National Security

Adviser Eduardo Ano said the

threats were a national securi-

Duterte, a 46-year-old lawyer.

said her remarks were not an

actual threat but an expression

of concern over her own safe-

ty due to unspecified danger to

her life. The Marcos adminis-

tration's statements against her

were "a farce" and part of

efforts to persecute critics like

The subpoena ordered Duterte

to appear before the National

Bureau of Investigation on Friday to "shed light on the

investigation for alleged grave

Duterte said Monday she was

willing to face an investigation

but demanded the Marcos

administration also respond

to her questions, including

alleged irregularities in govern-

Under Philippine law, such

public remarks may constitute

a crime of threatening to inflict

a wrong on a person or their

family and is punishable by a

Marcos ran with Duterte as his

vice-presidential running mate

in 2022 elections and both

won landslide victories on a

campaign call of national unity.

In the Philippines, the two

positions are elected separate-

ly. The two leaders and their

camps, however, soon had a

bitter falling out over key dif-

ferences, including in their

approaches to China's aggres-

sive territorial claims in the dis-

Duterte resigned from the

Marcos Cabinet in June as

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

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

The military seized power from the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi in February 2021, triggering intensified fighting with long-established armed militias organised by Myanmar's ethnic minority groups in its border regions which have struggled for decades for more autonomy. The once-mighty armed forces, known as the Tatmadaw, have suffered a series of unprecedented defeats over the past year, especially in areas to the east near the Chinese border and in the western state of Rakhine, after an alliance of three powerful militias

launched a coordinated offensive

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Notice is hereby given to the General Public on behalf of our client that Mrs. Anuradha is claiming to be owner of Residential Flat No. SF-04, on Second Floor without roof rights built on Plot bearing No. B-180, area measuring 100 sc, vds, out of Khasra No. 233, situated at Rail Vihar Shehkari Awas Smith Life in the area of Villane Saddulabad Paragnan 8.

No. 233, situated at Rail Vihar Shehkari Awas Smiti Ltd., in the area of Village Saddulabad, Paragana & Tehsil Loni, District Ghaziabad, U. P. All persons are hereby informed that above mentioned owner wants to sell the property to a person who wants to obtain a loan from our client against the said property. If, anybody has any objectionly, supon the ownership of above owner over the said property, its sale/mort-gage/litigation, and any other objections, kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 7 days for the present.

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Kumar & Associates (Advocates & Consultants 200, IInd Floor, 23, Shivaji Marg, Moti Nagar, N. Delhi-15 Ph : 011-41112527-28 legal@knalegal.com

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Deepak Chauhan, R/o- 2936,

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Gwalior, M.P.- 474020,

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26/11/2024 before Notary

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JC-385819L Sub Mukesh

Kumar, R/o- VPO-Jarwa,

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on October 27, 2023

Since then, other militias organised along ethnic lines have joined in, including the KIA in the northern state of Kachin.

In Kachin's so-called Special Region 1, where Kanpaiti is located, the KIA since late September has been increasing assaults on a rival ethnic militia, the New Democratic Army-Kachin, which is allied with the government military and had provided border guard forces.

The NDA-K also controlled the web of small, unlicensed operations where heavy rare earth elements are mined, then sold directly to China's big stateowned mining conglomerates or through intermediaries.

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

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Public Notice This is to inform the general public that **Smt. Gainda Devi** is the GPA Holder Property No. 58 Gainda Devi is the GPA Holder Property No. 30 area measuring 62 ½ Sq. Yds., Block- A-1Out of Khasra No. 104/8/1 Situated at Village- Palam icolony known as Rajapuri New Delhi. She is ossession through GPA, ATS & Will Date 2.10.1982 executed by Smt. Rati Ram in favour BEFORE THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, NORTH REGION OFFICE, DELHI in the matter of sub-section 4 of section 13 of the Companies Act 2013 and clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules 2014 AND In the matter of CNIW Courier Network India Private Limited (CIN: US3200012023FTC416128) A Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013 and having its registered office at B1/H3, Ground Floor, Mohan Co-Operative, Mathura Rd, Industrial Area, Block B, Badarpur, South Delhi, New Delhi, Delhi, India, 110044 Petitioner Notice is hereby given to the general public that BEFORE THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, NORTH

Smt. Gainda Devi in respect of the said Property.

Smt. Gainda Devi intends to transfer the
ownership by way of Sale Deed of aforementioned
property to Mr. Nitin Malkoti. Subsequently, Mr.

within the stipulated 15-days period by contacting Law Veritas: North (Advocates & Legal Consultants) at Office No. 11, 1st Floor, Building No. A-44/A, Sector-16, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301; Landline(s): +910120-3101683, e-mail: accounts@lvnorth.in

ion or found in possession of original documents may write/cont with above named person at above add/Ph 9373483512 with **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to this property can personally inform or write to Director Housing-I or Dy. Director (SFS), D-Block, 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, N.D.-23 PUBLIC NOTICE

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Dated: 27.11.24 Place: Delhi

