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Suspense + emotion = Maha potboiler

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

everything hen appeared to be hunky-dory in the run-up to the formation of a

new government in Maharashtra, things suddenly turned topsy-turvy in the state capital on Friday as Shiv Sena leader and caretaker Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, on his return from New Delhi. headed straight to his native place in Satara district, prompting the Bharatiya Janata Party-led MahaYuti to cancel a crucial meeting of its three leaders called to decide on the contours of the new government.

On a day when the political became fluid situation resulting in the unexplained delay in the government formation in the state, the ruling BJP, which heads the MahaYuti that scored a landslide victory in the justconcluded Maharashtra Assembly, found itself in a limbo not knowing how to deal with Shinde and also with the emerging scenario within the party over the chief ministerial choice. Shinde, who had sprung a

nasty surprise on the then up the post of deputy chief Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha minister's in the new Vikas Aghadi (MVA) by government.

splitting the ruling Shiv Sena and teaming up with the BJP to form a new government in the State in June 2022, set the cat among the pigeons by heading to his native village amid the efforts by the MahaYuti to form a new government in the State. Though it was not officially known as to what transpired at the joint meeting of the MahaYuti leaders, Fadnavis of the BJP, Shinde of the Shiv Sena (ES) and Ajit Pawar of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP-AP) that Union Home Minister Amit Shah had convened at his New Delhi residence to formalise details of the government formation in the state, Mumbai experienced political tremors sparking speculations of all kind.

While there was no official word as to why Shinde cancelled all his appointments after his return from the National Capital and left for his native village Dare in Satara district in western Maharashtra, it was also confirmed that he would take

However, informed sources within the BJP said that Shinde was not averse to accepting the DCM's post provided the BJP gave him the all-important State Home Ministry, a portfolio that Fadnavis held in the previous MahaYuti government. Knowing Shinde's 'nuisance' value, the BJP is not ready to give the Home portfolio to the Shiv Sena (ÊS) president. 'Maybe, the reason behind Shinde's sudden departure to his native place is to express his sulk over the denial of Home and a few other crucial portfolios in the State Cabinet," a senior Shinde Sena leader said.

The swearing-ceremony of the MahaYuti government, which in the normal course was to take on December 2 (Monday) is understood to have been postponed to December 5, because of the sudden turbulence within the MahaYuti - caused by Shinde's sulk over denial of the Chief Minister's post and leadership issues that have surfaced within the BIP.

Meanwhile, the delay in the election of BJP's Legislature Party (BJPLP) leader has surprised many within the State political circles. In the normal course, Devendra Fadnavis, who was all along touted as the front-runner for the chief minister's post should have been elected as the BJPLP leader by now. Though six days have passed since it led the MahaYuti to a historic victory in the polls, the BJPLP meeting has not taken place yet. Sources in the BJP attributed the delay to the holding of BJPLP meeting to the delay in the arrival of party's central observers in Mumbai. They said that the observers were arriving in Mumbai on Sunday. The delay has sparked

speculation in the State political circles whether the JP Nadda-led party would spring a surprise like the one it did recently in Madhya Pradesh where it anointed Mohan Yaday, a leader from the Yadav OBC community, as the chief minister of that state in place of Shivraj Chauhan, more than two weeks after the Assembly poll outcome there.

Judicial Commission to probe Sambhal violence **Delhi school**

BISWAJEET BANERJEE 🗖 LUCKNOW

In a swift response to the recent violence in Sambhal, the Uttar Pradesh government has constituted a three-member judicial commission to investigate the incident. The decision was made on Thursday night, hours before the issue came up for in the Supreme Court.

The commission will be chaired by retired High Court Judge DK Arora, with retired IAS officer Amit Mohan and retired IPS officer Arvind Kumar Jain serving as members. The team has been tasked with examining whether the violence was premeditated or a spontaneous occurrence.

The inquiry will also delve into the role of individuals or groups suspected of instigating the unrest. In addition, the commission will scrutinise the actions taken by the police and local administration during and after the incident.

The judicial panel has been directed to submit its findings within two months from the date of the notification, and will seek to uncover the reasons behind the violence. Should an extension to this period be required, it will need approval from the state government. Alongside identifying the causes of the violence, the commission will provide recommendations to prevent such incidents from recurring in the future. In a notification issued on

November 28, the Governor highlighted the importance of a thorough and transparent investigation into the matter. This will ensure the public's trust in the judicial process and serve the greater interest of justice



A security official stands guard at Sambha

SC halts proceedings in Jama Masjid case, Chandausi survey Court within three working days. "We feel that the

petitioner

committee) must challenge

the order dated November

19, 2024 in an appropriate

forum. In the meantime,

peace and harmony must be maintained. The Additional

Solicitor General (KM Natraj

appearing for the State

Government) assures the

same. We also observe that in

case any revision petition

/miscellaneous petition is

preferred, the same would be

listed within a period of three working days," the CJI

trial court on January 8, 2025 and said, "We hope

and trust the trial court

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PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on T^{he Sup} Friday Friday directed a Sambhal trial court to halt proceedings in the case over the Mughal-era Shahi Jama Masjid and its survey at Chandausi and asked the petitioner Masjid committee to approach Allahabad High Court. The Bench comprising Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar emphasised importance the of maintaining peace in the Sambhal district and instructed that the report The order noted that the matter was fixed before the prepared by the court commissioner following the mosque survey be sealed and not opened until further orders, while directing the will not proceed with the matter till the matter is listed before the High Uttar Pradesh Government

The Bench further directed the petition filed by the Shahi Jama Masjid the present special leave Committee against the trial court's survey order be listed before the Allahabad High January 6."

gets hoax bomb threat

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Danic gripped students and **P** parents of a private school in Delhi's Rohini, a day after a low intensity blast occurred in an area located within one kilometre of the school, as it received a bomb threat via email on Friday morning. While the threat later turned out to be a hoax after a search was initiated on the school campus, the psychological impact on the public was visible as the area has been gripped in bomb blasts for

over a month. Following the threat in Venkateshwar Global School in Rohini, school authorities sprung into action while informing the parents for early dispersal of the students and requested them to pick up their wards by 11 am. While some were sent in school buses, parents of the others rushed to pick their children, who waited anxiously in a designated area.

A mother, Rati Awasthi, whose 12-year-old daughter studies in class VII, expressed her concerns regarding the safety of her children in light of the recent blasts in the city. "We are deeply concerned about the current situation in the city. How can we feel confident about our children's safety?" she questioned, adding that just a day before, a bomb blast occurred in Prashant Vihar, barely 1 kilometers away from the school, and today, the school itself has received a bomb threat.

Tough decisions will have to be taken, Kharge tells CWC | Delhi... it is time to count your trees PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Solicitor General Aishwarya PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Bhati said. The court termed as NEW DELHI **CONGRESS WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING** NEW DELHI very important the issue

rolted Assembly poll outcomes for the party, Congress leaders on Friday huddled up on its electoral defeats during which party chief Mallikarjun Kharge asserted that "tough Photo: Ranjan Dimri/Pioneer decisions" will have to be

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29th NOVEMBER, 2024 24 Akbar Road, New Delhi

To check felling of trees in the National Capital, the Supreme Court (SC) on Friday highlighted the need for a census of trees and said it wanted to create an authority to supervise the work carried out by the tree officer. The Supreme Court also mulled lucting 10,400 square-kilometre area of the Taj Trapezium Zone (TTZ) in Uttar Pradesh and developing a mechanism to keep a vigil on illegal tree felling. A Bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih said the issue over the strict implementation of the provisions of the Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994, required immediate attention. "Apart from tree census, that order we are going to pass, we also want to create an authority. That authority will verify whether the tree officer has done a proper job. Somebody has to supervise the permission granted," the Bench said. The Bench was hearing an application seeking to restrain the Delhi government from allowing felling of trees without the supreme court's permission. The first tree census in Delhi was conducted in December 2023. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD)



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provisions of the 1994 Act. To enable the counsel appearing for the parties to address us on the issue, we direct that the petition shall be listed on December 18," it said. One of the lawyers annez nσ matter



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to maintain peace and harmony in the violence-hit

Delhi a "gangster capital", says Arvind Kejriwal

SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW DELHI

Setting the tone for the upcoming high-octane Delhi Assembly polls, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener and former Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday launched a scathing attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Central government during a Assembly session. He called the city a "gangster capital", blaming the "deteriorating law and order situation".

The first day of the session ended with AAP supremo slamming Union Home Minister Amit Shah over the increasing instances of extortion related firing at businessmen in the capital. Kejriwal expressed grave concern over the safety of Delhiites.

"What is Amit Shah doing? Shootouts are happening openly on a daily basis. It feels like Delhi is run by gangs," he said while speaking during a discussion on the 'rising crime rates and the law and order situation. Earlier, Speaker Ram Niwas

Goel marshaled out Leader of Opposition Vijender Gupta who launched an offensive against Kejriwal during the discussion. The remaining BJP MLAs followed Gupta and walked out of the House. "Business people live in fear of extortion calls, followed by violent attacks on their shops or showrooms," he said, while reading out the various instances of such firing happening across various areas of Delhi. Kejriwal also questioned the activities of notorious gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, currently lodged in Sabarmati jail in Delhi, who is allegedly operating extortion rackets in Delhi and beyond.

organisation from the grassroots, accountability has to be fixed, and urged leaders to remain united and not speak publicly against each other.

In his address at the Congress Working Committee meeting at the AICC headquarters, Kharge said he believes that hands of the BIP. the EVMs have made the electoral process "suspect" and stressed that it is the constitutional responsibility of the Election Commission to ensure free and fair elections in the country. Kharge said that due to the Congress' repeated defeats, "fascist forces" are making each other, how will we be able to defeat our opponents politically?" the Congress their roots deeper. "One by one they are also taking over president said. the institutions of the state," he added.

The meeting was chaired by shortcomings in the party by Kharge and attended by learning lessons from the former party chief Rahul election results and said the Gandhi and AICC general party would have to evolve a secretaries Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, K C Venugopal and strategy to effectively counter the misinformation" by its rivals. Ramesh, Jairam among others. While the Maha Vikas Therefore, it is important that we strictly follow discipline. We have to remain Aghadi, of which the Congress is a part, was

LoP in the Lok Sabha and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with party President Mallikarjun Kharge and party leaders P Chidambaram, K C Venugopal, Ajay Maken and others during the Congress Working Committee meeting, at the AICC headquarters in New Delhi

decimated in the polls in united under Maharashtra, the party's alliance led by the JMM circumstances. The party also has the weapon of disciplining. But we do not scored a victory in Jharkhand. In Haryana, the Congress had want to put our workers in suffered a shock defeat at the any bondage. Therefore, everyone needs to think that a victory of the Congress Kharge also hit out at internal bickering in the party, asserting that the lack of unity party is our victory and a defeat is our defeat. Our strength lies in the strength of and statements against own the party," the Congress president said while urging party leaders harms the party a lot. "Unless we fight elections unitedly and stop workers not to get dejected with poll results. making statements against

He said the party will have to effect changes from the grassroots level to the All India Congress Committee He also called for removing (AICC) to strengthen the party. The AICC is the central decision-making Assembly of the party. Speaking on the Maharashtra and Haryana polls, Kharge said the Assembly poll results after a "propaganda and good outcome in Lok Sabha elections jolted the party. He said some "tough decisions" will have to be taken due to

all the "below expectation" performance in state elections.

Riding on its performance in the Lok Sabha polls, the Congress went into Assembly polls with new enthusiasm but the election results were not as per the party's expectations, the Congress chief said. "INDIA parties formed the government in 2 out of 4 states. But our performance was below expectations. This is a challenge for us in terms of the future," he said.

'We need to immediately learn from the election results and correct all our weaknesses and shortcomings at the organisational level These results are a message for us," he said. He noted that the mood was in the Congress' favour during the elections but pointed out that just the atmosphere being in its favour does not guarantee victory.

zones. The provisions of the 1994 Act, which provide for

NCT of Delhi, deals with the establishment and duties of the tree authority and appointment of a tree officer. During the hearing, the Bench asked the lawyers appearing in the matter to give suggestions on the basis of which the authority should be constituted. It observed that not only individual experts were required, but an institution had to be involved in this process also.

"We always believe that in claiming two trees had been environment matters, harsh orders are warranted," the felled inside the Supreme Court premises. The advocate Bench noted. The Bench said complaints on the tree remarked that the lawyers appearing before it in matters related to preservation of environment and protection of trees were very cooperative and they have always taken a fair stand before the court.

"We are grateful. Your

helpline of the forest department elicited no response. "You place that complaint on record," the Bench said. On the tree census inTaj Trapezium Zone (TTZ), the Bench said apart from the tree

ground situation saying it was

as bad as it was" before

identified 2.50 lakh trees in 12 lordships are doing it for our census in the TTZ it wanted to better future, our children's better future," Additional develop the institutional mechanism.

and give breathable green space to the people of East Delhi, the DDA has inaugurated the Asita East

project near Laxmi Nagar.

Asita East project is spread over 197 hectares of land, of

which 90 hectares are with

DDA and the remaining falls

under the jurisdiction of the

UP irrigation department.

Vikas Marg forms the southern edge, Pushta Road,

the eastern edge, and the

Yamuna flows towards its

west. The 90 hectares of land

under the DDA, located adjacent to Vikas Marg, has

Vaishnavi' park at Ashok

Vihar-II is an area spread

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opened to people.

Yamuna Vatika, a green dream for a grey city

RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

Yamuna Vatika is an expansive green space spread across 450 acres of meticulously designed flower fields, flowering trees and gardens being developed by Delhi Development Authority (DDA) on the river floodplains, soon to be the largest of its kind in the city. It will help in mitigating pollution to an extent, and provide green lungs to Delhi. This initiative for greening Delhi, expected to be opened to the public in the next three weeks, has been helmed by Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena, who has already steered green marvels

Vaishnavi, Vasudev Ghat and the revitalised Roshanara Bagh and Nursery.

Designed as a multi-activity green space, Yamuna Vatika will serve as a haven for nature lovers, families and fitness enthusiasts alike. The project is part of the restoration scheme of Yamuna floodplains and witnessed the plantation of 500 chinar and 500 cherry blossom saplings. The project will have a garden, jogging and cycling tracks, ecofriendly temporary structures for eateries, a bio-retention zone and a wetland with a viewing deck, among others. The flower fields at Yamuna Vatika will feature a triplelike Baansera, Asita East, layered floral design, setting a trees, including Gulmohar, offer a spectacular visual of the Yamuna floodplains over 10 acres, developed by



new benchmark in urban landscaping. With its vibrant hues and serene ambiance, this initiative aims to become the city's first dedicated 'Field of Flowers', adding to the ecological and aesthetic appeal of Delhi. Nearly 8,000 indigenous

species such as Cherry Blossom saplings, along with 10,000 bamboo have already been planted, contributing to the floodplains ecological rejuvenation. These vibrant trees will not only enhance the city's green cover but also

Amaltaas, Chinar and exotic treat to visitors at Yamuna Vatika.

> It also features four large water bodies, strategically integrated into its design to support water conservation as also holding water during flooding.

In a bid to restore the ecology

the DDA to promote urban green spaces. There were tonnes of waste lying at the spot, and the locals were fed up with the poor condition of this place. The park features a diverse array of native and medicinal plants, along with walkways, waterbodies, fountains and lights to give an aesthetic look to the place. The LG's other project is Vasudev Ghat, located along the western bank of the Yamuna between Yamuna Ghat and Nigam Bodh Ghat. The ghat - the first in the city to be built by the DDA - was previously inaccessible due to a steep slope, was littered with garbage, and had 1.5-foot-deep silt deposits from the July floods of last year.



exempting any area or any preservation of trees in the species of trees from the provisions of the 1994 Act. This power, for the interim, has to be curtailed. They cannot keep on issuing notifications under Section 29 (of the Act)," he said. Section 29 of the Act pertains to power of the government for exemption. While one lawyer boasted of there being a "lot of awareness" among people, another lamented the





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Tiwari inspects construction of 576 | Edu Dept to develop **Alayam Residential Project flats**

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 $T_{Mussoorie\text{-}Dehradun}^{\text{he vice chairman of the}}$ Development Authority (MDDA) Banshidhar Tiwari inspected the under-construction Alayam Residential Project in Tarla Amwala area of Dehradun on Friday. This project is among MDDA's ambitious initiatives aimed at providing affordable and modern housing to various sections of society. Tiwari informed that the project comprises a total of 576 flats designed to meet the needs of different income groups. The project includes 112 flats for the High-Income Group (HIG), 112 for the Middle-Income Group (MIG), 80 for the Lower-Income Group (LIG) and 240 for the Economi-Weaker Section cally (EWS). The project will also feature 48 studio apartments. During the inspection, Tiwari reviewed the quality of construction materials in detail and expressed satisfaction with the progress of the project. He



instructed the officials concerned to maintain high standards in construction and ensure the timely completion of the project. Tiwari said that the project has been thoughtfully designed to balance modern lifestyles with nature, incorporating green spaces, parking facilities, community amenities and children's play areas. It aligns with the government's mission of Housing for All, prioritising affordable and quality housing for all segments of soci-



ety. He said that the project will set a new benchmark for residential facilities in Dehradun, ensuring quality and accessible housing for all citizens. He informed that the construction is progressing steadily and efforts are being made to meet the set deadlines. So far, out of the 338 units of 3 BHK HIG apartments, 240 units have been booked and the remaining 98 units are expected to be sold soon, he added.

human resources portal for its employees

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The Education department is planning to develop a human resource portal for all its employees. All the data including the service records of all the teachers and other staff will be kept on this portal. The initiative endeavours to make the contentious process of transfers and promotions transparent and automated.

In a recent meeting with the officers of the department the Education minister Dhan Singh Rawat gave the orders for preparing this portal. He said that under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the transfer of all the teachers and employees will be done online. He said that the online transfer process will require all data and service records of employees on one platform and for this purpose the human resource portal is a good option. It will ensure that all the information about any employee is available on the click of a mouse. The min-

ister added that the portal will help in making the process of transfers and promotions transparent. He said that the state government is planning to set up one residential school in every district to promote the transitional Indian knowledge. The minister said that regulations and norms for these residential schools will be prepared soon. These schools will ensure inclusion of Indian culture and traditions along with quality education. These schools will have adequate land and other basic infrastructure. The students will be given admission in VI to XII classes in these schools.

ministration

uate and postgraduate degrees to the students, along with gold medals. Speaking on the occasion, he said that it is a blessing to be born in India. He described Sanskrit as a miraculous language, noting that various tasks can be accomplished simply by pro-Rawat said that under the nouncing its mantras. He NCC extension scheme one congratulated the univerunit of NCC will be opened in sity for its dedication to one school in every block. In the meeting the minister dipreserving and promoting Sanskrit, stating that rected the officers to prepare DPR for the repair of the dino other medium is betlapidated school buildings and ter suited for providing submit them to the state adcomprehensive education. He stressed the need

The governor lieutenant to recognise the potential general (retd) Gurmit of the Sanskrit language Singh emphasised the imand urged for further reportance of preserving, promoting and propagatsearch into it. He further highlighted that Sanskrit is one of the oldest languages ing the Sanskrit language during the convocation of in the world, with a vast Uttarakhand Sanskrit Unibody of literature still available today. He said that during the Covid 19 versity on Friday. At the event, he awarded PhD degrees as well as undergradpandemic, he realised the significance of traditions such as folding hands and saying "namaskar" which have been practiced for thousands of years. Singh said that the culture of a nation is its soul, asserting

that as long as a country's

culture is alive, its exis-

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Governor emphasises importance

of preserving Sanskrit language

ally, Singh pointed out that significant centres of faith, such as Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri, and Yamunotri, are located in Uttarakhand. He expressed happiness that Uttarakhand is the first State in the country to declare Sanskrit as its second language. However, he stressed the importance of actively working towards the development of Sanskrit. He noted that the establishment of the Sanskrit University is a step towards reading, studying, teaching and conducting research in modern science. He emphasised continuous efforts in promoting and preserving Sanskrit manuscripts.

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IN BRIEF

Silkyara operation exemplary: Governor

DEHRADUN: The Governor Lt Gen (retd) Gurmit Singh called the Silkyara tunnel rescue operation as an exemplary one while addressing a programme organised to commemorate one year of the operation which had rescued 41 labourers trapped in the collapsed tunnel for 17 days. Also, he released books on the occasion which depicted the operation that often swung from dark despair to glimmering hope for 17 long, tense days. Along with the chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, he also watched a film based on the operation which held the world on edge.

7-15 per cent pay hike for NHM employees

DEHRADUN: The State government has issued an order effecting a pay hike for 5,000-odd employees of National Health Mission. The assistant director of the NHM Uttarakhand Archana Ojha informed all the CMOs and secretaries/members of the district health committees about the pay hike order issued by the administration. As per the order, the hike varies from seven to 15 per cent. While the hike is seven per cent for those drawing a salary of Rs 25,000 it is 11 per cent for those drawing Rs 20,000 and 15 per cent for those drawing Rs 15,000. The NHM employ-ees' union expressed gratitude to the chief minister and the health minister for the pay hike.

Fog factor: Several trains cancelled from 4 Kumaon stations

LALKUAN: As dense fog has started setting in with the onset of winter, the Northern Railway has cancelled operation of some trains from four stations across Kumaon region-Kathgodam, Lalkuan, Ramnagar and Tanakpur- between December 2 and March 27. Informing this, the public relations officer of Northern Railway, Rajendra Singh said that the decision had been taken in the interests of the passengers, adding that fog safety devices had been installed too to have the train speed reduced to avoid accidents due to low visibility factor.

Academics raise concerns over UGC's flexible degree programme

MANSI BHAMBRI DEHRADUN

The recent decision by the University Grants Commission (UGC), which allows undergraduate students L to choose between an Accelerated Degree Programme (ADP) and an Extended Degree Programme (EDP), is quite challenging for both educators and students, academics said. The ADP permits students to complete a three or four-year degree in a shorter time frame by earning additional credits each semester, whereas the EDP provides a longer timeline with a reduced number of credits required per semester. In this context, academics have noted that the UGC's new policy concerning degree programmes may have implications regarding the quality of education as well as future employment opportunities. Talking to The Pioneer, professor at the government PG College, Uttarkashi, Madhu Thapliyal said that while the recent decision by the UGC is not entirely misguided, it may not be appropriate at this time due to the prevailing uncertainties within the education system, which encompass aspects such as lack of faculty numbers, class availability and infrastructure. She said that the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has indeed posed challenges for university professors to navigate. The UGC's latest decision regarding the degrees may further complicate matters. The successful implementation of the EDP and ADP degrees will yield positive outcomes only if the relevant officials focus on the foundational aspects in the initial phase including enhancing faculty numbers, improving infrastructure and addressing other critical needs. Further, she emphasised that in Uttarakhand, the UGC's new decision presents even greater challenges, as the State comprises both plains and mountains, and many children here remain unaware of various modern developments. Consequently, adapting to this new implementation of EDP and ADP degrees could prove to be quite difficult. She further said, considering this, in order to introduce the EDP and ADP degree programmes, the officials involved must prioritise essential facilities to ensure effective outcomes. The dean of the School of Mass Communication at IMS Unison University, Neeraj Khatri indicated that the recent decision to implement flexibility in EDP and ADP for undergraduate students could pose significant challenges for both educators and students. He expressed concerns that this change might under mine the quality of education provided to students. Teachers may struggle to cover the syllabus efficiently under the new ADP framework, which could hinder their ability to deliver a high standard of education

in specific subjects. Additionally, this situation may prevent faculty members from adequately addressing their other teaching responsibilities, particularly in multidisciplinary courses. Consequently, as the quality of education diminishes, the prospects for students during employability may also decline. He further emphasised that teacher mentoring under the new decision is vital, as educators will guide students in selecting the ap propriate degree paths based on their individual capabilities. He expressed his belief that, while this new decision presents challenges, it should not be made mandatory, as it will also pose difficulties for university management in addition to the students.

