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DONALD TRUMPS KAMALA HARRIS

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Donald Trump was Wednesday elected the United States' President for a second term in one of the greatest political comebacks in American history, four years after an election loss in 2020 that sparked a violent insurrection at the US Capitol. The 78-year-old Republican leader, convicted of felony charges and awaiting sentencing in a hush-money case in New York, defeated his Democratic rival Kamala Harris in a bitterly fought election.

According to races called by the Associated Press up to 7 pm (IST), 277 electoral votes had gone to Trump and 224 to Harris. Trump, the oldest person in US history to be elected president, crossed the halfway 270 votes-mark in electoral college votes with victory in the battleground state of Wisconsin.

Addressing his supporters at West Palm Beach in Florida, Trump declared his victory in the presidential election, calling the mandate "unprecedented and powerful." Many people have told me that God spared my life for a reason, Trump said, referring to the two assassination attempts on his life during the election campaign this year.

Amid cheers of his jubilant supporters and his family by his side, Trump declared that this will be the "golden age" of America. "This is a magnificent victory for the American people. This was a movement like nobody's ever seen before, and frankly, this was, I believe, the greatest political movement of all time. There's never been anything



like this in this country, and maybe beyond," Trump said. "And now it's going to reach a new level of importance because we're going to help our country heal. We'll help our country... We have a country that needs help, and it needs help very badly," he said. Soon after projections indicated Trump's victory, congratulatory messages started pouring in from world leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer and French President Emmanuel Macron, for his "historic return to the White House."

After President Grover Cleveland (1885-1889 and 1893-1897), Trump is the only person to return to the White House for another term after a gap of four years. Trump served as President from January 2017 to January 2021. "We made history for a reason tonight, and that reason is going to be just that we overcame obstacles that nobody thought possible, and it is now clear that we've achieved the most incredible political thing," Trump said in his speech. "I want to thank the American people for the extraordinary honour of being elected your 47th president and your 45th

president," he said. "I will fight for you, for your family and your future." "Every single day, I will be fighting for you and with every breath in my body, I will not rest until we have delivered the strong, safe and prosperous America that our children deserve and that you deserve. This will truly be the golden age of America," said Trump, who wrapped up his speech with a playful dance to the song YMCA by the band Village People. The victory by Trump is being seen as a remarkable comeback after he lost the 2020 presidential election to Joe Biden, which seemed then to

be the end of his political career. Trump challenged the election results and even indirectly urged his supporters to march on the US Capitol that reportedly triggered the violent attacks and clashes inside the seat of American democracy, sending shockwaves across the globe. In the following months, Trump unsuccessfully challenged the results in court. A grand jury found him guilty on 34 counts of falsifying business records. The Biden-Harris campaign said at the time that no one is above the law while Trump called the verdict the result of a "rigged" political system.

Look forward to renewing our collaboration: PM Modi

RAHUL DATTA ■ NEW DELHI

India and the United States' ties across the spectrum including commerce, strategic affairs and defence are likely to see a healthy boost with Donald Trump winning the presidential polls, as he shares a warm relationship with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Prime Minister Modi was one of the first world leaders to congratulate "friend" Donald Trump on his "historic" victory. In his message, Prime Minister Modi on Wednesday said he looks forward to renewing their collaboration to further strengthen the India-US Comprehensive Global and Strategic Partnership. "Heartiest congratulations my friend @realDonaldTrump on your historic election victory. As you build on the successes of your previous term, I look forward to renewing our collaboration to further strengthen the India-US Comprehensive Global and Strategic Partnership," Modi said in a social media post. "Together, let's work for the betterment of our people and to promote global peace, stability and prosperity," he said. The prime minister also posted pictures of his previous meetings with Trump, who was the US president from 2016-2020. Both leaders share the same views regarding strategic co-operation and defence. They also shared a hard stance against terrorism, which strengthened ties,