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of 2024-25, dtd. 22-11-2024; F-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the EL/LM/24-25/22-RT; Name of Work: Provision of Grid connected Roof top Solar power plants for Residential uilding over Lumding Division. Tender /alue: ₹.14.24.85.280/-: Earnest Money .8,62,400/-; SN-2; Tender No.: EL/LM/ 24-25/23-RT: Name of Work: Provision of Grid connected Roof top Solar power plants for Station buildings over umding Division. Tender Value: 17.30.18.848.02/-; Earnest Money f.10,15,100/-; Date & time of closing of shove tenders at 15:00 hrs. and opening at 15:30 hrs. on 13-12-2024. For complete formation with the tender document of above e-tender will be available up to

nttp://www.ireps.gov.in. Sr. DEE, Lumdin

E-Tender Notice No.: N-2024-K-24; dated. 22-11-2024. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the ollowing work: SL. No.1; Tender No. N-2024-K-24; Name of the work: Signalling work for BG TTR (P) of the existing 60 Kg rail 1 in 12 (FS) by 60 kg 1 in 12 (TWS) Pt No. 101 at Ambari Falakata yard, Pt No. 111, 113, 115, 116 at Belakoba yard, Pt No. 121, 122 at Raninagar Jalpaiguri yard, BG TTR (P) of the existing 52 kg rail 1 in 8.5 (FS) by 60 Kg 1 in 8.5 (FS) Pt. No. 107, 108 Gaisal yard, BG TTR (P) of the existing 60 kg rail 1 in 12 (FS) by 60 Kg 1 in 12 (TWS) with sleeper Pt No. 102, 103, 104, 105, 107, 125, 124, 123, 122, 121, 127 at Ambari Falakata yard, Pt No. 101, 105, 106, 103 at Belakoba vard, Pt No. 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107, 126, 124, 125, 127, 131 at Raninagar Jalpaiguri yard under the jurisdiction of DEN/Line/ Katihar. Tender Value: ₹78,48,286.81;

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

SOLAR POWER PLANTS

Tender Notice No. : Sr.DEE/LMG/26 15:00 hrs. on 13-12-2024 in website

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Earnest Money: ₹1.57.000.00. E-tender will be closed at 15:00 hrs. on 13-12-2024 and opened at 15:30 hrs. on 13-12-2024. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto

15.00 hrs of 13-12-2024 in website http://www.ireps.gov.in DRM (S&T), Katiha NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

persons claiming any right, interest, having any object-ion or found in possession of original documents may

Public Notice
To be known to all that I,Ishu Sikka W/o Manish Sikka To be known to all that I,ISHU SIKKA WIO MAINSN SIKKA ROFICH NO.55C.SIF,BIKIPK-B,East of Kaliash,ND-65 owner of DDA SFS-I flat no.35-C,S/F,BIKIpkt-B,East of Kaliash, ND-65 has applied for conversion of the aforesaid property from leasehold to freehold vide application No.DDAHCA50108986 dt. 25.10.2024 in DDA. Original document i.e. Allocation/Sth & Final Demand Letter. of Johov property have been lost An EIR again. property to Mr. Nutin Malkoti. Subsequently, Mr. Nithin Malkoti is in the process of mortgaging the said property with Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited. Any objections or concerns regarding this transaction should be raised within a period of 15 days from the date of this public notice. Any objections submitted after the completion of this 15-day period will not be considered binding with respect to the said property or the interests of our client. Letter, of above property have been lost, An FIR against this effect has been lodged in Police station. Any

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Tale and Mrs. Urmila ashish Tale has taken a Floor, Ashiana Town-Beta (05 to 08) Sectornot traceable which was lost/misplaced, it undersigned, if anybody misuses the same, the

My client HDFC Bank Ltd, Capital Court, Munirka, New Delhi, in the business of Housing Loan, from whom Mr. Aashish Vilas housing loan against Flat No. M-1307, 13th 39, Bhiwadi, Rajasthan but in the internal movement of file one file containing the original Flat Buyer Agreement dated 19.10.2013. Allotment Letter dated 25.09.2013, Tripartite Agreement dated 12.11.2013, Permission to Mortgage dated 25.09.2013 and Two Payment receipts is any body find the same may return to the

IJULIO AWI to enable the company to change its registered office from National Capital territory Delhi to the state of Uttar Pradesh."

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the Company may deliver on MCA portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filling investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/ her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature if his/ her Interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Directors, Northern Region B-2 wing, 2nd floor, pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, 2nd floor, CGO complex, New Delhi-110003 within fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy of the applicant Company at its registered office at the Address mentioned below.

Address of Registered Office: - BI/H3, Ground floor, Mohan Co-operative, Mathura Rd, industrial area, Block b, Badarpur, South Delhi, New Delhi, Delhi, India, 110044 (Present Address) same shall be at his/their own risk and cost.

Address) BY THE ORDER OF BOARD FOR CNW COURIER NETWORK INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED AMAN GUPTA (DIRECTOR) DIN: 10227583 KOORI BARGADI KOT BHABHUWA GONDA COLONELGANJ UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA 271311 Karnail Singh, (Advocate), K-8. LGF Jangpura Extn. New Delhi-110014

GURU JAMBHESHWAR UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, HISAR (Established by State Legislature Act 17 of 1995)

'A+' Grade NAAC Accredited **AUCTION NOTICE** Sealed quotations are invited from interested and eligible participants for

Auction of obsolete/condemned E-Waste items of various departments/ offices under E-waste Policy of the University. For details, eligible interested persons may contact in person or on phone 01662-263126/ 263132 and send quotations through registered/speed post/courier to Deputy Registrar (General & Purchase), GJUS&T, Hisar, Haryana-125001 by 19.12.2024 (till 5:00 P.M.). The details of E-Waste items and terms & conditions can be downloaded from University website www.gjust.ac.in.