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SR.DEN/I/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders Closing date and time mentioned against each tender. 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 Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tende document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments hrough Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allo

Tender No. Date	246-DRM-MB-24-25 26.11.2024	247-DRM-MB-24-25 27.11.2024						
Name of Work	Provision of approx 8 Km new Water Supply Pipeline from Mosey Falls to Oak Grove School via Jharipani (OGS/JP) and allied works where required at OGS/JP under ADEN/HW	building and allied track						
Type of Contract	Works	Works						
Tender Closing Date Time	23.12.2024 16:00	23.12.2024 16:00						
Advertised Value (Rs.)	4,69,06,307.85	1,48,77,961.54						
Earnest Money (Rs.)	3,84,500.00	2,24,400.00						
Bidding Start Date	09.12.2024	09.12.2024						
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DM approves development schemes worth Rs 2.65 Cr for Uttarkashi

UTTARKASHI: The Uttarkashi district magistrate Meherban Singh Bisht approved three proposals sent by municipal council Barahat to be executed at a total cost of over Rs two crore. These are the reconstruction of Pt Govind Ballabh Pant Park, development of Tambakhani area as a green belt and construction of vendors zone and three smart toilets in Joshiyada. Notably, on the instructions of the DM, the Barahat civic body had prepared proposals for several schemes to beautify the district headquarters Uttarkashi as well as to provide quality public facilities, proper disposal of town's garbage and creation of a vendors zone for the traders to set up stalls. The DM also instructed the officials concerned to immediately rebuild the Pt Govind Ballabh Pant Park which had been damaged by the 2012-13 disaster.

ICAR-IISWC's Hindi E-Magazine Buransh receives award

DEHRADUN: The Hindi e-magazine 'Buransh' published by the ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation (ICAR-IISWC), Dehradun, received the third prize in the category of 'Outstanding Published Hindi In-house Magazine (2023-24)' during the half-yearly meeting of the Nagar Rajbhasha Karyanvayan Samiti (NARAKAS) (Office-2) recently held in Dehradun. This recognition was granted for the magazine's excellence among 72 member offices of NARAKAS (Of fice-2). The award was received on behalf of the institute by the head of PME and KM Unit, M Muruganandam and the deputy director (Official Language), IISWC. Ashutosh Kumar Tiwari. As part of the programme, six winners of essay competitions on natural resource management, organised earlier by ICAR-IISWC, were felicitated.

Day-2 of Uttarakhand SST conference focuses on adaptability

DEHRADUN: The second day of the 19th Uttarakhand State Science and Technology Conference 2024 being organised by the Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology (UCOST) in Doon University continued with impactful discussions. The three-day conference-themed 'Water and Natural Resource Management'- commemorates the first anniversary of the Silkvara Vijav Abhivan. This initiative is meant to highlight efforts to mitigate climate change impacts and promote environmental sustainability in the Himalayan region. The highlight of Day 2 was a special session on 'Building Emotional Resilience - The Science and Art of Emotional Adaptability, aimed at equipping participants with tools to enhance emotional balance, adaptability and mental toughness. Renowned scientist CNR Rao and his wife Indumati Rao who is also a scientist, addressed the conference virtually.

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APPENDIX IV (SEE RULE 8(1) **GRIHUM HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED** GRIHUM POSSESSION NOTICE \sim (FORMERLY KNOWN AS POONAWALLA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED) gistered Office: 602, 6th Floor, Zero One IT Park, Sr. No. 79/1, Ghorpadi, Mundhwa Road, Pune 411036 (FOR IM ABLE PROPERTY

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Grihum Housing Finance Limited (formerly known as Poonawalla Housing Finance Initial of a manufactor of the Automation of the rred as Secured Creditor of the above Corporate/ Register office under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Asse and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred as the "said Act") and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice below dated calling upon the belo Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Die borrowers de topp vir damound werden ander the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002 on the dates mentioned herein below. 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 secured Creditor the amount and interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset

etails of Property taken in possession are herein below.

SR. NO.	NAME OF BORROWERS	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	POSSESSION TAKEN DATE	DATE OF STATUTORY DEMAND NOTICE	AMOUNT IN DEMAND NOTICE (RS.)	सर्वधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि मैं श्रीमती पूनम के पुत्र अभिनव सिंह के
1.	GULNEWAJ SHAH, SHABNAM PARVEEN,	All That Part Of Land Bearing Khata No. 232 (Fasil Year 1416 To 1421), Khasra No. 3487, Area Measuring 79.73 Sq. Mtr. In Which Covered Area 51.09 Sq. Mtrs., Situated At Mauza-Navabgarh, Pargana Pachwadoon, Tehsil Vikasnagar & Distt. Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Particularly Mentioned In Sale Deed Executed Which Is Bounded And Butted As Under:- East-Land Of Jakir, Side Measuring 39 Ft. North-15 Ft. Wide Measuring 39 Ft. North-15 Ft. Wide Graveyard Road, Side Measuring 22 Ft.	20-11-2024	08-09-2024	Loan No. LAP0034200000005046113 Rs.384969/- (Rupees Three Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Nine Only) payable as on 08/09/2024 along with interest @ 16.01 p.a. till the realization. & Loan No. HI0003420000005044019 Rs.1950779/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Nine Only) payable as on 08/09/2024along with interest @ 12.5 p.a. till the realization.	कहाा-8 रोल मं0-29 वर्ष-2023-24 के शैक्षिक अमिलेख में पिता का नाम राजेन्द्र सिंह दर्ज है। जो उसके जन्म प्रमाण-पत्र वर्ष 2011 में भी दर्ज है। मैंने अपने पूर्व पति श्री राजेन्द भण्डारी से विच्छेद कर लिया है। तत्पश्चात मैंने पुनः द्वित्तीय विवाह श्री सतपाल सिंह राणा पुत्र श्री मूर्ति सिंह राणा निवासी 02 वृंदा बास्तिल दे हरादून से दिनां क 06-10-2018 को कर लिया है। जिसका रजिस्ट्रेशन प्क 985073605278 व
2.	Sohnu Sohnu, Somti Somti,	All That Piece And Parcel Of A Constructed Residential Property/House Constructed Bearing Plot No. 452 Land Measuring In East- 26 Feet, West- 26 Feet, North-20 Feet & South- 20 Feet, Having Total Land Area Of 520 Square Feet, Bounded In East-Plot No. 451, West-Plot No. 453, North- Way 16 Feet Wide & South- Plot No. 445, Belonging To Khasra No. 16m, Situated In Trurupati Enclave Village Dadupur Govindpur Pargana Roorkee Tehsil & Distt. Haridwar. Particularly Mentioned In Sale Deed Executed. Boundaries Of The Property Are East-Plot No. 451, West-Plot No. 453 North- Way 16 Feet Wide, South-Plot No. 445	26-11-2024	08-09-2024	Loan No. LAP017320000005044242 Rs.503359/- (Rupees Five Lakh Three Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Nine Only) payable as on 08/09/2024 along with interest @ 18 p.a. till the realization. & Loan No. HI0017320000005042991 Rs.906231/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Six Thousand Two Hundred Thirty One Only) payable as on 08/09/2024 along with interest @ 14.25 p.a. till the realization.	ID-580399569192 हैं। जोकि Compulsory Registration of Marriages देहरादून कार्यालय अमिलेखों में पंजीकृत हैं। भविष्य में मेरे पुत्र के पिता का नाम राजेन्द्र सिंह के रखान पर सतपाल सिंह राणा जाना पहचाना व पुकारा जाए। पूनम पत्नी श्री सतपाल सिंह राणा निवासी प्राम बास्तिल वृंदा जिला-देहरादून उत्तराखण्ड । Disclaimer
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GMVN to offer 10 % rebate to winter Char **Dham Yatra pilgrims**

PNS DEHRADUN

Lencouraging pilgrims to undertake Char Dham Yatra during winters, the Uttarakhand chief minister Pushkar Sngh Dhami has directed the Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam (GMVN) to provide 10 per cent rebate to the pilgrims staying in its hotels for the Yatra. During winter the deities of Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri and Yamunotri move to Ukhimath, Joshimath, Mukbha and Kharsali respectively which are their winter abodes. In a meeting with the senior officers of the State administration at his residence on Friday, the CM ordered that the Yatra to the winter abodes of Kedarnath, Badrinath, Yamunotri and Gangotri should start. He said that the winter Yatra should be publicised extensively. He told the officers that he will under-

Tn a major initiative towards take the review of the winter Yatra arrangements next week. The CM added that he will also review the progress made by different departments on his orders about preparing short term and long term plans for Sashakt Uttarakhand plan. The CM had directed the depart-ments to prepare the plan which will be rolled out during the silver jubilee celebrations of the State. He said that consistent efforts are being made by the State government for the development of the State as per the aspirations of the Statehood activists.

> The CM said that work at a fast pace is being done in every field to make Uttarakhand one of the leading States of the country. On a stern note the CM directed the officers to prepare the road accidents safety regulations soon. He directed

the newly appointed director general of police to increase night patrolling and increase the deployment of the police force for road safety. The CM directed the departments concerned to undertake an extensive campaign to make Uttarakhand a drugs free State by the year 2025. He said that regular watch on the drug traffickers should be made and strict action should be taken against them. Dhami added that verification of outsiders residing in the State on rent should be done.

The CM informed that he will soon start visiting the districts and also hold night halts there. The principal secretary RK Sudhanshu, secretaries Shailesh Bagauli, Vinay Shankar Pandey and senior officers of police attended the meeting.

healthcare services.

INDI Alliance leaders express concern on proposed Uttarkashi Mahapanchayat

PNS DEHRADUN

Alliance have written a letter to the chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami expressing deep concern over the proposed Mahapanchayat in Uttarkashi. In the letter the INDI Alliance leaders have accused the government of the culprits of Uttarkashi riot of October 24. They claimed that it appears as if the government is trying to encourage the violent agitation. In the riot 27 people were injured and

some people involved in the riot are not included in the FIR. Some organisations have again given a call for Mahapanchayat in Uttarkashi and chances are high that hate speeches will be delivered in the programme. The INDI leaders also hesitating to take action against expressed concern on transfer of the officers from Uttarkashi and termed it as an action aimed to encourage the perpetrators of violence. The INDI Alliance leaders said that similar incidents are also being some policemen had to be reported from other places taken to Dehradun for treat-ment. The INDI Alliance lead-alleged that a worker of the rul-

The members of INDI ers claimed that the names of ing party was involved in kidnap of the minor girls so that communal tension can be spread. They said that the 101 retired bureaucrats have writ ten an open letter to the Union home minister expressing concern over the Uttarkashi incident. The letter is written by Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Karan Mahara, State secretary CPI (ML) Indresh Maikhuri, State secretary CPI (M) Rajendra Singh Negi, State secretary unnecessarily. In response, Samajwadi Party SN Sachan, Bansal ordered an investiganational council member CPI tion into these complaints, assigning the Vikasnagar Tehsildar to submit a detailed Samar Bhandari and Uma Sisdodia of AAP.

DM orders probe into claims of private referrals in Vikasnagar sub district hospital

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m istrate\ Savin\ Bansal\ has}$ ordered an investigation into the public allegations that doctors in the sub-district hospital in Vikasnagar were prescribing medicines and diagnostic tests from outside sources instead of utilising hospital resources. He also directed to take strict action against the chief medical superintendent (CMS) of the hospital and other staff members for reportedly being on leave without prior permission. Bansal conducted a surprise inspection of the sub-district hospital on Friday where he addressed several complaints and implemented immediate corrective actions to improve

During his visit, the DM inspected various facilities, including the OPD, pharmacy, vaccination room, pathology lab and X-ray department Highlighting the need for better patient care, he issued instructions to increase the number of medicine counters to manage the growing crowds effectively. The DM also reviewed the Special Newborn Care Unit (SNCU) and expressed concern over its underutilisation. To ensure its effective operation, he approved an increase in manpower. He also inquired about the number of deliveries performed at the hospital and emphasised the importance of maintaining proper care for newborns and mothers. He also directed adverse entries to be made against the hospital's CMS for being on leave without prior permission. He also instructed to take action against other absent staff members too. Some people also complained to him that doctors there were reportedly prescribing medicines and diagnostic tests from outside patients within the hospital from the next month after

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Gold Loan A/C No.: GL30356392, GL32006376, GL33180324.

Branch Name: HALDWANI-MANGAL PADAV GL, Taluka - HALDWANI.

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL22983032, GL23173375, GL29839724, GL29863659, GL29865277, GL29866015, GL29868150, GL29868814, GL29869141, GL29935585, GL29955414, GL29977454, GL29992342, GL30005434, GL30025483, GL30066041, GL30069489, GL30074694, GL30151600, GL30170016, GL30187437, GL30193449, GI 30266571, GI 30351185, GI 30359648, GI 30408303, GI 30420459, GI 31886780, GI 31893301, GI 31898821, GI 31899559, GI 31900108, GI 31902417, GI 31919413, GL31931619, GL31953491, GL31960365, GL31998621, GL32006925, GL32011716, GL32013120, GL32053018, GL32159232, GL32169141, GL32781551, GL34182297,

Branch Name: HALDWANI-MUKHANI GL, Taluka - HALDWANI.

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL18258777, GL18558796, GL25073831, GL30024075, GL30175710, GL30188636, GL30197310, GL30230689, GL30232507, GL30297070, GL30396239, GL30397169, GL31291171, GL31770472, GL31777745, GL31828794, GL31833886, GL31872412, GL31896443, GL31928984, GL32023837, GL32038913, GL33420814

Branch Name: HALDWANI-NAINITAL ROAD, Taluka - HALDWANI.

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL22898113, GL23120084, GL23134498, GL23134546, GL23134680, GL23136495, GL23167908, GL23207598, GL23213400, GL25674890, GL27297856, GL29806434, GL29806882, GL29806945, GL29812242, GL29816549, GL29818669, GL29833596, GL29833201, GL29892177, GL29902088, GL29905128, GL29921730, GL29929027, GL29940472, GL29973692, GL29980253, GL29983977, GL29984114, GL29995883, GL30007955, GL30046041, GL30046833, GL30059173, GL30059532, GL30143094, GL30160598, GL30262279, GL30262509, GL30271392, GL30273764, GL30273779, GL30275094, GL30275156, GL30275621, GL30291192, GL30301513, GL30319034, GL30332261, GL30344666, GL30356492, GL30357986, GL30360233, GL30385697, GL31081886, GL31215294, GL31225628, GL31620920, GL31712949, GL31773216, GL31779413, GL31974970, GL31978749, GL31986798, GL32006190, GL32011377, GL32047645, GL32136235, GL32142112, GL32153101, GL32172964, GL32276472, GL34247320.

Branch Name: JASPUR-KASHIPUR ROAD GL, Taluka - JASPUR.

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL23219359, GL29939404, GL30023421, GL30047576, GL30059867, GL30069187, GL30147400, GL30159021, GL30226838, GL30393553, GL30397612, GL30748662, GL30760230, GL31540461, GL31558138, GL31764305, GL31780383, GL31948450, GL31948790, GL32028210, GL32035587, GL33251761 GL34062073.

Branch Name: KASHIPUR-NH 74 GL, Taluka - KASHIPUR.

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL23092710, GL23180750, GL23210935, GL23461794, GL28002117, GL29833830, GL29845190, GL29879952, GL2989687, GL29946444, GL29946624, GL29954023, GL29958163, GL29966764, GL29972428, GL29982574, GL29999554, GL30002073, GL30033610, GL30061462, GL30073908, GL30119874 GL30152621, GL30160085, GL30240424, GL30254546, GL30279252, GL30300864, GL30307942, GL303308698, GL30320849, GL30327267, GL30334112, GL30343312, GL30345079, GL31785580, GL31796679, GL31906470, GL31941312, GL31955582, GL31959148, GL31961605, GL32024885, GL32028739, GL32035868, GL32039164, GL32058460, GL32114625, GL32121594, GL32708354, GL34299080

Branch Name: KHATIMA-TANAKPUR ROAD GL, Taluka - KHATIMA.

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL23052622, GL25373316, GL27229970, GL28947669, GL34073955.

Branch Name: KICHHA-UDHAMSINGHNAGAR GL. Taluka - KICHHA.

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL30292336, GL30358817, GL30359325, GL30386190, GL30399438, GL30777594, GL31785772, GL31910251, GL31915743, GL31929367, GL31932280, GL32204216, GL32646998.

Branch Name: LALKUAN-RAILWAY STATION ROAD SOHO GL, Taluka -LALKUWAN.

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL29973988, GL30052840, GL30328945, GL30359079, GL30393795, GL30395297, GL30638094, GL31016376, GL32010186, GL33536695, GL34127747, GL34202993, GL34206434.

Branch Name: RAMNAGAR NAINITAL-RAMNAGAR GL, Taluka - BHIKIA SAIN.

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL27288836, GL29836850, GL29845875, GL29859942, GL29870935, GL30336043, GL30345537, GL30353470, GL30354152, GL30359747. GL30359818. GL30644960. GL30658452. GL30882929. GL30918066. GL30922419. GL31723479. GL31736262. GL31755347. GL31785747. GL31796730. GL31817970. CI 31834655 CI 31870474 CI 31877304 CI 31888360 CI 31018326 CI 31030075 CI 31073214 CI 31000371 CI 32013308

Government developing over 15,000 parkings in Uttarakhand

PNS DEHRADUN

The State government is parking facilities for over the limited availability of 15,000 vehicles at 182 loca- land for surface and multitions through various devel- story parking in the hilly teropment authorities. The rain, tunnel parking offers a authorities have already viable solution. This concept completed construction of involves constructing tunparking spaces at 34 loca- nels within mountains to tions out of 182. The create parking spaces. Dehradun Locations identified for tunnel parking include Bageshwar, Laxman Jhula, Ukhimath, Kempty Falls, Nainbagh, Tapovan, Uttarkashi, the Yamunotri route and two sites in Nainital. According to Sundaram, this innovative solution could become a milestone for Uttarakhand's infrastructure development. The government is prioritising this initiative to save visitors' time from being wasted in traffic jams at key locations. All district magistrates have been instructed to expedite the selection of suitable land for these major cities, pilgrimage sites projects. This initiative is expected to benefit not only tourists and pilgrims but also local residents who frequently face traffic-related challenges, he said. He informed that the comprehensive plan includes surface parking at 57 locations, multi-story parking at 107 sites, automated parking facilities at nine sites and tunnel parking at 10 locations, collectively aiming to

U'khand to get 644 new mobile towers and 4 new Kendriya Vidyalayas

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 ${f T}$ he Central government is planning to install 644 new mobile towers and establish four additional Kendriva Vidyalayas in Uttarakhand. This decision was taken after Rajya Sabha MP and Bharatiya Janata Party Uttarakhand president Mahendra Bhatt recently raised these issues in a parliamentary session. Bhatt had questioned the

Mussoorie Development Authority (MDDA) is constructing parking facilities for 2,000 vehicles in Rishikesh and Dehradun alone, as per the officials.

With the year-round influx of tourists and pilgrims in Uttarakhand, traffic congestion has become a pressing concern in the state. The chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that to address this issue, the government is taking significant measures, including road widening and the construction of parking facilities in and tourist destinations. The growing traffic volume has also led to frequent congestion in key urban and tourist areas. To resolve this, the Uttarakhand Housing and Development Urban Authority (UHUDA), in collaboration with other development authorities, is working on creating parking facilities at 182 sites, accommodating a total of 15,857 vehicles. Among these, 34 sites accommodate 15,857 vehihave been completed, pro- cles.

viding parking for 2,102 vehicles and construction is underway at 47 more locations. Ref No: 2506/BRIDCUL- 233/24 Preparations the On behalf of Managing Director, BRIDCUL, sealed Item Rate Tenders with Post Qualification, are invited in two for remaining separate envelops (Technical and Financial) simultaneously from Contractors/Dealer/Manufacturer of furniture and as per the detailed specification, terms & Conditions given in the tender documents for following work:sites are progressing at S. No various levels. The chief administrator of UHUDA R Meenakshi The tender documents can only be purchased from the office of the respective Project Manager between 10.00 Sundaram am to 5.00 pm on all working days from 30.11.2024 to 13.12.2024. The cost of tender document amounting to informed Rs 5000+18% GST, will be paid while purchasing the tender documents, by cash or Demand Draft in the favour that the govof Project Manager, BRIDCUL, Dehradun. The tenders should reach the office latest by 1500 hours on ernment will 13.12.2024 and the technical bid shall be opened at 1530 hours on the same day in presence of tenderers also introwho choose to be present.

Minister of Communications regarding the subpar state of BSNL's telecommunication services in the mountainous regions of Uttarakhand.

He sought detailed information about the number of operational BSNL 4G towers, the current condition of these towers and the plans for new installations in the state. Replying to this, Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development PV Chandrashekar stated that BSNL services in Uttarakhand adhere to the quality standards prescribed by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). The minister added that as of October, 1,183 4G sites have been installed and are operational in the State. Furthermore, under various schemes, a total of 644 towers including upgraded sites are proposed for Uttarakhand, of which 218 are already functioning. On the issue of Kendriya Vidyalayas, Bhatt raised a question regarding the establishment of such schools in remote development blocks of Uttarakhand.

In response, the government disclosed that 45 Kendriya Vidyalayas are currently operational in the State and four new proposals have been received by the Kendriva Vidvalava Sangathan for additional schools. Responding to the query about the state-wise status of youth hostels established under the Youth Hostel Scheme in Uttarakhand, the Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya stated that the annual maintenance, repair and upkeep of youth hos-

Date: 28/11/202

Tender Document

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tels fall under the purview of the respective state governments. If state governments are unable to provide the required funds for major repairs, they can approach the Centre for grants. The minister also suggested exploring Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds from corporate houses for the maintenance of these hostels.