FILE PHOTO

Sensex, Nifty surge over one per cent

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Stock markets rallied more than 1 per cent on Wednesday with benchmark Sensex soaring 901 points on heavy buying in IT and pharma shares as Donald Trump is all set to win the United States presidential elections. Extending its gains to the second day, the BSE Sensex jumped 901.50 points or 1.13 per cent to settle at 80,378.13. During the day, it soared 1,093.1 points or 1.37 per cent to 80,569.73. The NSE Nifty soared 270.75 points or 1.12 per



cent to close at 24,484.05. From the 30-share Sensex pack, Tata Consultancy Services and Infosys jumped over 4 per cent each. HCL Technologies, Tech Mahindra, Adani Ports, Larsen & Toubro, Maruti and Reliance Industries were also among big gainers.

especially regarding Pakistan-based threats. During his first term as president, India and the US also shared a vision for a "free and open Indo-Pacific," in an apparent effort to counter China's aggressive postures in the strategically important region. This led to closer defence ties, joint military

exercises, and India's key role in the Quad alliance with the US, Japan, and Australia. During the Covid-19 pandemic, their relationship extended to health cooperation, with India supplying hydroxychloroquine to the US and America later supporting India's response.

CBSE cracks whip on 'dummy' admissions

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a crackdown on 'dummy' admissions, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Wednesday withdrew affiliation of 21 schools and downgraded six schools from senior secondary to secondary level, officials said. The move comes following a surprise inspection at the schools in Rajasthan and Delhi in September during which several lapses were found.

"The practice of dummy or non-attending admissions contradicts the core mission of school education, compromising students' foundational growth. To address this issue, we are taking decisive action to combat the proliferation of dummy schools and send a clear message to all affiliated institutions to resist the lure of accepting dummy or non-attending admissions," CBSE Secretary Himanshu Gupta said.



He said the vital observations of the surprise inspection committees regarding the irregularities observed during the inspections were communicated as a report to the respective schools. "The replies submitted by the schools were examined in detail by the Board. Based on the inspection findings and supported by videographic evidence, affiliation of 21 schools was withdrawn and six schools were downgraded from senior secondary to secondary level," Gupta added.

LMV license holders can drive transport vehicles: SC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court (SC) on Wednesday ruled that individuals holding a Light Motor Vehicle (LMV) driving license are eligible to drive transport vehicles with a weight not exceeding 7,500kg. The judgment from a five-judge Constitution Bench, led by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, offers clarity on licensing regulations and is expected to prevent insurance companies from rejecting claims based on the license type of drivers involved in accidents. "A driver holding a license for light motor vehicle... for vehicles with gross vehicle weight under 7,500kg is permitted to operate a transport vehicle without needing additional authorisation... of the Motor Vehicle Act. LMVs and the transport vehicles are not entirely separate classes, and overlap exists



between the two," the Bench held, adding the statute should remain practical and workable. Pronouncing the unanimous verdict for the Bench, Justice Hrishikesh Roy, however, said the special eligibility requirement will continue to apply to vehicles carrying hazardous goods. Besides the CJI and Justice Roy, the Bench also comprised Justices PS Narasimha, Pankaj Mithal and Manoj Misra.

Abandoned at birth, miracle baby Krishna defies death

PTI ■ PRAYAGRAJ/ KANPUR (UP)

In a tale of miraculous survival, an abandoned newborn found clinging to his life from the branches of a tree in Uttar Pradesh's Hamirpur in August has fought back from the jaws of death after surviving 50 wounds, including a deep animal bite, that dotted his tiny, fragile frame.

