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GRAP-IV till Dec 2, was an abject failure: SC

ambasting authorities over the high ⊿level of air pollution in the National Capital and surrounding areas, Supreme Court on Thursday termed the implementation of Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP-IV) measures as an "abject failure" saying GRAP-IV measures in Delhi will continue till Monday (December 2, 2024), except for schools and colleges. A Bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih noted that the Court Commissioners' showed an "abject failure" on the part of authorities to control trucks and other inter-state vehicles' traffic into Delhi to implement GRAP-IV curbs in letter and spirit.

Meanwhile, amid escalating pollution levels in Delhi, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has empowered member of pollution secretaries control bodies in Uttar Pradesh, Harvana, Rajasthan and Delhi to take legal action against project proponents and agencies for gross violations of pollution control norms at construction sites.

"We make it clear that all GRAP IV measures except the measures which are modified in respect of the schools will continue to operate till Monday. In the meantime, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) will hold a meeting and come out with the suggestion about moving from GRAP IV to GRAP III

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or GRAP II. We also make it The SC also asked the CAQM clear that it is not necessary that all measures which are provided in GRAP IV should be dispensed with," the Bench said. The SC further clarified that the entry of all trucks, those carrying essential goods or providing essential services and LNG/CNG/electric/BS-VIissued to fitted trucks, were banned in the National Capital as per GRAP-IV measures. The Court also said that the

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Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) will meet and suggest easing the easing of GRAP IV norms to GRAP III or II on December 2. The Court also said that action against officials for 'serious lapse' implementation of GRAP-IV measures needs to be expedited

to consider implementing a "combination" of GRAP IV and III measures in New Delhi, and the measures have to be put on record for discussion on the next date of hearing on Monday. The CAQM's submission that show cause notice has been authorities, including the Delhi Police Commissioner, under Section 14 of the CAQM Act, 2021 was also taken into record. The SC said it expects replies to the notice by Monday (December 2, 2024).

On the issue of action against officials for a "serious lapse" in ensuring the GRAP IV curbs, Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati said notices have been issued to commissioner of police, commissioner

(traffic), additional chief secretary, transport commissioner, commissioner (MCD) seeking explanation by December 2. The Bench said the action against officials needed to be expedited. Bhati said the AQI was in "manageable limits" and the court should consider relaxing the norms.

The Bench took note of a media report related to Punjab wherein a land record officer and president of the Sangrur Block Patwari Union, reportedly admitted to advising farmers to burn stubble after 4 pm, to avoid satellite detection.

"We are not sure of the correctness of this news but if it is correct it is very serious. The (Punjab) state officials cannot permit any farmer to take advantage of the fact that

detected which take place during a few hours of the day. The Punjab government should immediately issue instructions to all officers not to indulge in any such activities," the Bench said. In a recent meeting, the

CAOM issued directions to strengthen the monitoring and enforcement of orders issued for air pollution control construction and demolition sites. The CAQM said member secretaries pollution control boards and committees in Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi, as part of the statutory sub-committee "Safeguarding

Enforcement", could take legal

action against project proponents and agencies responsible for violations at construction sites, according to a statement. It also directed the officials to shut down noncompliant sites and recover environmental compensation charges. The CAQM also reviewed the implementation the GRAP, which prescribes measures to tackle pollution based on air quality levels, and emphasised the need for strict enforcement. Meanwhile, pollution levels in Delhi marginally increased to 325 at 4 pm, maintaining the air quality within the very poor' category as the national capital recorded the season's coldest morning of the season Thursday with the minimum temperature settling at 10.1 degrees Celsius, 0.2 notches below normal.



Security personnel conduct investigation at the site after a blast was reported near a PVR at Prashant Vihar, in New Delhi

Blast in Prashant Vihar, near Crime Branch office

SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW DELHI

 A^{low} intensity blast occurred on Thursday near the Crime Branch office and PVR cinemas in Prashant Vihar area in Delhi's Rohini, this explosion took place about 500 meters away from the Central Reserves Police Force (CRPF) school where a bigger blast had ripped through the boundary wall. However, even though the blast on Thursday was of lower intensity, a 28-year-old driver was injured.

The blast was reported by people at around 11.47 am when the residents in the vicinity heard a loud explosion. While initially they assumed it to be a gas cylinder blast, on stepping out they saw a cloud white smoke rising from the area, which had a bad chemical smell.

The victim who sustained minor injuries has been Chetan identified as Kushwaha, who was talking on a phone next to a three wheeler parked near to the place where the blast took place. Kushwaha was working as a driver for Kalpana Sharma, who told The Pioneer that he was waiting for the three-wheeler to be repaired

When we heard the loud blast, we all immediately came out of our homes and saw Chetan injured. He had bloody red eyes, an injury on his lips and his clothes also got soiled and hence we took him to the doctor immediately. We also made a PCR call and the police came in sometime," she said, adding that ever since she inhaled the smoke from the explosion, she has had trouble in her throat. Around the crime scene, white powder marks were seen on the street. His son also said that when he rushed to the spot, he saw a white stone-like substance there.

Coincidently, this blast took place on a day when former Chief Minister and AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal was holding a press conference on "the deteriorating condition of law and order in the Capital".

The explosion took place in

front of a sweet shop near a park in the same area where a strong blast ripped through a wall of a CRPF school on October 20. The spot was near to the Crime Branch office, Fun City mall, St. Margaret's Senior Secondary school, Bansi Sweet among other residential places. The entire area was cordoned off immediately after a bomb detection team, dog squad, Special Cell, Crime Branch and Delhi Fire Services reached the spot. White power was recovered from the spot. However, a probe is underway to ascertain more details about the explosion, officials said.

A senior police officer said film screenings inside underway multiplex at the time of the blast. Panic ensued among visitors and residents as smoke engulfed the area. A video showing a cloud of smoke around the multiplex emerged on social media following the incident. The distance between the PVR and blast site is a few meters.

Jaishankar mav speak on **Bangladesh issue** in Parliament

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

 $E_{\text{Jaishankar, on Thursday,}}^{\text{xternal Affairs Minister S}}$ briefed Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the issue of attacks on Hindus and other minorities, recent arrest of a monk Chinmoy Krishna Das and vandalism of a temple in Chattogram district in Bangladesh. Jaishankar is likely to update both houses of Parliament on Friday regarding these issues.

Meanwhile, India Thursday said it is Bangladesh's responsibility to ensure safety of minorities including Hindus there and places of worship.

Making this assertion in Parliament, Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh condemned the recent attacks on there and minorities expressed deep concern over the escalating violence in Bangladesh since the fall of the Sheikh Hasina -led

government. Responding to a question on the issue in Rajya Sabha, he said "Several incidents of desecration and damages to Hindu temples and deities in Bangladesh have been reported in the past few months. The Government of India has expressed its concerns about such incidents, including the attack on a Puja Mandap in Tantibazar, Dhaka, and the theft at the Jeshoreshwari Kali temple at Satkhira during Durga Puja 2024."

The minister reiterated stance, urging Bangladesh to uphold the protection of life and liberty for all its citizens, especially minorities.

Meet Priyanka Gandhi Vadra MP

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

olding up a copy of the Honstitution, Congress Privanka Gandhi Vadra on Thursday took oath as a Lok Sabha Member Parliament, to begin her elected journey as an representative of the people five years after she joined politics Dress cream Kasavu saree from Kerala, Priyanka Gandhi rose to take oath amid cheers of in the Lok Sabha during the Winter 'Jodo Jodo, Bharat Jodo' from the Congress benches.

Priyanka entered into Lok Sabha with her brother and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi and other Congress MPs. The MP from Wayanad in Kerala held up a red and black bound copy of the Constitution, which Rahul Gandhi has been displaying at his public meetings, as she took her oath.

She took the oath with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, her mother and Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) chief Sonia Gandhi, husband Robert Vadra, son Raihan and daughter Miraya watching from the galleries. The 52year-old, who joins her mother Sonia and brother Rahul as an MP in what is a instance of three members of a family together Parliament,

affirmation in Hindi. Congress MPs earlier met at the CPP office in the Parliament premises where Priyanka Gandhi was greeted and congratulated by leaders. After taking oath, Priyanka completed the formalities and then shared a warm hug with Rahul Gandhi. She then went



Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra takes oath as a Member of Parliament session of Parliament

and sat in the fourth row with fellow Congress MPs. Ravindra Chavan (Congress) who won the Nanded by-poll also took oath in Marathi in the name of God. The House was adjourned after the oaths as opposition members came to the Well of the House and raised slogans, demanding a discussion on the Adani issue and the Sambhal violence.

As MPs exited the House, leaders made a beeline to congratulate Priyanka Gandhi and on the steps of the Makar Dwar. Congress MPs gathered as Rahul Gandhi clicked a photograph of Priyanka Gandhi with the Samvidhan Sadan in the background. "It strengthen Rahul Gandhi, the party and the principles of the Constitution because we are fighting for that," she told reporters when asked about the impact of her

entering Parliament. Asked about taking the oath holding up the Constitution, Priyanka Gandhi said it signifies that "nothing is above the Constitution for us and we will continue to fight

CCI directs probe against Google on real money gaming apps

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $F^{\text{air trade regulator CCI on}}_{\text{Thursday ordered a probe}}$ against Google and its affiliates for alleged unfair business practices with respect to listing of real gaming app While passing the Store. order, CCI said the Commission directs Director General ('DG') to cause an investigation to be made into the matter under the provisions of Section 26(1) of the Act".

Commission The directed the DG to complete the investigation and submit a consolidated report within 60 days. The probe follows a complaint by Winzo Games, accusing Google of abusing its dominant position and unfairly favouring select gaming categories, thereby distorting competition.

In its 24-page order, the regulator noted that the selective inclusion of DFS and Rummy apps gives them an undue competitive advantage. "Direct access to end-users via the dominant Play Store provides a significant edge to DFS and Rummy apps, potentially disadvantaging other RMG applications," the Commission said in its order. The CCI also flagged concerns regarding Google's sideloading warnings displayed when users attempt to download RMG apps. These warnings, Winzo claimed, tarnish its reputation and discourage potential users from accessing its app.

ED team attacked during raid at Bijwasan farmhouse RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

A team of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) was attacked and one of their officials suffered injuries on Thursday morning after it arrived at a farmhouse as part of its investigation into a cyber fraud-linked money laundering case related to the UAE-based Pyypl payment aggregator. An FIR has been registered, and authorities are now working to track down the attackers.

took place at a farmhouse that was raided by ED team led by Suraj Yadav in the Bijwasan area which falls under the Kapashera police station in southwest Delhi. The official who suffered injuries in the attack was identified as an additional director of ED.

According to police, the farmhouse belonged to a man named Ashok Kumar, a Chartered Accountant (CA). A picture of a broken chair, kept in the farmhouse, was shared by the ED on X. Shortly after the incident, the ED said in a statement that the searches were part of a money laundering investigation against "organised" cyber crimes like Phishing,



Broken furniture is seen inside the premises of a farmhouse at Biiwasan area where an Enforcement Directorate (ED) team allegedly attacked during searches in a cyber fraud linked money laundering case, in New Delhi

QR code cheating and part-time job fraud leading to duping of many people. The agency said it analysed these cases with the help of the Indian cyber crime coordination centre (I4C) and the

Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU). "It was found that an organised network of CAs and crypto traders was at work. Around 15,000 mule accounts were used to layer proceeds of cyber crimes.

Subsequently, debit and credit cards were obtained which were used to top up virtual accounts on Pyypl and funds were layered to buy crypto-currency," the ED

It said "incriminating" material including multiple PAN cards, bank cheque books, cards, seals and CPUs have been seized. At one premises at Bijwasan, suspect Ashok Sharma and his brother assaulted an ED officer and managed to escape after causing hurt. An FIR is being filed. Searches are on," it said.