Cost of

Tender

Form

Rs. 5000.00

18% GST

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(In lac)

24.90

Name of work

Providing & Placing of Furniture

Equipments at Proposed Health Care

Unit at Railway Station Dehradun

GL32117005. GL32210370. GL32226229. GL32237712. Branch Name: RUDRAPUR UK-NAINITAL ROAD GL, Taluka - KICHHA

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL22861839, GL23037138, GL23128690, GL23135997, GL23211168, GL23211303, GL23355476, GL23499475, GL26018129, GL29646241, GL29951601, GL29956093, GL29955157, GL29977119, GL29993615, GL2999302, GL30005565, GL30040914, GL30047692, GL30062952, GL30180576, GL30272087, GL30286276, GL30354185, GL30359843, GL31357760, GL31366640, GL31378280, GL31774284, GL31780135, GL31939816, GL31958350, GL32006548, GL32011607, GL32050407, GL32219308, GL33584830, GL34101664, GL34239584

Branch Name: RUDRAPUR UK-SOLANKI HEIGHTS GL, Taluka - KICHHA.

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL23037856, GL23113768, GL23195330, GL23338769, GL24544287, GL24562101, GL24815816, GL25326441, GL25676738, GL25688066, GL29809116, GL29819324, GL29853167, GL29869386, GL30068496, GL30173920, GL30188261, GL30286147, GL30352861, GL30356220, GL30359693, GL30768854, GL31328023, GL31723161, GL31727828, GL32140246, GL32144649, GL32158954, GL32169003, GL32603842, GL33029320.

Branch Name: SITARGANJ-GL, Taluka - SITTAGANJ.

Date: 30.11.2024

Place: NAINITAL

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL29995233, GL29999710, GL30005911, GL30045383, GL30058891, GL30091298, GL30097758, GL30103716, GL30108102, GL30108743, GL30110298, GL30174407, GL30188385, GL30221847, GL30300459, GL30303163, GL30318742, GL30319394, GL31136131, GL31735184, GL31754850, GL31884956. GL31901423, GL31919239, GL31919426, GL31931524, GL31931597, GL31982331, GL31988839, GL32078940, GL32087462, GL32090273, GL32094299, GL32095479, GL32095887

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S.	Borrower/Branch/			Reserve Price	Branch Name	
S. No.		Vehicle Details	Liabilities	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Contact Mobile No. E-mail ID	
	D P Code			Amount in Multiple		
1	Branch: Rishikesh Avas	HYUNDAI AURA 1.2 MT CNG S	Rs. 6,07,024.36 as on	Rs. 5,50,000/-	Canara Bank, Regional Office	
2	Vikas (DP-18937)	(PETROL/CNG)	29.11.2024 + Interest w.e.f.	Rs. 55,000/-	Dehradun A/c Name - Canara Bank	
	Guru Charan Singh Village	Chasis Number- MALB241CLPM179729 Engine Number-G4LAPM450021 Registration Number -UK08TA8706	02.11.2024 + Expenses and Costs- Recovery w.e.f. 29.11.2024 (if any) In A/C No. 170007671703	Rs. 5,000/-	A/c No 209272434 IFSC - CNRB0008305 Contact No. Ph. 9719209725 Mail: rfcoddn@ canarabank.com	
2	Branch: Raipur Nehrugram	NISSAN MOTORS DATSUN GO PLUS T	Rs. 63,951.40 as on	Rs. 45,000/-	Canara Bank, Regional Office	
	(DP- 4697)	(PETROL)	29.11.2024 + Interest w.e.f.	Rs. 4,500/-	Dehradun A/c Name - Canara Bank	
	Borrower: Mr. Amrit Pal Singh S/o Jarnail Singh Saraswati Vihar Block E Ajabpur Kala Dehradun Uttarakhand-248001	Chasis Number- MDHJBAAD0H1500063 Engine Number-HR12883851C Registration Number -UK07 BX6267	08.11.2024 + Expenses and Costs- Recovery w.e.f. 29.11.2024 (if any) In A/C No. 4697603000036	Rs. 5,000/-	A/c No 209272434 IFSC - CNRB0008305 Contact No. Ph. 9719209725 Mail: rfcoddn@ canarabank.com	

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Project Manager, BRIDCUL	Dated: 29.11.2024	Palace: Dehradun	Authorised Officer, Canara Bank
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GL32756379, GL32912984, GL33507586.

Branch Name: ROORKEE-GANESHPUR GL, Taluka - ROORKEE.

Branch Name: ROORKEE-RAMNAGAR GL, Taluka - ROORKEE.

GL32122048 GL32159255 GL32169172 GL32178111 GL33181783

to enable timely refund of excess auction proceeds, if any,

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ornaments shall be auctioned on subsequent working days after displaying the details on auction platform and/or auction center. In case the auction at Branch level fails, the same will be re auctioned on **16.12.2024** without any further notice at district level at the specified district centre. If for any reason, the district level auction cannot be held on the date mentioned

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District Centre: HARIDWAR-JWALAPUR KRISHNA GARDEN GL - IIFL FINANCE LTD. KRISHNA GARDEN, GROUND FLOOR, OPPOSITE RAILWAY POLICE CHOWKI, JWALAPUR, RAILWAY ROAD JWALAPUR, HARIDWAR, UTTARAKHAND 249407.

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL22853497, GL24149162, GL24156950, GL25001758, GL26567169, GL27804260, GL29804351,

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Khanna to write to DMs on exploitation of children in pre-primary schools

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The State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR) chairwoman Geeta Khanna will send a letter to all district magistrates in the State to address the exploitation of students in pre-primary schools. Notably, during a recent Press conference, Khanna voiced her concerns about pre-primary institutions that admit children at an early age, contrary to the guidelines established by the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which permits enrollment only for children aged three years and older. In light of this situation, the president of the National Association for Parents and Student Rights (NAPSR), Arif Khan recently emphasised the importance of the enrollment. Further, she SCPCR collaborating with the Education department DMs should also examine to form a monitoring com- other institutions, includmittee dedicated to over- ing Madarsas, coaching

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be found engaging in such activities that are detri-mental to children, imme-Considering this, Khanna informed that she has repeatedly written to the diate action should be taken Education department by the DMs. She further regarding the issue of highlighted that there are exploitative practices by currently no established pre-primary schools in enrolling students below norms governing the establishment of pre-primary schools. To prevent the exploitation of children, it is the age of three. However, no action has been taken on this issue so essential for the relevant far. Consequently, she has decided to send a letter to all officials to formulate and implement norms related district magistrates in the to the establishment of preprimary schools, she added. State, asking them to oversee and inspect pre-primary schools that are not complying with the guide-भारत सरकार lines set forth by the NEP कारपोरेट कार्य मंत्रालय 2020 in terms of student

Temperatures hover near normal, rain and snowfall not yet in sight

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Dehradun and various other parts of the State have remained closer to normal in recent days. However, the rain and snowfall expected during the winter is still not within sight. The State meteorological centre has forecast that all the districts will experience dry weather on Saturday. Dehradun is likely to witness a mainly clear sky with mist likely to occur during morning hours. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be about 26 degrees Celsius and 10 degrees Celsius

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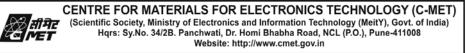
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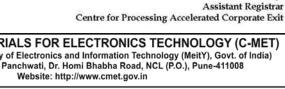
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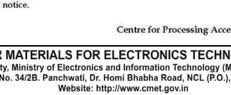
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Youth Cong to hold protest in Doon on Dec 4

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The Youth Congress will hold a protest at Uttarakhand secretariat on November 4. The protest will be led by the newly appointed national president of Youth Congress, Udai Bhanu Chib. The Uttarakhand in-charge of Youth Congress Shivi Chauhan said that the protest will be held against rising unemployment, drug abuse and in support of the demand to hold the Urban Local Body (ULB) elections, Panchayat elections and elections of students unions.

The Uttarakhand president of the Youth Congress, Sumittar Bhullar said that the party workers and leaders will assemble at Rangers Ground in Dehradun and will march towards the secretariat on December 4. All the senior leaders of Uttarakhand Congress will attend the protest.

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Adjournment notices being used to disrupt proceedings: RS Chairperson

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Rajya Sabha Chairperson Jagdeep Dhankhar on Friday said adjournment notices under Rule 267 of the House are being weaponised as a mechanism of disruption before adjourning the proceedings till Monday amid Opposition parties protest over corruption allegations against the Adani Group, and other issues.

Like in the previous sittings of the ongoing Winter Session, the House could not take up scheduled business on Friday as well and proceedings were adjourned within minutes of the assembly

Opposition MPs started the protest soon after the chairperson announced that he had received their 17 against notices for suspension of Group. scheduled business and take up issues related to corruption allegations against the Adani Group, violence in Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal, and Sambhal,

Manipur.

... These issues have been raised repeatedly during the week with the result that we have already lost three working days. The days that should have been committed by us for public cause," The chairman said the loss of time, opportunity and question hour has given enormous setbacks to the people at large. "Now, I find honourable members and I call upon you for deep reflection. Rule 267 is

> The Chairperson's statement in the House led to protests with slogans being raised against Prime Minister Narendara Modi and Adani

have virtually become a The statement led to further laughing stock. protests, with some opposition Pramod Tiwari. Ranjeet members raising slogans against Prime Minister Ranjan, and Vivek Tankha were among the Congress party MPs who had given notices for taking up discussion on the alleged Narendra Modi and the Adani Expressing deep anguish, Dhankhar said, "Our actions are not people-centric. They are to absolute public distaste, corruption and wrongdoings against the Adani Group. John Brittas and AA Rahim of

sought discussion on the recent violence in Sambhal. Sanjay Singh of the AAP had given a notice to take up the issue of "rising" crime in the national capital, while his party colleague Raghav Chadha wanted a discussion Raghav on the alleged atrocities against Hindus in Bangladesh and the arrest of Hindu we are getting into irrelevance, the CPI(M) were among the spiritual leader Chinmoy people are ridiculing us, we Rajya Sabha members who Krishna Das.

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Punjab MPs protest slow paddy procurement in state

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Congress MPs from Punjab On Friday staged a protest in the Parliament complex against alleged delay in paddy procurement and fertiliser shortage, and demanded that the government compensate the farmers who were forced to sell their produce below the minimum support price

(MSP). (MSP). Congress MP from Ludhiana and the party's Punjab chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring blamed the BJP-led Union government and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Punjab for the situation. "MPs from Punjab raised their

were forced to sell below the MSP," Warring told reporters

voice for the farmers of Punjab, the situation they are

MSP," he said. Congress MP from Fatehgarh Sahib, Amar Singh said farmers were forced to sell their crops 8-10 per cent below the MSP.

"This is the first time that paddy procurement is not being done properly. Farmers the MSP.

compensate farmers, and make arrangements so that it is not repeated in the future," he said.

Congress MP from Patiala, added that the government should also announce a loan waiver for farmers of north

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The central government should form a committee and

"The state and central governments have not taken probe those who bought crops steps to resolve issues faced by below the MSP. Farmers farmers in Punjab... the stores should get the price as per the were not emptied, there is a labour problem which was not resolved, truckers' issues were not resolved, in utcers issues were not resolved, no processes were completed, and farmers were forced to spend days waiting to sell their produce, and were eventually forced to

sell it at a lower price. "Loan waiver should be given to farmers of north India," he

added. The MPs also staged a protest in the Parliament complex, displaying placards with slogans like "farmers in fertiliser", "crop is being procured below MSP", and worst procurement in 25

The MPs raised slogans against the Union and Punjab governments

Birsa Munda's great grandson passes away

BJP criticise move to make Karnataka CM the VC of rural varsity

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PIONEER NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU

Opposition BJP on Friday condemned the government's move to make the chief minister the chancellor of the Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) University replacing the governor, terming it as an attempt to pollute the higher education system education system.

State BJP president B Y Vijayendra said this attempt to cut down on the powers of the governor is a conspiracy to upset the constitutional

system. The Karnataka cabinet on Thursday approved a bill, according to which the chief minister will be appointed as the chancellor, replacing the governor at the RDPR

governor at the Reference University in Gadag. The governor is the chancellor for all public universities in Karnataka. Governor Thaawarchand

Gehlot currently holds the "With a good intention that politics should not mix in education and as per the intent of the constitution, the Governor who is also the

constitutional head of the state is the chancellor of the universities. But the government led Siddaramaiah (CM), which is engaged in a series of corruption, by abusing its existing powers, is trying to pollute the higher education system," Vijayendra posted on

He said the government's move will allow "unnecessary political interference" in the field of rural development studies.

UK museum to return to Tamil Nadu idol bought in 1967

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE CHENNAL

The Ashmolean Museum at Oxford University, London, which purchased the Thirumangai Alwar bronze idol in 1967, has agreed to return the idol to Tamil Nadu after the state Idol Wing CID submitted evidence of the idol's trafficking from an ancient temple in Thanjavur district, the police said on Friday.

In its recent communication to the Tamil Nadu Idol Wing CID police, the Oxford University has expressed its "commitment to repatriate" the idol said to be worth crores of rupees back to India, due to the wing's efforts, a release here said.

"They have also promised to cover all costs associated with transferring the idol from London to India, ensuring that it can be returned to the temple for worship. This marks a significant step in the efforts to return stolen idols to their rightful places of origin," the release said. Efforts were on to bring this idol to Tamil Nadu within a

month's time. Director General of Police Shankar Jiwal, appreciated the



provenance of the Thirumangai Alwar bronze and facilitating its idol repatriation process, the release added.

Oxford University's The representative reviewed the evidence and testimonies provided by Deputy Superintendent of Policenvestigating Officer, P Chandrasekaran, which convincingly established the

led idol. This the representative to submit a detailed report to the University. After careful University. After careful consideration, the Council of the University of Oxford accepted that the idol had been illegally removed from Sri Soundaraja Perumal

temple. In addition to this success, the Idol Wing CID was continuing its sincere efforts to bring back the remaining three idols: Kaalinga Nartha Krishna, Vishnu, and Sridevi, that were also stolen along with Thirumangai Alwar idol from Sri Soundaraja Perumal temple in Kumbakonam, and are currently in museums in the United States. "The CID is working diligently to follow a similar

process to ensure that these idols are repatriated to their rightful place, the Sri Soundaraja Perumal Temple in Kumbakonam, where they can once again be used for worship," the release further said

In 2020, the wing registered a case based on specific information regarding the evidence is crucial in demonstrating the true origin of the idols, which had been smuggled abroad," the release theft of four valuable idols from the Soundararaja Perumal temple in Thanjavur exceptional work done by the true origin of the district, between 1957 and Idol Wing CID in successfully Thirumangai Alwar bronze 1967. These idols were stated.

illegally sold by unknown idol traffickers and smuggled abroad. Through sustained efforts, the wing traced the smuggled idols to various museums abroad. The Thirumangai Alwar idol was found to have been purchased by the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford University, London, in 1967. Oxford

Investigation revealed that, at present, only replicas of these four idols were used for worship at the Sri Soundaraja Perumal temple, while the original idols remain in

facing. They even spent the night at Mandi on Diwali, and

Superintendent of Police, Idol Wing CID, R Sivakumar, have meticulously collected all scientific evidences regarding the provenance of the four Andaman drug smugglers "The officers compiled convincing and indisputable evidence and have sent it to the relevant authorities in the called Indian countries where these idols are currently located. This contact

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NEW DELHI treatment at a hospital here after being injured in a road Days after the nearly 6,000 accident, were seized from a trawler in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, investigators found that the smugglers had made multiple calls to their contacts in South East Asian countries, including one person in north India, a top police officer said on Friday. They also entered navigational coordinates for Neil Island in South Andaman and Rangat in Middle Andaman into their Andaman and systems. Nicobar Police collaborated with the Indian Coast Guard to arrest six international narco cartel members of Burmese origin and seize their boat customised for Narco transhipment. Dhaliwal said, "Apart from making calls to people in South East Asian countries, the smugglers also contacted a person in North India. We have alerted the agencies concerned and are looking into details about this person." As part of the investigation, the police are trying to find out who bought the Starlink internet device the smugglers were using and its usage history, he said.



of Punjab had to wait for over a month, and were forced to sell it 8-10 per cent less than The government should

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90 medicines found below standard quality in Öctober

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

 $T_{Standard}^{he}$ Ce Central Drugs Control Organisation found 56 drug samples tested in the central drug laboratories in October as not of standard quality--Not of Standard Qua;lity (NSQ). Besides, the Union health ministry said on Friday, three drug samples picked by the Bihar Drugs Control Authority in October have been identified as They spurious. were manufactured by

unauthorised and unknown manufacturers, using brand name owned by another company., "An investigation has been initiated into the matter," the ministry stated., "This action of identifying NSQ and spurious medicines is taken on regular basis in collaboration with state regulators to ensure that these drugs are identified and removed from the market," it stated.

Identification of drug samples as NSQ is done based on failure of the drug sample in one or the other specified quality parameters. "The quality parameters. failure is specific to the drug products of the batch tested by the government laboratory and it does not warrant any concerns on the other drug products available in the market, the ministry clarified, 90 drug samples tested in October found not of standard quality, 34 drug samples tested by state drug regulators have also been identified as NSQ.

Jaipur, Raipur stadium have no NOC for ground water extraction

harvesting systems for storing

and replenishing the ground

In a report dated November 20, the CGWA noted it had

informed the green body that

the BCCI provided a list of 26

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PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) was recently informed that the international cricket stadia in Jaipur and Raipur did not apply for no-objection certificates to extract groundwater despite repeated

reminders. The Central Ground Water Authority's (CGWAs) report therefore requested the tribunal to pass a suitable order, underscoring even the district magistrates concerned did not initiate any action against them. In May, the tribunal directed the CGWA and state GWAs to expeditiously decide the pending NOC applications by

International Stadium, in Raipur -- hadn't applied for the NOCs. the cricket stadia. The directions were issued Regarding the present status while hearing a plea against of NOCs, it said the Barabati

the use of ground water for the maintenance of cricket Stadium was issued the certificate on November 13. But the Jaipur and Raipur stadia alleging they neither utilised the alternate sewage treatment plant (STP) water, stadia did not apply for NOCs, it said. installed rainwater

"Despite repeated reminders through letters and emails, the Rajasthan Cricket Association (RCA) has not the applied for NOC for the extraction of groundwater by Sawai Mansingh Cricket Stadium," the report said. It said the CGWA of the

stadia, of which 14 were regulated by the CGWA and western region requested the the remaining by the SGWA. Among the 14 stadia, three -district collector (DC) or district magistrate (DM) of Jaipur to take action against the stadium but "despite Barabati Cricket Stadium in Cuttack, Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur and repeated reminders" no action was taken and on Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh November 11, the authority directed the DC to seal the stadium's borewells and submit an action taken report report by November 16.

Friday, an official of the health facility said. He was 45. Mangal Munda breathed his last at 12.30 am at the state's apex health facility - Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences

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(RIMS). Birsa Munda's great grandson had sustained severe head injuries after he fell from the roof of a passenger vehicle in Iharkhand's Khunti district on November 25.

'Birsa Munda's kin Mangal Munda died of cardiovascular failure around 12.30 am. He was on a ventilator after being critically injured. We tried our best to save him but failed," RIMS Medical Superintendent Dr Hiren Birua told PTI.

Mangal Munda was referred to RIMS on Tuesday from Khunti's Sadar Hospital. Prime Minister Narendra

Modi termed Munda's demise as a loss to Iharkhand tribal society.

"I am deeply saddened by the demise of Mangal Munda Ji, a descendant of Lord Birsa Munda Ji. His demise is an

Jharkhand CM pays tribute to the mortal remains of Mangal Munda.

irreparable loss for his family as well as the tribal society of Jharkhand. May God give strength to his family in this hour of grief," PM posted on

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren and Governor Santosh Gangwar also condoled the death of Mangal Munda.

"I am deeply saddened by the news of the demise of Shri Mangal Munda Ji, a descendant of Lord Birsa Munda, who was undergoing treatment at RIMS. May Marang Buru (supreme tribal deity) grant peace to the departed soul and give strength to the bereaved family to bear this difficult time of grief," Soren posted on the microblogging site.

He along with senior officials visited RIMS and met the family members of Munda. "Mangal Munda ji suffered

serious injuries. Doctors tried their best. We tried hard. We were keeping an eye on his treatment. We were ready to shift him to any other state if required but he was on a ventilator. We did not get time. We will extend all possible support to his family," Soren told reporters after placing a wreath on Munda's mortal remains.

Gangwar, in a message on the social media site, said, "The news of the demise of Mangal Munda, a descendant of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda is extremely sad. My deepest condolences to the bereaved family. May God give strength to the bereaved family to bear this sorrow."

Meanwhile, the last rites of Mangal Munda are likely to be performed at his ancestral village Ulihatu, around 65 km from Jharkhand's capital Ranchi.

Festival of festivals, Hornbill to kickoff in Kisama on December 1

PTI KOHIMA

The 25th edition of the 10-day-long Hornbill Festival in Nagaland is set to Hornbill begin on December 1. This year, the festival will feature four country partners-Wales, the US, Japan, and Peru—along with two state partners, Sikkim Telangana, Tourism and Minister Temjen Imna Along said at a press conference here on Friday. The festival is a flagship tourism event designed to promote, preserve and showcase the state's rich

cultural heritage. The Hornbill Festival is held at the picturesque Naga Heritage Village in Kisama,

Kohima-Imphal on the National Highway, with structures erected depicting the map of Nagaland. "The festival, which kicks off in just two days, will mark a

significant milestone in Nagaland's history," the minister said. Known as the festival of festivals, the event attracts visitors from across the world to witness the state's vibrant traditions, food, arts and crafts, he said.

These partners will participate in various events, including business roundtables, cultural exhibitions, and tourism

promotions, he said. The inaugural ceremony will Heritage Village in Kisama, take place at 4 pm on La Ganesan as chief host and 12 km from the state capital December 1, in the presence Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio



of the dignitaries of the as host.

partner countries as The economic impact of the honoured guests, Governor festival is expected to be significant, with the state

reaching over Rs 100 crore for various infrastructure development and also the seating upgrading the seating capacity of the main arena of the festival to 5,000 people with prefab structures, he said.

As part of the 25th edition's celebrations, the Hornbill Parade will return, merging with the Kohima Night Bazaar for a vibrant carnival atmosphere on December 7, said the advisor to the chief minister Abu Metha.

Multiple districts across Nagaland, including Dimapur, Wokha, and Zunheboto, will also host a variety of music and cultural events throughout the festival, he said.

government's investments Metha said that the festival

for the 2024 edition, the generates around 200 crore in economic activity, benefiting local businesses, hoteliers, and even ecotourism efforts. Environmental sustainability is a key focus this year, with the government striving to said. make the festival a "green event", he said, adding that efforts to reduce plastic waste and promote eco-friendly practices are central to the

festival's planning. When asked about the flow of IMFL at the main festival venue in Kisama despite Nagaland being a dry state, Minister Along said the government has allowed the sale of Indian-made liquor exclusively at Kisama during the event, adhering to the state's prohibition laws. With a budget of Rs 6.5 crore

Hornbill Festival is not only a celebration of Nagaland's culture but also a platform for dialogue global and economic opportunity, Along The festival, which began as a tourism initiative, now stands

as a testament to the collective efforts of the Naga people, offering a chance to showcase their culture and hospitality to the world, said Metha.