RO 30579/C/27/7

Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Sadiq Road, Faridkot -151203 Ph. 01639-256232, 256236

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-tender are invited for the procurements of following items up 10.12.2024 1) Rate contract for procurement of Implants material at GGSMCH

aridkot 2)SSMA Services of various photocopier machines 3)Providing of Pest control services 4) Rate contract for the purchase of Xerox Toner and copy cartridges for photocopier machines 5)Supply and installation of Skir Graft Mesher 6)Supply and installation of Patient Bath Trolly machine 7 Procurement and installation of Neurosurgical Electric drill at GGSMCH Faridkot 8) Rate contract for supply of Radiopharmaceuticals in Nuclear machine department at GGSMCH, Faridkot 9) Supply and installation of NCT Machine 10) Supply and Installation of Electrocautry E-tender are invited for the procurements of following items upto

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

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

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Europe's NATO members have

pillar of the alliance."

IMPERIA STRUCTURES LTD.

A-25 Mohan Cooperative Industrial Estate, New Delhi -110044 Phone -011 46469999 website www.imperiastructures.com

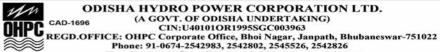
Whereas the company got in principle approval from Director Town & Country Planning Department, Haryana Chandigarh vide Memo No ZP-768-Vol.IV/JD(RA)/2024/36068 dated 22.11.2024 for its residential group housing colony project for Tower D,E & J (earlier known as Tower F). license No. 64 of 2011 dated 16.07.2011 granted for setting up Group Housing Colony (Imperia Esfera) on an area measuring 17.00 acre.

And whereas the office of Director General Town & Country Planning, Harvana Chandigarh has asked company to invite objections from existing bonafide Allottees regarding (i) Change in Nomenclature of Tower-F to Tower-J and also change in location/orientation of Tower J without approval of revised building plans (ii) Basement-2 has been constructed without sanctioned plan. However both the changes are in conformity with Haryana Building code-2017. Accordingly, the objections are hereby invited from any of the Allottee in the said colony on the said additional construction of flats and other changes in original sanctioned plans. A copy of earlier approved building plans and super imposed plans are available on the website https://imperiastructures.com/residential/the-esfera/#Download for perusal.

The said plans can also be perused in the office of company on address mentioned above as well as site office of the company and also in the office of Senior Town Planner, Sector 14, HSVP Complex, 3rd Floor, Gurugram.

Any bonafide Allottee having any objection/suggestion on such changes may file his/her/its objection in the office of Senior Town Planner, Town & Country Planning Department, Sector 14, HSVP Complex, Gurugram within 30 days of publication of this notice under intimation to the company, failing which it shall be assumed that there are no objections to the changes made by the company in the original sanction plans.

Date: 27.11.2024



E-mail: ohpc.co@gmail.com, website: www.ohpcltd.com

OHPC: TECH: C&P:16 /2024-25/

Date: 22.11.2024 E-TENDER NOTICE NO.01/2024-25

INVITATION FOR BID

OHPC Ltd., Bhubaneswar, invites percentage rate bids in double cover system (Cover-I Technical Bid and Cover-II Price bid) for the work as detailed below through 'e'-procurement. The bids should be submitted 'online' in https://tendersodisha.gov.in by the "A" & "B" Class of contractors registered with the State Government and contractors of equivalent grade/class registered with Central Government / Railways / MES having registration for execution of civil works on production of definite proof from the appropriate authority. The bidders should have necessary portal enrolment with their own valid Digital Signature Certificate. The bidder possess compatible Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-II or Class-III

Name of the work Value of E.M.D. Cost of bid Class of Period of

Name of the work	work put to tender (in ₹)	(in ₹) (Online)	document (Online)	Bidder	completion (in calendar month)
Civil, PH, Electrical, Interior Furnishing and Signage works of OHPC Corporate Office building at Bhoinagar, Bhubaneswar	1,10,71,331.00	1,10,800/	11,800/- (Rs.10,000+1 8% GST)	"A" & "B" Class Contractor	06 months

m 11:00 Hrs of Dt.28.11.2024

Last date & time of submission of bid: The date & Time of opening of the Technical bid:

to 12:00 Hrs of Dt.17.12.2024 Up to 12:00 Hrs of Dt.17.12.2024 12:00 Hrs onwards of Dt.18.12.2024 Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal https://tendersodisha.gov.in

OIPR-04012/11/0023/2425 C & P Head

e/Sealed tenders are hereby invited for the purchase and supply of following items
Sr. Name of Work/Item Qty For Verka Head Office, Chandigarh
Automatic Machine Made Ghee Tins with C. Boxes. 15 Lac 20 Lac 1 Kg 2 Kg iv. 5 Kg
For Verka Chandigarh Dairy
I. Manual tenders:-50 K Annual a) Tutty fruity
b) Spong cake(Veg.)
c) Calcium Choride
d) Kassatta box
e) Plastic tray for Kassatta slice f) Kassatta dibbi e-Tenders:-Annual a) Pouches & rolls
 i. Kaju pinni rolls
 ii. Besan burfi rolls

iii. Punjabi kulfi pouches iv. Ice candies rolls (40) (all variants) v. Ice cream bar rolls (40)ml) (all variants)
Flavours and colours c) Sweet boxes for kaju pinni (800gm, 400 gm, 2kg)