Sources said that the Chartered Accountant had a connection with a cyber app fraud case and the network was being run by some Chartered Accountants (CAs). The accused fled the scene in the ensuing chaos. After the attack, local police were called to the spot immediately to control the situation and ensure the safety of the officials.

Think before you like, share, follow 'bad-characters' online

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

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m iking, sharing, or}$ social media posts or profiles, associated with gangsters and criminals can now put you at risk, as the Delhi Police have intensified their monitoring of such online activities. According to police sources, the social media profiles of 'bad-character' elements will be continuously scanned to zero-in on them. In police 'bad-character' terms, elements are those who are arrested or apprehended multiple times for crimes they commit and were sent to jail

or correctional homes, but sharing their posts on social they again involve themselves in criminal activities.

A senior police official said, We have directed all the police stations and posts in different districts of Delhi to keep a strict vigil on the social media activities of 'badcharacters." He added that a list will be prepared of gangsters which these 'badcharacters' are following. "Police of all the 15 districts

and all units like Special Cell, Crime Branch, Railways and Metro were asked to prepare a list of those criminals who are following any gangsters on social media, liking or media to know associations with gangsters," he said.

The officer further said that many of the 'bad-characters' were arrested in the past for posing pictures or videos with firearms on social media. "During interrogation, we got to know that they are doing such activities to increase followers on their social media profiles," he said.

Another officer said that the social media monitoring team of the Delhi Police will keep an eye on different profiles who are sharing

side," the Prime Minister

videos or reels of gangsters Even the gangsters are looking for juveniles and young people as their potential target," the officer

said.

"Local associates of the gangsters keep an eye on youths who are either posting their pictures with weapons on social media or involved in any petty crime. These associates share their profile with the gangsters; later the gangsters provide money and weapons to these youths to commit crimes," he added, suggesting that parents must track their children's activities on a daily basis.

Indian players love the challenge of playing in Australia: Rohit Sharma

PTI CANBERRA

ustralian Prime Minister Authony Albanese on Thursday hosted a reception for the travelling Indian cricket team ahead of its twotwo-day pink ball practice match against PM's XI here from November 30. The game will take place at the Manuka Oval serving as good preparation for the day-night Test in Adelaide from December 6.

win on Australia soil when they hammered the hosts by 295 runs in the opening game of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Perth. Following the protocol, India skipper Rohit Sharma introduced all his teammates to Albanese, who praised heroes of the first Test including Jasprit Bumrah and Virat Kohli. "Anthony Albanese @AlboMP Big challenge ahead for the PM's XI at Manuka Oval this week India recorded their biggest against an amazing Indian



Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, centre, poses for a photograph with members of the Indian cricket team during a reception at Parliament House in Canberra, Thursday, November 28, 2024

posted on X after the meeting at the Australian parliament. The PM's XI led by Jack Edwards also called on Rohit Albanese. also addressed the parliament briefly. In his speech, he highlighted the rich history of bilateral relations between India and Australia including their shared love for cricket. He also said Indian players love the challenge of playing in Australia and enjoy exploring the country and its

India clinched back to back series wins Down Under and Rohit said the team is looking to build on that success and entertain both Australian and Indian fans. diplomacy is an integral part of India-Australia relations. Albanese, with his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi, had met players of both teams during a Test in Ahmedabad last year when the Australian Prime Minister was in India on an official visit.



Don't make govt hospitals referral centres : Dehradun DM

PNS DEHRADUN

Expressing concern over the increasing instances of unnecessary patient referrals to private healthcare facilities, the Dehradun district magistrate Savin Bansal warned the officials concerned to not mock the government hospitals by making it a referral centre. He stated that not everyone can afford private hospitals and government healthcare facilities must work efficiently to meet the needs of the people. He stated this in a review meeting held to evaluate the functioning of sub-district hospitals across the district. During the meeting, the DM emphasised the need for government hospitals to improve their services and address the increasing instances of unnecessary patient referrals to private healthcare fa-

He also expressed concern over the functioning of certain hospitals, pointing out that even with adequate staff and resources, the number of surgeries and inpatient department (IPD)

PNS DEHRADUN

With the beginning of the wedding season, the res-

idents of Dehradun sounded

worried about the escalation in

traffic congestion and noise

pollution. November marks

the start of the wedding sea-

son, bringing with it festivities

that often entail loud music

and other celebratory ele-

ments. However, on the flip

side of things, these wedding

festivities pose challenges for

the local residents on various

fronts. In light of this, many

locals have suggested the au-

thorities implement measures

regulating wedding celebra-

tions and alleviating the hard-

ships faced by them. Speaking

to The Pioneer on this issue, a

Doon resident aged around 62

years Brij Sharma said that the

wedding season brings with it

a lively, fun-filled atmosphere. "We enjoy it too. But it dis-

rupts life and brings hardships,

particularly for the senior citi-

zens like me. For instance, the

wedding procession often

leads to traffic congestion. It

causes difficulties for all, but

more for senior citizens navi-

gating the roads while the pro-

cession passes," he said. He

also highlighted the issue of

noise pollution that tends to

persist for a significant period

during weddings. "I believe if

the local authorities regulate

things a little regarding the

procession and the loud music

that accompanies it things will

be less troublesome for us," he

said, adding that the timing of

wedding processions should

be fixed. Another city resident

Vineet Dixit echoed the same,

saying that the administration

IN BRIEF

Weddings escalates traffic woes: Locals

urge administration to step in



admissions was alarmingly low. He demanded a detailed report on the number of surgeries, institutional deliveries, IPD admissions and patient referrals from April to October 2024.

He also questioned why surgeries were being per-formed less frequently despite the availability of medical staff and facilities. In response to specific issues, Bansal approved several key proposals to enhance hospital infrastruc-

should step in a little without

in any way negatively impact-

ing the fun of wedding festivi-

ordeals we face during the

wedding season every year is

real. On my daily commute to

and from work, I often en-

counter several wedding pro-

cessions along the way and

these lead to traffic bottle-

necks. We perforce stay stuck

and reach destinations late.

Given my experiences, I may

suggest the administration

consider marking alternative

routes for the processions dur-

ing the wedding season," he

added. The citizens vented an-

noyance on another count and

that is the rowdyism that the

inebriated members of the

wedding procession often in-

dulge in. Asked for his view,

the secretary of the Dehradun

Mandap Keeper Association

and the owner of the wedding

point Alok Mittal told this cor-

respondent that traffic congestion is not solely caused by

weddings. "There are multiple

causes behind the recurrent

traffic congestion. As far as the

administrative role in this mat-

ter is concerned, they tried

this before by making registra-

tion a must for wedding pro-

cessions and designating

special routes for these. But

their enthusiasm dampened

soon and things went back to

square one," he said. He

added: "I personally see to it

that the wedding does not add

to the noise pollution. Besides,

I see food being wasted wan-

tonly and this ends up in a

swelling dustbin. This ought to

numbers on

the occasion

Among the

dignitaries

present was

the director

of the school

Sonam Rana

The sports

day featured

a variety of

be avoided," he said.

18 youths receiving white

DEHRADUN: With the 25-day Life- Saving Technique and

White Water Kayaking training being organised by the Uttarak-hand Tourism Development Board (UTDB) and the National

Institute of Water Sports (NIWS) continuing at Neem Beach and

Shivpuri in Rishikesh, 14 young men and four young women

are being trained by NIWS experts. The training commenced

on November 18 and will continue till December 14. Informing

this, the secretary Uttarakhand Tourism Sachin Kurve said that

the trainees would engage in rescue operations involving raft-

Cambrian Hall hosts annual sports day

DEHRADUN: Cambrian Hall organised its 61st annual sports

day on the school grounds with enthusiastic participation of stu-

dents. Along with the school's staffer, parents were also present

activities, including track and field events, team games, and spe-

cial demonstrations by athletes by making human pyramids of multifarious styles. Highlights of the day included a special Zumba presentation and PT display by the students.

water kayaking training

"The on- the- road

ture. At the Vikasnagar subdistrict hospital, immediate funding was sanctioned for repairing the oxygen plant and the hospital building. Similarly, at Premnagar Hospital, resources were approved for operationalising a 20-bed paediatric ICU, in-cluding the necessary manpower. electrical

connections and other facil-

tal, where the absence of gy-

The president of Swami

■ Rama Himalayan Univer-

sity, Dr Vijay Dhasmana inau-

gurated a fully equipped

14-bed surgical unit of critical

care medicine (CCM) ICU at

Himalayan hospital on Thurs-

day. Speaking on the occasion,

he said that the new facility is

poised to enhance the Hi-

malayan hospital's capacity to

provide advanced critical care

services. He also toured the

newly launched ICU, where he

emphasized the importance of

patient and attendant counsel-

in main market areas

Surgical unit of critical

at Himalayan hospital

care medicine ICU starts

dressed

necologists

specialist to dedicate three days a week to Mussoorie hospital. He also directed that representatives of contracted pathology centres will remain available 24/7 in all government hospitals for sample collection. He directed the chief medical officer to implement this order. He urged medical professionals to approach ities. The DM also adtheir duties with greater complaints commitment and stated that regarding Mussoorie Hospiproviding quality healthcare is both a service to society and a noble responsibility.

ing, during critical care and the

prudent use of advanced med-

ical technology and equipment.

He reiterated the Himalayan

Hospital commitment to pro-

viding best in class quality care.

Dr Vijendra Chauhan, Dr

Ashok Deorari, Dr Hem Chan-

dra, Dr Rajesh Maheshwari and

Brigadier Ř S Saini attended the

programme as special guests.

The specialists from various de-

partments, the members of the

nursing and engineering teams

at Himalayan hospital attended

the programme.

MCR initiates night sweeping

In a bid to enhance cleanliness in the city, the Municipal Cor-

poration of Rishikesh (MCR) has launched a night sweeping

initiative in key areas, including the main market, Sabji Mandi

and adjoining streets. The programme aims to ensure garbage-

free streets by addressing waste disposal issues left by shopkeep-

ers and vendors after business hours, Rishikesh municipal

commissioner Shailendra Negi said. He informed that the MCR

has also issued strict guidelines, urging shopkeepers and busi-

ness owners to maintain dustbins within their premises and

hand over waste to the municipal corporation's designated ve-

hicles. Dumping garbage on streets in any direction will lead to

penalties and legal action, as per the commissioner. Negi claimed

that this initiative follows the success of a door-to-door waste

collection programme introduced in the same areas three to four

months ago. The door-to-door system has significantly reduced

waste accumulation and encouraged shopkeepers to adopt better

waste disposal practices. He said that the municipal teams con-

ducted sweeping operations on Ghat Road, Mukherjee Marg and

other major routes late on Wednesday. The collected waste was

loaded into designated vehicles for disposal. The municipal staff

worked diligently to ensure that no litter remained on the streets

post-sweeping. Negi emphasised on the importance of commu-

nity participation in maintaining cleanliness and requested all

shopkeepers and business owners to cooperate by using dustbins and avoiding littering. Those failing to comply will face fines and

further legal consequences, he said. He said that the night sweep-

ing initiative, combined with the ongoing waste collection ef-

forts, is expected to bring a visible improvement in the cleanliness of Rishikesh's bustling market areas.