The 10-day music festival to be hosted by Task Force for Music & Arts will mark the evening celebrations of the Hornbill festival with bands and artists from the partnering countries and also famed Indian bands taking the stage, he said.

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Unjust arrest

The arrest of Chinmoy Krishna Das in Bangladesh underscores the persistent challenges faced by its religious minorities

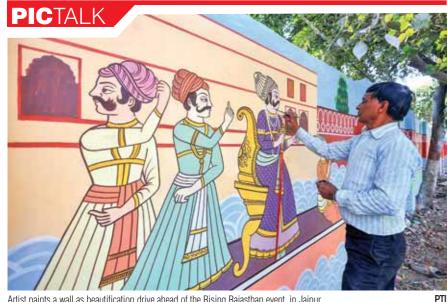
he recent arrest of Chinmoy Krishna Das, a prominent Hindu monk and spokesperson for the Bangladesh Sammilit Sanatan Jagran Jote, has spotlighted the precarious situation of religious minorities in Bangladesh. Das, known for his advocacy on behalf of Hindu communities, was apprehended on sedition charges after a religious flag was reportedly hoisted above the Bangladeshi national flag during a rally in Chittagong. This incident has sparked heated debates, both domestically and internationally, about

the treatment of minorities in Bangladesh and its implications for regional stability. Chinmoy Krishna Das, a senior figure within ISKCON and leader of the 'Sanatan Jagaran Mancha,' has been vocal about the rights of Hindus in Bangladesh. His arrest follows an incident on October 25, when the ISKCON flag was placed above the Bangladeshi national flag at a protest. The act, perceived by authorities as a threat to national sovereignty, led to sedition charges under Bangladeshi law. While the government views



the flag incident as an affront to national integrity, critics argue that the charges are politically motivated, aiming to suppress minority voices. Das and the 'Sanatan Jagaran Mancha' have articulated an eight-point agenda, emphasising structural reforms to protect minorities in Bangladesh. They are demanding a dedicated ministry for minority affairs and establishment of a tribunal to expedite justice for crimes against minorities and other safeguards for preserving their identity. Their demands reflect a long-standing plea for systemic changes to safeguard minority communities, which constitute approximately 10 per cent of Bangladesh's population. The arrest has triggered wide-

spread criticism. Former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina condemned the government's action, calling for the monk's immediate release and emphasising the importance of religious freedom. The incident also drew attention to recent waves of violence against minorities, including the burning of a Hindu temple in Chittagong and attacks on other religious groups. This episode has exposed the interim government's struggle to maintain law and order, with opposition leaders accusing it of targeting minorities to divert attention from economic mismanagement and political instability. While New Delhi often raises concerns about the safety of Hindus in Bangladesh, it must tread cautiously to avoid exacerbating tensions. India's position must be consistent. While advocating for minority rights abroad, India must also reflect on its domestic challenges. Rising incidents of communal violence and rhetoric against minorities in India undermine its credibility on the global stage. By ensuring that its own minorities feel secure and respected, India can lead by example and strengthen its moral authority when engaging with Bangladesh. For Bangladesh, the way forward lies in embracing its pluralistic heritage and ensuring that all its citizens, regardless of faith, feel safe and valued. Only then can it achieve sustainable stability and international respect it deserves.



Save India's elephants from multiple threats



HIARNMAY KARLEKAR

Encroachments on migration corridors, poaching and deadly interactions with humans and infrastructure are creating a precarious future for these gentle giants

ccording to the report, "The Status of Elephants in India 2022-23" there has been a nearly 20 per cent decline in India's elephant population between 2017 and 2022. Authorities have dubbed the printed version, compiled by the Wildlife Institute of India, which is under the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, as an interim report because census data from the country's north-eastern part have yet to be completed. The final report will be released by the end of June, 2025.

The final figures from the northeastern part are unlikely to make a significant difference to the percentage of decline. This is because of the pattern of development in the region where, according to the report, elephant populations are scattered in a mosaic dominated by human habitations, tea plantations, mines, oil refineries and linear infrastructure (roads and railway lines), which makes their movements and lives precarious. Poaching for ivory as another menace.

More or less the same causes account for the challenges elephants face in other parts of the country. Not only are their habitats encroached upon, the 88 elephant corridors, through which the behemoths migrate for food and water, are encroached upon by human settlements and have railway lines and roads running across them.

While efforts have been made to ensure safe passage by building over-bridges for elephants to cross railway lines, most elephants do not use them and cross roads and railway lines on foot. Not surprisingly, over 200 of them have perished in train accidents over the last 10 years.

Their habitats being encroached upon, and movements under pressure, elephants are migrating to new areas abutting human settlements. Human- elephant conflicts have consequently increased with the number of people killed increasing from 457 in 2018-19 to 605 in 2022-23. Three hundred elephants have been killed in the last three years. They



also suffer casualties as offshoots of wider human-animal conflict.

The killings are often done with appalling cruelty. On August 15, 2024, a cow elephant died in agony in Jhargram, West Bengal, after being pierced by a flaming spear by a band of about 35 men forming a "hulla" (loud noise) party-the nomenclature given to groups, armed with mashaals (flaming torches) and tasked by state forest departments with driving wild elephants away from human habitations. In this case, the party was reportedly mobilised by West Bengal's Forest department to chase away a herd of six elephants which had entered a human habitation and killed a senior citizen. The cow elephant continued to be hit even after she was wounded. Moving forward, dragging her hind feet and writhing in agony, she finally collapsed and died eight hours later despite the forest department's efforts to treat her.

A report by Jayashree Nandi and Joydeep Thakur in The Hindustan Times datelined August 20, 2024, quoted a representative of the Human & Environment Alliance League (HEAL), a Kolkata-based nonprofit organisation, as saying, "Hulla drives happen in mob

situations... The elephants suffer emotional trauma because of these invasive measures, in addition to physical distress. There is an urgent need to completely stop the use of mashaals by state authorities to drive [out] elephants."

The report quoted an environ-mentalist, who had asked not to be named, as saying, that the WHILE EFFORTS whole idea behind having a hulla party was to chase ele-HAVE BEEN phants away by using light. We know that animals are MADE TO instinctively scared of fire. But we have seen in the past that **ENSURE SAFE** hulla groups, employed by the PASSAGE BY forest department, are in [an] inebriated condition and resort BUILDING to all kinds of horrific torture. Locals are extremely disturbed **OVER-BRIDGES** about this. Moreover, all cor-FOR ELEPHANTS ridors that can help these elephants escape are now TO CROSS encroached upon so conflict is rising." RAILWAY LINES, Sometime, death is a collater-

MOST ELEPHANTS al development. On May 27, 2020, a pregnant elephant col-DO NOT lapsed in Velliyar river in Kerala's Palakkad district and USE THEM died, after having stood there since May 25. According to the post-mortem report on the tragedy, the immediate cause

The result was serious, incapacitating wounds in her oral cavity. "This", the post-mortem report continued, "resulted in excruciating pain and distress in the region and prevented the animal from taking food and water for nearly two weeks. Severe debility and weakness, in turn, resulted in a final collapse in water that led to drowning." According to a report by Sujit Bisoyi in The Indian Express (datelined November 18, 2024,), three elephants, including a calf, died after falling into an electrified trap, laid by poachers for killing wild boars, in Odisha's Sambalpur district.

The question is: should wild boars be killed in this terrible way? The human-animal conflict is making demons out of people. Meanwhile, there is good news from across the border. Under the auspices of Four Paws, a global animal welfare organisation, Madhubala, an African elephant, was shifted on November 26, 2024, from the Karachi Zoo to Karachi Safari Park, to join her two sisters. Malika and Sonia, in open air. One hopes, brought from

of her death was drowning. On May 12, 2020, she had tried to eat a coconut that had been stuffed with explosives to kill wild boars that ate up crops.

Africa when young, they live happily hereafter.

(The author is Consulting Editor, The Pioneer; the views *expressed are personal)*

Artist paints a wall as beautification drive ahead of the Rising Rajasthan event, in Jaipur

Antimicrobial resistance: An invisible risk for women health



MAJUMDAR

With AMR deaths projected to exceed 10 million annually by 2050, a gendersensitive, intersectional approach is critical to tackling this silent epidemic

Then antibiotics or antimicrobials, impactful the first few times, lose their efficacy as their intake increases, sometimes unthinkingly and unnecessarily, it indicates that the bacteria, fungi, viruses and parasites it was being used to treat have become resistant to these drugs. Prevention and treatment of infections then become increasingly difficult and can

lead to fatal consequences. While this antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is invisible, the people affected by it are not. In 2021, deaths linked to AMR numbered a staggering 4.7 million and approximately 1.5 million were directly caused by it.

Worryingly, India has one of the world's highest AMR rates. Equally worrying is that the impacts of AMR are not the same for everyone. Since the drivers of AMR in India include lack of access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and limited access to healthcare facilities among others, AMR disproportionately affects certain groups compared with others. Thus, marginalised and vulnerable communities, espe-



cially women, face a higher rupting treatment and sharrisk of acquiring bacterial infections, including druging medicines can lead to an increased risk of AMR with the emergence of resistant resistant infections and AMR. It is a good fact that women strains of bacteria. Sexual face more barriers to accessorientation and associated ing health information than sexual behaviours among men. Limited mobility preindividuals also contribute to the risks of acquiring AMR. vents them from attending public health awareness Laws that criminalise homoevents and learning about sexual relationships coupled the safe use of antibiotics. with stigma are deterrents to health-seeking behaviour by Low levels of education lead to ignorance on the use and key populations such as men having sex with men (MSM), misuse of antibiotics not just for themselves, but for their lesbian gay, bi, trans, queer children also. Studies have and other identities (LGBTQ+) individuals. This found that misuse of antibiotics while breastfeeding can enhances their exposure to contribute to the development pathogens, such as an increased risk of sexually of AMR, particularly in intestinal microbiota in a transmitted infections (STIs) child, through breast milk and antimicrobial drug resistransfer. They are more prone tance. Gender-based violence to seeking antibiotics to get also plays a significant role in

work. Medicines used for Multiple studies have shown self-medication are often purthat women, including marchased without prescriptions ried women, are at a higher from unlicensed local shops risk than men of being as limited financial resources exposed to STIs through sexoften dictate whether it is ual violence, having a spouse with multiple partners, male worth paying a visit to a resistance to condom use and It has been proven that treatwomen's low ability to negoing viral infections with tiate safe sex.

This increases women's risk of contracting STIs, particularly gonorrhoea, one of the most transmitted STIs which has the potential for drug resistance. The more frequent the UTIs, the greater the use of ciprofloxacin and the higher the risk of AMR. With the possibility of deaths associated with AMR rising to over 10 million annually by 2050, there is an urgent need to adopt a robust intersectionality approach. Greater data disaggregated by sex, gender, disability, geographical location, occupation, sexual orientation and socio-economic status is urgently needed to implement policies to prevent AMR, especially among women, LGBTQ, people living with HIV and other vulnerable groups. (The author is a journalist

writing on development and better as fast as possible, to AMR among women. gender; views are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REMEMBERING PHILLIP HUGHES

Madam — A decade has passed since the tragic death of the Australian cricketer Phillip Hughes. The painful irony is that Hughes was killed by the very game that he loved most. As a thumb rule, cricket ought to provide entertainment to all of us. But, in Hughes' demise, the game dealt a severe blow to the cricketing fraternity, from which it could not come to terms till today.

Numbers 408 and 63 that denote Hughes' Test cap and the last runs scored by him, respectively, will ever remain a shadow bigger than his frame. As the cricket world pauses to reflect on Hughes' contributions and untimely loss, the commemorations that Cricket Australia is preparing to pay a heartfelt tribute to him, marking his 10th death anniversary, serve as a reminder of the unity and resilience within the cricketing community. Hughes' legacy continues to inspire players and fans alike, reinforcing the profound and lasting impact he had on Australian cricket. Perhaps the bulbs that bloom on the grass at the Sydney Cricket Ground every day are not snowdrops but are droplets of tears in memory of the deceased young Australian cricketer.

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

PRIYANKA IN PARLIAMENT

Madam-History sometimes records the rarest of the rare incidence in its book and in Indian history, the Congress party is renowned for creating multiple such historic incidences. The Gandhi family has once again done something similar to having three members in the Parliament from one family only. After Sonia and Rahul Gandhi, the newest MP in the house, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra is all set to begin her new league in the temple of Indian democracy, the Indian parliament. Initiating her spectacular victory this election from Wayanad with the huge margin of around four lakh votes, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra is paving the way to represent the aspirations of Wayanad on the floor of Parliament itself. Her oath catch-

Ceasefire a huge respite for Lebanon



propos to "Glimmer of Hope," published on November 28. The Lebanon ceasefire is definitely a huge respite. Over one million have been forced to flee their homes by Israeli military action and more than 3,500 citizens have been killed in Israeli attacks and

es the attention, as she holds the copy of the Constitution in her hand and takes the oath simultaneously.

Now, Priyanka Gandhi is also there, Rahul Gandhi, who is the current Leader of the Opposition from Congress, can represent the Opposition opinion more strongly. Priyanka can contribute the southern aspirations and perspective more explicitly due to her southern representation in the Parliament. Beginning the new political league at the parliament at the age of 52 needs strong zeal. She has taken the oath and become the Member of Parliament, we hope that she will be able to walk the talk and keep the Constitution at the epitome during her service period as MP.

Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

ONLINE SERVICES DISRUPTED

Madam - Since the afternoon of Thursday, November 28, people and companies using net banking and online services in the country have been facing problems. The OTP i.e. 'One Time Password', that comes on the registered mobile number while making any transaction has starthomes of tens of thousands have been destroyed. Though few people in Israel feel that this ceasefire would collapse as Netanvahu himself said that this is the time to give breathers to his forces and replenish stocks. The US and France will have to ensure that this ceasefire holds.

As of now, the Israeli army would remain in the southern part of Lebanon and adapt the wait-and-watch policy. Israel has eliminated the whole top leadership of Hezbollah and we should be hopeful that they do not backtrack. Lebanon should focus on rebuilding its battered infrastructure. It is a moment of cautious hope as peace has been elusive in this part of the world. Both parties should avoid provocations and prioritise the lives of civilians over the politics of war. The world would watch with bated breath

Bal Govind | Noida

ed arriving very late. After which, on entering the OTP, a message comes that the 'One Time Password' has expired. This is happening because due to the new rules of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, i.e. TRAI, there has been a delay in receiving the One Time Password (OTP).

TRAI claims that under this, they want to ensure that online users do not become victims of any kind of cyber fraud. But to prevent them from becoming victims of fraud, the work of people, institutions and companies has now come to a halt. Now we will have to go back to the manual era and for every transaction like NEFT, i.e. National Electronic Fund Transfer and RTGS, i.e. 'Real Time Gross Settlement' fund transfer work, we will have to stand in queues at the counters of banks. These transactions will not be possible on holidays. TRAI needs to reconsider its decision. This will start having an adverse effect on the business of billions of rupees every day.

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TRANSFORMING THE SPORTING MINDSET

A holistic approach, encompassing administration, training and spiritual discipline, can transform sports



RAVI VALLURI

n your marks, set, go. The gunshot fired and the cauldron rose rambunctiously as Usain Bolt scorched the track, adding to his ever-growing tally of medals. Contrast this with Indian athletes. Why is our mind prepared for the also-ran? Indian athletes need to possess the single-minded pursuit, the talent, the eye and the mind of an Arjuna. He was a successful archer as he honed his skills and had immense faith in his Guru- Dronacharya and his sakha - Lord Krishna. He was rewarded by both. Lord Krishna blessed him with a divine vision to capture the SOHAM Swaroop, the Vishwarup Darshan.

Dronacharya equipped his favourite tutee by filling his arsenal with all the weaponry at his disposal. The elasticity, malleability and humility of Arjuna's mind enabled him to conquer his fears and his opponents, by fortuitously overcoming the cobwebs in his mind. Arjuna's mind was Ajatashatru and thus became his ally. True, the spirit and motto of the Olympics as coined by Pierre de Coubertin in 1894 was and is Citius, Altius, Fortius (Faster, Higher, Stronger), and one should play in the spirit of sportsmanship. But the drive to excel and stand at the podium is dismally missing.

The passion to climb, not clamber to the podium, What makes the minds of those athletes tick, where we fail? We do not possess the wherewithal. Cricket remains the Holy Grail of the nation and these days it is the Indian Premier League that dominates our sporting arena. At one end of the spectrum is cricket and all other sports are at the other end. It is



a virtual denouncing of all other sports. Sakshi Malik, Olympic bronze medalist works with the Northern Railway and the first woman Olympic silver medalist, PV Sindhu's father is the sports officer of South-Central Railway. The mindsets of these women of substance were akin to Ajatashatru as they turned around gruelling situations into triumphant ones

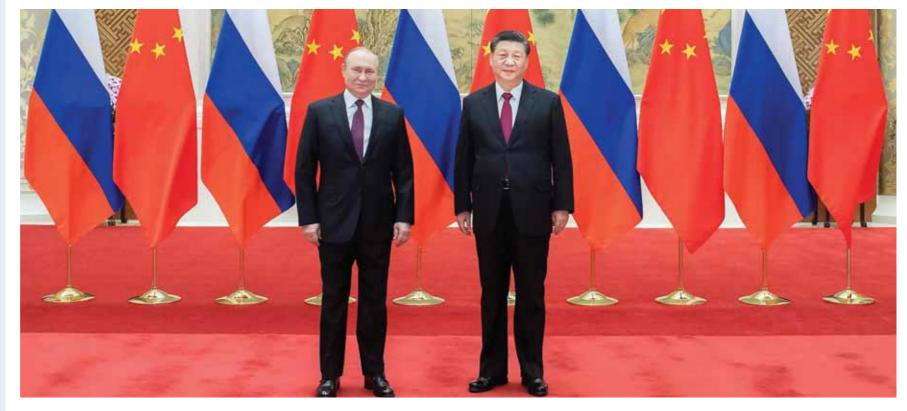
These mindsets indicate the indomitable spirit which should be embraced by all sportspersons. The mindset and approach of the Ministry of Sports need to be altered radically. The administration of this department needs a vigorous overhaul. Indian Railways and Indian Defence Forces should be actively involved in revamping the moribund organisation along with the participation of the private sector to provide an adequate corpus of funds through their Corporate Social Responsibility programme. However, doubts should not arise in the corners of the minds of the administrators. They should be willing to take the risks. Their minds too should be flexible in approach and become Ajatashatru. Most sportsmen find relaxation with the latest gizmos and listening to music and in the entertainment industry. Perhaps it will be a profitable exercise to begin the rigorous schedule by practising yoga, and pranayama and then resume their normal routine. The day should end with the practice of Sudarshan Kriya and meditation. This will make the bodies and minds supple. Several East Asian countries and China follow a regimen of spiritual teachings like Vipassana to enhance the quality of performance of their athletes. China takes several pages from the works of Tsung Tzu to learn the craft of war to train the minds of their sportspersons. This dynamic approach produces champions."Endurance is one of the most difficult disciplines, but it is to the one who endures that the final victory comes," said Buddha. It is a matter of honour to climb the podium. Let us begin our preparations yesterday with earnestness and train our sportspersons to become truly Ajatashatru.

The Eastern challenge to Western supremacy



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As alliances between Eastern nations grow stronger, the American-led global order faces an existential challenge—one that could redefine the world's balance of power



hat if everything you've been told about global conflicts is a carefully crafted narrative, designed to obscure the

true motives behind the wars shaping our world? What if the West, in its pursuit of global dominance, has been engineering not only conflicts but also economic crises to maintain an order that ensures its supremacy? From secret military operations to covert sabotage of vital infrastructure, the unsettling reality is far darker and more strategic than we're led to believe.

Take, for example, the US Space Force's secret X-37B spacecraft, a classified project performing manoeuvres unknown to the public. Officially seen as a technological marvel for testing new military systems, the X-37B reveals the West's obsession with space as the final frontier of warfare-a new realm for control, surveillance, and preparation for conflict beyond terrestrial borders. In

in Ukraine, a much larger game is unfolding—one rooted in economic sabotage, echoing dark chapters from WWI and WWII. During WWI, the British naval blockade led to over 750,000 German deaths from starvation, while in WWII, both Axis and Allied powers exploited occupied economies.

The US used sanctions and trade embargoes to cripple Germany, Japan, and Italy, before later pushing the Marshall Plan to prevent Soviet expansion.

ECONOMIC WWII's hidden agenda was to establish a new global economic order, cemented by institutions like the IMF and World Bank. SANCTIONS, COVERT Today, the destruction of the **OPERATIONS**, Nord Stream pipelines, a symbol of the West's desperation, exem-AND POLITICAL plifies the lengths to which the West will go to control European MANIPULATION energy resources. While it harms

turing sector, burgeoning technological innovation, and rapidly expanding middle class, repre-sents an existential threat to the economic order that has been so carefully crafted by the West

over the last century. But there's something even more dangerous: the potential for India, China, and Russia to align themselves strategically, creating a bloc that could challenge the very foundations of the American-led global system. This is not mere conjecture. The relationship between these nations is growing stronger by the day, dri-ven by mutual interests in trade, energy, and security.

India's role as a bridge between the East and West has already made it a key player in the global economy, and its rise is inevitable—unless, of course, the West can sabotage it. From the ongoing conflict with Pakistan to the subtle manoeu-vring within India's border countries, the West's tactics are clear: prevent India from becoming too powerful, too independent. The rise of India would disrupt the existing order, unseating the US dollar's global dominance, challenging the West's monopoly over technological innovation, and upsetting the very structure of global trade. For years, the West has maintained a delicate balance by keeping China, India, and Russia in a state of disunity, playing them off each other whenever possible. This disunity has been the foundation of Western power in the modern world, preventing the rise of any one nation that could unite the East and threaten the West's economic hegemony. The more these nations grow closer, the more the West fears

pass downfall.

losing its control over global affairs.

A united East is the ultimate nightmare, and the West will stop at nothing to ensure it never happens. Economic sanctions, covert operations, and political manipulation are but tools in the West's arsenal, deployed to divide and conquer, ensuring that peace between China, Russia, and India remains an unthinkable prospect. But what if India, China, and Russia do unite?

What if they form a powerful bloc, in addition to BRICS but similar to Five Eyes or AUKUS, one that can rival the economic and military might of the West? The very notion of peace in this region-the idea that these nations could cooperate, trade, and build mutual trust-strikes at the heart of Western strategy. Peace in the East is the West's greatest tear, and the possibility of such a peace emerging in the wake of current geopolitical turmoil is something the West cannot allow. It is the very foundation of the Western empire that stands on the brink of collapse, should this unity ever come to If unity is ensured, the East may finally break free from the chains of Western manipulation, and the world may look very different from how it does today. The question remains: can the West survive in a world where it no longer controls the narrative, the economy, or the very fate of nations? Only time will tell, but the signs are already clear-if the West doesn't change its course, it will be its actions that lead to its

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Europe,

Germany is quietly preparing for a war that might never be fought, but whose consequences will be felt across generations. The German government has begun drawing up plans for the construction and expansion of bunkers, turning buildings-metro stations, and underground car parks—into fortified shelters in case of conflict.