e) 1.25 litre ice cream brick cartons

Punjabi kulfi sticks Wooden sticks (114x10x2mm) h) Sundae magic cups

For Verka Mohali Dairy
Hiring of Agency for packaging of dahi pouch/cups/matkas, lassi pouches, kheer
cups, ghee, paneer and yoghurt, packaging and recombination of white butter and
reconstitution of SMP/WMP & Sugar. As per day to day

a) Insulated road milk tanker for transportation of milk from MCC/BMC to Milk Annual/04 No's Plant, Sangrur.
b) Passenger vehicle with fuel Diesel/ Petrol/ CNG (Swift Dzire, Toyota Etios Bolero or equivalent) at Verka Sangrur Dairy for Field/Extension work For Verka Bathinda Dairy

i. Supply of Rice Husk for Boilers Pest Control services

For Verka Amritsar Dairy Tender for hiring of vehicles for supply of Fresh Milk and Milk Products Annual Local Route-6 e- Tender for the Disposal of Unserviceable Material c) Purchase Of :-Polypropylene bottles cap. 180ml with caps.
Printed shrink sleeve rolls for PP bottles cap. 180ml
Corrugated tray for PP bottles cap. 180ml.

(AC)-2 no's along with drivers 1. For complete details regarding above tender (NIT), please visit our website i.e. www.verka.coop & e Tendering portal i.e.

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Annual

Annual

Half Yearly

market.

Dy. General Manager (Purchase)

Annual/01 No. 3500 MT (+-10%) Annual/ 01 Complete Job

61 Items

d) Outsourcing of Security, Housekeeping and Hotriculture activities.

For Verka Mega Dairy, Bassi Pathana.

Hiring of passenger vehicle Bolero/Swift Dzire/Etios (Platinum) or equivalent

dum, if any, will be uploaded on website only

For Verka Sangrur Dairy

i. Supply, installation and commissioning of GC (Gas Chromatography) Machine
with RP- HPLC Machine under NPDD PB 09 project.

i. Hiring of:-

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

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

Shashi Ruia, as he was fondly called, co-founded the metals-to-technology conglom-erate Essar with his brother

Ruia, who would have turned 81 next month, died in Mumbai around midnight. He had returned from the US, where he was undergoing treatment, about a month

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

Patriarch of the Ruia and Essar Family," the Ruia family said in a statement.

He is survived by his wife Manju and two sons Prashant and Anshuman.

Starting his career in 1965 under the guidance of his father Nand Kishore Ruia, Shashi and his brother Ravi laid the foundation of Essar in 1969 when they bagged a Rs 2.5 crore order from the Madras Port Trust for the construction of an outer breakwater in the port.

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

acquisition of oil and gas

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

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



Ltd, which oversees the businesses co-founded by the Ruia brothers, manages assets across sectors such as infra-

mining, technology, and ser-

According to the Essar Group's website, these port-

Today, Essar Global Fund structure, energy, metals and

folio companies generate combined revenues of USD 14

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

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

His "extraordinary legacy will remain a guiding light for vision and continue to uphold the values he cherished and championed," it added.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi called Ruia a 'towering figure' in his condolence mes-

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

wrote on social media platform X (formerly Twitter). He also posted a picture of him

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Global stock markets declined following concerns over US President-elect Donald Trump's comment

that he plans to impose new tariffs on Mexico, Canada and China as soon as he takes office on January 20.

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo and Shanghai settled lower while Hong Kong ended higher. European markets were trad-

ing lower. The US markets ended in the positive territory on Monday.

All Adani group stocks ended lower, with Adani Green Energy tumbling 7.05 per Global oil benchmark Brent

crude climbed 0.71 per cent to USD 73.58 a barrel.

surged on Monday, helped by the BJP pulling off a stunning performance in Maharashtra, winning a record number of seats to propel the party-led ruling Mahayuti alliance to a landslide victory.

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

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

Rupee falls 3 paise to close at 84.32 against US dollar

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

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

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

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

in futures trade. The overall strength of the data.



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

likely to strain India's trade balance, creating challenges for the rupee, forex traders

In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex fell 105.79 points, or 0.13 per cent, to close at 80,004.06 points, while Nifty fell 27.40 points, or 0.11 per cent, to settle at 24,194.50 points.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) turned net buyers in the capital markets on Monday, purchasing shares worth Rs 9,947.55 crore, according to exchange

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

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

The Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) had earlier this month barred Reliance Power and its units from participating in auctions for three years over allegations of submitting a fake bank guarantee to support its bid for a recent battery storage tender. "High Court of Delhi, in its

hearing held today, has granted stay on notice of debarment and public notice issued by SECI against the company, including all its subsidiaries except Reliance NU BESS Limited (formerly known as Maharashtra Energy Generation Limited)," the firm said in a stock exchange filing. Reliance NU BESS had sub-

mitted a bank guarantee pur-

portedly issued by the

branch of the above Bank that there does not exist any such branch of the bank in the Philippines, prompting SECI to conclude that the BG submitted was a fake document. On November 6, SECI announced debarring Reliance

branch supposed to be located in Manila City, Manila, the

Upon detailed investigation, it

was confirmed by the Indian

Philippines.