Workshop on Waves 2025 held

at Graphic Era Hill University

 $A^{
m workshop}$ on World Audio Video Entertainment Summit (Waves) was organised by the Press Information Bureau

(PIB), Dehradun at department of Journalism, Graphic Era Hill

University here on Thursday. The workshop was organised to

create awareness about the 'Create in India Challenge' launched

by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the field of media and

entertainment. In the workshop media personality Kanchan

Negi gave a presentation to the students on 'Waves' which will

be organized from February5 to 9 at Bharat Mandapam, New

Delhi. Waves will include a total of 27 challenges, including

competitive events like reel making, poster making, animation

and drone film making, which will allow participants to show-

case their creativity and skills. Speaking on the occasion the

deputy director, News division, Akashvani and Doordarshan

Dehradun, Sakshi Singh said that "Waves" is a major platform

for promoting the traditional culture of India in the media and

entertainment sector. She highlighted the different aspects of

Waves and appealed to the students to participate in competi-

tions held in different categories. Addressing the programme

the director of the university Subhash Gupta said that "Waves"

is an excellent platform provided by the Central Government

for the youth. The assistant director, PIB, Dehradun Sanjeev

Sundriyal said that Waves 2025 is a great opportunity for the

youth. He said that the media and entertainment industry is

different from traditional employment and it not only offers

high income but also creativity In the workshop famous cine-

matographer Jaydev Bhattacharya taught the students the tricks

of cinematography and documentary making. Ohoo Radio's

RJ Kavya also addressed the students in the programme.

PNS DEHRADUN

night-time was a major

concern. He formed a

committee led by the

additional chief medical

officer to investigate in-

stitutional deliveries

and referrals since April

and asked to submit a

report on these issues.

Additionally, it was

brought to his attention

that the ENT specialist

stationed at Mussoorie

hospital was being as-

signed duties at Vikas-

nagar, reducing their availability.

The DM ordered the

Age criteria: NAPSR urges SCPCR to form committee for pre-primary schools

The National Association For Parents and Student Rights (NAPSR) has highlighted the necessity for the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR) to work in conjunction with the Education department to establish a monitoring committee specifically for pre-pri-mary schools. This committee is expected to ensure complete compliance with age-guide-lines regarding the children's enrolment. Many parents enrol their children in pre-primary schools at the age of one and half or two years to provide them early educational opportunities. But this is what impacts the children's physical and mental health, said the NAPSR president Arif Khan, adding that ideally the chil-dren should not be admitted at school before they are three years old. Expressing her deep concern on trend the chairperson of the SCPCR Geeta Khanna said that the children below three years if admitted at pre-primary schools are vulnerable to ex-ploitation. "This violates the National Education Policy 2020. This policy specifies that children should be admitted only when they are three years old," she said.

Defending a section of the parents' inclination to admit children at the age of two years or even less, a parent Monisha Bhatt said that the cut -throat competition that marks the present age forces them to violate the NEP guidelines. "If children begin speaking at the age of two, parents are justified in enrolling them in pre-primary schools, as early exposure may put them in advantageous condition. As for me, I have enrolled my two-year-old daughter in a pre-primary school," she added. Another parent Ishi Verma The Pioneer talked to echoed the same view. "Both my husband and I work in offices. So, it is difficult for us to take proper care of our son who is one and a half years old. We have, therefore, decided to enrol him in a pre-primary school. This will instil in him good manners aside from intro-

When asked to comment on such parents' view. Khan dismissed it and averred that they should not allow their

UPCL in the financial sector

in the last year was also ap-

preciated in the board of di-

rectors meeting, in which

the improvement in billing

and collection efficiency and

UPCL's efforts to reduce ag-

gregate technical and com-

mercial (AT&C) losses was

He said that the UPCL

adopted an innovative

power purchase strategy. In

the financial year 2023-24,

cheap electricity was ob-

tained from the short-term

market at a record 22 per

cent lower rate as compared

to the financial year 2022-

23, due to which the overall

power purchase rate also fell

by about three per cent.

lauded.

ducing him to foundational learning," she added.

children's physical and mental growth get thwarted by such absurd logic like competitive advantage. "This is what is leading to impaired vision at an early age among other health issues. Besides, lack of social engagement hinders their mental growth. Therefore, we are for the constitution of a monitoring

committee in collaboration between SCPCR and the Education department. The monitoring committee must include a representative from the State administration, too. Besides, it must be empowered to slap penalties on the errant schools vis-a-vis the NEP admission age guidelines," he added.



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NOTICE

It is informed that Residential House Municipal Corporation Property No. 17 and 17/ Kishanpur Village whose land Khata No. 532 crop year 1422 to 1427 is mentioned in the IKhasra No. 90ण, area 304.71 sq.m. whose old Khasra No. 146 and 147 in which the built up portion area is 325.27 sq.m. and land Khata No. 31 (crop year 1422 to 1427), land Khasra No. 90ण, area 266.60 Sq.m., total area of land is 571. 31 square meter and its buil Khasra No. 90°, area 256.60 Sq.m., total area of land is 571. 31 square meter and its built up area is 325.27 sq.m. situated in Mouza Kishanpur, Pargana Pachhadun. The property described was purchased by Shri Gaurav Agarwal of 08 Rambagh Kanwali Road, Dehradun in the sale deed dated 05.10.2024, ledger number 1, volume 7374, pages 299 to 338, serial number 8883 is recorded, from Smt. Amisha Kamdar Sanjeev Kamdar wife of Sanjeev Kamdar, Mr. Sanjeev Anil Kamdar son of Mr. Anil Kamdar, residents of Building No. 17-18 Prabhukripa 109 Sir Bhalchandra Road Hindu Colony Dadar East Mumbai, Mumbai Maharashtra 400014.

The sale deed no. 5834 dated 06.09.2002 related to the above property has been lost near Anurang Nursery, Basant Vihar and is not found dispite a lot of serch.

Shri Gaurav Agarwal 08 Ram Bagh Kanwali Road, District Dehradun

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UPCL receives accolades for

better financial management

PUBLIC NOTICE

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The central board of indirect taxes and customs

(CBIC) of the Union min-

istry of Finance has awarded

Uttarakhand Power Corpo-

ration Limited (UPCL) with

a certificate of appreciation

for its excellent financial

management. The award was

presented on the GST day.

The CBIC has given this

award to UPCL for its con-

tribution in building a

strong nation as a result of

monthly and annual GST re-

lated statutory obligations in

the financial year 2023-24.

The Managing Director,

UPCL Anil Kumar said that

the award is a matter of pride

for the corporation. He said

that recently, the unprece-

dented progress made by

compliance of

I RAJBIR SHARMA father of Army No 15693681F HAV CALIBAY PARASHER R Khatta Vail Road Doula Baghpat U.P. In my son's army records my date of birth 01.07.1962 and name RAJVEER SHARMA has been mistakenly recorded whereas my correct Date of birth is 01.03.1959 and correct name is RAJBIR SHARMA. In future correct date of birth 01.031959 and correct name RAJBIR SHARMA should be known and

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ADMISSION NOTICE 2025-26

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Corporate Exit (C-PACE) IICA Building, 7th Floor, Plot P-6,7,8, Sector-5, IMT Manesar,

Gurgaon, Haryana - 122050.

Director, Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth

FORM No. STK --6

PUBLIC NOTICE [Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016]

Public Notice:ROC/C-PACE/STK-2/248(2)/2024-25/1230

In the matter of striking off or removal of names of (5) companies in the state of Uttarakhand under section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of:

S No. Work Item CIN 1 AB1444902 U43219UT2023PTC016101 ARENERGY SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED 2 AB1478202 U15100UR2022PTC014181 NUTRITION ADDA PRIVATE LIMITED 3 AB1396366 U73100UR2022OPC013583 MILKMED (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED

	4 AB1426516 U36100UR2021PTC013347		U36100UR2021PTC013347	SAS WOODWORK PRIVATE LIMITED					
5 AB1568530 U24232UR2006PTC032232 STANLEY BIOTECH PRIVATE				STANLEY BIOTECH PRIVATE LIMITED					
	(2). Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies had received applications from the above-mentioned								
	companies under section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of its/their name (s) from the register of								
	companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation								
	or on the ground that the company(ies) is/are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two								
	immediately preceding financial years and has/have not made any application (s) within such period for								
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obtaining the status of a dormant company under section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013 or the company(ies) have obtained the status of dormant company/subscribers to the memorandum have not paid the subscription which they had undertaken to pay at the time of incorporation of a company and a declaration to this effect has not been filed within one hundred and eighty days of its incorporation under subsection (1) of section 10A/ have not been carrying on any business or operations, as revealed after the physical verification carried out under subsection (9) of section 12, but it/they do not wish to continue its/their registration as companies and have therefore, requested for removal/strike off of its/their names from the register of companies

(3) Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies proposes to remove or strike off the names of the above-mentioned companies from the Register of Companies.

(4) Any person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off name of the companies from the register of companies may send his or her objection to the office address mentioned here above within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice

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Union Home minister visits LBSNAA Mussoorie

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The union Home minister Amit Shah visited the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (L B S N A A) Mussoorie Thursday. He attended the valedictory session of the 99th foundation course of Indian civil services at the prestigious academy.

Uttarakhand chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami wel-

comed Shah at Dehradun airport Jollygrant on his arrival. The cabinet ministers airport to receive Shah. CM arrangements for the visit of Premchand Agarwal, Ganesh Joshi, Dham Singh Rawat and Shah to the LBSNAA,



Dhami also accompanied the Home minister.

other senior leaders of the Mussoorie. The Police had State BJP were present at the made adequate security

Uttarakhand to issue Ayushman cards to 100 per cent population

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The State health minister Dhan Singh Rawat has instructed the chief medical officers (CMOs) of all districts in the State to develop a concrete action plan for issuing Ayushman cards to ensure that 100 per cent of the population is covered. "The goal is to issue Ayushman cards for 97.11 lakh individuals across 23.89 lakh families in the State. So far, Ayushman cards have been issued for 53.61 have been issued for 53.61 lakh individuals while the golden cards have been provided to 4.73 lakh people. Additionally, around 2,000 Ayushman cards have been issued to individuals above the age of 70 years," he said.

The minister further said that under the Ayushman scheme, 12.32 lakh individuals have benefited so far in the State, amounting to an expen-



diture of Rs 2,289 crore. Over one lakh golden card holders have also received health benefits through this scheme, he

Rawat directed the officials concerned to launch a special campaign by March 31 to assist in the issuance of cards for senior citizens above 70 years of age. "This initiative will involve collaboration with Community Health Officers (CHO), Auxiliary

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government.

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Technology (UCOST) com-

menced the 19th Uttarakhand

State Science & Technology Congress 2024 at the Dr

Nityanand Auditorium in Doon University on

tance of sustainable prac-

tices for the conservation of

natural resources. Marking

the first anniversary of the

rescue of workers, the event

mate resilience and water

the founding vice-chancel-

lor of Doon University

Airport-a dream project of the chief

minister Pushkar Singh Dhami-on

Thursday, the Udham Singh Nagar

district magistrate Uday Raj Singh said

that decks have been cleared for the

expansion with the Airport Authority

being given physical possession of 524.70 acres of land by the Uttarakhand

The director of Pantnagar Airport

should take possession of the land and

start a survey so that the expansion

Nurse Midwives (ANM), ASHA workers and Ayushman Mitras. The secretary, Health and the chairman of the State Health Authority will review the campaign through virtual meetings with district magistrates and CMOs across all districts," he added.

In addition, Rawat emphasised the need for a better strategy to maximise patient treatment under the Ayushman Yojana in government-run medical colleges and hospitals. He also provided necessary instructions to the officials concerned on various matters, including practical difficulties in obtaining golden cards, improving the 108 emergency services and filling vacant positions in various cadres at State-run medical facilities.

Pantnagar airport expansion

While chairing a meeting on the The DM further said that the district shifting under the project. Accordingly, expansion of the Pantnagar administration and the Pantnagar air-the project director NHAI Vikas Mittal

port authority had jointly inspected

524.70 acres of land earmarked for the

expansion purpose. "The tender for

demolition of buildings and offices,

including those of Pantnagar University

which are coming under the purview of

Notably, 103 acres of identified land

had been handed over to National

Highway Authority of India (NHAI)

and instructions given to it to prepare

19th Uttarakhand State Science & Technology

work on the ground starts soon, he said. a survey DPR of the National highway inspection and survey," he added.

the airport expansion scheme have been finalised," he added.