The reasons for these preparations are not openly discussed, but anyone with a cursory knowledge of geopolitics can understand the strategic intent. At the heart of this is the fear of Russia, a fear that has taken root despite decades of diplomatic agreements and economic cooperation. But the true motive behind these moves, hidden beneath the veil of defence, is not just survival. It's about keeping Europe within the American orbit-controlling the narrative and preventing the rise of any bloc that might dare to challenge the order established in the aftermath of the Cold War. As the West tightens its grip on the war ARE BUT TOOLS the German public and European IN THE WEST'S markets, the US and its allies ben-efit from the uncertainty and

ARSENAL, dependence on their energy exports. This isn't a mere acci-DEPLOYED TO dent; it's economic warfare to weaken Russia and prevent **DIVIDE AND** Germany from growing too independent. CONQUER,

A fragmented Europe is far eas-ENSURING THAT ier to control than a self-sufficient one.But the true target of the PEACE BETWEEN West's fear is not merely Russia. It is the potential unity between CHINA, RUSSIA China, India and Russia. These AND INDIA nations, once seen as geopolitical rivals, are now forging alliances that threaten to upend the bal-**REMAINS AN** ance of power in a way that the UNTHINKABLE

West cannot tolerate. PROSPECT The prospect of India, the world's most populous country, rising to become the third-largest economy in the world in the next few years is a nightmare for the West. Índia, with its growing manufac-

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Trump re-elected as the US President: Nationalism rises amid global shifts

His re-election is set to influence US immigration, trade and foreign policies while creating ripple effects across the globe

onald Trump has been re-elected as President of the United States, defeating Kamala Harris in a closely watched election. His return to power has sparked global speculation about potential shifts in US economic and social policies. Trump's previous tenure was marked by transformative changes, and his "America First" doctrine remains central to his administration. The Rise of Nationalism

Globally, nationalism is surging amid challenges like globalisation, terrorism, religious extremism and economic upheaval. Trump's victory reflects this trend. During his first term, Trump emphasised reviving American manufacturing, limiting Chinese imports, and reform-



Trump's popularity.

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ing immigration policies to protect American jobs. His proposal to build a US-Mexico border wall became ernments. symbolic of his immigration stance. Trump also advocated reducing costly military interventions abroad and fostered a controversial friendship with Russian President Vladimir Putin, breaking traditional US-Russia dynamics. These policies resonated with public discontent with libera significant portion of the al immigration policies, rein-

electorate, reinforcing forcing nationalist sentiments

Implications of victory of Nationalism is also gaining traction in Europe. Post-Nationalism

World War II liberalism and Trump's win represents a sigglobalisation have given way nificant setback for liberal ideologies, to a nationalist wave, driven including by economic concerns and Wokeism and leftist movefears of societal erosion. ments. His administration's Britain's Brexit epitomised emphasis on American this shift, and several nationalism underscores a European nations, including rejection of policies perceived Italy, Finland and Hungary, as prioritising minority now have nationalist govappeasement or extremism. While Trump has praised the Even traditionally liberal contributions of Hindus in America, he has also vowed countries like Germany and France are witnessing growto take a hardline stance ing influence from nationalagainst extremism, includist parties. Rising extreming deporting Muslim immiism, as seen in recent violent grants linked to groups like incidents in France and Hamas. England, has further fueled

The Biden administration's perceived support for liberal and leftist ideologies con-



trasts with Trump's firm nationalist agenda. His "America First" slogan signifies a broader rejection of extremism and a commitment to protecting US interests. This ideological divide is emblematic of a global realignment favoring nationalism.

Elon Musk's Role Elon Musk, a billionaire industrialist, played a pivotal role in the elections. Musk, a former critic of Trump, became a vocal supporter due to his personal experi-ences with Wokeism, partic-ularly involving his family. California's Woke-influenced education policies led to a gender transition for Musk's son, causing a rift within his family.

Disillusioned, Musk resolved to challenge Wokeism. After acquiring Twitter (now X), Musk reinstated Trump's account and actively supported his campaign.

Musk's actions symbolise a broader cultural battle against Woke ideologies, aligning with Trump's nationalist narrative.

Trump's Victory and Its

Impact on India Trump's presidency has significant implications for India. His tough stance on China aligns with India's interests, potentially encour-aging global firms to view India as a manufacturing alternative. This could bolster India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. However, Trump's protectionist policies, such as potential tariff hikes and restrictions on H-1B visas, might pose challenges for Indian exporters and IT firms. Trump's administration may also bring geopolitical benefits for India. Strengthening ties with both the US and Russia could enhance India's global posi-tioning. While Trump's cli-

mate change stance might

hinder global environmental goals, his leadership could contribute to reducing extremism and terrorism, fostering stability.

Conclusion

Trump's re-election reflects a global shift toward national-ism, driven by dissatisfaction with liberal policies and rising concerns about extremism. His presidency promises significant changes in US domestic and foreign policies, emphasising economic protectionism, immigration reform, and geopolitical realignments. For India, Trump's leadership presents both opportunities and challenges, shaping its role in the evolving global landscape. (The author is Professor, PGDAV College, University

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Negotiators get closer to agreeing on plastic pollution treaty

AP 📕 BUSAN (SOUTH KOREA)

 $N_{\rm to\ address\ the\ global\ crisis\ of}^{\rm egotiators\ working\ on\ a\ treaty}$ plastic pollution inched closer to an agreement Friday, with more countries saying they want to address the total plastic on Earth. The most contentious issue of the talks is whether there will be a limit on the amount of plastic that companies are allowed to produce. Panama proposed text for the treaty to address plastic production

on Thursday. Juan Carlos Monterrey, head of Panama's delegation, said it's a acceptable for all delegations. compromise proposal to build On Friday afternoon, Luis Vayas

consensus because it does not include a numerical target or production cap. Instead, it says coun-tries would adopt a global target at a later conference of the parties

meeting. Support for Panama's proposal quickly grew to over 100 countries. Some plastic-producing and oil and gas countries, including Saudi Arabia, vigorously oppose including plastic production in the treaty, calling it a red line. Russia's delegation has said if the world is serious about this treaty, negotiators must concentrate on provisions



Valdivieso, the committee chair from Ecuador, issued a paper with draft treaty text, condensing the views expressed by negotiators during the week. The treaty article on production has Panama's proposal. The other option is to strike that article.

"This is great! This is great," Monterrey said as he read the doc-ument on his cellphone just after it was issued.

"It is a big show of force, of muscle, for those countries that are ambitious. And also this shows that consensus is still possible," he said in an interview.

Global plastics production is set to there's more agreement, such as the

reach 736 million tons by 2040, up 70% from 2020, without policy changes, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Environmental organizations demonstrated with signs outside the convention center Friday morning, demanding that negotiators show courage.

Negotiators began meeting Monday in Busan. They split into groups to consider text for treaty articles. By the midpoint of the negotiations, none had agreed to anything. They were having long discussions over topics where

need to manage plastic waste better. And they hadn't settled on some of the basics of the treaty, such as the scope and definitions. Valdivieso told them Wednesday night their progress was too slow and they had to speed up signifi-

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cantly. The delegations will now discuss Valdivieso's paper and decide whether to agree to the articles. The meeting ends late Sunday or

early Monday. UN Environment Program Executive Director Inger Andersen said there's still enough time to land an agreement, "if we work hard.

Bangladesh freezes bank accounts Russian defence minister in N Korea for talks of 17, including arrested leader AP SEOUL

PTI DHAKA

Bangladesh's authorities have ordered freezing for 30 days the bank accounts of 17 people associated with ISKCON, including its former member Chinmov Krishna Das arrested this week on sedition charges, media reports said Friday.

The move comes after the Bangladesh High Court rejected a petition seeking a ban on International Society for Consciousness Krishna (ISKCON), following the killing of a lawyer in a clash between the Hindu leader's supporters and security personnel. The Bangladesh Financial

Intelligence Unit (BFIU) sent these directives to different banks and financial institutions on Thursday, suspending all types of transactions related to these accounts for a month, newspaper Prothom Alo said. The financial intelligence agency under the central Bangladesh Bank asked the banks and financial institutions to send information, including updated transaction statements of accounts related

17 individuals, within the next three working days, it said. On October 30, a sedition case was filed against 19 people, including Das, at Chattogram's Kotwali Police Station, accusing them of disrespecting Bangladesh's national flag in Chattogram's New Market area during a rally of the Hindu

community. Das, a spokesperson for the Bangladesh Sammilita Sanatani Jagran Jote, was arrested from Dhaka's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport on Monday for alleged sedition. He was denied bail and sent to jail by a Chattogram court on Tuesday, triggering protests by his supporters.

On Tuesday, New Delhi expressed concern over the leader's arrest and denial of bail, and asked Bangladesh to ensure the safety of Hindus and other minorities.

Ousted Bangladesh prime minister Sheikh Hasina too has sought the priest's release. She also condemned the killing of the lawyer during the protests over his arrest

ISKCON Bangladesh refuted allegations linking it to the all businesses owned by these lawyer's killing, saying the claims were baseless and part of a malicious campaign. A spokesman of the attorney general's office said a two-

member High Court bench that declined to ban the ISKCON activities in Bangladesh also said the situation did not warrant the intervention of the (High) court "at this time" as the State is carry ing out its job. The Bench hoped that the government would remain cautious about protecting the law and order situation and the lives and properties of the people of Bangladesh.

Hindus — the community constituted about 22 per cent of Bangladesh's population during the 1971 Liberation War, now make up roughly 8 per cent have been frequently reporting atrocities against their community members in different parts of Bangladesh.

There are also reports of the rise of extremist groups such as the Jamaat-e-Islami and similar ideological extremist wings.

Russian Defence Minister Andrei Belousov arrived in North Korea on Friday for talks with North Korean military and political leaders as the countries deepen their cooperation over Russia's war in Ukraine.

In announcing the visit, Russia's Defence Ministry didn't say whom Belousov would meet or the purpose of the talks. North Korean state media didn't immediately confirm the visit. Belousov, a former economist, replaced Sergei Shoigu as defence minister in May after Russian President Vladimir Putin started a fifth term in power.

Photos released by the Defense Ministry showed Belousov walking alongside North Korean Defense Minister No Kwang Chol on a red carpet at a Pyongyang airport. North Korean military officials were seen clapping under a banner that read, "Complete support and solidarity with the fighting Russian army and people." Belousov noted after his arrival

that military cooperation between the countries is expanding. He applauded a strategic partnership agree-



ment signed by Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un following their June meeting in Pyongyang, which he said is aimed at reducing tensions by maintaining a "balance of power" in the region and lowering the risk of war, including with nuclear weapons.

The June meeting demonstrated the "highest level of mutual trust" between the leaders, Belousov said, and "also the mutual desire of our countries to further expand mutually beneficial cooperation in a complex international environment".

North Korean Defence Minister No also praised the expanding cooperation

between the countries' militaries and reiterated North Korea's support for Russia's war in Ukraine, describing it as a "just struggle to protect the country's sovereign rights and security interests"

The visit comes days after South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol met with a Ukrainian delegation led by Defence Minister Rustem Umerov in the South Korean capital of Seoul and called for the two countries to formulate countermeasures in response to North Korea's dispatch of thousands of troops to Russia to help its fight against Ukraine.

Kim in recent months has prioritized relations with Russia as

he tries to break out of isolation and strengthen his international footing, embracing the idea of a "new Cold War" The United States and its allies

have said North Korea has sent more than 10,000 soldiers to Russia in recent weeks and that some of those troops were engaging in combat. North Korea has also been

accused of supplying artillery systems, missiles and other military equipment to Russia that may help Putin further extend an almost three-year war. There are also concerns in Seoul that North Korea, in exchange for its troops and arms supplies, could receive Russian technology transfers

that could improve its nuclear weapons and missile programmes

Yoon's national security adviser, Shin Wonsik, said in a TV interview last week that Seoul believes that Russia has provided air defence missile systems to North Korea in exchange for

sending its troops. Shin said Russia also appears to have given economic assistance to North Korea and various military technologies, including those needed for the North's efforts to build a reliable space-based surveillance system, which Kim has stressed is crucial for enhancing the threat of nuclear-capable missiles targeting South Korea.

peacebuilding, noting that security, development and human

rights are closely interlinked and

mutually reinforcing; serving a

bridging role among the princi-

pal organs and relevant entities

of the United Nations by sharing

advice on peacebuilding needs

and priorities, in line with the

Historic debate on legalising assisted dying in England and Wales begins

AP LONDON

British lawmakers started a proposal to help terminally ill adults end their lives in England and Wales, an issue that has divided Parliament as well as the country at large. It's the first time the House of tunity to vote on legalising what some people call "assisted dying" while others term as "assisted suicide" in nearly a decade - and it looks like it will be a close result. Under the proposed legislation, only those over 18 years old in England and Wales and who are expected to die within six months can request assisted dying. They must have the mental capacity to make a choice about the end of their life and will be required to make two separate declarations about their wish to die. Ahead of the debate on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, around 180 lawmakers have indicated they will back the proposal, while about 150 have said they won't. The other 300 or so lawmakers have either yet to make up their mind or have not disclosed how they will vote. The debate is set to be impassioned, touching on issues of ethics, grief, the law, religion, crime and money. Many lawmakers plan to recount personal experiences while others



and prevent unnecessary suffering, while ensuring there are enough safeguards to prevent those near the end of their lives from being coerced into taking their own life. Opponents say it would put vulnerable people at risk, fearing that some would be coerced to end their lives and that some elderly or dispeople may opt so they don't become a burden. A vote in favour of the bill would send it to another round of hearings, where it will face further scrutiny and votes in both Houses of Parliament. If ultimately approved, any new law is unlikely to come into effect within the next two to three years. A vote against it would kill it. It's the first time the House of Commons has debated an assisted dying bill since 2015 when a similar measure failed. Only around a third of the lawmakers from that parliament are still in office. Although the current bill was proposed by a member of the ruling centre-left Labour Party, it is an open vote with no pressure from the government on supporting it. Prime Minister Keir Starmer who has previously supported assisted dying, said the government will remain neutral and he wouldn't reveal how he would vote. Some members of his cabinet have said they will support the bill, while others are against it.

India re-elected to UN Peacebuilding Commission

PTI NEW YORK

India has been re-elected to the UN Peacebuilding Peacebuilding Commission for 2025–2026. India's current term on the Commission was expiring on December 31.

"India has been re-elected to the UN Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) for 2025–2026. As a founding member and major contributor to @UNPeacekeeping, India is com-

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It is also mandated to provide recommendations and information to improve the coordination of all relevant actors within and outside the United Nations, to develop best practices, to help to ensure predictable financing for early recovery activities and to extend the per of attention

respective competencies and responsibilities of these bodies. India is among the largest contributors of uniformed personnel to UN Peacekeeping. It currently deploys about 6,000

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Pro legal assisted dying supporters demonstrate in front of Parliament in London on Friday as British lawmakers started a historic debate on a proposed to help terminally ill adults end their lives in England and Wales AP/PT

packed chamber.

hard-pressed National Health Service and how to safeguard the most vulnerable from being exploited. Around 160 members of parliament have indicated they would like to make a speech during the debate, but the speaker of the House of Commons, Lyndsay Hoyle, said it's unlikely that they all will have a chance to do so. 'Let's be clear, we're not talking

about a choice between life or death, we are talking about giving dying people a choice about how to die," the bill's main sponsor, Kim Leadbeater, said in the opening speech in a

will focus on the impact on the As the debate started, supstate-run porters of both sides gathered outside Parliament. The contentious bill would allow adults expected to have fewer than six months to live to request and be provided with help to end their life, subject to safeguards and protections. They would have to be capable of taking the fatal drugs them-selves. Lawmakers, who have been holding emotional meetings with constituents and searching their souls, are due to

debate the issue that crosses political lines. Supporters say the law would provide dignity to the dying

prosecution.

towards global peace and stability," the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations said in a post on X on Thursday. The Peacebuilding Commission is an intergovernmental adviso-

bring together all relevant actors to marshal resources and to advise on and propose integrated strategies for post-conflict peacebuilding and recovery; to focus attention on the reconstruc-

General Assembly, the Security

Council, and the Economic and

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the international community to post-conflict recovery, the Commission said. The Commission also focuses on promoting an integrated, strate-

UN operations in Abyei, the Central African Republic, Cyprus, the Democratic Republic the Congo, Lebanon, the of Middle East, Somalia, South Sudan, and Western Sahara.

Survival rate of cuddly giant pandas goes up

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The population of giant pan-das endemic to China has increased to around 1,900 after their survival rate improved in captive breeding, according to official data The status of the rarest members

of the bear family whose round faces, plump bodies, and signature markings evoke global admiration has been changed from endangered to vulnerable. Chinese experts say the breeding of the giant pandas was the

most difficult process. "In the early days, the artificial breeding of giant pandas was a big problem. Throughout the 1980s, we only bred one baby

panda, which survived for two years," Li Desheng, chief expert at China Conservation and Research Centre for the Giant Panda, said.

But with technological and scientific advancements, artificial breeding at present is seeing significantly improved oestrus rate and panda cub survival rate, and pandas' average life expectancy has increased, Li told the state run Xinhua news agency.

Official data show the wild giant panda population has grown from around 1,100 in the 1980s to nearly 1,900. The global captive population of giant pandas now stands at 757, Xinhua reported. The International Union for Conservation of



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Nature has downgraded the giant panda's status from endangered to vulnerable. Sichuan, the venue of the conference, is home to the largest panda habitat in the world. Here, 1,387 pandas have been found in the wild, an increase of more than 50 per cent since the 1980s.

The cuddly pandas have also become a centre for China's soft power diplomacy as Beijing provides a few of them to countries

around the world for a specific period under the care of Chinese breeders in animal parks for public viewing.

Giant pandas in China are also enjoying enlarged wild habitats. In 2021, China officially designated five national parks, including the Giant Panda National Park, which covers parts of the provinces of Sichuan, Shaanxi, and Gansu. Speaking at the Global Panda Partners 2024 opening ceremony on November 26, Guan Zhi'ou, head of the

National Forestry and Grassland Administration, said China formed a giant panda habitat protection system centred around the national park, with a total area of 2.58 million hectares.

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AP KYIV

Desertion is starving the Ukrainian army of desperately needed manpower and crippling its battle plans at a crucial time in its war with Russia, which could put Kyiv at a clear disadvantage in future ceasefire talks.

Facing every imaginable shortage, tens of thousands of Ukrainian troops, tired and bereft, have walked away from combat and front-line positions to slide into anonymity, according to soldiers, lawyers and Ukrainian officials. Entire units have abandoned their posts, leaving defensive lines vulnerable and accelerating territorial losses, according to military commanders and soldiers. Some take medical leave and never return, haunted by the

traumas of war and demoralized by bleak prospects for victory. Others clash with commanders and refuse to carry out orders, sometimes in the middle of firefights

'This problem is critical," said Oleksandr Kovalenko, a Kyivbased military analyst. "This is the third year of war, and this problem will only grow." Although Moscow has also been dealing with desertions, Ukrainians going AWOL have laid bare deeply rooted problems bedeviling their military and how Kyiv is managing the

war, from the flawed mobiliza-The troops who walk away: tion drive to the overstretching and hollowing out of front-line units. It comes as the US urges Ukraine's desertion laws since Ukraine to draft more troops, Russia invaded in February 2022, according to the country's and allow for the conscription General Prosecutor's Office. of those as young as 18. The Associated Press spoke to

two deserters, three lawyers in the last year alone, after Kyiv and a dozen Ukrainian officials launched an aggressive and and military commanders. controversial mobilization Officials and commanders drive that government offispoke on condition of cials and military commanders anonymity to divulge classified concede has largely failed. information, while one desert-It's a staggeringly high number

er did so because he feared by any measure, as there were estimated 300.000 'It is clear that now, frankly Ukrainian soldiers engaged in combat before the mobilization speaking, we have already drive began. And the actual squeezed the maximum out of our people," said an officer with number of deserters may be the 72nd Brigade, who noted much higher. One lawmaker that desertion was one of the with knowledge of military main reasons Ukraine lost the matters estimated it could be as town of Vuhledar in October. high as 200,000.

Many deserters don't return More than 100,000 soldiers after being granted medical have been charged under leave. Bone-tired by the constancy of war, they are psychologically and emotionally scarred. They feel guilt about being unable to summon the Nearly half have gone AWOL will to fight, anger over how the

war effort is being led, and frustration that it seems unwinnable. "Being quiet about a huge

problem only harms our countrv." said Serhii Hnezdilov, one of few soldiers to speak publicly about his choice to desert. He was charged shortly after the AP interviewed him in

September. Another deserter said he initially left his infantry unit with permission because he needed surgery. By the time his leave was up, he couldn't bring himself to return.

He still has nightmares about the comrades he saw get killed. The best way to explain it is imagining you are sitting under incoming fire and from their (Russian) side, it's 50 shells coming toward you, while from our side, it's just one. Then you A growing problem for Kyiv:

see how your friends are getting torn to pieces, and you realize that any second, it can happen

to you," he said. "Meanwhile guys (Ukrainian soldiers) 10 kilometers (6 miles) away order you on the radio: Go on, brace yourselves. Everything will be fine," he said.

Hnezdilov also left to seek medical help. Before undergoing surgery, he announced he was deserting. He said after five years of military service, he saw no hope of ever being demobilized, despite earlier promises by the country's leadership.

'If there's no end term (to military service), it turns into a prison – it becomes psychologically hard to find reasons to defend this country," Hnezdilov said.

Desertion has turned battle plans into sand that slips through military commanders' fingertips

The AP learned of cases in which defensive lines were severely compromised because entire units defied orders and abandoned their positions. "Because of a lack of political

will and poor management of troops, especially in the infantry, we certainly are not moving in a direction to properly defend the territories that we control now," Hnezdilov said

Ukraine's military recorded a deficit of 4,000 troops on the front in September owing largely to deaths, injuries and desertions, according to a lawmaker. Most deserters were among recent recruits. The head of one brigade's legal service who is in charge of processing desertion cases and forwarding them to law enforcement said he's had many of them.

The main thing is that they leave combat positions during hostilities and their comrades die because of it. We had several situations when units fled, small or large. They exposed their flanks, and the enemy came to these flanks and killed their brothers in arms, because those who stood on the positions did not know that there was no one else around," the official said.

That is how Vuhledar, a hilltop town that Ukraine defended for two years, was lost in a matter of weeks in October, said the 72nd Brigade officer, who was among the very last to withdraw.