The boy, who was barely two days old when he was found abandoned in Hamirpur, has defied all odds to not only get a new lease of life, but also a new name - 'Krishna' - and most recently, a temporary abode, the government-run children's home in Prayagraj. Prayagraj district probation officer Sarvajit Singh told PTI that the "fully fit" child is now being properly looked after at the children's home, where he was shifted following the orders of the Bal Kalyan



Samiti (child welfare committee) in Hamirpur. Before he arrived in Prayagraj, the paediatrics department of the GSV Medical College in Kanpur had virtually become his home, helping him stage a

miraculous recovery in about two months, where his charming smile endeared him to the doctors and nurses alike. So it didn't come as a surprise when the medical staff of the hospital were moved to tears at the time of his discharge after a triumphant death-defying battle. "Our hearts rejoiced in equal measure when this little kid, found clinging to a fragile thread of life after being abandoned and attacked, recovered fully," Dr Arun

Kumar Arya, head of the paediatrics department at the GSV Medical College, said in a statement. "Against all odds, this small and innocent baby endured unimaginable hardship, suffering multiple dog bites and scratch marks on his entire body before being mercifully rescued," Dr Arya said. The child was found in an abandoned field in Hamirpur district and later rescued by the police after being notified by the local authorities, he added. The child was "severely malnourished" and "in desperate need of medical attention" at the time of his rescue. The unfed boy had multiple infected wounds on his body and his cries could be heard from afar, Dr Arya said. "The child was admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) on August 31.

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Workers to get paid leave on polling day to boost voter turnout



PNS : JAMSHEDPUR

To encourage voter participation in the upcoming Assembly Elections 2024, the District Election Officer of East Singhbhum, Ananya Mittal, has issued an official order granting paid leave on polling day to all employees in both government and private sectors. This directive aligns with the Election Commission of India's mandate to ensure maximum voter turnout, emphasizing the importance of democratic participation across the workforce.

In response, over 90 private companies and industrial establishments have promptly submitted their consent letters, committing to follow the directive. Prominent among these are industry giants like Tata Steel Ltd., Tata Motors Ltd., Tata Cummins, UCL, Steel Strip Wheel, Linde India, and Nuvoco Vistas Corporation. Additional companies including Nelson Global Product Ltd., Shah Sponge and Power Ltd., Imperial Auto Industries, Bajinath Sharma Rice Mill, Ramada Hotel, Maa Shakambari Global Food, and several others have also pledged their support. This

broad compliance from the private sector reinforces a collective commitment to democratic values and underscores the district's dedication to upholding election integrity.

The order issued by the District Election Officer draws on Section 135(b) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, which mandates that every eligible voter employed in any business, profession, industrial establishment, or other workplace must be granted a holiday on polling day. Under this law, employers are not permitted to make wage deductions due to the holiday. Additionally, employees who are not normally compensated for a non-working day will still receive wages for the polling day, ensuring that no worker is financially disadvantaged by taking time off to vote.

In a statement regarding the order, District Election Officer Mittal emphasized that the purpose of paid leave is to enable employees to exercise their voting rights without hesitation. "It is crucial that every eligible voter feels supported in their duty to vote," Mittal said, "and with the cooperation of the

Hotline to report election bribery and threats

JAMSHEDPUR : In light of Assembly Election 2024, the District administration has intensified its efforts to combat electoral malpractice, keeping a vigilant eye on any misuse of money or intimidation tactics during the election process. To ensure a fair and transparent election, the authorities have provided the public with dedicated phone lines to report any such incidents, guaranteeing swift and decisive action.

In accordance with Section 171B of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), any individual found offering or accepting any form of gratification, whether cash or kind, to sway voter behavior, faces a possible sentence of up to one year in prison, a fine, or both. This strict regulation is complemented by Section 171C of the IPC, which penalizes those who attempt to intimidate or threaten candidates, voters, or anyone involved in the election, also with imprisonment up to one year, a fine, or both.

Citizens can lodge complaints by calling the District Control Room at the following numbers: 0657-2440111, 0657-2221717 and 0657-2221718.

private sector, we can achieve a high voter turnout and uphold our democratic values."

The directive also sets strict consequences for non-compliance. Employers who fail to grant polling-day leave or who reduce employees' wages as a result may face fines of up to five hundred rupees. This clause serves as a deterrent, reinforcing that any attempts to prevent employees from participating in the election process will not be tolerated. However, the act does provide an exemption for employees whose absence could pose a risk or significant loss in their particular line of work.