Decks cleared for

Women to get reservation in fair price shop allocations in U'khand

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■ Supplies minister Rekha Arya directed the officials to draft a proposal for providing reservation to women in fair price shop allocations and prioritising women for filling vacant positions in the shops. This is part of the government's commitment to enhance women's representation in the public distribution system as part of its broader goal of women's empowerment. She stated this in a meeting with senior officials of the department held on Thursday. Arya also reviewed the progress of the free cooking gas refill scheme, which had earlier received cabinet approval. She emphasised the need for swift issuance of government

The Food and Civil orders to enable direct benefit transfers (DBT) of subsidies into beneficiaries' accounts. She also assessed the status of the government's fortified salt nutrition programme, the distribution of ration under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) and matters concerning the commission and transportation costs of fair price shop dealers. She also instructed the department to ensure timely payment of transportation costs to contractors handling doorstep delivery under NFSA. She further directed that the State government bear these costs at its level to streamline payments to contractors while integrating funds received from the central government.

Investigate role of BJP | BJP claims new land leaders in privatization law will preserve of IMPCL: Mahara

PNS DEHRADUN

dent Karan Mahara has demanded that the government should order an inquiry on the connection of Sanjay Gupta, the key bidder of the

Indian Medicines Pharmaceutical Corporation Almora with the BJP leaders. He said that the process of privatization of IMPCL which is a profit making Public Sector Undertaking should be immediately stopped. Addressing a press conference at Rajiv Bhawan here on Thursday the PCC president said the IMPCL was set up in the year 1978 and it manufactures more than 1200 Ayurveda and Unani

The Pradesh Congress claimed that Gupta is report-committee (PCC) presiedly director in approximately 20 shell companies and is a relative of senior leader of BJP Limited (IMPCL) Mohan, companies owned by Gupta



medicines. In the last three areas of the State has stopped years the company has earned due to the refusal of the transprofit of Rs 15 crore, Rs 45 crore and Rs 29 crores respectively. He said that the livelihood of more than 5000 families is directly dependent on the company. Mahara said it have refused to transport the has come to the fore that ration. Mahara added that the Skymap Pharmaceuticals private limited owned by Sanjay Gupta has emerged as a key bidder in the process of pri-

vatisation of IMPCL. He ing the marriage season.

Fatal winters: Doctors warn senior citizens to take care

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

issues that can ultimately result in fatalities.

the medical superintendent at Deen Dayal Upadhyay District Hospital Dr V S individuals, who often have tend to become more sedentary during the winter months. "This lack of physical activity can impact blood circulation and make the heart problems, including their water intake, engage in heart attacks," he warned.

senior citizens with diabetes, asthma and infections are at higher risk, leading to an age- group.

Ram Lal. Mahara added that the connection between Sanjay Gupta, his companies and MD IMPCL should be investigated. He said that the role of the shell and their links with prominent politicians should also be investigated. Mahara said that Narendra Modi is continuing to sell the assets of the country and the privatization of IMPCL, a profit making company is a step in this direction. The PCC president said that the supply of ration under the public distribution system (PDS) in the mountainous



porter to ferry the grain. He said that the government has not paid the dues of the transporters from the last three to four years due to which they poor people residing in the mountainous areas of the State have got adversely affected by the paucity of the ration dur-

The rate of sudden deaths among senior citizens rises by an average of 10 to 15 per cent in the winter season, according to doctors. Asthma, a sedentary lifestyle. It is thus blood pressure and the risk of heart attacks increase during oritise their health during the this time, particularly for the elderly. Experts note that blood vessels constrict in colder weather, leading to an uptick in asthma attacks, heart such as high blood pressure problems and other health and diabetes, he said.

Speaking on this matter, Chauhan said that elderly weakened immune systems, seniors more susceptible to

During the winter season, increase in death rates for this

Compared to the summer season, there is an average 10-12 per cent rise in senior citizen mortality in winter due to crucial for the elderly to pricolder months by staying physically active indoors and adhering to their prescribed medications for conditions

Another physician at the district hospital Dr Praveen Panwar said that he would encounter a rise in cases of asthma, heart issues and other ailments among the seniors in the winter months. "Given my professional experiences, the death rate for senior citizens rises by 10-15 per cent in winter compared to summer,"

To counter things, the senior citizens should increase more physical activities and ensure timely consumption of medication for blood pressure, diabetes and other conditions, he said, adding that they are advised to include antioxidants in their diet during the winter season.

U'khand's identity

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Manveer Singh Chauhan said that the new land law introduced by the State government will be instrumental in preserving Uttarakhand's original identity. He emphasised that strict administrative measures are being undertaken to identify and verify illegal land transactions, creating unrest among those involved in such activ-

He said that as the land law nears implementation, authorities are uncovering records of significant land purchases, signaling that the process is on the right track. He stated that the State administration recently issued warnings to residents, advising them against selling land to outsiders who have made purchases violating legal provisions. Such transactions could lead to financial losses for locals, he said.

The media in-charge of He claimed that the large-Bharatiya Janata Party scale violations of land laws scale violations of land laws by outsiders have been a recurring concern since the State's formation and considering the limited land resources, the encroachments have long troubled local communities. Chauhan said that the State government plans to present a comprehensive report by a high-level committee in the upcoming budget session, addressing all critical aspects of the land

> He criticised opposition parties for politicising the issue unnecessarily and urged them to rise above biased politics, emphasising the need to demonstrate true Uttarakhandiyat by supporting the government's efforts. He assured that the BJP government is committed to providing a robust solution to the State's land issues through the enactment of the new law.

12 injured as bus carrying marriage party meets with an accident in Doon

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A private bus carrying 30 passengers met with an accident near the Lachhiwala Toll Plaza in the Doiwala area of Dehradun on Thursday. The bus, a 36-seater, was carrying people of a Baraat that was returning to Sangam Vihar in Delhi. According to the officials, the driver Bablu claimed that the brakes of the vehicle failed near the toll plaza due to which he lost control and the bus veered off the course and collided with the road divider.

The officials said that a female passenger, identified as 44-year-old Manju, sus-

Thursday. This three-day event focuses on addressing limate and environmenta challenges in the Himalayan region and this year's theme is water and natural resource management. The theme highlights the impor-

Silkyara tunnel mishap and tained serious injuries, emphasised promoting cliwhile 11 passengers suffered minor injuries. The conservation. The inaugurinjured included four al session was attended by women, three minors aged UCOST director Durgesh between five to 13 years old Pant while the keynote besides five men. They address was delivered by claimed that the police team was dispatched to the the agricultural scientist and spot and ensured that the injured passengers were Gajendra Singh. The opentaken to a hospital for treatment on time. The investigation is ongoing, they experts,

The Uttarakhand State researchers and policymakers.
Council of Science and Over 50 science and space Over 50 science and space exhibits by institutions like ISRO and NDRF attracted

significant attention, show-

Congress 2024 commences in Doon

mate and space research. Singh also talked about the urgent need for water conservation in sustainable agriculture and applauded local and casing advancements in cliglobal efforts toward envi-

ronmental sustainability. A book based on the Silkvara Framework was also launched during the evening session. The event will end on

the project director NHAI Vikas Mittal

had presented the report of survey DPR

to the DM and told him that in view of

envisaged traffic system, there was a

need to build an underpass before the

airport main gate for which they would

The DM said that 103 acres had

already been acquired by NHAI. "As far

as the remaining 10 acres of land is con-

cerned, that will also be transferred. But

before that, the airport director and the

assistant director should do a physical

need a total of 113 acres of land.

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2.	Loan Account No HE01DDN0000008966 & HE01DDN00000041928, Borrower & Co-Borrowers: 1. VIJAY KUMAR, 2. ANITA, 3. AKASH MAURYA, 4. M/S BABA MOTORS Through Its Proprietor (VIJAY KUMAR) R/O- Sangam Vihar, Harrawala, Dehradun 248001, Uttarakhand.		Rs. 34,14,517/- as on 06-09-2024 with further interest thereon.	Property Measuring 331.10 Sq. metres Situated At Mauza Harrawala, Pargana Parwadoon, Tehsil And District Dehradun Registered As Per Gift Deed Registered In Book No.01, Volume 7221 Page No. 183 To 208 Serial No. 516 Dated 28/01/2021.	27/11/2024			
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J and K, internal security, pro-Khalistan elements to figure at DGP, IGPs conference

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

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

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

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

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



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

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

ter has taken a keen interest

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

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

Academy, Hyderabad in 2016;

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

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

Before 2014, the deliberations largely focused on

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LS extends tenure for Waqf Bill Joint Committee amid Opp walkout

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

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

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



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

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

dently criticised the amendments proposed by the bill in the existing Waqf Act, alleging they violate the religious rights of Muslims.

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

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

"He was returned to India on

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Opposition parties have stri-

The ruling BJP has asserted

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

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

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



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

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

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

decision with regard to the

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

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

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

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

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

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

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

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

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



103,183 grievance officers on

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

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

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

Question Hour, when CM Nitish Kumar left the House.

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

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

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

Maner MLA Bhai Virendra

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

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

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

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

Prior to taking the oath, Soren,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Judiciary short of over

Security heightened ahead of Friday prayers in Sambhal

BISWAJEET BANERJEE LUCKNOW

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

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

In the urban areas, 18 critical points have been identified for magistrate deployment. The district administration has

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

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

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

Kerala finishes survey of unrecognised schools

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

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

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

by the chief minister to discuss the issue, and a list of schools

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 $P^{\text{arliament}}_{\text{continued for the third day}}$

on Thursday with both the

houses adjourned for the day

amid opposition protests over

the violence in Sambhal, Uttar

Pradesh, Manipur and the

In the Lok Sabha, Opposition members were in the Well of

the House raising slogans

demanding action against the

perpetrators of the violence in

Sambhal during a survey

being carried out in a mosque.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister

Kiren Rijiju flayed the protests

attempts by the Congress and

its allies in disrupting the

He said the opposition

members were protesting

House proceedings.

"I condemn the

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Adani issue.

saying,

along with available details will be handed over to him, Sivankutty said.

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

re access to mobile phones," Sivankutty said.

Amendment Bill and debate in

However, as the opposition

protests continued TDP

member Krishna Prasad

Tenneti, who was in the chair,

adjourned the proceedings for

Earlier, the Lok Sabha adopted

Amendment Bill till the last

day of the Budget session next

year. The House also witnessed

disruptions during the

Question Hour, soon after two

Congress leaders -- Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Ravindra

Chavan -- took oath as

members of the Lok Sabha.

a resolution granting minute extension to the Joint noon, Committee on the Waqf adjour

the House on certain issues.

should be excluded from school excursions for financial reasons. Guidelines concerning school trips and personal celebrations implemented immediately. The Director of

Public Education has been tasked with submitting a report on the measures taken in this regard within a week," the minister said. Stating that school excursions are often reduced to mere

recreational trips, with some schools charging exorbitant amounts and causing financial directly communicate these strain on economically matters to parents, as most of disadvantaged students, he said such excursions should be organised in a way that is He also stated that no student accessible to all students.

across both houses over Opposition demands

Proceedings of the Rajya

Sabha were washed out for the

third day in a row after opposition MPs created

uproar over the Adani issue

and the violence in Manipur

The proceedings of the Upper

House were adjourned within

minutes after it met at 12

adjournment soon after 11

Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar

to maintain decorum and

allow the Question Hour to

function went unheeded as the

continued with their protests.

The chairman said Wednesday

marked a historic milestone --

following

appeals made by

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Parliament continues to witness disruption

and Sambhal.

opposition

The opposition has been the beginning of the final

agreeing to their demands for extension of the tenure of the Joint Committee on the Waqf Sambhal violence.