Syria insurgents push their advance toward 2nd largest city Aleppo

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Thousands of Syrian insur-gents pushed on with their advances on government-held areas in the country's northwest, reaching the outskirts of Syria's second largest city Aleppo and wrestling control of several strategic towns and villages along the way, activists and fighters said on Friday. Syria's state media said projectiles from insurgents landed in the student accommodations at Aleppo's university, killing four people, including two students. Public transportation to the city has also been diverted from the main highway linking Aleppo

to the capital Damascus to avoid clashes, state-controlled media reported. Fighters also advanced on the

town of Saraqab, in northwestern Idlib province, a strategic area that would secure supply lines to Aleppo. This week's advances were one

of the largest by opposition factions, led by Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, or HTS, and comes after weeks of low simmering violence. It is most intense fighting in northwestern Syria since 2020, when government forces seized areas previously controlled by opposition fighters. Syria's Armed Forces said the insurgents are violating a

2019 agreement that de-escalat ed fighting in the area, which has been the last remaining opposition stronghold for years. State media reported

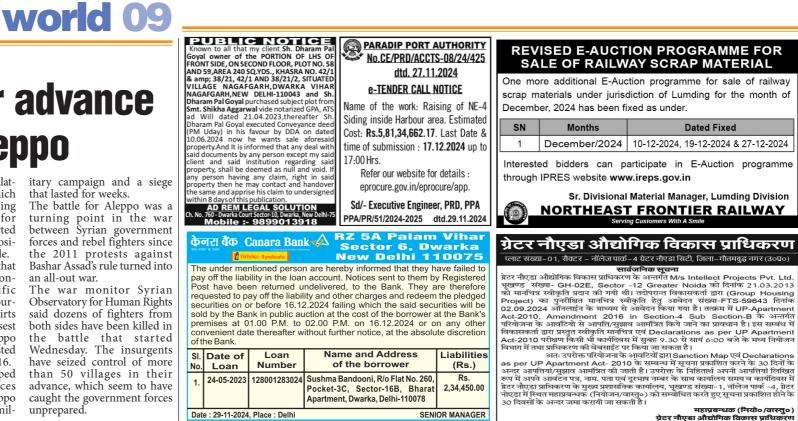
airstrikes on insurgents' positions in Aleppo countryside. The insurgents reported that fighters have wrestled controlled of the Scientific Research Centre neighbourhood, on the western outskirts of Aleppo city. It is the closest the rebels have come to Aleppo city since they were ousted from its eastern side in 2016. Russia and Iran had helped Syrian government forces reclaim control of all of Aleppo

that year, after a gruelling mil-

itary campaign and a siege that lasted for weeks.

The battle for Aleppo was a turning point in the war between Syrian government forces and rebel fighters since the 2011 protests against Bashar Assad's rule turned into an all-out war.

The war monitor Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said dozens of fighters from both sides have been killed in the battle that started Wednesday. The insurgents have seized control of more than 50 villages in their advance, which seem to have caught the government forces unprepared.



Ireland votes in close-run election

AP DUBLIN

Ireland is voting on Friday in a parlia-mentary election that will decide the next government — and will show whether Ireland bucks the global trend of incumbents being ousted by disgruntled voters after years of pandemic, international instability and a cost-of-living pressures.

Polls opened at 7 a.m. (0700GMT), and Ireland's 3.8 million voters are selecting 174 lawmakers to sit in the Dail, the lower house of parliament.

Who's running?

The outgoing government was led by the two parties who have dominated Irish politics for the past century: Fine Gael and Fianna Fail. They have similar centreright policies but are longtime rivals with origins on opposing sides of Ireland's 1920s civil war.

After the 2020 election ended in a virtual dead heat they formed a coalition, agreeing to share Cabinet posts and take turns as taoiseach, or prime minister. Fianna Fail leader Micheal Martin served as premier for the first half of the term and was replaced by Fine Gael's Leo Varadkar in December 2022. Varadkar unexpectedly stepped down in March, passing the job to current Taoiseach Simon Harris.

Opposition party Sinn Fein achieved a

France's Macron calls 1944 killings of West African troops by French massacre AP DAKAR (SENEGAL)

Trench President Emmanuel Macron on

stunning breakthrough in the 2020 election, topping the popular vote, but was shut out of government because Fianna Fail and Fine Gael refused to work with it, citing its leftist policies and historic ties with militant group the Irish Republican

Army during three decades of violence in Northern Ireland. Under Ireland's system of proportional representation, each of the 43 constituencies elects multiple lawmakers, with voters ranking their preferences. That makes it relatively easy for smaller parties and independent candidates with a strong local following to gain seats. This election includes a large crop of independent candidates, ranging from local

campaigners to far-right activists and reputed crime boss Gerry "the Monk" Hutch. What are the main issues?: As in many other countries, the cost of living - especially housing - has domi-

nated the campaign. Ireland has an acute housing shortage, the legacy of failing to build enough new homes during the country's "Celtic Tiger" boom years and the economic slump that followed the 2008 global financial crisis. "There was not building during the crisis, and when the crisis receded offices and hotels were built first," said John-Mark McCafferty, chief executive of housing and homelessness charity Threshold

> PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC: NOTICE: Notice is hereby given to the General Public that of Mrs. Sheela Gupta W/o Mr. Ved Prakash Gupta is the owner of bertIRE FIRST FLOOR WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS. BUILT ON RESIDENTIAL BUILT-UP PORTION OF FROPERTY NO. 1035(68, PORTION OF PLOT NO.195, LAND AREA MEASURNG 25 SQ. YARD, OLT OF 140 SQ. YDS, OLT OF TOTALAREA 280 SQ DS, OLT OF 64 MSAR NO. 248 & 253. SITUATED AT VILLAGE CHOWKRI, MUBARKABAD, ABADI KNOWN AD DEVARAM PARK TRNNGAR, DELHI-35, by virtue of Notarized GPA, ATS & Will dated 13.06.2006, executed by Mrs. Daya Wati, amybody has any charge/interest/tile in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 107 days of the present. Rahu Raj Pathak, Advocate FF 18, Lous Pood Plan, Yaibar Khael, Infinaram, Charidhal UP E-mail: sgassociatespl@gmail.com, Ph: 701172764, 0120440300

भारतीय प्रबन्धन संस्थान, राँची Indian Institute of Management, Ranchi E-TENDER (Retender-I) NOTICE IIM Ranchi invites e-tender from eligible bidders for 'Providing Integrated Education Software Solution for Academic Programme Offices'. Last date for submission of the e-bids is 03:00 pm on 06.12.2024. For More details, please refer to our website www.iimranchi.ac.in PARCEL HANDLING

CONTRACT AT KATIHAR Bid Number: GEM/2024/B/5637346 Dated: 22-11-2024: E-Tender are invite by the undersigned for the following work Item Category : Custom Bid for service - Parcel Handling Contract at Katiha Railway Station. Estimated Bid Value ₹49.43.513.28/-: EMD Amount ₹98,900/-; Bid End Date/Time at 16:0 hrs. and opening at 16:30 hrs. o 14-12-2024. For detaild please visit ebsite www.gem.gov.in

Serving Customers With A Smile PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public and apartment owners of The Heartsong Condominium, Sector 108, Gurugram - 122006, Haryana that The

Heartsong Condominium Association is duly aproved by the District Registrar, Firms and Societies under HRRS Act 2012, and its bylaws are to be read with Apartment Owner Act 1983, as per the registration certificate received in July 2018, with Registration Number HR/018/ 2018/03377. The association is duly approved

and recognised by the builder EUFE. Any communication, membership or business related to the association are to be sent to The Upperform Condominium Association, The Heartsong Condominium Association, The Heartsong, Sector 108, Gurugram - 122006 Haryana only. The association will not be responsible for any other communication, business or membershi

disputes with any other fake or simila lotified in public interest. Ishwar Daba

General Secretary The Heartsong Condominium Associat The Heartsong, Sector 108, Gurugram 122006, Haryan

Email : office@thsrwa.com TENDER NOTICE Expression of Interest

The Heartsong Condominium Association (Reg.No. HR/018/2018/03377), The Heartsong Sector 108, Gurugram - 122006, Haryana invites expresion of interest from established Property Management Companies for the below Facility Management of The Heartsong Condominium, Sector 108, Gurugram, Haryana

To be known to all that Possession Electricity and Water NOC of Letter, Shanti Devi D/o Ram Dev Mishra, Flat 14-C, DDA Janta Flat, Anand Vihar, Delhi -110092(File No. J194(7)87/AN/NP) issued by DDA have been lost. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in the police station Delhi (LR No.744253/2022 Dated 31/08/2022) Any persor claiming any rights, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents may write, contact me/us at the above address, phone : 9910047656 within 15 days from the publication of this notice The person claiming any right interest, objection with respect to the this property can personally inform or write to Dy. Director LAB Janta or Director (H-1), D-Block, 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given on behalf of ANKU GOYAL who is purchasing Property no. 5: Street No. HR-Block, area measuring 94.1 Sq. Meters, out of Khasra No. 239/2, situate at Pul Pahladpur M.B. Road, Delhi, from Mr. tita Garg owned the same vide Conveyar ed Registered as Document No. 92 in Bo 1 Volume No. 16368 on page no. 172-176 ed 02.02.2022 in SR-V New Delhi/Delhi, a No.1 Volume No. 16368 on page no. 172-176 on dated 02.02 202 in SR-V New Delhi/Delhi, and intend to mortgage against the financia assistance from IDBI Bank Limited, tha Original Sale Deed dated 10.03.2005 execute by Mrs. Prem Wati in favour of Mr. Ajay Kumal Goel in respect of the Plot no. HR-52, area measuring 112.6 Sq. Yards i.e. 94.14 Sq Meters, out of Khasra No.239/2, Document No 3609 in Book No.1 Volume No. 4795 on page no. 143-146 on dated 10.03.2005 in SR-V New Delhi/Delhi,: Is/are Lost/Misplaced/No Jerson having any type of claim //ight/tile interest/creatingmortgage over the said property person having which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lienetc. Lucem Legal LLP Plot No.136, (Basement) Uday Park, New Delhi-110049, Contact # 011-40046316

Chief Manager Date: 30.11.2024 PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given on behalf of MOHAN LAL Who is owner of Residential Plot area measuring 25 Sq. Yds., out of Khasra No.113 situated at Chamad Colony, Village Khoda, Paragna Loni Tehsil and District-Ghaziabad, U.P. purchased the same from Asha Devi, vide Sale Deed bearing Document No.286 in Book No.1 Volume No.10596 on page no.229-262 on dated 08.01.2016 SR-II Ghaziabad and intend to motgage against the financial assistance from Ummeed Housing Finance Pvt. Ltd, that Original Sale Deed dated for 3.03.2012 executed by Mrs. Usha Devi in favour of Mrs. Asha Devi, Registered as Document No. 2366 in Book No. 1 Volume No. 5578 on page no. 235-250 on dated 05.03.2012 SR-IIGhaziabad is/are Lost/Misplaced/Not available. To comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any Person having any type of Calain/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, lienetc. Lucem Legal LLP Plot No.136, (Basement) Uday Park, New Delhi-110049, Contact # 011-40046316

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Circle Office: South Delhi, 7, Upper Ground Floor, Bhikaji, Cama Place, New Delhi-110066 Email: cosdelgad@pnb.co.in TENDER NOTICE FOR STRUCTURAL AUDIT

Punjab National Bank, Circle Office-South Delhi invites sealed cover quotation from MCD empanelled structural engineers having registered office in Delhi/NCR only, to any out structural audit of bank owned ses at A-9. Connaught Place. New Delhi. The premises of 5400 sqft (approx.). ses has total covered area

For full details, visit our website https. onbindia in-tenders.

Last date for submission of bid by engine concerned is 16.12.2024 by 2pm. The Bank reserves the right to reject any/all offers without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

ADITYA BIRLA FINANCE LIMITED

SENIOR MANAGER ar Bagh Branch, BH -29, Ground Floor, E Bagh, Delhi-110088, India: Phone: 011-27492896, 27472837

Place: Delhi

Fax: 011-27472837, E-mail: shadel@bankofbaroda.com NOTICE TO GUARANTOR (UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION OF 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002) Date: 28/10/2024 Ms. Amita Yadav Dio. Late Sh. Dhani Ram Yadav (Legal Heir of Guarantor Late Sh. Dhani Ram Yadav) Rio. Plot no 81, First Floor, Block-B, Rosewood City, Sector-49, Sub-Tehsil-Wazirabad, Dist-Gurgaon, Haryana-122018. Re: Your guarantee for Credit facilities sanctioned to M/s Credence Whole Foods Pvt Ltd. As you are aware, by guarantee dated 23-09-2020 and 31/03/2021 (Original Guarantee Signed by Late. Sh. Dhani Ram (adav dated 23/09/2020 and 31/03/2021) payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and labilities hen or at any time thereafter owing or incurred to us by Mis. Gredence Whole Foods Pvt. Ltd., for aggregate credit limits o Rs. 1101.58 Lacs with interest thereon more particularly set out in the said guarantee document. To secure the guarantee obligation you have also provided following securities to us: By way of Montgage of Property: All the part and parcel of factory land and building situated at Khata no 049 and 051 Khasra nos 353 and 354, village Hasanpur massori, Khekra, Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh 250101, total land measuring 1790 Hectare in the name of Mr. Dhani Ram Yadav Slo. Sh. Bhim Singh, Mr. Mahendra Yadav Slo. Sh. Bhim Singh and Mr Mahabir Yaday Sio. Sh. Bhim Singh. We have to inform you that the borrower has committed defaults in payment of his liabilities and consequently his ccount has been classified as non-performing asset. A copy of the notice dated 28/10/2024 under section 13(2) of the

countisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 sent by us to the prower is enclosed. Since the borrower has committed defaults, in terms of the guarantee you have become liable to pay o us the outstanding amount of loan/credit facilities aggregating Rs. 8.63,75,062/- (Rupse Eight Crores Sixty Three akhs Seventy Five Thousand Sixty Two Only) as on 26/10/2024 plus Future Interest and Charges incurred thereon an e hereby moke the guarantee and call upon you to pay the said amount within 60 days from the date of this notice ease note that interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in para 1 of the notice dated 26/10/2024 served o he borrower (copy enclosed)

We further wish to inform you that in regard to the security provided by you to secure your guarantee of due repayment of the loans and advances by the borrower, this notice of 60 days may please be treated as notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest up to the date of ayment, we shall be at liberty to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, which

ny of the secured assets referred to in para 1 above by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business), without obtaining our prior written consent. We may add that non-compliance with the above provision contained in section 13(13) of the said Act, is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act.

We further invite your attention to sub section (6) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may ecured assets, if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by ou, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/inviting quotations/tender /private treaty. Please ote that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available.

5. Please note that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or emedies which we may have, including without limitation, the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing tr

(BRAJESH MOHAN) AUTHORISED OFFICER CHIEF MANAGER

महाप्रबन्धक (नियो०/वास्तु०

Shalimar Bagh Branch, BH -29, Ground Floor, East Shalima Bagh, Delhi-110088, India. Phone: 011-27492896, 27472837

Bank of Baroda Fax: 011-27472837, E-mail: shadel@bankofbaroda.com NOTICE TO GUARANTOR

(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION OF 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

Date: 28/10/202 Ms. Asha Yadav D/o. Late Sh. Mahendar Singh Yadav, (Legal Heir of Guarantor Late Sh. Mahendar Singh Yadav, R/o. Village-Hasanour Mascori, Tehsil-Khekra, Dist-Baggat (UP) - 250101. Re: Your guarantee for Credit facilities sanctioned to M/s Credence Whole Foods Pvt Ltd.

As you are aware, by guarantee dated 01/11/2018 (Original Guarantee Signed by Late. Sh. Mahendar Singh Yadav, guaranteed payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities then or at any time thereafter wing or incurred to us by M/s Credence Whole Foods Pvt Ltd, for aggregate credit timits of Rs. 871.82 Lacs with interest ereon more particularly set out in the said guarantee document. To secure the guarantee obligation you have also vided following securities to us

By way of Mortgage of Property - All the part and parcel of factory land and building situated at Khata no 049 and 051. Dasra nos 353 and 354, village Hasanpur massori, Khekra, Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh 250101, total land measuring 1790 Hectare in the name o of Mr. Dhani Ram Yadav Sio, Sh. Bhim Singh, Mr. Mahendra Yadav Sio, Sh. Bhim Singh and Mr. Mahabir Yadav Slo. Sh. Bhim Singh, Mr. Dhani Ram Yadav, Mr. Mahendra Yadav and Mr. Mahabir Yadav.

1. We have to inform you that the borrower has committed defaults in payment of his liabilities and consequently here. count has been classified as non-performing asset. A copy of the notice dated 28/10/2024 under section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and E forcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 sent h er is enclosed. Since the borrower has committed defaults, in terms of the p to us the outstanding amount of loan/credit facilities aggregating Rs. 8,63,75,062/- (Rupse Eight Crores Sixty Three Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Soty Two Only) as on 25/10/2024 plus Future Interest and Charges incurred thereon and we hereby invoke the guarantee and call upon you to pay the said amount within 60 days from the date of this notice Please note that interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in para 1 of the notice dated 28/10/2024 served or the borrower (copy enclosed). 2. We further wish to inform you that in regard to the security provided by you to secure your guarantee obligations for the due repayment of the loans and advances by the borrower, this notice of 60 days may please be treated as notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security tierest Act. 2002. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest up in the date of ayment, we shall be at liberly to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, which We invite your attention to sub-section (13) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are barred from transferring y of the secured assets referred to in para 1 above by way of sale, isase or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business), without obtaining our prior written consent. We may add that non-compliance with the above provision contained in section 13(13) of the said Act, is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act. 4. We further invite your attention to sub section (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the ured assets. If the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by ou, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/inviting guotations/tender/private treaty. Please e that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available Please note that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or redies which we may have, including without limitation, the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing to

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PROTECTING INVESTING FINANCING ADVISING Registered Office : Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Guiarat-362266

Branch Office : 2nd Floor, Vijaya Building, 17, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi-11000

PPENDIX- IV-A" [See proviso to rule 8 (6) Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002] Sale Notice For Sale of Immovable Property

ction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reco inancial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the ecurity Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (54 of 2002).

tice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s .e., M/s Abubagar Polymers, Through Proprietor; Mohd. Furkan; Farha Naaz, having Loan A/c no. ABFDL3TER00001003247 that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Finance Limited, the mortgage property will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever here is" basis on 03.01.25 for recovery of Rs. 92,65,296/- (Rupees Ninety-Two Lakh Sixty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Six Only) due as on 16.04.24 and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of realization of complete Outstanding amount due to the Secured reditor from above stated Borrowers/co-Borrowers.

The Reserve Price will be Rs. 1.15.44.390/- (Runees One Crore Fifteen Lakh Forty-Four Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Only) for Propertyi.e., "Basement No- 1, Ground Floor, Plot No- 47, Block- 5, Eros Garden Colony, Surajkund Road, Faridabad, Haryana 121009, Area Measurin 139.50 Sq Mtrs (166 Sq Yards)" and the Earnest Money Deposit will be Rs. 11,54,439/- (Rupee leven Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Nine Only).

3. We invite your attention to sub-section (13) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are barred from transfer

 Γ Thursday for the first time recognised the killing of West African soldiers by the French Army in 1944 as a massacre in a letter addressed to the Senegalese authorities. Macron's move, on the eve of the 80th anniversary of the World War II killings in Thiaroye — a fishing village on the outskirts of the Senegalese capital of Dakar — comes as France's influence is declining in the region, with Paris losing its sway in the former French colonies in West Africa.

Between 35 and 400 West African soldiers who fought for the French Army in the Battle of France in 1940 were killed on December 1, 1944 by French soldiers after what the French described as a mutiny over unpaid wages

The West Africans were members of the unit called Tirailleurs Senegalais, a corps of colonial infantry in the French Army. According to historians, there were disputes over unpaid wages in the days before the massacre but on December 1, French troops turned on the West African soldiers, mostly unarmed, and shot and killed them.

Senegalese President Bassirou Diomave Fave said he received the letter, which was seen by The Associated Press.

Speaking to reporters late on Thursday, Fave said Macron's step should "open the door" so that the "whole truth about this painful event of Thiarove" can finally come out. "We have long sought closure on this story and we believe that, this time, France's com mitment will be full, frank and collaborative, he added.

"France must recognies that on that day, the confrontation between soldiers and riflemen who demanded their full legitimate wages be paid, triggered a chain of events that resulted in a massacre," read Macron's letter.

"It is also important to establish, as far as possible, the causes and facts that led to this tragedy," Macron added. "I have asked my services to inform me of the progress of the work of the Committee for the Restoration of the Facts, which your government has decided to set up, under the direction of Professor Mamadou Diouf, whose eminence and qualities are recognised by all."

The letter comes weeks after the Senegalese legislative elections, in which the ruling party PASTEF secured a definite majority. The win granted newly elected President Faye a clear mandate to carry out ambitious reforms promised during the campaign, which include more economic independence from foreign companies, including French ones, which are heavily invested in the country.

France still has around 350 troops in its former colony, mainly in a supportive role.



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TENDER NOTICE

Hiring of Chartered Accountant Firm The Heartsong Condominium Associatio (Reg.No. HR/018/2018/03377), The Heartsong, Sector 108, Gurugram - 122006, Haryana invites expresion of interest from established CA firms for

the below : Audit of the overall financial data for the handow from the builder, and regular compliances, billing and GST filings of The Heartsong Condomini Association, Sector 108, Gurugram, Haryana Min Eligibility Criteria:

1. The firm should have atleast three years experience in similar field

2. The consultant should have audited atlea revenue of minimum 15 crores per year Scope and detailed RFP question naire can b obtained no later then 04th Dec 2024 after sharing the basic profile with above required details

For submission of interest for the proposal, pla send email to office@thsrwa.com Ishwar Dabas General Secretary

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Condominium Association Sector 108, Gurugram -122006, Haryana

PROVISION OF STANDBY POWER TRANSFORMERS

E-Tender Notice No. RT 6 TRD 12 2022-23 Dated: 27-11 2024. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works Name of work: Provision of 132/27 kV Standby power transformers of 21.6/30.24 MVA. ONAN/ ONAF, single phase at TSS Katihar Tender Value: ₹94,11,349.84/-Earnest Money: ₹1,88,200/-. Date & Time of closing of Tender: 15.00 hrs. of 26-12-2024 & will be opened at 15.30 hrs. of 26-12-2024. The complete information with tender documents of above e-tender will be available in website www.ireps.gov.in

Sr.DEE/TRD & GS/Katihar NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Min Eligibility Criteria 1. The vendor should have atleast three years o experience in managing a minimum of 2 million square feet of residential high rise condominiums in Delhi/NCR region. 2.The vendor should have atleast revenue of

minimum 15 crores per year 3.The vendor should have flexible models of working such as on management basis only and on fix cost per sq ft inclusive of all expenses basis Scope and detailed RFP questionnaire can be

obtained no later then 4th Dec 2024 after sharin botanica in and that for the book book and that the the basic profile with above required details. For submission of interest for the proposal, pl send email to office@thsrwa.com

Ishwar Dabas General Secretary The Hearts Condominium Association Sector 108, Gurugram -122006, Haryana

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that the Bank of Baroda, SME Branch, 4th Floor, Parliament Steet, New Delhi, intends to accept the undermentioned property standing in the name o "M/s Fortune Syntex Pvt. Ltd." (Represented by its Authorized Representative/signatory), as a security for loan/credit facility requested by it. If anyone has any right/title/interest/ claims over In anyone has any negritute/interests chains over the undermentioned property, they are advised to approach the Bank within 10 days along with necessary proof to substantiate the claim. If no response is received within 10 days, it is presumed that the property is free from any charge/claim/encumbrance, and the Bank shall proceed with the montgage.