Moreover, in a gesture of support for civic duty, all government offices and public establishments across East Singhbhum will remain

closed on November 13, 2024, which is the designated polling day for the Assembly Elections. This closure further signals the administration's commitment to making voting accessible to everyone, encouraging every citizen to take part in the electoral process without hindrance.

The proactive involvement of companies across East Singhbhum in promoting voter participation has received positive feedback from the community. "Seeing so many companies come together to support their employees' right to vote shows the strength of our community's commitment to democracy," commented a local voter. "It's encouraging to know that our workplaces are backing our right to vote, and it's a reminder of how valuable each vote truly is."

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1.	AC 39 Nirsa	Smt. Aparna Sengupta	Sri Sharthak Sharma MP/MLA Court, at Ranchi ; Lalpur PS Case No 203/24; Charges Not Framed	u/s 191(2)(3)/190/115 (2)/117(2)/109/121 (1)/125/132/324(2)/351(2)/352/61(2) of BNS Protest Against State Government, Section	NA	NA	NA

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NTPC Swayamsiddha Ladies Club supports Orphanage Home



PNS : RANCHI

NTPC Swayamsiddha Ladies Club (SSLC), NTPC Mining Limited, Ranchi, has extended its support to an orphanage home by donating infrastructure items, including iron racks for storing groceries and snacks for the children. The initiative is aimed at improving the living conditions of the 35 children residing at the Adim Jati Seva Mandal orphanage in Ranchi.

The noble initiative was taken by Rekha Jain, President of the Swayamsiddha Ladies Club.

During the event, Jain emphasized the Club's continued commitment to community welfare, saying, "Our commitment to the welfare of the community is strong, and this visit was a significant part of that effort."

The programme saw active participation from members, including Vice President Sikha Rastogi (Welfare in-charge), Poornima Shrikhande (Cultural in-charge), General Secretary Deepa Keshri, and Cultural Secretary Smt. Anita Prasad, who collectively contributed to making the visit meaningful and uplifting.

Dr. Ajoy Kumar gains support during public outreach

PNS : JAMSHEDPUR

Congress candidate Dr. Ajoy Kumar conducted an extensive public outreach campaign on Wednesday in Tiplate, Bhuiyadih, and Bhalubasa, receiving a warm welcome and support from local residents. Many in the community expressed their intent to vote for Dr. Ajoy in the upcoming elections, hoping for a change from what they described as "25 years of misgovernance."

During the campaign, Dr. Ajoy addressed the crowd, pledging to eliminate hooliganism in Jamshepur and focus on providing quality education and healthcare. He emphasized that establishing CM Model Schools and organizing regular medical camps would be his top priorities. "I will ensure that no compromise is made on women's safety, and we will offer skill-based training for women at all community centers to promote economic empowerment," he stated.

Dr. Ajoy outlined his vision of a safe and developed Jamshepur, which he believes can only be achieved with the support and cooperation of the community. He prioritized quality education for children, better healthcare services, and job opportunities for youth. He also promised to improve civic amenities in the local settlements, drawing on the work he did during his tenure as a Member of Parliament.

Furthermore, Dr. Ajoy announced that he would operate a 24-hour constituency office to address any emergencies or issues faced by residents. He encouraged people to remember his record of service and assured them of his commitment to building a better Jamshepur.



Mahila Samiti Bokaro inaugurates Decorative Pond

PNS : BOKARO

In an initiative to beautify the city, Anita Tiwari, Chairperson of the Mahila Samiti in Bokaro, inaugurated a decorative pond at the Jagannath Temple complex this evening, November 5. The newly installed fountains on either side of the main temple enhance its charm, drawing the attention and admiration of visitors.