Manipur schools, colleges reopen from November 28

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

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

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

An order issued by the Directorate of Education-Schools said, "Normal classes will resume for all schools of

Constitution turns 100 -- and

lamented that the House

opportunity to engage in a

This was a moment for our

House of Elders, guided by the

spirit of nationalism, to send a

powerful message of hope to

1.4 billion Indians, reaffirming

our commitment to their

dreams and our journey towards 'Viksit Bharat at

"Yet, with deep regret, I must

say we missed this historic opportunity. Where there should have been productive

dialogue echoing the collective

aspirations of our nation. We

fell short of our people's

Dhankhar said this chamber is

more than just a House of

Debate. It is where our

national spirit finds its voice

expectations," he lamented.

productive dialogue.

2247'," he said.

members

missed

the state, government, government aided, private and schools central November 29."

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

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

great nation takes shape, he

"Parliamentary disruption is

not a remedy but a malady

that weakens the very

foundation of our democracy.

The sanctity of this house

demands debate, not discord;

dialogue, not disruption," he

said as opposition members continued with sloganeering

The chairman said, "When we

deviate from constructive

discussion, we fail to honour

the trust of millions who look

to us as the guardians of their

"I urge you all to embrace the

spirit of meaningful dialogue.

Let us return to our tradition

of thoughtful discussion and

deliberation. In this spirit, I

request your cooperation in

proceeding with today's agenda," he urged the

democratic aspirations.

said.

and protests.

courts have collective vacancies of over 360, the Rajya Sabha was informed on Thursday. In a written reply, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwwal also said the Supreme Court, with a

sanctioned strength of 34

judges, including the chief justice of India, has two

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

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

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



Members in the Rajya Sabha during the Winter session of Parliament

HCs is 1,114 judges.

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

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

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

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

HRERA warns realty cos to file annual reports

The views of the states and the

PARVESH SHARMA **GURUGRAM**

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

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

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

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

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

quarter-century before our and where the destiny of our protesting members. despite the government pressing for discussions on Power struggle breaks out in MahaYuti after Shinde bows out



TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

Fadnavis will in all likelihood

be the next chief minister of

Maharashtra, the power-

sharing formula will remain

more or less the same – there will be a chief minister and two deputy chief ministers in the government. While Fadnavis will be at the helm of affairs, Shinde and Ajit Pawar will be his two deputies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

previous Shinde Cabinet, there

were 29 ministers - all

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

Cabinet-ranked ones.

However, given that the MahaYuti has got absolute mandate, the chief minister-tobe in the new government will give representation to all the regions in the state -- Mumbai-Konkan, Western Maharashtra, Maharashtra, Marathwada and

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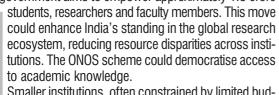
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One nation, one subscription

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

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



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

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



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

Countering China's African influence



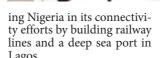
Prime Minister Modi's visit to Nigeria highlights India's bid to rejuvenate ties with the African nation and counter China's growing influence through partnerships

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

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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Unpaid care workers: The neglected workforce



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SIDHU SPARKS CONTROVERSY Madam — The former cricketer and

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

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

A P Thiruvadi | Chennai

MINORITIES RAISE CONCERNS

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

Protecting mental health of Children



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

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

Jayanthy Subramaniam | Mumbai

GANGA UNSAFE FOR BATHING

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

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

because, as we know that social media is caus-

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

information and false news has become the

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

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

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TRUMP 2.0: STEEP TARIFFS ON CARDS

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



KUMARDEEP BANARJEE

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

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



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

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

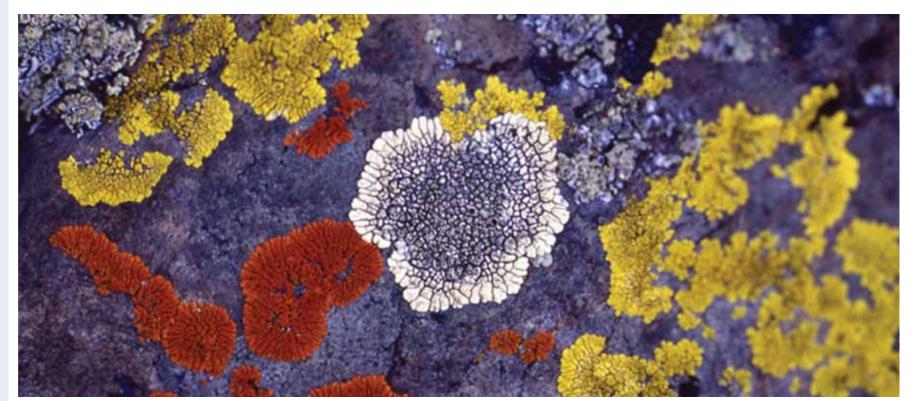
It may be worth noting that India has a trade surplus with the US, a point Mr Trump will keep in mind to extract his side of the deal. Meanwhile, the expected tightening of the trade environment between the US and China would have a significant impact on the global economy. China would have to find newer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

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

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Climate change and Lichens: The tiny titans of nature

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



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

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

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



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

BIOCHEMICAL WEATHERING AND **CREATING NUTRIENT-RICH** SOIL PAVING THE WAY FOR OTHER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

demise. Again, acid rain, caused resource the lichens are, they are reportedly in a losing evolution-ary race against climate change. A 2022 study reveals that it could need more than one million years to adjust to the ecological crisis created due to just one degree

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

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

(The writers are Former PCCFs of UP and Maharashtra; views

Educate. Advocate. Act Now: Confronting antimicrobial resistance

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

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

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





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

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

A New Era of Medicine The discovery of penicillin by Alexander Fleming in 1928 marked a turning point in medical history. By the 1940s, penicillin was widely used to treat infections

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

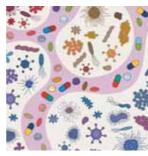
These "miracle drugs" revolutionised healthcare, microbes and the role of enabling complex surgeries, hygiene were poorly under- cancer therapies, and organ stood, enabling infectious transplants that depended

trol. Antibiotics became synonymous with progress and hope, reshaping our approach to health and longevity.

AMR: A Global Crisis in the Making

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Public education is a power-

ful tool in combating AMR.

Raising awareness about the

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

sible antimicrobial use. Advocate:

Governments, healthcare organisations, and advocacy groups play a pivotal role in addressing AMR. Policies that regulate antimicrobial use in agriculture, improve prescribing practices, and promote the use of diagnostics can help mitigate resis-Antimicrobial tance. Stewardship Programmes in hospitals encourage responsible antibiotic use, ensuring

ing unnecessary exposure. (The writer is Neuropsychopharmacology Ínstitute of Human Behaviour & Allied Sciences & President, DSPRUD; views are

patients receive appropriate

treatment while minimis-

Dhaka High Court refuses to ban ISKCON in Bangladesh

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

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

Hindu leader Chinmoy Krishna Das, who was arrested this week, was earlier expelled from ISKCON. His arrest triggered clashes on Tuesday during which Advocate Saiful Islam, an assistant public prosecutor, was killed. When the High Court proceed-

ings started on Thursday, the attorney general's office placed the information sought by the court before the bench of Justice Farah Mahbub and Justice Debasish Roy Chowdhury, The Daily Star said. Additional Attorney General Aneek R Haque and Deputy Attorney General Asad Uddin informed the HC bench that three separate cases have been filed in connection with the murder of lawver Saiful Islam Alif and ISKCON's activities, and 33 accused have been arrested in these cases.

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

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

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

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

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

by the Chattogram's Sixth

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

Bangladesh.

Pakistan, China hold military level talks on counter-terrorism

PTI ISLAMABAD

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

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

General Zhang held a one-onone meeting with Army Chief Gen Asim Munir on Wednesday, followed by dele-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

unwavering support for

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

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

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

religious freedom and human

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

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

fundamentalist organisation' Kand said. This baseless accusation, spearheaded by the attorney gener-

Bangladeshi government has

shockingly labelled ISKCON, a

ian organisation, a "religious

globally respected humanitar

al, comes alongside a petition to ban ISKCON, which has fed millions worldwide, promoted interfaith harmony, and provided critical humanitarian aid in Bangladesh during disasters. Such a move undermines global religious tolerance and human rights, he said. In a social media post, popu-

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

held peaceful protests in various US cities against the arrest radical Islamist groups, the

Russian missile, drone attack targets Ukraine's energy infrastructure

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

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

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

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

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

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

Russia in previous years has targeted Ukraine's electricity generation, aiming to deny civilians critical heating and drinking water supplies during the bitter winter months and break Ukrainian spirits.

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

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

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

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

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

more than half a million house-

holds without electricity. Over 280,000 households in the northwestern Rivne region were without electricity because of the attack, according to regional Gov. Oleksandr Koval. Running water supplies were also patchy in affected areas. Some schools in Rivne city switched to online classes There were also strikes on the bordering Volyn region, where 215,000 households had no

Rudnytskyi said. All critical infrastructure that lost power was switched to generators. Energy infrastructure was also targeted in the western Ivano-Frankivsk region, local officials said. Air defences were activated there, and emergency power outages were introduced.

electricity, regional head Ivan

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

Bangladesh seeks Hasina's trial in ICC

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sheikh Hasina condemns arrest of Hindu spiritual leader, seeks release

PTI DHAKA

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

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

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



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

Israel-Hezbollah ceasefire holds

AP ■ TYRE (LEBANON)

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

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

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

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

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

days," said Mohammed Kaafarani, 59, who was displaced from the Lebanese village of Bidias. "We reached a point

ical extremist wings.

where there was no place to The US- and France-brokered deal, approved by Israel late Tuesday, calls for an initial twomonth halt to fighting and requires Hezbollah to end its

armed presence in southern Lebanon, while Israeli troops are to return to their side of the bor-Thousands of additional

Lebanese troops and UN peace-keepers would deploy in the

south, and an international panel

Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said troops arrested four Hezbollah operatives, including a local commander, who had entered what it referred to as a restricted area. It said troops have been ordered to prevent people from returning to villages near the border.

headed by the United States

Israel says it reserves the right to strike Hezbollah should it violate

the terms of the deal. Prime

would monitor compliance.

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

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

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

A complex attack involving exploding pagers and walkie-talkies, widely attributed to Israel, appeared to show a remarkable

degree of penetration into the

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

honked their horns and residents cheered.

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

"It will be even more beautiful. And I say to Netanyahu that you

because we are back and the others (Israelis) didn't come back." Other Lebanese are more critical of Hezbollah, accusing it of having dragged the economically devastated country into an unnecessary war on behalf of its patron, Iran. They control us and we can't do anything about it. This war killed whoever it killed and now

have lost, and lost, and lost

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

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

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

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

Zuckerberg dines with

Trump in Mar-a-Lago

Donald Trump dined on Wednesday with Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg at the president-elect's Mar-a-Lago club in Florida, bring-

ing together the Facebook founder and the for

mer president who was once banned from that

Stephen Miller, who has been appointed deputy

chief of staff for Trump's second term, said

Zuckerberg, like other business leaders, wants

to support Trump's economic plans. The tech

CEO has been seeking to change his company's

perception on the right following a rocky rela-

"Mark, obviously, he has his own interest, and

he has his own company and he has his own

agenda," Miller said in an interview on Fox News

about the meeting. "But he's made clear that he

wants to support the national renewal of

A spokesperson for Meta confirmed that

Zuckerberg and Trump met on Wednesday, say-

ing he was invited for dinner with the presidentelect and other members of his team to talk

Trump was kicked off Facebook following the

January 6, 2021 attack on the US Capitol. The

During the 2024 campaign, Zuckerberg did not

Zuckerberg has since taken a more positive

stance toward Trump. Earlier this year, he

praised Trump's response to his first assassination attempt, calling it "badass." Zuckerberg also

complained that senior Biden administration

Still, Trump in recent months had continued to

attack Zuckerberg publicly. In July, he posted a

message on his own social network Truth Social

threatening to send election fraudsters to

prison in part by citing a nickname he used for the Meta CEO. "ZUCKERBUCKS, be careful!"