Details of the Property:- ALease Hold Industrial Property, bearing Property No.126, area measuring 1000 Sq. Mtrs., Block-C, Situated at Phase-II Extension, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, (U.P.).

Regai, (J.C.F.). Boundary/Survey No./Reg. No./Extent: Regd. Transfer Deed of Lease Hold right duly registered in the office of Sub-Registrar-II, Noida, (U.P.), in Book No. 1, Volume No. 1077, Page No. 387 to 402, as Document No. 788, Musanna No. 787, dated 04/04/2002. Boundaries: East: Plot No. C-127, West: Plot No. C-125,

North: Road. South: Plot No. C-129. Branch Details/Contact No .:-Bank of Baroda, SME Branch 4th Floor, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001, Mr. Alok Kumar Sinha, Contact: 9974115263,

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Short description of the immovable property:

All That Part & Parcel of Properties bearing no.: "Basement No- 1, Ground Floor, Plot No- 47, Block- 5, Eros Garden Colony, Surajkund Road, Faridabad, Haryana 121009, Area Measuring 139.50 Sq Mtrs (166 Sq Yards)' For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's website i. www.adityabirlafinance.com or https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net Ayush Jhingran, (Authorized Officer) Aditya Birla Finance Limited) PLACE : Faridabad , DATE : 30.11.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE Built-up Property bearing No. A-15, lar PUBLIC NOTICE e: Built-up Property bearing No. A-15, lar rea measuring 2300 sq. yds. approx tuated at Wazirpur Industrial Area, Wazirpu elhi-110052.; Hereinafter referred to "and peanett." Property No. C-6/69A (Ground Floor).

Safdarjung Development Area, New Delhi "Be it known to all that my clients had as "said property". Notice is hereby given to the gener public including Banks, Financial Institution etc. that, as informed by our clients, MIs Ra Body Builders, thru its partners, (1) M Yogesh Nagpal, (2) Mr. Sanjay Nagpal; ar (3) Mr. Naveen Nagpal, they are the joi owners of the said property. In this connection they have further informed that the sa property was owned by MIs Ram Boc Builders through (1) Mrs. Shakuntla Devi; ar (2) Mr. Yogesh Nagpal vide Conveyance Dee executed by POI thru DDA in their favour. Th said Deed is registered as Document N agreed to purchase Entire Ground Floor etc., with car parking and space for utility, alongwith 22.5% undivided share in the plot of land measuring 220 Sq. Mtrs., bearing No. C-6/69A, situated at Safdarjung Development Area, New Delhi-110016. from (1) Shri Kanwarpreet Singh Kandolha S/o Shri Gurmohinder Singh and (2) Mrs. Jaskaran Kaur Gill W/o Shri Kanwarpreet Singh Kandolha. (Jointly Say OWNERS), free from all sorts of encumbrances, charges, liens, mortgages etc. etc.

(2) Mr. Yogesh Nagpal vide Conveyance Deed executed by POI thru DDA in their favour. The said Deed is registered as Document No. 8367, in Book No. I, Volume No. 5928, pages 43-46, on 08.06.2016 (SRO-VII New Delhi). Mrs. Shakuntla Devi expired and her undivided share in the said property was inherited by her legal heirs viz., (1) Mr. Sanjay Nagpal; and (2) Mr. Naveen Nagpal in terms of Will executed by Mrs. Shakuntla Devi and registered as Document No. 1016 dated 17.04.2017. Thus, the said property is owned by M/s Ram Body Builders thru Mr. Yogesh Nagpal, Now, our clients intend to mortgage the said property with IDFC FIRST Bank Limited for availing loan facility. If any person, society, bank, financial institution or other institutions have any objection against the ownership of our clients on the said property and subsequently rightful mortgage of the said property and subsequently rightful mortgage of the said property and writing, by Registered AD post, to the undersigned, within 07 days, on address mentioned below. Otherwise after expire 107 0428 from the date of publication of this notice, the said property shall be mortgaged by our clients in favour of IDFC FIRST Bank Limited by our clients in favour of IDFC FIRST Bank Limited by our clients in favour of IDFC FIRST Bank Limited by our clients in favour of IDFC FIRST Bank Limited by our clients in favour of IDFC FIRST Bank Limited by our clients in favour of IDFC FIRST Bank Limited by our clients on the said property shall be mortgaged Any other person(s)/ institution/ government authorities having any sort of right, claim, title or interest of any kind whatsoever in the said portion of the said property or any part thereof, under and by virtue otherwis his/her/it within 7 this not thereof. be bind client shall proceed to complete the transaction as bonafide purchaser, free from all encumbrances whatsoever and notice, the said property shall be mortgage by our clients in favour of IDFC FIRST Ban no claim of whatsoever shall be entertained thereafter. imited and no objection shall be acceptal

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Intee dated 01/11/2018 (Original Guarantee Signed by Late. Sh. Mahendar Singh Yadav) and of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities then or at any time thereafter s. Credence Whole Foods Pvt Ltd, for aggregate credit limits of Rs. 871.82 Lacs with interest it out in the said guarantee document. To secure the guarantee obligation you have also wing securities to us;

provoled blocking securities to us. By way of Mortgage of Property:- All the part and parcel of factory land and building situated at Khata no 049 and 051, Khasra nos 333 and 354, village Hasanpur masson, Khekra, Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh 250101, total land measuring 1.1790 Hectare in the name of Mr. Dhani Ram Yadav Sio. Sh. Bhim Singh, Mr. Mahendra Yadav Sio. Sh. Bhim Singh and Ir, Mahabir Yadav S/o. Sh. Bhim Singh.

. We have to inform you that the borrower has committed defaults in payment of his liabilities and consequently his count has been classified as non-performing asset. A copy of the notice dated 28/10/2024 under section 13(2) of the scurification and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 sent by us to the iorrower is enclosed. Since the borrower has committed defaults, in terms of the guarantee you have become liable to part to us the outstanding amount of loan/credit facilities aggregating Rs 8,63.75,062/- (Rupper Eight Crores Sixly Three Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Sixly Two Only) as on 26/10/2024 plus Future Interest and Charges incurred thereon and we hereby invoke the guarantee and call upon you to pay the said amount within 60 days from the date of this notice. Please note that interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in para 1 of the notice dated 28/10/2024 served or the borrower (copy enclosed)

2. We further wish to inform you that in regard to the security provided by you to secure your guarantee obligations for the due repayment of the loans and advances by the borrower, this notice of 60 days may please be treated as notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest up to the date of payment, we shall be at liberty to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, which please note

3. We invite your attention to sub-section (13) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are barred from transferring any of the secured assets referred to in para 1 above by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business), without obtaining our prior written consent. We may add that non-compliance with the above provision contained in section 13(13) of the said Act, is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act.

4. We further invite your attention to sub section (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the secured assets, if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by you, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/inviting quotations/tender /private treaty. Please note that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available 5. Please note that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or

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the year-ago period

Among sectoral indices, BSE

healthcare jumped the most

2.05 per cent, followed by

telecommunication (1.53 per

cent), utilities (1.46 per cent), energy (1.09 per cent), commodities (1.04 per cent)

Realty emerged as the only

benchmark jumped 685.68

points or 0.86 per cent and

the Nifty climbed 223.85

În Asian markets, Shanghai

and Hong Kong settled in the

positive territory while Seoul

and Tokyo ended lower.

European markets were

trading lower. US markets

were closed on Thursday for

points or 0.93 per cent.

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GDP growth slows to two-year low of 5.4 per cent in Q2

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ndia's economic growth slowed to near two-year low of 5.4 per L cent in the July-September quarter of this fiscal due to poor performance of manufacturing and mining sectors, but the country continued to remain the fastestgrowing large economy, data showed on Friday.

The gross domestic product (GDP) had expanded by 8.1 per cent in the July-September quarter of 2023-24 fiscal.

The previous low level of GDP growth at 4.3 per cent was recorded in the third quarter (October-December 2022) of financial year 2022-23.

However, India remained the fastest-growing major economy as China's GDP growth in the July-September quarter this year was at 4.6 per cent.

the National to According Statistical Office (NSO) data, the growth of agriculture sector GVA



(Gross Value Added) accelerated to 3.5 per cent in the latest July-September quarter from 1.7 per cent a year ago.

The GVA in the manufacturing sector slowed to 2.2 per cent in the second quarter of the current fiscal compared to an expansion of 14.3

per cent in the year-ago period. As per the data, the output (GVA) in the 'mining and quarrying' contracted to 0.01 per cent in the second quarter against a growth of 11.1 per cent a year ago. The expansion in financial, real

estate and professional services'

GVA was 6.7 per cent, up from 6.2 per cent in the year-ago quarter.

Electricity, gas, water supply and other utility services grew by 3.3 per cent, slower than 10.5 per cent a year ago.

The construction sector recorded a growth of 7.7 per cent in the second quarter, down from 13.6 per cent year on year.

The growth in gross domestic product (GDP) during the April-June quarter of 2024-25 remained

unchanged at 6.7 per cent. "Real GDP or GDP at constant prices in Q2 of 2024-25 is estimated at Rs 44.10 lakh crore, against Rs 41.86 lakh crore in Q2 of 2023-24, showing a growth rate of 5.4 per cent," the NSO said in a statement. Nominal GDP or GDP at current prices in Q2 of 2024-25 is estimated at Rs 76.60 lakh crore, against Rs 70.90 lakh crore in Q2 of 2023-24, showing a growth rate of 8.0 per cent, it added.

On half-yearly basis, the statement said the real GDP or GDP at

constant prices in April-September of 2024-25 (H1 FY25) is estimated at Rs 87.74 lakh crore, against Rs 82.77 lakh crore in the first half of 2023-24, showing a growth rate of 6 per cent.

Nominal GDP or GDP at current prices in H1, 2024-25 is estimated at Rs 153.91 lakh crore, against Rs 141.40 lakh crore in H1 of 2023-24, showing a growth rate of 8.9 per cent, it stated.

Meanwhile, the government data showed that the Centre's fiscal deficit at the end of the first seven months of the current financial year touched 46.5 per cent of the full-year target.

In absolute terms, the fiscal deficit the gap between government's expenditure and revenue -- was at Rs 7,50,824 crore during April-October period, according to data released by the Controller General

of Accounts (CGA). The deficit stood at 45 per cent of the Budget Estimates (BE) in the corresponding period of 2023-24.

current fiscal

September-end of 2023.

Sensex rebounds 759 points, Nifty ends above 24,100

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Benchmark Sensex rallied 759 points while Nifty closed above 24,100 on Friday following buying in frontline stocks Bharti Airtel

and Reliance Industries. The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 759.05 points or 0.96 per cent to settle at 79,802.79. During the day, it soared 880.16 points or 1.11 per cent to 79,923.90.

The NSE Nifty climbed 216.95 points or 0.91 per cent to 24,131.10.

to 24,131.10. From the 30-share Sensex pack, Bharti Airtel, Mahindra & Mahindra, UltraTech Cement, Adani Ports, Reliance Industries, Larsen & Toubro, JSW Steel, Hindustan Unilever, Titan and Tata Motors were the biggest gainers

As many as 2,347 stocks advanced while 1,606 declined and 97 remained unchanged on the BSE. biggest gainers. Power Grid, Nestle, State Bank of India and Infosys were the laggards. On the weekly front, the BSE

Majority of Adani Group firms ended higher, with Adani Green Energy soaring 21.72 per cent and Adani Energy Solutions surging 15.56 per cent on the BSE. The BSE smallcap gauge climbed 0.76 per cent and midcon indox wont up by net tax revenue collection was 55.9 per cent at

The central government's total expenditure in the seven months through October stood at Rs 24.7 lakh crore or midcap index went up by 0.31 per cent.

"A large-cap-driven, broad-51.3 per cent of budget estimate. Expenditure was based rally ensued in the domestic market. The anticipated slowdown in India's Q2 GDP to 6.5% has 53.2 per cent of budget estimate in the year-ago period. Of the total expenditure, Rs already been reflected in Q2 20 lakh crore was in the corporate earnings, which the market appears to have discounted," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit revenue account and Rs 4.66 lakh crore in the capital Financial Services said. Official data released after the market hours showed the Indian economy growing at a

Thanksgiving. Institutional Foreign Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 11,756.25 crore on Thursday, according to exchange data. Global oil benchmark Brent

crude dipped 0.30 per cent to USD 73.06 a barrel. The BSE be benchmark The slumped 1,190.34 points or 1.48 per cent to settle at 79,043.74 on Thursday. The Nifty tumbled 360.75 points or 1.49 per cent to 23,914.15.

when Indian authorities

linked him to a high-profile corruption scandal involving

high-ranking government officials. Although arrest

warrants were issued in India for him and his former deputy, Ralph Marshall,

neither was apprehended or

Despite his success, Ananda

avoided the limelight and

shuttled between Malaysia

and France, where he resided

with his wife, local media reported. His only son is a

Buddhist monk in Thailand.

His two daughters are not

Prime Minister Anwar

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Forex reserves drop USD | Fiscal deficit at 46.5 per cent of 1.31 bn to USD 656.5 bn full-year target at Oct-end: Govt data

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India's forex reserves dropped USD 1.31 billion to USD 656.582 billion for the week ended November 22, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said. The kitty had dropped a record USD 17.761 billion to

USD 657.892 billion in the previous reporting week ending November 15

The reserves, which had hit an all-time high of USD 704.885 billion in end-September, have been declining for multiple weeks, at a time when the rupee has also been under pressure.

ended For the week 22, November foreign currency assets - a major component of the reserves --decreased USD 3.043 billion

to USD 566.791 billion, the data, which was released on Friday, showed Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound, and yen held in the foreign exchange

reserves. Gold reserves increased USD 1.828 billion to USD 67.573 billion during the week, the RBI said.

The special drawing rights (SDRs) were down USD 79 million to USD 17.985 billion, the apex bank said. India's reserve position with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was also down USD 15 million to USD 4.232 billion in the reporting week, the RBI data showed.

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 $T^{\mathrm{he}\,\mathrm{Centre's}\,\mathrm{fiscal}\,\mathrm{deficit}\,\mathrm{at}}_{\mathrm{the}\,\mathrm{end}\,\mathrm{of}\,\mathrm{the}\,\mathrm{first}\,\mathrm{seven}}$ months of financial year 2024-25 touched 46.5 per cent of the full-year target, government data showed on Friday.

In absolute terms, the fiscal deficit -- the gap between government's expenditure and revenue -- was at Rs 7,50,824 crore during April-October period, according to released by roller General data the Controller Ge Accounts (CGA). of The deficit stood at 45 per cent of the Budget Estimates (BE) in the corresponding period of 2023-24.

In the Union Budget, the government projected to bring down the fiscal deficit

current fiscal. The data of the

revenue-expenditure Union government for the first seven months of 2024-25 showed that the net tax revenue was about Rs 13 lakh

the government.

account. Fiscal deficit is the difference between the total expenditure and revenue of the government. It is an and indication of the total borrowing that is needed by

> Malaysian billionaire tycoon Ananda Krishnan dies at age 86

slower rate of 5.4 per cent in

the July-September period of 2024-25 from 8.1 per cent in

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nanda Krishnan, one of A Malaysia's richest tycoons with a vast business empire including telecommunications, media, petroleum and real estate, has died. He was 86. investmen



Sentiments of realtors, financial institutions remain positive for future growth: Repor



Similarly, the office market outlook is buoyant, with strong confidence in key parameters such as leasing, supply, and rents supply, and rents, underscoring stakeholder optimism for robust performance in the coming months.

NAREDCO President Hari

global uncertainties".



Banks' credit to industry grows by

eight per cent in October: RBI data

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 $R^{\mbox{eal}}_{\mbox{financial}}$ institutions are upbeat about growth potential of the realty sector for the six months ending March next year, according to Knight Frank and NAREDCO. Real estate consultant Knight Frank and realtors' body NAREDCO on released 'Real Friday Estate Sentiment Index Q3 2024 (July-September 2024)highlighting continued optimism in the realty sector. There was a marginal dip in the current sentiment score, which stands at 64, down from 65 in the April-June period.

However, the future sentiment score improved to 67, up from 65 in the previous quarter, signalling rising confidence in the sector's growth over the

next six months.

The index captures the projection of 7.2 per cent for 2024-25 and the stable perceptions of supply-side interest rate environment will stakeholders and financial institutions regarding the real further sentiment. As the sector estate sector, economic climate, and funding continues to grow, its essential that we address the existing challenges and leverage opportunities for sustainable availability. A score of 50 indicates a neutral outlook; scores above 50 reflect growth," he added. positive sentiment, while Knight Frank India CMD Shishir Baijal said strong those below 50 suggest a negative outlook. demand in high-end residential sales and stable Both current and future sentiment scores remain

firmly in the positive zone, leasing in commercial spaces reflecting sustained trust in underscore the sector's steady the industry's long-term performance. Developers, with improved potential, the report said. In the residential market, sentiment this quarter, remain Knight Frank said the optimistic. Supported by optimism prevails as 62 per stable fundamentals and favourable cent of respondents anticipate

a rise in residential prices, market dynamics, the sector is while 40 per cent foresee well-positioned for sustained growth and continued opportunities," he added. increased sales, and 38 per growth cent expect market stability.

PTI MUMBAI "reflects the Indian real estate sector's resilience amidst

economic

 $B^{anks'\ credit\ to\ industry}_{grew\ by\ 8\ per\ cent\ in}$ The RBI's GDP growth October 2024 compared to 4.8 per cent in the year-ago period, according to the RBI data released on Friday. boost investor

The Reserve Bank data also showed that credit to agriculture and allied activities registered a growth of 15.5 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) in October 2024, compared to 17.4 per cent seen in the same month of last year.

Among major industries, credit to chemicals and chemical products', 'petroleum, coal products and nuclear fuels', and 'all engineering' recorded a higher growth in October 2024 as compared to their respective growth rates a year ago.

loans growth Personal decelerated to 15.8 per cent (yo-y) in October as compared to 18 per cent recorded a year ago, largely due to decline in growth

in 'other personal loans', 'vehicle loans' and 'credit card outstanding'. However, 'housing' -- the

largest constituent of personal loans segment -- recorded an accelerated growth on year.

RBI further said credit growth to services sector was at 14.1 per cent in October 2024 (20.4 per cent a year ago), primarily due to lower growth in credit to 'non-banking financial companies' (NBFCs) and trade segment. However, growth of credit to 'commercial real estate' accelerated in October

2024. Non-food bank credit in October 2024 grew at 12.8 per cent, as compared to 15.5 per cent a year ago, RBI said.

Data on sectoral deployment of bank credit for October 2024 was collected from 41 select commercial banks, accounting for about 95 per cent of the total non-food credit deployed by all scheduled commercial banks.

company, Usaha Tegas, said he passed away peacefully on Thursday and that his family requested privacy. It didn't

specify the cause of death. "Ananda made significant contributions to nation-building and the corporate world. His philanthropic initiatives have touched many lives," it said in a statement.

ranked Ananda was Malaysia's sixth-richest man by Forbes with a net worth of USD 5.1 billion (22.6 billion ringgit).

Born April 1, 1938, Ananda was a graduate of Harvard Business School who started his career in oil trading before venturing into other sectors. He owned stakes in telecommunications firm Maxis, media company Astro, satellite services firm Measat and oil services provider Bumi Armada, among others.

Ananda made most of his wealth during the 1980s and 1990s, making him closely associated with then-Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad

He was a founding director of state oil firm Petronas, and the national Bernama news agency reported on Friday that he sold the idea of 88-story building the Petronas Twin Towers to Mahathir

Ananda was instructed to lead its construction, transforming a horse racing track into the landmark and forever changing Kuala Lumpur's skyline.

Ibrahim paid tribute to donated Ananda to education, the arts, sports Ananda, "contribution in and humanitarian causes in Malaysia.The Edge corporate newspaper reported that his philanthropy and society will fortunes took a hit in 2018 definitely be remembered".

Local media reported that

Exports of India's med-tech industry could reach USD 20 bn by 2030: CII

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India's medical technology industry is expected to touch exports of up to USD 20 billion by 2030 but the sector needs more government incentives and further ease of doing business accelerate overseas shipments, industry body CII said on Friday.

The production linked incentive (PLI) scheme for the medical technology sector currently available for select medical devices needs to be extended across products, while export incentives to 'reimburse hidden costs' need to be provided to manufacturers, CII Chairman National Medical Technology Forum Himanshu Baid told reporters here.

almost 60 to 70 per cent of

medical equipment our which are needed in the Whereas, country. our manufacturing is still very low as around 30 per cent is only manufactured in the country. Our imports are far exceeding our exports. Our imports are almost USD 8 billion and our exports are close to USD 4 billion," he said.

However, Baid said, India has the best potential to grow this industry to the next level, taking advantage of the world adopting the 'China plus one' strategy to reduce import dependence on one particular country. India is very well poised to

"Today, we are importing and low-cost of labour as almost 60 to 70 per cent of compared to China. On the export potential of the

Indian medical technology industry, he said, expectation is that by 2030 India's exports can reach around USD 15 billion to USD 20 billion dollar and our imports would reduce from USD 8 billion to USD 3 billion-USD 4 billion."

In order to realise the potential, Baid said, "As an industry, we're also looking for some more ease of doing business, (removal of overlapping regulations and certain areas where they have put in QCO orders, which is also impacting 'Make in India' and also exports."

Îndia is very well poised to take advantage of it on the back of the talent it has in which is currently governed terms of software, hardware under the Drugs and



Cosmetics Act that regulates he said. the pharma sector, needs a separate regulator.

"We are part of the pharma regulation. Drugs and pharma and medical devices are seen under the same lens. We have the same regulator. Our industry's demand was to have a separate regulator,"

Asserting that medical device is a "very complex engineering industry" with electronic, mechanical and plastic parts with different standards, he said, it is "very different from pharma which is more about chemical and

formulations".

On the quality control order (QCO) issue, he said at present suppliers of raw materials need to register with BIS and then only those products can be imported into the country.

"That is causing a lot of roadblocks for local industry to manufacture products in India....At one point, the government is saying 'Make in India' but the raw materials suppliers are small players, who don't have the wherewithal to go BIS and register themselves globally. So we are asking the government for exemption from QCO especially for med-tech industry," Baid said.