Power and Reliance NU BESS from participating in SECI tenders for three years for submitting "fake documents". Reliance Power said it had challenged the notice of debarment by SECI in the Delhi FirstRand Bank through its

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

Financial Services Secretary M Nagaraju on Tuesday said public sector banks will few months to improve credit We are actually committed to

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

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

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



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

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

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

> trated areas. The government is making a lot of efforts to foster ease of doing business and reduce compliance burden for the Fintech companies," he noted. He underscored the government's continuous endeavour to provide a facilitating ecosys

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

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

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

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

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

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

round 80 per cent of Gen Az professionals prioritise over traditional metrics like salary, reflecting a stronger focus on personal and professional development, a report said on Tuesday.

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

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

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



preferences and workplace

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

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

lation or receiving occasional acknowledgement. Instead, they value workplaces that align personal and professional growth, it stated.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

TN GOVERNOR ADDRESSES NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM



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

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

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

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

Terminal Pvt Ltd. "These rating actions follow the indictment of Adani Green

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

include bribery of Indian government officials, securities and wire fraud; conspiracy to violate the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and obstruct justice; false statements made in annual reports, and false statements made to the US government in relation to its investigation into the group.
"The change in the outlook on

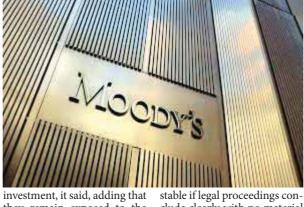
the seven Adani entities to negative considers the indictment of Adani and other senior Adani executives on bribery and other charges, which will likely weaken Adani Group's access to funding and increase its capital costs," it said. The rating action, Moody's

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said, recognises the possibility of broader weaknesses in the governance structure across the rated Adani group entities as well as potential operational disruptions, including on their capital spending plans, while legal proceedings are going.

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

The project finance entities of the group are not exposed to refinancing risk and do not require any substantial capital



they remain exposed to the potential governance weakness and the risks that could arise from any negative findings in the ongoing legal proceedings. Stating that an upgrade of the ratings is unlikely in the near term, given the negative outlook on all seven issuers, Moody's said it could

change the rating outlooks to

clude clearly with no material negative credit impact.

"A stable outlook will also be predicated on the group maintaining appropriate financial metrics for the respective ratings, demonstrating its retained access to funding to meet growth initiatives and refinancing requirements, and strengthening its governance

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

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

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

"While the US indictment

governance practices of the group and lead to negative rating actions. Two of the indicted board members belong to the founding shareholders of Adani group, and one of them is a trustee and beneficiary in the SB Adani Family Trust, which effectively owns a majority of shares in both AESL and AEML," it said. Fitch said it will monitor the investigations for any impact

mainly involves AGEL's key

leadership, the proceedings

and the outcome could reflect

significantly weaker corporate

on the financial flexibility of the rated entities, particularly any material deterioration in nearto medium-term funding access, including their ability to roll over existing credit lines or access new facilities, as well as potentially higher credit spreads.

The rating agency expected the near-term liquidity of AESL there are no significant scheduled debt maturities in the next 12-18 months. They also have some flexibility in capex "We believe the latest devel-

and AEML to be sufficient, as

opments could hamper the group's funding access. This can significantly affect the growth plans of AESL, though there is some flexibility in its capex plans. Increased reliance on onshore funding could heighten refinancing risk over the medium term, and a material rise in borrowing costs could reduce operating cash flow generation," it said. "The impact of a material dete-

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

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US goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher retires from international soccer

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

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

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

She made a key one-handed save in stoppage time to preserve the Americans' 1-0 victory over Brazil in the Swanson, who scored the only goal, ran down the length of the field to embrace Naeher at the final whistle. Naeher announced her retirement on social media

Monday.

Every tear shed in the challenging times and disappointments made every smile and celebration in the moments of success that much more joyful. This has been a special team to be a part of and I am beyond proud of what we have achieved both on and off the field," she wrote. "The memories I have made over the years will last me a

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Iceland coach Åge

ahead of 2026 World

AP ■ REYKJAVIK (ICELAND)

Veteran coach Åge Hareide has resigned from the Iceland national

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

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

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

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

been on a solid ride this their ground early, especially season, winning five games since BFC has also scored on eason, winning five games and drawing twice. They have collected 17 points from eight contests and sit second in the standings.

Bengaluru is in a close battle with table leaders and defending champions Mohun Bagan Super Giant, who also possesses a similar tally - 17 points from eight

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

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

will be desperate to avoid. The only consolation they can attain is that Bengaluru's only loss this season came in an away match - versus FC

Goa.

MSC tend to take some time to settle into the proceedings, having conceded four goals in the opening 15 minutes of the contests this ISL – the highest by any side this

four occasions in this phase of the ongoing campaign. Meanwhile, success in this fixture will mark only the second time The Blues would bag 20-plus points

after their opening nine engagements in an ISL season (23 points in 2018-They have performed as a

cohésive unit under Gerard Zaragoza this season, netting 13 goals and conceding just six, thus maintaining a sufficient stronghold over most clashes.

Also, Bengaluru has drawn and lost twice in its previous five outings while facing a side for the first time in the

With this being the maiden

Andrey Chernyshov and co encounter between the two in the tournament, The Blues will be hoping to change that record with a victory here. Ahead of the meeting, MSC head coach Chernyshov heralded BFC and its dominant style of play this

season. "We will play against one of the best teams at the moment. They are very strong and have started the season perfectly. Their style success and a draw each.
On the other hand, BFC has

The hosts will have to hold

of football makes them one of the best teams in the ISL, of football makes them one Chernyshov said.