The Thanksgiving eve visit also comes as tech

mogul Elon Musk has become more influential

in Trump's Make America Great Again move-

ment, contributing an estimated UŠD 200 mil-

lion through his political action committee to

help elect Trump. Musk is the billionaire

owner of the X social network, a competitor to

Musk has spent considerable time at Mar-a-Lago

since the election, and Trump selected him to

lead an outside advisory panel known as the

"Department of Government Efficiency

(DOGE)" to identify waste with Vivek

Ramaswamy, a venture capitalist and former

GOP presidential candidate.

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PTI ■ PESHAWAR

US embassy in Pak

issues securiy alert

The US Mission here has issued a security alert urging its citizens not to visit Peshawar in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province in northwest

Pakistan until December 16 due to "security concerns." The security alert titled 'Threat to

Serena Hotel, Peshawar' advising the US

Mission personnel to avoid the said hotel in

Peshawar, the capital of the province, was issued

on Wednesday and advised caution with imme-

diate effect. "US citizens are encouraged to avoid

the hotel and the area around the hotel during

this period and reconsider travel plans," the

statement read and reminded the US citizens

to revisit the 'Do Not Travel' advisory issued in

September for the same province "due to ter-

rorism." The September 10 advisory lists the

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at 'Level 4' of the threat

"Active terrorist and insurgent groups routine-

ly conduct attacks against civilians, non-govern-

mental organisations, government offices, and

security forces. "These groups historically have

targeted both government officials and civilians.

Assassination and kidnapping attempts are com-

mon, including the targeting of polio eradica-

perception in the 'Do Not Travel' category.

COVID-19 content during the pandemic.

company restored his account in early 2023.

America under Trump's leadership.

about the incoming administration.

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AP ■ FORT LAUDERALE(US)

social network.

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

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

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

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

Canada in with Mexico is

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

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

investing in for national secu-

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

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

is holding an emergency virtu-

सार्वजनिक सूचना

मेरे मुवक्किलगण राकेश कुमार पुत्र धीरज सिंह निवासीगण मकान नंबर 7/32 यधिष्ठिर गली विश्वास नगर शाहदरा दिल्ली 110032 ने अपने पुत्र मनीष कुमार व पुत्रवधु नंदनी को उनके दुर्वयवहार के कारण अपनी समस्त चल-अचल . संपत्ति से बेदखलकर संबंध-विच्छेद कर लिए हैं उनके किसी भी कार्य व लेनदेन हेतु मेरे मोहित बंसल एडवोकेट चैम्बर न0-एफ-303

कड़कड़डूमा कोर्ट कॉम्प्लेक्स दिल्ली-32

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Deepak
Kumar Ray who is purchasing the Freehold
Residential House bearing no.45, ara
admeasuring 100sq. vgk (83.61 sq. mtrs) out of
Khasra no.1290, situated in Village-Loni
(Chakhbandi Bahar), Sudesh Vihar, Pargana &
Tehsil-Loni, District-Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh
from Mrs. Chandrawati owner vide Sale Deed
dated 22.08.2022 (Vide Doc. No.13057)
executed by Mrs. Satto and same to be finance &
mortgage by Muthoot Homefin (India) Ltd.
(MHIL). That, Original Sale Deed dated 99.04.2013 (Vide Doc. No.14262) executed by
Mrs. Munni Devi in favour of Mrs. Satto has
bistrinisplaced. So, to comply the requirements of
BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any
person having any type of claim/right/title/
interest/creating mortgage over the said property
may inform in writing, at the address mentioned
below, about his objections, within 7 days
from today, failing which it shall be presumed
that the said property is free from all type of
Encumbrances, liene te. Lucem Legal LLP
B-938, Second Floor, Opp. SBI Bank
Sector 2.Noida,UP-201301Contact#0120-4269379

Mode of Tender

OPEN TENDER NOTICE

The Director/Admin, Northern Railway Central Hospital, New Delhi-110055, for and on behalf of the President of India invites sealed open electronic-tenders for unde noted work:

Name of Work	Approximate Cost of Work	Earnest Money to be deposited	Completion period	Date open
Outsourcing of pest control work of Northern Railway		Rs 57,600/-	36 Months	24.12.2
Central Hospital, New [24 x7) in the section of H		l6 mor		

The e-tender is, to be submit through railway website 'www.ireps.gov.in'. The tenders can be submit on website up to 15:00 hrs. on 24.12.2024 and shall be opened there after. NO: 128-W-269-O.E.T-07- NRCH-2024-25 Date: 28.11.2024 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE 3675/24

ning

Kumar, Mrs. Rajani and Mr. Ajay Jain and Now Mrs. Rani is the undisputed owner of the said property. OR Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null

it is to inform to the public at large that Mrs. Rani had acquired Ground Floor without roof rights of

Built up Property bearing Municipal No. 9957, area 84.5 sq. yrds., situated at Gali No. 4, Sarai Rohilla, Delhi vide Sale Deed Dt. 13.06.2024 executed by Mrs. Himanshu Aloria, Mrs. Sunita, Mr. Vishal

and void and also treated as waived and not binding Aiav Kumar Giri (Advocate) H No. 26/161. Rasemer

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

The Deputy Chief Engineer Const.-II, Shivaji bridge, Northern Railway, New Delh for and on behalf of the President of India invites open E-Tender for the following work. Tender closing date- 20.12.2024 at 15:00 hrs. Bidders will be able to subr their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are no allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored Bidder should visit the www.ireps.gov.in website for all details including

E-Tender (Two Packet) (Open Tender)

Tender	Notice No.	140-W-Dy.CE-C-II-CSB Date: 28.11.2024				
Full Name			er bridge in lieu of existing level crossing ween SKF-KAT station with Bow String			
of work	Girder/Bow Shaped Truss along with Construction of LHS by pushing method and other allied works on GZB-SRE section of Delhi division.					
Approx		22,730/- (Rs. Twe even hundred thirt	enty one crore fifty two lacs twenty two y Only.)			
Bid sed (Cash/	curity BG) amount	Rs. 12,26,100/- (Rs. Twelve lacs twenty-six thousand one hundred Only)				
Compl	etion period	24 (Twenty Four) Months				
tender	oility of document . website	Available on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in . Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS web site up to 20.12.2024.				
Tender	start date	28.11.2024				
Tender	closing date	20.12.2024 upto	oto 15:00 hrs.			
Date a	nd time of op	ening of tender	20.12.2024 upto 15:00 hrs.			

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INVITING EOI FOR PURCHASING DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES

Notice No. Mech./DSL/Condemnation/2015/20 Vol-I Dated: 26-11-2024 The principal Chief Electrical Engineer of Electrical Department, N.F. Railway invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from prospective purchasers for purchase of 18 Nos. of WDG3A Diesel Locomotives (Loco No. 13200 13210, 13241, 13219, 13220, 13227, 13228, 13242, 14755, 14757 14761 & 14859 of Malda Town Diesel shed & Loco No. 13004, 13010 13014, 13387, 14836 & 14844 of New Guwahati Diesel shed) of N.F. Railway. These Locomotives are surplus ALCO Diesel Locos and aged more than 15 years in running condition. Locomotives can be inspected at Diesel sheds, Malda Town and Diesel shed, New Guwahati. For any queries please contact Dy.CME/DSL/NFR on any working day (Monday Friday) between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM (Contact No. 9957550408), The responds may be submitted in an envelope super scribed "EOI FOR PURCHASING DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES IN RUNNING CONDITION" to the address mentioned below, latest by 14-12-2024. Proposal may also be sent by email to ssedsImlg@gmail.com Office of the PCEE, N. F .Railway, Maligaon, Guwahati-781011.

Address: Office of the PCEE, NF Railway, Maligaon, Guwahati-781011



e tenders are hereby invited for the purchase and supply of following items:-

Sr.	Name of Work/Item	Period/Tentative
No.		Qty
1.	For Verka Head Office, Chandigarh	Annual/
	Purchase of different items	
	a) Paper Gallon	
	i. 2 Ltr	10 K
	ii. 4 Ltr	10 K
	iii. 5 Ltr	65 K
	b) Milk Pouch Tray	1.50 Lac
	i. HDPE Tray	
	ii. PPCP Tray	
	c) Polyliner	
	25 kg SMP Polyliner	75 MT
	d) Paneer Bags	
	i. 2kg	15 MT
	ii. 5kg	5 MT
	e) Citric Acid	2.5 MT
	f) Caustic Soda Lye	1400 MT
	2. Empanelment of statutory auditor for financial years 2024-25 to 2026-27	
	for:-	
	i. Milkfed, Pb.	2024-25
	ii. Verka Ludhiana Dairy, Verka Amritsar Dairy & Verka Patiala Dairy.	to
	iii. Verka Mohali Dairy.	2026-27
2.	For Verka Bathinda Dairy	
	Hiring of vehicles for sale depot bathinda & verka bathinda dairy for supply of	
	W.M.P.S.M.P Panjiri, Ghee, Butter, Powder, Tetra Pack & others products all Punjab	As per requirement
	& other states. Capacity 09 Ton,15 Ton, 20 Ton, 25 Ton.	
3.	For Verka Patiala Dairy	
	Hiring of :-	
	i Vehicle for procurement marketing activities and extension work etc for Verka	03 No's

b) Hiring of passenger vehicles innova crysta without driver for minimum running of 01 No. 2000 kms per month on lump sum basis. For Cattle Feed Plant Bhattian, (Khanna) Khanna Magnese Sulphate b) Live Yeast (saccharomyees cerevisiae) 20 MT HMTba Chelates (Zine, Copper, Maganese) HMTba Molecule 1MT(1000kg) Potassium iodide Hiring of two five seater AC car model less than 7year old 02 cars

Dy. General Manager (Purchase)

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

No. SSA-33/14/2024-TT-SS/I/825165/2024

Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha Axom, Kahilipara, Guwahati-Assam invites tender through e-tendering process for supply of Kit of Hand Writing improvement and Calligraphy.

To participate in this tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and have to register in the portal https:// assamtenders.gov.in by themselves.

The bidder who have downloaded the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender online on the website https://assamtenders.gov.in, with proof of payment of non refundable tender fee of Rs. 5000.00 (Rupees five thousand) only. The tender should be submitted online as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.



Janasanyog/CF/2411/24/29-Nov-24

Sd/-Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha Axom Kahilipara, Guwahati-19



U GRO Capital Limited 4th Floor, Tower 3, Equinox Business Park, LBS Road, Kurla, Mumba

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

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **UGRO Capital Limited**, having its registered office at 4th Floor, Tower 3, Equinox Business Park, LBS Road, Kurla, Mumbai 400070 ,under the ecuritisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security nterest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice to repay the amount mentioned in the notice together with interest thereon, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise f powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the said ules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.on the day, month and year mentioned below. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the

operty and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **UGRO Capital Limite** or the amount mentioned in the notice together with interest thereon. The borrower's attention invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets Possessio **Borrower Details Demand Notice** Mortgaged Property "All that piece and parcel of immovable 1.Sai General and roperty situated at the colony known as "Hari Nagar", of Entire Third Floor with Kiryana Store 2.Sushma

33,98,380/- as on 05.08.2024 UGDELTH0000001248

05.08.2024 for

Roof Right of Front Side Portion, Build on 28-11-2024 ty No. Be-A/136, Area Measuring 60 Sq. Yds. Out Of Khasra No. 1926/1, Village Tihar, New Delhi- 110064*

INVITING EOI FOR PURCHASING DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES OF DIESEL LOCO SHED

Notice No.: Mech./DSL/Condemnation/2015/20 Vol-I Dated: 25-11-2024 The principal Chief Electrical Engineer of Electrical Department

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

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

Dy. CME/D/HQ



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

DELHI - 110085, TEL: 011-27940673, 8925951506

(APPENDIX IV) POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

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

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

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

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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

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

Sd/- Authorized Officer

rity service (police and military) personnel," it

office, other countries respond-ed with retaliatory tariffs of

aluminium.