He also said in order to enhance exports, the PLI for

needs to be extended to more manufacturing in the products.

Today 3,000 products are already regulated in India by CDSCO. We need PLI for almost the whole industry. When we say PLI should not be limited to very few products, the government should incentivise every manufacturing which is happening in the country to push for global markets," Baid asserted.

In the existing PLI scheme for the medical devices sectors, he said only 28 companies were allotted and there was a budget of Rs 3,400 crore and only 10 to 20 per cent of the fund have been utilised.

'The government has surplus budget. Please use it for pushing more exports out pharmacopeia with a defined the medical devices sector of the country, more

country. Can we enlarge the scope of the scheme to more and more products?," he asked.

Baid also said the remission of duties under the RoDTEP scheme by the Ministry of Commerce for exports needs to be enhanced to 2-2.5 per cent from the current range of 0.5 per cent and 0.7 per cent, stating it is "not enough".

"There are a lot of hidden costs, which are there in manufacturing in the country. What we are asking is for the government to reimburse those hidden costs. Maybe a 2-2.5 per cent incentive would be good enough to help us get through those hidden costs and be competitive," he added.

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t's not often that a performance makes you stop and reflect on the very nature of human connection. But as the lights dimmed and the first notes of music echoed through the Stein Auditorium, the audience was about to embark on a journey of deep emotional and spiritual resonance. Sumang: The Unison of Souls was far more than just a dance performance, it was a powerful reminder of the invisible threads that bind us all. Curated by Suparna Singh and Mahima Satsangi, disciples of the esteemed Padmashree Guru Dr. Shovana Narayan, this performance explored themes of love, friendship, spirituality and the universal connections that define our existence.

As the dancers took the stage, each movement seemed to carry a weight far beyond the steps themselves. The choreography, crafted by Dr. Shovana Narayan, told a story that wasn't just visual but deeply felt. It was as if the dancers were reaching out to the audience, not with words, but with the very essence of human emotion. Complemented by the music of Murad Ali Khan and Shuheb Hasan, the performance became an all-

THE POWER OF UNSPOKEN CONNECTIONS

'Sumang: The Unison of Souls', was a powerful dance performance that explored human connections through movement, music and emotion. Curated by Suparna Singh and Mahima Satsangi and choreographed by Dr. Shovana Narayan, the production beautifully captured the bonds that unite us all, says SAKSHI PRIYA



encompassing experience. The music didn't just accompany the dance; it gave voice to the unspeakable, carrying the audience through the highs and lows of the emotional journey unfolding on stage. The musicians played with such sensitivity that their instruments became characters in the story, each note from the Sarangi, Sarod, Sitar, Flute and Tabla Dr. Shovana Narayan, who has spent

adding depth and texture to the dance. The performance was enhanced by the delicate lighting design of Sandeep Dutta, which shifted with every act, casting different moods across the stage, while the photography and video work by Innee Singh captured every moment with clarity and grace.

emotional depths of dance, shared her thoughts on the production. "As I watched Sumang, I was reminded of how dance can connect us on a level that words simply can't reach. This production is a tribute to the emotional and spiritual connections that make us human." Her

decades exploring the spiritual and performance, a reminder that while we may struggle to put emotions into words, art has a way of expressing what we sometimes can't.

The production unfolded in four acts, each exploring a different aspect of human connection. From the quiet intimacy of Pratibimb, which delved into words highlighted the essence of the the relationship between confidants, to



dance spoke to the depths of human interaction. In Sarvagya, the connection between teacher and disciple was honoured, and in the grand finale, Samagam, the interconnectedness of all beings was celebrated. Each act invited the audience to pause, to reflect on their own relationships and to recognise the deep bonds that unite us all, whether they are between friends, families, teachers, or the universal spirit that ties every soul together.

What made Sumang truly special was its ability to make each member of the audience feel personally connected to the story. The dance wasn't just something to watch; it was an invitation to feel, to remember, and to understand. For Mahima Satsangi and Suparna Singh, this production was not just about showcasing their craft; it was about celebrating the profound beauty of human connection and the transformative power of dance. It was about creating a space where everyone could come together, share in the experience, and feel part of something much bigger than themselves.

In the end, Sumang left an indelible mark, not just because of its stunning choreography or soulful music but because it reminded us of the profound connections that shape our lives. In a world where we are constantly moving and rushing, this performance paused time for just a moment, inviting the audience to remember the ties that truly matter. It was a celebration of humanity, of shared experiences and of the deep connections that go beyond words, leaving everyone who witnessed it with a sense of unity and belonging.

A Glimpse into Nature's Harmony



KAVITA CHOPRA DIKSHIT'S Enchanted Forests, curated by Jyoti A. Kathpalia, offered a captivating journey into the beauty and fragility of forests, blending personal memories with a universal message of coexistence, says SAKSHI PRIYA

the solo exhibition *Enchanted* Forests by Kavita Chopra Dikshit, curated by Jyoti A. Kathpalia, was an evocative celebration of nature's abundance and its enduring relationship with humanity. Showcased through a series of oil-on-canvas works, the exhibition mesmerised viewers with its vibrant depictions of forests, drawing on the artist's personal memories and a deep sense of

connection to the natural world. Kavita's upbringing in Gomia, Iharkhand, a town surrounded by dense forests, flowing rivers and rolling hills, was the heart of her inspiration. These landscapes, part of her childhood, found new life on her canvases. The paintings reflected a profound reverence for the environment, capturing the intricate interplay of life within the forests and the harmonious existence of the people who inhabit them. The exhibition was not just a showcase of art but a tribute to a way of life that is slowly being lost to modernity.



displayed Kavita's mastery of texture, light and emotion. Her use of layered greens, punctuated with earthy browns and vibrant bursts of light, created an almost tangible forest experience. The paintings seemed alive, evoking the sounds of rustling leaves, the whisper of winds through the trees and the unseen presence of wildlife. Viewers were transported to a world where nature reigned supreme, a world filled with an enchanting yet fragile beauty.

What set Kavita's work apart was its ability to communicate on multiple levels. On the surface, the paintings were visually stunning, drawing admiration for their technical brilliance. Beneath that, however, Each piece in the collection lay a poignant narrative of

environmental concern. The forests on her canvases were not just idyllic landscapes; they were symbols of a delicate balance, a call to humanity to remember its roots and renew its commitment to preserving the natural world. The curation by Jyoti A. Kathpalia

played a crucial role in elevating the exhibition. Each painting was positioned to guide the viewer on a journey, not just through Kavita's memories but through an exploration of the universal connection between humanity and nature. The narrative was clear yet subtle, inviting contemplation rather than confrontation.

Visitors left the exhibition not only enchanted but also introspective. Kavita's Enchanted Forests served as a reminder of the profound beauty of nature and the responsibility to protect it. Her work bridged the personal and the universal, offering a powerful reflection on the beauty of life and the pressing need for harmony between humans and their environment. PHOTOS: PANKAJ KUMAR



he India Art Festival (IAF) once again transformed New Delhi's Constitution Club of India into a vibrant world for art lovers, celebrating the country's diverse artistic expressions. Stepping into the exhibition, you were struck immediately by a collection of colours, styles and stories, each artwork seemed to invite you into a world of its own. This year's festival not only showcased talent but captured the very essence of India's contemporary art scene, where tradition meets innovation.

The opening was marked by a symbolic lamp lighting lighting ceremony, a gesture that set the stage for the festival's spirit of unity and creativity. Eminent figures like Prayag Shukla, Jatin Das and IAF Director Rajendra Patil were there to welcome guests, signalling the start of an event that would bring together over 450 artists and more than 3,500 artworks. It was a visual feast, an explosion of creativity that drew in everyone from art collectors to curious newcomers. The dual-pavilion setup, with one section devoted to established galleries and another for independent artists, created an inclusive atmosphere where every voice mattered. This year,







shared love for art.

renowned galleries like Delhi's Gallery Pioneer and Mumbai's The sheer variety on display was Bouquet of Art Gallery shared astonishing, works ranged from space with emerging artists, each vivid landscapes capturing showcasing their unique India's rural heartland to modern perspectives. The festival's layout abstractions exploring deep felt like a dialogue between the emotions. One could not help traditional and the but be drawn to artists like Antra contemporary, with seasoned Shrivastave, whose expressive collectors mingling alongside pieces captured human first-time visitors, all united by a connection and Bharat Jain,

whose surreal and symbolic works left a lasting impression. There were also deeply spiritual portraits by Pratima Abhange that brought a sense of serenity to the festival's lively atmosphere. IAF was not limited to paintings alone. Sculptures, wildlife art and reimagined traditional works made the festival a rich visual journey. There was something for everyone, geometric modernism, delicate florals, symbolic representations and experimental art all came together to tell the multifaceted story of Indian creativity. What set this festival apart was its multi-sensory approach. The



daily screenings of The Eternal Canvas, a film tracing India's artistic evolution, added depth and context to the visual experience, while live performances by sitar maestro Uma Shankar and flautist Ritjeet Deepak filled the air with a soulful charm. It was more than an art festival; it was a cultural celebration, a reminder of how deeply art is worked into the fabric of India's identity.

Leaving the festival, one couldn't help but be struck by the sense of community it created, a space where artists, collectors and the general public could engage directly and intimately with each other. The India Art Festival wasn't just about appreciating art; it was about experiencing it, connecting with it and seeing how it continues to evolve and inspire. For anyone passionate about art, it was an unmissable event that left a profound and lasting impression. PHOTOS: PANKAJ KUMAR



Gill returns to nets after thumb injury

PTI CANBERRA

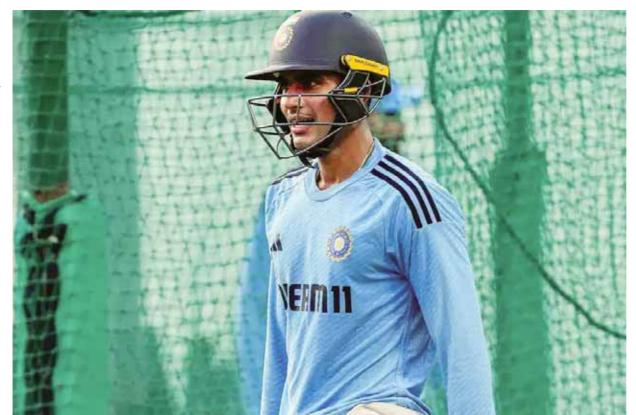
Shubman Gill returned to the India nets on Friday, showing enough signs of a full recovery from a thumb injury that ruled him out of the series opener against Australia in Perth.

Gill's absence was not felt in Perth as India won the game by 295 runs but considering his impressive run on the previous tour, the visitors need him at his best over the course of the five-match series.

The top-order batter was seen facing Yash Dayal and Akash Deep in the nets ahead of the pink-ball warm-up game against Australian PM's XI starting Saturday.

"I was just trying to get a feel to be honest, see how the injury is reacting, if any kind of soreness is there but it went much better than what I and Kamlesh bhai (Kamlesh Jain, physio) expected. Very happy with that," Gill said in a video posted by BCCI on X after the training session here.

naturally Gill was disappointed about getting injured ahead of the first Test India's special



performance put him back in a positive frame of mind. "Any ball when it hits the

middle of the bat, the feeling that you get, that is the feeling I play for. When I got to know about my injury, first couple of days I was quite low and disappointed.

"Perth is the only venue we did not play last time around (2020-21). It is such an iconic venue. But the way we played at the end of it, I was very happy," the batter added.

In Gill's absence, Devdutt Padikkal came at number three for India but could not deliver.

However, it is not a given that Gill will return to his usual batting position as K L Rahul excelled as an opener in Perth in skipper Rohit Sharma's absence

While Rohit is expected to open alongside Yashasvi Jaiswal, Rahul could come in at three pushing Gill to number 5.

It remains to be seen if India experiment in the batting order in the warm-up game as all batters would be allowed a hit in the middle considering it is not a first-class game.



KL should continue to open with Jaiswal, Rohit can come in at 3: Pujara

PTI CANBERRA

Cheteshwar Pujara wants K L Rahul to open the batting alongside Yashasvi Jaiswal in the second Test against Australia despite the arrival

Australia let Kohli roll on to a hundred in Perth: Allan Border

PTI MELBOURNE

Fallan Australia captain Border has expressed his disappointment over the team's inability to contain Virat Kohli during the first Test in Perth and feels that can potentially cost the hosts the five-match series.

Kohli, who had not scored a Test century in 18 months, roared back to form with an unbeaten 100 in the second innings as India secured a thumping 295-run victory over the hosts.

"I was really disappointed in the way we let Kohli roll on to a hundred without much resistance," Border told SEN radio on Friday morning. 'We don't want this guy full of confidence for the rest of the series.

Border also questioned the tactics of skipper Pat Cummins, suggesting they



Former opener Matthew

field placements after Kohli's arrival in the middle.

They missed a few tricks with Virat Kohli in the early part of his innings. Nathan Lyon had mid-on back, one on the off-side catching and strike," Hayden had told Channel 7 after India's win. 'You can't cut a sucker an even break when a bloke is under pressure as he was. The field we actually finished with - two slips, no point, a man straight - it offered up the outside edge of his bat as well. expected return of a fit again Shubman Gill will force the

He found it a little more frustrating. When he got the bit between the teeth, it was too late. Hayden also pointed to

tactical lapses during India's earlier partnership, noting the delayed use of short-ball strategies.

Jaiswal looked vulnerable there is a case for the Indian against it. Maybe tiny things skipper to drop himself down with Pat Cummins, the the order. If that does happen, Gill's ability to think through these position will also need to be decisions. They were shellshocked from the average adjusted. India will have to batting performance (in the make those calls in the first innings) and as we see practice game before reaching



India look to make most of pink ball

warm-up

PTI CANBERRA

India would aim to figure out their batting combination for next week's day-night Test in Adelaide when they face Australia Prime Minister's XI in a two-day tour game at the Manuka Oval here from Saturday.

India have played four day-night Tests thus far with their only loss coming at Adelaide four years ago when they were bowled out for 36 before making a winning comeback in the four-match Test series. The pink ball does a lot more compare to the red cherry, especially in the twilight period. Considering it is not a first-class game, majority of the Indian batters would like to get a feel of the ball in the middle.

think tank to rejig the batting order for the match beginning

Rohit and Yashasvi Jaiswal are

the designated openers but

with the latter and K L Rahul

excelling at the top in Perth,

December 6.

will also have Australia U-19 stars including Charlie Anderson, Mahli Beardman, Aidan O'Connor and Sam Coming from their most dominant win in Australia in the opening Test in Perth, the Konstas. Indian dressing room is in high spirits. However, the arrival of Rohit Sharma, who Fast bowling all-rounder Hanno Jacobs will be another player to watch out for. missed the first Test due to the The Squads: birth of his second child and

India: Rohit Sharma (C), Jasprit Bumrah (VC), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Abhimanyu Easwaran, Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, KL Rahul, Rishabh Pant (WK), Sarfaraz Khan, Dhruv Jurel (WK), R Ashwin, R Jadeja, Mohd. Siraj, Akash Deep, Prasidh Krishna, Harshit Rana, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Washington Sundar.

India would be hoping to get a

lot more time with the bat than the ball. The likes of

Sarfaraz Khan, who are

unlikely to be considered

unless there is an injury,

would also be hoping for

The team is in a relaxed mood

and had its first net session on

Friday where Gill took guard, indicating that his recovery is

India have been reluctant to

play tour games as they are often not competitive enough. With Test players like Matt Renshaw and Scott Boland in

the line-up, the visitors can

hope for some decent match

The PM's XI will be led by allrounder Jack Edwards and

some game time.

well on course.

practice.

PM's XI: Jack Edwards (C) Charlie Anderson, Mahli Beardman, Scott Boland, Jack Clayton, Aidan O'Connor, Davies, Javden Ollie Goodwin, Sam Harper, Hanno Jacobs, Sam Konstas, Lloyd Pope, Renshaw, Jem Ryan. Matthew

Cummins, criticising the Harmanpreet unveils Indian

a mid-wicket. I felt like it was now, again, bombs are so easy for him to get off going," he said. Adelaide with full clarity. As it is only a two-day game,

Battle of Equals: Gukesh, Liren draw fourth

round game; remain level on points in WC

allowed Kohli to regain his rhythm after his struggles against New Zealand in the recent home series. Kohli's century marked his seventh ton on Australian soil.

Hayden also took aim at

Rohit's absence in the series opener in Perth allowed

India to move Rahul to the top of the order from the middle order.

Pujara, the rock of Indian batting on the previous two tours of Australia, feels the opening combination should not be tinkered with after a 295-run win in the series opener.

Jaiswal scored a memorable hundred while Rahul too was impressive, collecting 26 and 77 in the two innings in Perth.

"I think, for some reason if we can carry on with the same batting order, like KL and Yashasvi to open, Rohit could come in at three, and Shubman could come in at five," Pujara said in a chat with ESPNcricinfo.

"If Rohit wants to open, KL should bat at No. 3. Nothing later than that. I think he has

the pla ving eleven in day-night Test beginning December 6.

to bat top of the order,

because it suits his game really well. I hope we don't tinker around with that."

Gill, who missed the first

Test due to a thumb injury, is

also expected to feature in

"Ideally No. 5 (for Gill). Because it allows him to come in at a time, even if we lose two wickets early, he is someone who can negotiate the new ball," Pujara said.

"But if he walks in after, say, 25 or 30 overs, he can play his shots. He can play his natural game. And in case we lose the first three wickets early, Gill walks in and saves Rishabh Pant for the old ball. "[Pant] doesn't have to face

the new ball. I wouldn't want him to walk in to bat when the ball is hard and new," Pujara added. Gill has opened the batting

in Australia but has now moved down to number three.

India also play a two-day warm up game in Canberra ahead of the pink-ball Test in Adelaide.

women's cricket team ODI jersey

PTI MUMBAI

The Indian women's cricket team captain

L team captain Harmanpreet Kaur and BCCI secretary Jay Shah on Friday unveiled the side's new ODI Board's jersev at the headquarters here.

The women's team will don the new jersey during the three-match ODI series against the West Indies to be played in Vadodara from December 22.

"It's an honour to unveil the jersey today and really happy that we are the first ones who is going to wear this jersey against the West Indies team," said Harmanpreet.

Really happy, really like the look. The tri-colour on the shoulder is looking really beautiful and really happy that

we've got a special ODI jersey, she added.

Before the home series, the Harmanpreet-led Indian team will tour Australia for a threematch ODI series from December 5 to 11.

Harmanpreet said wearing the Team India jersey was always special as a lot of hard work goes towards owning it.

to also wear this jersey and feel proud."



champion.

would like the Indian fans

PTI SINGAPORE

Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh and defending champion Ding Liren played out a mostly risk-free draw in the fourth round to remain level on points in the World Chess Championship battle here on Friday. The two players signed peace after 42 moves vide repetition and are tied on two points each after four games of the 14-round showdown. The first to reach 7.5 points will be crowned the

The 18-year-old Gukesh, who was playing with black on Friday, is the youngest ever challenger for the title and had won the third game on Wednesday.

Towards the end, I had some chances to press better but with black this is all you can expect," Gukesh said after the game

"I am just trying to make good moves," he added when asked about the



prospect of becoming the youngest world champion.

The 32-year-old Liren had won the opening game before the two played out a draw in the second game.

"This round, I tried to play safe. It turns out I got a little bit of an advantage. The score is still balanced. There are more games to come," Liren said.

"I had a rest day to recover from the tough loss. I am in a very good mood. It

worked well, not so bad," he added. With just 10 games remaining under the classical time control, Gukesh will have the advantage of playing white in the fifth game.

On Friday, Liren started with the bird's opening trying to take out on the queen's bishop early in the opening which was a clear indication that the Chinese wanted to fight the Indian on the skill rather than preparation.

Gukesh was up to the task in responding as he matched Liren move for move and the pieces traded hands leading to equality.

The players eventually reached rook and pawns endgame which was theoretically drawn and the split of a point was a just result.

Viswanathan Anand is so far the only Indian to have won the title, having claimed it five times in his career. The semi-retired legend made the ceremonial first move for Gukesh on Friday.

Guardiola urges Man City hierarchy to give him time to fix faltering team as Nadal visits

AP MANCHESTER

Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola has urged the Abu Dhabi hierarchy to give him the chance to revive his faltering team amid its staggering run of poor results, saying Friday he will not "run away" from the challenge.

City lost five games in a row before squandering a three-goal lead from the 75th minute to draw 3-3 with Feyenoord in the Champions League on Tuesday. The longest winless streak in Guardiola's coaching career could be extended on Sunday when City plays away to Liverpool, which is in first place in the Premier League and the Champions League.

"It's not normal in the big clubs to do the results we have done, but what we have to do is accept it," Guardiola said. "For sure I want to stay here, I want to do it, but the moment I feel I'm not positive for the club, another one will come. "But, I want the opportunity to trouble? Why is he not sacked?"

try. I don't want to run away. I want to be there. I want to rebuild the team. I ask for that challenge. I ask for this opportunity to do it. Because I feel it. I know what I want to do. I know what we need. I know what we have to do.

Guardiola, who has won the Premier League six times in his eight full seasons with City and the club's first Champions League title, said he is in regular communication with chairman Khaldoon Al Mubarak.

"He knows we are going to find a solution," Guardiola said. "In the circumstances that it doesn't happen, the club will take the solution, the decision, it has to take.

The Spanish coach said he deserved to be given time to turn things around. "I have it all on my shoulders. I want it," he said. "Here at the football club you have to win — if you don't win, you'll be in trouble. I know that.

"People said, Oh, why is Pep not in



What we have done the last eight years is why we have this margin? Tuesday. Guardiola played down talk of a

"crisis" at City when asked by a reporter, but was unsure when the team would start winning again. After Liverpool, City plays seventh-place Nottingham Forest on Wednesday.

'We will be back — I know that," Guardiola said. "I don't know when that is the truth.

"We have to accept," he added, "that it is completely normal maybe the exception was in the past, not what happened now. How we stand up again, this is the big success in life. It's how many times you stand up, again and again, and again, whatever happens. They are the greatest (people).

Rafael Nadal, the 22-time Grand Slam champion who retired from tennis this month, visited City's training ground on Thursday. He is a Real Madrid fan and was in northwest England to watch the perfe Spanish team play Liverpool in way.

the Champions League on

"It was a pleasure to see him. One of the most incredible athletes of all time," Guardiola said. "We spoke sport and everything and how it's difficult to maintain for many years — and how he, (Roger) Federer and (Novak) Djokovic have done for many, many years."

Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta described City's poor spell as a "bump" and wasn't prepared to write off the champions in the title race.

"For them, it's very strange because in nine years they've never had it," said Arteta, who was once an assistant to Guardiola at City.

'But, that tells you the level and the environment we are in everything has to be almost you know. The perfect, performance has to be perfect, the availability of your squad has to be perfect, things have to go your