> highlighted his players' hard work on their technical and movements, tactical especially during international break.

The break was good. We prefer playing matches but breaks help us look at things technically and tactically. The good thing is that we had the whole squad training with us this week," Zaragoza

Bengaluru's Sunil Chhetri holds an impeccable record of netting against each of the 14 sides he has faced in the competition.

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

Tiger Woods to skip his holiday tournament in the Bahamas

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

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

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

He described it as a



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

20-man field a year ago. Thomas is a two-time PGA as an amateur, left Alabama

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

The newcomer to the unofficial event — its gets world ranking points but not official money — is Dunlap, who won a PGA Tour event microdecompression champion whose wife gave to turn pro and picked up a majors.

second win. Dunlap joins Woods as the only players to win the U.S. Junior Amateur and the U.S. Amateur. Woods, meanwhile, is far more likely to play the PNC.

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

the cut in the other three

A year ago at the Hero World Challenge, Woods spoke about his hopes of statement late Monday. 'I have enjoyed my time with playing a big tournament every month. But he the Icelandic national team, but I believe that now is the right time to retire," Hareide withdrew after one round at Riviera and did not play was quoted as saying in the again for nearly two months. federation statement. He finishes the year completing only 11 rounds. He set a Masters record by making his 24th consecutive cut, and then Woods missed

He added that there are "exciting times ahead" for a team with emerging young The next coach's first games are against Kosovo in March

in a promotion-relegation playoff in the Nations League where the winner advances to the second tier in the next edition of the tournament. Iceland will be in the pot of third-seeded teams when FIFA makes the draw for World Cup qualifying groups for Europe on December 13. Only group winners advance directly to the 2026

and Mexico. World Cup, in 2018 in Russia, becoming the Russia, smallest nation ever to

tournament being co-hosted by the United States, Canada

qualify. An international defender for Norway, Hareide coached the Norwegian national team for five years through 2008. He later took Denmark to the 2018 World Cup — losing to eventual finalist Croatia in a penalty shootout in the round of 16 — and helped it qualify for the European Championship played in

Hareide joined Iceland for the Euro 2024 qualifying program and the team was one game from the tournament, losing a playoff final against Ukraine in

West Ham surprise Newcastle with 2-0 away win at St James' Park

AP NEWCASTLE

Newcastle's winning run in the abrupt end when goals from Thomas Soucek and Aaron Wan-Bissaka gave West Ham a surprise 2-0 win at St. Iames' Park

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

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

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

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

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



lead it can come back to haunt you," Bowen said. Newcastle brought on Harvey Barnes, and then Callum Wilson returned from a long-term back injury to make his first appearance of the season, but to no avail.

"I said we needed a performance and we did that," Bowen said. "Newcastle

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

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

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

AP LAS VEGAS

 $F^{ormula\ 1}_{expand\ its\ grid\ in\ 2026\ to\ make}$ room for an American team that is partnered with General Motors.

As the pinnacle of motorsports, F1 demands boundary-pushing innovation and excellence. It's an honor for General Motors and Cadillac to join the world's premier racing series, and we're committed to competing with passion and integrity to elevate the sport for race fans around the world," GM President Mark Reuss said. "This is a global stage for us to demonstrate GM's engineering technology expertise and leadership at an entirely new level." The approval ends years of wrangling that launched a U.S. Justice Department investigation into why Colorado-based Liberty Media, the commercial rights holder of F1, would not approve the team initially started by

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

Michael Andretti.

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

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

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

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

Mario Andretti, the 1978 F1 world have worked tirelessly to build an champion, will have an American works team," Michael



of a strong group of people that

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

event of the Liberty Media portfolio. Max Verstappen won his Andretti posted on social media. fourth consecutive championship in Saturday night's race, the third and final stop in the United States for the top motorsports series in The approval has been in works for the world.

weeks but was held until after last Grid expansion in F1 is both weekend's Las Vegas Grand Prix to not overshadow the showcase

infrequent and often unsuccessful. Four teams were granted entries in

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

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

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

brand and powerhouse in the OEM world and is working with impressive partners," Ben Sulayem said Monday. "I am fully supportive of the efforts made by the FIA, Formula 1, GM and the team to maintain dialogue and work towards this outcome of an agreement in principle to progress this application. Despite the FIA's acceptance of Andretti and General Motors from

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

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

ICC board to meet on November 29 to finalise Champions Trophy schedule

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

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

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

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



would be keen to resolve the matter before the new regime takes over.

With the deadlock over the schedule and venue yet to be broken, questions have been raised against the current dispensation of the ICC

He and other board members including chair Greg Barclay and CEO over why it did not resolve the issue earlier and left it for the 11th hour.

With the Indian government firmly sticking to the status quo, Champions Trophy in a hybrid model with India games outside Pakistan is the

most likely option. Sources said that PCB will be offered financial incentives, over and above the hosting fees of USD 70 million, to

agree to the hybrid model. similar model was followed last year when India played their Asia Cup

four group games were hosted by Pakistan.