Many of the US products were

and September 2024.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Poorvi D/o Anuj Kumar

Gupta R/o House No. 51,

Abhav Khand-1, Indirapuram,

changed my name to Poorvi

I, Kamaldeep S/o Chander

Mohan R/o Flat No. 1D,

Himalaya Legend, Nyay

changed my name to Kamal

I, Abhishek Kumar S/o Yugal

Aged about 30 Years, R/0-

Suleman Nagar, Delhi-110086

Confirmed that my correct

name is Rohit Kumar not

Rohit and also confirmed that

Rohit Kumar and Rohit both

are the same and one person.

I, Mithlesh Devi, Mother of-

No.2897750N Hav Vinod

Kumar, R/o- Vill- Nagla Aam,

Post- Akhwai, Teh- Kirawali,

Dist- Agra, U.P.- 283102, have

changed my name from

Mithlesh Devi to Mithlesh,

28/11/2024 before Notary

I, Dhanji Bhai father of JC-

471361W Rank Ex Sub Clk

Name Makwana Nilesh

Dhanjibhai, resident of

Dharamnagar, Maudi Plot

Main Road, Near Sardar Patel

Bording, Near Momai Pan,

Rajkot, Gujarat, PIN-360004,

have changed my name from

Dhanji Bhai to Makwana

Dhanjibhai Kurjibhai vide

Affidavit dated 28/11/2024

I, Santa Ben mother of JC-

471361W Rank Ex Sub Clk

Name Makwana Nilesh

Dhanjibhai, resident of

Dharamnagar, Maudi Plot

Main Road, Near Sardar Patel

Bording, Near Momai Pan,

Rajkot, Gujarat, PIN - 360004,

have changed my name from

Santa Ben to Makwana

Shantaben Dhanjibhai vide

Affidavit dated 28/11/2024

I, Tasleem Hussain S/o-

Nawab Ali, R/o- T-3, Old

Nangal, Delhi Cantt, South

West Delhi, Delhi-110010,

have changed the name of

my minor daughter Anshra

Batul aged 11 year and she

shall hereafter be known as

before Notary Public Delhi.

before Notary Public Delhi.

affidavit

Public Delhi.

PD(986)A

Indirapuram,

PD(987)A

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PD(989)C

dated

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PD(991)C

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Ghaziabad-201014

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All Future Purposes

Khand-1,

Deep Tandon.

Canadian officials say lumping

steel, aluminium and uranium to the US and has 34 critical minerals and metals that the

Pentagon is eager for and

Chrystia Freeland said. Trump has pledged to cut

fifth of the US oil supply. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

al meeting on Wednesday with the leaders of Canada's provinces, who want Trudeau to negotiate a bilateral trade deal with the United States that excludes Mexico.

एवं श्रीमती पिंकी पत्नी श्री राकेश कमा मवक्किलगण जिम्मेदार नहीं होंगे ।

PUBLIC NOTICE is for general information that

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

PARCEL HANDLING CONTRACT

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

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Kishor Singh & Usha Devi, PUBLIC NOTICE E/120/2, First Floor, Hari Rhown to all that I, Rama Sethi W/o s Narain Sethi R/o H.No.268, Block,C na Vihar. Delhi- 110053 is the owner Nagar, Ashram New Dellhiamuna Vihar, Delhi - 110053 is the owner of tox No. 238, Block C-4, Situated at Yamun ihar, Delhi has applied for Conversion of the foresaid property in DDA Vide onlin pplication/Request ID No.LD42/73//LAB/COI 26082024. The original Perpetual Lease Dee (Idlothemt Letter, Handing Over Possessio etter, Site Possession Slip, Form-C & Form-I for fix has how hot As A been lett As well as the coff the above lett As I was not a few and the supervised to the complete of the com 110014, Have Changed My Name from Abhishek Kumar to Abhishek Usha Singh For ter, Site Possession Slip,Form-C & Form-of the above plot have been lost.An FIR R to this effect has lodged in Crime Branc ice Station, New Delhi, vide SO No. 430/2C RNo. 2344541/2024 dated 27.11.2 024. Ar son(s) Claiming any right, interest, havin objection or found in possession of origin I, Rohit Kumar S/o Sh. Shyam ny opecution or round in possession of origina ocuments, may write/contact with above amed person at above address/phone No 371435462 within 15 days from the date o iblication of this notice. The person claiming wright interest chilections with consect. Lal R/o H.No.B-11, Khubram Park, Prem Nagar-1, Kirari

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

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

same to me or to the Company.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

vailing loan facility. the aforesaid original said documents or an of them are/is found or have/has been found b any person, the same may be returned an ly person, the same may be returned an insidered to the undersigned at the address entioned herein below. Further, if any persor oddy, institution is having any claim and/cojection in respect of the said property e/she/they may raise his/her/ the institutions in withing with documentary ection/s, in writing, with documentary dence, by Registered AD Post, to the dersigned at the address mention ein below within 15 days of publication refer below within 15 days of publication of is notice. Otherwise, after expiry of 18 lays from the date of publication of this notice o objection shall be acceptable and the id property shall be mortgaged by ou ent in favour of Kotak Mahindra Prime nited and no objection shall be acceptab against such mortgage.
eneral Public may also take note that an eal or transaction done by anybody on the said of tense and documents or any of ther hall be illegal and not binding on our clien

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

THE PUNJAB STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION LTD.

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

03 No's Milk Plant (Swift Dezire, Toyta Etios, Honda Amaze i.e Sedan cars) Innova crystal for procurement & marketing activities etc. 01 No. Cold Store for storage of white butter (-18°C). Annual Refrigerated vehicles with data logger for transportation of Verka Ahmedabad. Annual/ 07 MT (As & when required Dec 2024 to March 2025/ 2000 MT For Jalandhar Dairy 2000 MT a) Steam Coal having calorific value not less than 5500 Kcal/Kg (900-1000 MT per month) b) Hiring of insulated vehicles for supply of packed milk and fresh milk products i jalandhar, kapurthala and shaheed bhagat singh nagar district. Annual c) e- Tender are invited for disposal of unserviceable scrap material and machinen one time basic and annual rate contract. As per site For Verka Ludhiana Dairy a) Transportation of LSHS/ HSP (Heavy Petroleum Stock) from Panipat/ Mathur GKB 02 MT (2000 kg) 2.3 MT(2300 kg) 14 MT 15 MT,8MT,5MT|11.5MT,2MT,5MT 0.12MT(120kg)

For Cattle Feed Plant Ghania-ke-Banger a) Transportation of Verka cattle feed and mineral feed supplement to various stations in the state of Punjab. Annual (11.12.2024 to b) Disposal of old bardana jute gunny bags above 50kg, katta upto 50kg & plastic 10.12.2025)/ kattas. Approx. 13-14 lakh bags For Branch Sales Office, Jammu Annual Hiring of commercial vehicles for material load of less than 01 MT, 01 MT, 1.5 MT (01.01.2025 till to 2.5 MT, 4.5 MT, 06 MT, 09 MT & 10 MT for supply of Verka Milk Products from

1. For complete details regarding above tender (NIT), please visit our website i.e. www.verka.coop & e Tendering portal i.e. eproc.punjab.gov.in. Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website only

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

& Kashmir and Union territory of Ladakh.

31.12.2025) Initially & may be

extended for another equal period

tion teams and government of Pakistan secu-Huda Fatima. NA/12/26709/2023/39617 Dated CHD :- 11/28/2024 PD(993)C

NSE, Meghalaya Government ink pact for youth in BFSI sector

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Government collects ₹ 1.44 lakh crore in toll tax since 2000

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

Collection) Rules, 2008 and the respective Concession Agreement. "Amount of 1.44 lakh crore

rupees have been collected as

user fee at fee plazas presently operational under Public Private Partnerships (PPP) model on National Highways since December, 2000," he said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

dollar on Thursday, weighed

down by a negative trend in

domestic equities and broad

strength of the American

Forex traders said a mixed-

to-weak tone in crude oil

At the interbank foreign

exchange, the rupee opened at 84.45 and touched the

lowest level of 84.50 against the greenback during intra-

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

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

The rupee hit its lowest-ever

closing level of 84.50 on

On Wednesday, the rupee depreciated by 11 paise to

close at 84.40 against the US

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

month-end dollar demand

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

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

Another 47 per cent are in the exploratory phase, investigating

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

However, overall weakness in

crude oil prices and fresh FII

inflows may support the

"US markets will remain

closed today to observe the

USD-INR spot price is

expected to trade in a range

of Rs 84.35 to Rs 84.70," said

Anuj Choudhary - Research

Analyst at Mirae Asset

According to traders, the

rupee at lower levels.

Thanksgiving Holiday.

Sharekhan.



Rupee falls nine paise against US dollar

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

revealed a significant shift in

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

term interest rates, reducing

the appeal of dollar-

denominated assets and contributing to the decline in

Meanwhile, the dollar index,

which gauges the greenback's

strength against a basket of

six currencies, was trading

higher by 0.25 per cent at

the Dollar Index.

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

benchmark, rose 0.08 per

cent to USD 72.89 per barrel

On the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE

Sensex slumped 1,190.34

points or 1.48 per cent to

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

1.49 per cent to 23,914.15

points. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) infused Rs

7.78 crore in the capital

markets on a net basis on

Wednesday, according to exchange data.

in futures trade.

per cent of respondents cited lack of skilled talent and limited understanding of

GenAI's capabilities as major

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty

Esensex and Nifty surrendered early gains to

plunge nearly 1.50 per cent on

Thursday, weighed down by

intense selling in market

and HDFC Bank amid a

mixed trend in global

The BSE benchmark Sensex

slumped 1,190.34 points or

1.48 per cent to settle at 79,043.74. During the day, it tanked 1,315.16 points or 1.63

per cent to 78,918.92. The NSE Nifty tumbled

360.75 points or 1.49 per cent

"Domestic markets took a

breather after a strong start to

the week. The overnight sell-

off in the US market, driven

by renewed uncertainty about

the rate cut trajectory and

rising geopolitical tension, led

stocks," Vinod Nair, Head of

Research, Geojit Financial

correction

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equities.

to 23,914.15.

heavyweight

Services, said.

consumer

Sensex tumbles nearly 1,200

points to slip below 80k

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

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

Tax teams in companies will need to step out of their comfort zones and start addressing newer problems around tax function strategy, processes, data quality, audit readiness and so on," Bansal said. In the context of shift in ways of working, the survey highlighted a trend of tax skills being complemented very well by It also found that 46 per cent technology skills.

Adani Ports, Bajaj Finance,

Tech Mahindra, Titan, Tata

Reliance Industries and

Power Grid were among the

On the other hand, State Bank

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

while Shanghai and Hong

European markets were trading higher. The US

markets ended lower on

Wednesday. The decline in

tech companies dragged

Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 7.78 crore

on Wednesday, according to

exchange data. Global oil benchmark Brent

American indices

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Kong ended lower.

of India was the only gainer.

Services,

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laggards.

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Foreign

domestic, short international flights in 2025



PTI NEW DELHI

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

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

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

for more than two years, said the airline group has a domestic market share of around 29 per cent and 55 per cent on the metro to metro routes. On top 120 domestic routes,

the market share is about 40 per cent, he said. According to him, the retrofit

of legacy wide-body aircraft will start in early 2025.

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

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

About growth for 2025, he

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PTI NEW DELHI

from importers.

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

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

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



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

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

addressing Global Economic Authorised Operator (AEO) Conference

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PTI NEW DELHI

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

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

ATF in July 2022. The finance ministry is going to review the windfall tax and tax being mobilised out of this,

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

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

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

fortnightly based on average oil prices in two weeks. The last such revision took

place effective August 31 when the windfall tax on crude petroleum was set at Rs 1,850 per tonne The SAED on the export of diesel, petrol and jet fuel or

ATF, has been retained at 'nil' with effect from September 18. India first imposed windfall profit taxes on July 1, 2022, joining a host of nations that tax supernormal profits of Ministry in this regard, energy companies.

INBRIEF

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



GNDU OBSERVES CONSTITUTION DAY

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

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

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

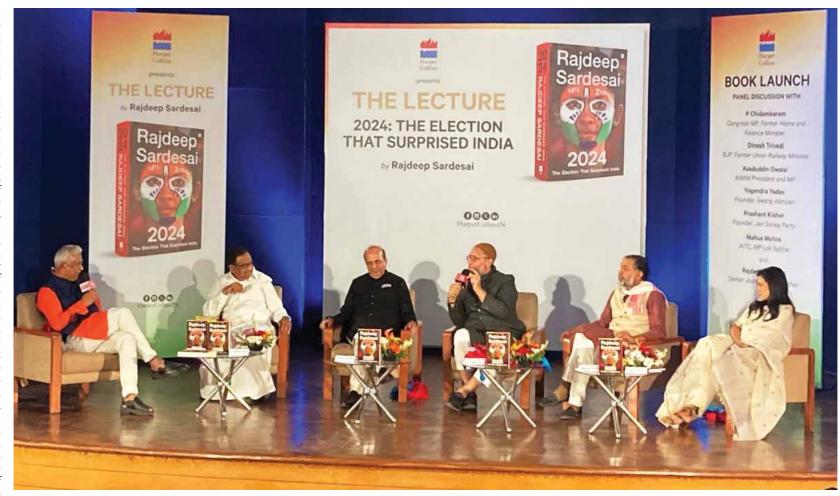
The narrative explores the operational strategies of the Modi-Shah political team, the role of enforcement agencies during the elections, and the controversies surrounding the fairness of the electoral process. Sardesai highlights the fierce battles in state elections and provides nuanced insights into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

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

A LIVELY LAUNCH EVENT

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

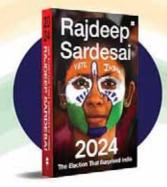
The distinguished panel included prominent political figures such as P. Chidambaram, senior Congress leader; Mahua Moitra, the fiery Trinamool Congress MP; Dinesh Trivedi, former Railway Minister; and Asaduddin



OK LAUNCH SPAI INSIGHTFUL DEBA

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

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



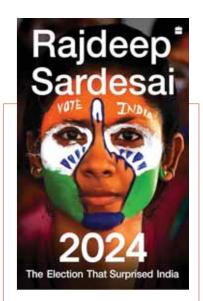
RAJDEEP SARDESAI

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

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

social justice. On the other hand, Mahua Moitra

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



ABOUT THE BOOK

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

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

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

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

that the rightward shift in Indian politics is real and here to stay. While this shift might not be irreversible, it is the reality of the day, nevertheless!



The Wife and the Dancing Girl, Anuja

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

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

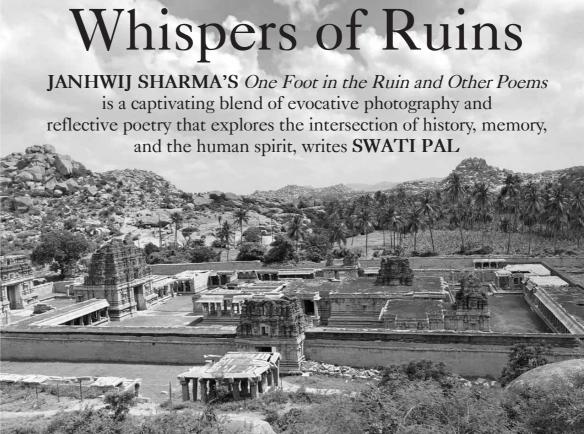
n Unpolitically Correct, Satya Mohanty, a former senior bureaucrat, delivers a provocative critique of India's governance and economic policies. With growing inequality and 1% of the population holding a disproportionate share of wealth, the book questions whether this disparity is inevitable or the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

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

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

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

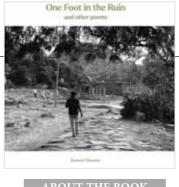
Silent spaces haunting... filtering rays of hope Here, Sharma's ruins filter light, will be the ruin's whispering tales





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

Is there a way to hear the ruins still telling tales of its proud past with all moments it lived cherished and felt... Time feels alive within these ruins... all that will one day remain



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

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

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

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

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

Sharma's poems often delve beneath the surface of ruins to unearth

enduring values, faith, and hope. This sentiment finds expression in Speak" (p. 120), inspired by the Ellora Caves:

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

memories/with ceaseless gaze.

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

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

leave... Balanced against these profound

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

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

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

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

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

And I walk alone/framed through the

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

reaching the destination/where my future will be.

As we reflect on the book's title and its solemn promise, we find that One Foot

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

Hybrid model for Champions Trophy not acceptable: PCB tells ICC

PTI KARACHI

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

really proud moment and I

can't wait to get stuck in."
Webster will join the
Australian squad in Adelaide

There's a tight turnaround

between the Adelaide and

Gabba Test so I think (I'm

there) just to have some cover

there for that middle-order role, whichever way they go,"



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

PTI KOLKATA

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

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

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

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

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

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

East Bengal FC head coach Oscar Bruzon acknowledged that NorthEast United will play on the frontfoot in this fixture, but assured that the home team has done its

homework properly. "I don't think NorthEast United FC is going to come here to neutralise our attacking power, but they are coming to try and score more goals themselves," Burzon said.

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



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द्वितीय तल, जीवन दीप बिल्डिंग

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की सुविधा 5,62,500/- रुपए होगा। पद के संबंध में विवरण और पात्रता संबंधी शर्तें मंत्रालय की वेबसाइट http://www.financialservices.gov.in और पीएफआरडीए की वेबसाइट http://www.pfrda.org.in पर दी गई हैं। पूरी तरह भरे हुए आवेदन जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि 30.12.2024 शाम 5.30 बजे तक है। उम्मीदवार http://rect.pfrda.org.in/ पर ऑनलाइन आवेदन कर सकते हैं या योग्यता को स्पष्टतया दर्शाते हुए आवेदन नीचे दिए गए पते पर भेजे जा सकते हैं :

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श्री हरकेश चन्द्र.



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India can reach top-50 10 years: Mandaviya



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India can break into the top-50 in the FIFA rankings, Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Thursday, according to a release issued by All India Football Federation

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

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

pools of young talent globally. The focus should be on grassroots. talent identification. They should be nurtured along with coach

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Australia add uncapped all-rounder Beau of FIFA rankings in next Webster to squad as cover for Mitchell Marsh from 'Bails' (men's selection chair George Bailey) at the end of the NSW game was a

PTI ■ SYDNEY

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

Marsh had pulled up "sore" following Australia's 295-run hammering in the series opener in Perth earlier this

Webster, also a right-hand pace all-rounder like Marsh, has been the stand out performer in the Sheffield Shield over the past two years. The 30-year-old has collected 1788 runs including five hundreds and nine fifties.

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



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

runs across four innings at an impressive average of 72.50. With the ball, he became the

(for Australia A) was pleasing against a strong Indian side," Webster was quoted as saying by cricket.Com.Au ahead of announcement

"Any time you're playing 'A'

both taking seven scalps each. 'To get a few runs and wickets

cricket, it's the one step below joint-leading wicket-taker Test level, so it does hold you the pink ball Test in Ade alongside Brendan Doggett in good stead. To get the call starting on December 6.

Apart from his explosive batting, Webster has added seam-bowling to his abilities, a skill he added to his repertoire just four years ago.

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Despite the disappointing show in the series-opener, coach Andrew McDonald had asserted that there will be no changes in the home team for the pink ball Test in Adelaide,

Webster added.

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

AP ■ DURBAN

Sri Lanka was bowled out by South Africa for 42 at Kingsmead on Thursday, its lowest total in test cricket. Sri Lanka's previous worst was 71 just over 20 years ago in Kandy against Pakistan. South Africa needed only 83 legal deliveries — 13.5 overs - to rout the Sri Lankans in their first innings. That's the lowest number of deliveries in 100 years. England routed South Africa in 75 balls in 1924.

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

The pitch was considered batting friendly on day two of the first test, as South Africa scored 111 runs in an extended morning session, resuming



on 80-4 and being dismissed for 191. Kamindu Mendis top-scored with 13 in a Sri Lanka lineup which featured four ducks. Medium-pacer Marco Jansen took a career-best 7-13 in 6.5

overs.

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

to the round of 16, while

those ranked ninth to 24th

Mbappe wasn't the only

player to fail to score a

penalty in the match, with Mohamed Salah also missing

a spot kick of his own. But

Jurgen Klopp never could by

go into a playoff.

Mbappe needs 'support' Real Madrid coach Ancelotti says after 2-0 loss to Liverpool

AP ■ LIVERPOOL

 $K^{\text{ylian Mbappe hoped his}}_{\text{move to Real Madrid}}$ would finally end his wait to win the Champions League. That felt a long way off on Wednesday after a 2-0 defeat Liverpool left the

defending champion in danger of being eliminated from European club soccer's elite tournament at the first stage and in a fight just to make the playoffs for the next round. If Madrid does make an early

exit, Mbappe may look back on a miserable night at Anfield where he was humbled by a young defender and then missed a penalty that would have leveled the

coach Carlo Madrid Ancelotti said afterward the star forward was going through a "difficult moment" just months after he joined the record 15-time European champion.

"We've got to give him our support and love and he will soon be fine," Ancelotti said as he faced multiple questions from Spanish reporters about Mbappe's form. "It could be lack of confidence maybe. Sometimes when moments in the game and things are not working out, the idea is to keep things simple. Don't complicate things.
"He's going through that

moment now. You get through them. Don't blame him for missing a penalty. People miss penalties. We can't put too much grief on him for that." World Cup winner Mbappe

looked a shadow of himself against a Liverpool team that leads the way in the Premier League and the Champions League this season.

He was brought crashing down by a crunching tackle

Bradley

from 21-year-old right back Liverpool the lead. But with League for his new club, The top eight teams advance



threatening to burst through on goal in the first half sparking a huge cheer from

the home crowd. And it got worse for Mbappe in the second half when he had the chance to make it 1-1 from the penalty spot after Alexis Mac Allister had given six-time European champion

saw his effort pushed away by Liverpool's back-up goalkeeper. Mbappe has scored nine

goals in 18 appearances for Madrid since leaving Paris Saint-Germain as a free agent at the end of last season. But he has only one goal in the Champions five games in the revamped competition. Things are not running for

him. We've got to be patient. He is an extraordinary player a fantastic player, Ancelotti said. Madrid is 24th in the new-

look 36-team league phase of the competition.

substitute Cody Gakpo doubled Liverpool's advantage. Victory saw new Liverpool head coach Arne Slot manage something his predecessor

> beating Real in the Champions League. Klopp lost five and drew once in six games against Madrid ncluding two defeats in the final. Liverpool extended

perfect record in Champions League this season and is top of the standings after five games. Each team plays eight games in the opening phase.