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

Major teams including England and Australia have toured Pakistan recently after years of isolation following the horrific attack on the Sri

Lanka team bus in 2009. Since the ICC awarded Champions Trophy hosting rights to Pakistan in 2021 PCB has been facing constant pressure from the fans to host all the games in the

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

Champions Trophy. Having said that, Pakistan toured India for the ODI World Cup last year, the team's first visit to the country in seven years.

Both India and Pakistan only play each other in ICC events and Asia Cup.



India head coach Gautam Gambhir has flown back to India with his family due to "personal emergency" and is unlikely to be present during the two-day pink ball warm-up game in Canberra starting November

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

It is understood that Gambhir has sought permission from BCCI brass with regards to his return. "He left with his family on early Tuesday morning for India. It is an unavoidable

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

The Indian team will leave for Canberra on Wednesday, November 27 where the entire team is expected to attend an official reception thrown in their honour by Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. The two-day Pink ball match

will give the Indian team a

chance to get some game time under its belt. PMXI is a squad full of youngsters but India will get some good match practice with pacer Scott Boland

expected to play the game.

against

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

Gukesh draws with Liren in second

The 32-year-old said he was happy with how he performed in the second round.

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

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

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

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second

Tuesday.

Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh bounced back to

draw a largely uneventful

game

defending champion Ding Liren of China in the World

Chess Championship here on

Playing with black pieces,

Gukesh made a comeback of

sorts, having lost to Liren in

the opener of the 14-game

It was a good recovery by

Gukesh as Liren could do

showdown, on Monday.

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

Liren did not press at all while Gukesh just followed the basics as the game ended in a draw via repetition soon after black had completed the 23rd turn.

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

game of World Championship

"In the first game I played

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

Liren's fifth move, when he moved his Queen's knight, was indication enough about his peaceful intentions. There have been many top-level games that have ended in through draws manoeuvre and this game

was no exception. Gukesh just had to develop his pieces randomly and the game never really got off to a situation where it could be truly called complicated.

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

The draw was a just result but there was no denying that it was a morale-boosting moment for Gukesh who can

now look up to his next game with optimism with the slightly favourable colour in the game.

In head-to-head encounters, Liren has a handsome threepoint lead in Classical games and Team Gukesh will now be focused on bringing it down in the USD 2.5 million prize money championship. The 18-year-old Gukesh is the youngest ever challenger to the world crown and is looking to become the first Indian after the iconic

'There is obviously some pressure for anyone playing in a World Championship; there is a lot of pressure. But I also see it as a privilege that I can represent so many people and my country," he said.

Viswanathan Anand to win

the title.

"I am just focusing on one game at a time. Hopefully, things go my way," he added. The first player to reach 7.5 points among the two will claim the coveted crown in the USD 2.5 million prize money event.

Anand, who has played a major role in shaping Gukesh's career, held the title five times in his illustrious career before Norwegian superstar Magnus Carlsen dethroned him in 2013.

The Moves: 1.E4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.D3 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.A4 d6 7.0-0 h6 8.Be3 Be6 9.A5 Bxc4 10.Dxc4 0-0 11.Bxc5 dxc5 12.B3 Qxd1 13.Rfxd1 Rad8 14.Rdc1 Nd4 15.Ne1 Rd6 16.Kf1 g6 17.Rd1 Rfd8 18.F3

Kg7 19.Kf2 h5 20.Ne2 Nc6 21.Nc3 Nd4 22.Ne2 Nc6 23.Nc3 Nd4 game drawn.

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

PTI ■ PERTH

experience gained from those difficult days as ammunition to conquer the battles on and off the field. Jaiswal stamped his class with a masterful hundred in

the first Test against Australia, and is poised to take over the mantle of being India's batting mainstay from the great Virat Kohli, who also made a century after a long time.

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

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

gives me and I am really blessed that I have this life, that can give me a lot of confidence, learnings about myself, how I can believe in me, and how I can go with different through emotions, different situation in my life.

"So I think it's just incredible and I really want to thank god for where I am and what I am doing, and I am doing what I love, so I am just happy at the moment. I want to enjoy this with every ball." His journey to fame is a fascinating tale of a strongwilled man making his own destiny. His swashbuckling hundred more than made for the first-innings duck at Perth, where the five-match Test series began from

November 22. Asked about his unusual

battle and I want to win the celebration after getting to Brought up in penury, the sensational Yashasvi television broadcaster Mark celebration after getting to the three-figure mark, Jaiswal said, "Yes, it was (an unusual) was to be the compared to the three-figure mark, Jaiswal said, "Yes, it was (an unusual) was to be the compared to the three-figure mark, Jaiswal said, "Yes, it was (an unusual) was to be the compared to the three-figure mark, Jaiswal said, "Yes, it was (an unusual) was to be the compared to the three-figure mark, Jaiswal said, "Yes, it was (an unusual) was to be the compared to the compa hundred In my min The 22-year-old opener like, I will do this or that, added, "So this is what it and then suddenly, something happened, and I was like, oh my god, what

should I do. "So, I was like, okay, I will just celebrate, and I will enjoy this moment. I was blessed, I was grateful, I enjoyed it, this feeling will stay with me for a long time. "I give kisses to all my loved ones, all my fans who have supported me. I just wanted to give them my love with

the kisses. He spoke to his family after the fine achievement.

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

Getting Venky was one of our main priorities, says Bravo PTI JEDDAH

Former West Indies all-rounder Dwayne Bravo, who is now the mentor of reigning champions Kolkata Knight Riders, has defended the team's strategy of "going all out" for Venkatesh Iyer to keep the "core" of the IPL championship-winning side intact.

Seen as a potential captaincy candidate Venkatesh's acquisition has sparked some criticism over why he wasn't retained if leadership was part of the team thinktank's plan for him.

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

"It's good that we have 90 per

cent of the players from the championship-winning team. That in itself is a positive

"It's important to keep your core because when you have to build from scratch, it becomes complicated to make combinations and all." "We started planning while I was in Trinidad. We had come with a proper plan, the players we wanted to target," added Bravo, who will be in charge of all the franchises of the Knight Riders label in T20 leagues.

At a staggering Rs 23.75 crore, the 29-year old Madhya Pradesh all-rounder, who has represented India in nine T20Is and two ODIs, emerged as the third most expensive player at the twoday IPL mega auction that concluded here on Monday. Only Rishabh Pant (Lucknow, Rs 27 crore) and Shreyas Iyer



(Punjab, Rs 26.75 crore) were ahead of Venkatesh on the list of most expensive players as he even eclipsed experienced Indian batter KL Rahul, a former Lucknow Super Giants captain, who was picked up by Delhi Capitals for Rs 14 crore. Bravo was also excited that

KKR roped in fiery pacer Umran Malik.

pace at which he "The operates, I always admire him his work ethic, energy and all. Happy that we're able to

nail him down." KKR CEO and MD Venky Mysore added: "The way the retention rules are set up, the RTM rules, the salary caps, marquee players, and the two-day auction -- this was definitely more demanding,

wracking because of the nuances. "The nuances. think tank's unanimous view was to maintain the structure. which we have done. In certain areas, we have also improved and upgraded. Hopefully, it will continue to work well."

for sure. Quite nerve-

Mysore also highlighted the value Rovman Powell would bring to the Kolkata Knight Riders setup, emphasising his extensive experience and leadership qualities.

"Rovman Powell, over the years, we have seen what he has done in the CPL, other leagues, and, of course, the IPL as well. He's highly experienced, leads West Indies -- that leadership experience, captaincy, and what he has achieved -- all of it put together makes him really, really special. Great to have him in the side.'

Australia to retain squad for Adelaide Test, Marsh's fitness will be monitored: McDonald

PTI ■ PERTH

Australia will not make any change to the squad that took a 295-run hammering from India in 295-run the opening Border-Gavaskar Trophy Test here but there are some fitness concerns over all-rounder Mitchell Marsh's ability to bowl, coach and selector Andrew McDonald has said. Following the crushing loss, McDonald revealed that the team would land in Adelaide for the day-night second Test beginning December 6 earlier than planned to allow an additional net session.

"The people in that changeroom (for Perth Test) are the same people that will be in Adelaide," McDonald was quoted as saying 'cricket.Com.Au'.

"It (making changes) is always a consideration, wherever you go in the world satisfactory."

in terms of the personnel Another you pick for conditions." Marsh, who bowled just 17 overs in the first Test for a match haul of three wickets, has been dealing with "niggles" since the white-ball of England in September.

Skipper Pat Cummins has already revealed that Marsh finished the first Test "a little bit sore." McDonald expressed satisfaction with Marsh's

bowling performance in the first innings but said his fitness would be monitored closely moving forward. "Has he (Marsh) pulled up okay? We'll wait and see,"

McDonald said. "No, we didn't feel that (was a weakness). We knew that Mitch (Marsh) was slightly underdone coming in, but I thought the performance in first innings

player scanner is top-order batter Marnus Labuschagne, who has struggled for form with an average of just 13.66 in his last 10 Test innings. However, McDonald said he has faith in Labuschagne's abilities, describing him as "the player we need" and urging him to rediscover his That's

discussion and that ebbs and flows in players' careers, so at the moment he's in one of those patches and no doubt he'll be getting critiqued externally," McDonald said. "But internally we're really confident that, at his best, he's the player that we need." When asked if Labuschagne's struggles were due to a technical issue, McDonald responded: "It's

always a combination of

factors, isn't it, with the

mindset?



"There's some technical aspects to that also within that he can turn that the mindset play. So as I around."

said, we're really confident

The decision to ask debutant Nathan McSweeney to open the innings backfired as he

two innings. McSweeney had enjoyed success in first-class cricket, as had Beau Webster, but neither of them has the experience of being an opener. "I think there's been enough

scored just 10 and 0 in his

players banging down the door. I feel as though we've got some depth there if called upon," he said.

"I think sometimes people look at the pure numbers of what's happening in Shield cricket, but it's sometimes hard to get a connection with the surfaces they're playing on. So we feel as though we've got ample players available if called upon."

Despite the heavy defeat, McDonald said morale of the team was strong.

"I think we've got to own it, and we've got to own that as coaches as well. So there will be a semblance of review around what we have done it," McDonald said. "But I think morale is pretty good. I think this team is really good at the highs and lows, it's quite a level team,

and what we can learn from

so we'll be somewhere in the middle of that." The coach also stated that while a review of the performance would take place, the team's preparation had been sound, and they were focused on the

challenges ahead. We felt as though our planning going in (to Perth) was where we needed it to be. Execution in amongst that is always a question, but we were comfortable with the plans.

"Clearly, the method with the batters and the way they've been challenged is always going to be a learning moving forward. So we've got some challenges, no doubt about that."