The inauguration coincided with the "Nahay-Khay" ritual of the Chhath Puja festival. Committee executives,

led by Tiwari, attended the event to mark the occasion. Vice President Monika Rangani, Nisha Srivastava, Preeti Sharan, Secretary Richa Priyadarshini, Cultural Secretary Shweta Kumar, Anisha Jha, Preeti Rajesh, Jaya, Asha, and Samita lit ceremonial lamps and offered prayers to mark the auspicious opening of the pond.

With the addition of this decorative pond and fountains, the temple complex stands as a more attractive and serene space for worshippers and tourists alike.



3 defeated Lok sabha candidates try their luck in Dhanbad

PANKAJ : DHANBAD

Among those candidates trying their luck on the 6 assembly seats this assembly elections on different seats within Dhanbad district, there are three who have contested the Lok Sabha elections at some point of time.

Though defeated are in fray once again. Among these candidates, there are two who contested the Lok Sabha elections from Giridih Lok Sabha constituency, but had to face defeat and one who has contested the election from Dhanbad Lok Sabha, but after getting defeated, he is trying his luck again in the assembly after a age of ten years.

These include JMM candidate Mathura Prasad Mahato from Tundi, Congress candidate Jareshwar Mahato from Baghmara and Congress candidate Ajay Dubey from Dhanbad.

Mathura Mahato was the JMM candidate from Giridih seat in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Now he is again the JMM candidate from Tundi seat in the assembly. Ajay Dubey has contested the election from Dhanbad Lok Sabha constituency on a Congress ticket in the year 2014. This time he is a candidate from Dhanbad Assembly

under the banner of Congress. Again in 2014, Jareshwar Mahato was also in the fray from Giridih Lok Sabha seat on a JD(U) ticket. This time he is a Congress candidate from Baghmara.

Figures show that Mathura Prasad Mahato was the runner up in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections on the Giridih parliamentary seat. He had received 3,70,259 votes. While NDA candidate Chandra Prakash Chaudhary won by getting 4,51,139 votes.

In the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, congress candidate Ajay Kumar Dubey got 2,50,537 votes while contesting the Dhanbad Lok Sabha seat. At that time, BJP's Pashupatinath Singh got 5,43,491 votes. In 2014, Jareshwar Mahato contested from the Giridih parliamentary seat. He got less than 50,000 votes.

This time it remains to be seen to what extent they are able to win the trust of the voters.

It's worth mentioning that, Mathura Prasad Mahato is an MLA from Tundi in the 2019 assembly elections, while Jareshwar Mahato was defeated by BJP's Dullu Mahato by less than 1000 votes in the 2019 assembly elections.

PM Modi to address public rally in Chandankiyari on Nov 10



PNS : RANCHI
Prime Minister Narendra Modi is coming to Jharkhand again on November 10. Here he will address a public meeting at Chandipur Football Ground in Chandankiyari. Assembly constituency of Bokaro. This will be the first time when a Prime Minister of the country is coming to Chandankiyari. Leader of Opposition and BJP candidate Amar Bauri is contesting from Chandankiyari for the first time on an AJSU ticket and became an MLA. At that time, the government was formed in the state under the leadership of BJP and AJSU and Umakant got the opportunity to become a minister. But he had to face defeat in the 2014 and 2019 elections. At present, Amar Kumar Bauri is the MLA here, who is the leader of the opposition of the BJP and has also been a minister in the state government.

After the announcement of BJP candidates, Chandankiyari seat went into BJP kitty. Former Chandankiyari MLA Umakant Rajak, who has been a minister in the Jharkhand government, has left the AJSU party and joined the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha. With this, the political equation of Chandankiyari has also started changing.

Umakant Rajak was also the central general secretary of the AJSU party. In the 2010 elections, he contested

from Chandankiyari for the first time on an AJSU ticket and became an MLA. At that time, the government was formed in the state under the leadership of BJP and AJSU and Umakant got the opportunity to become a minister. But he had to face defeat in the 2014 and 2019 elections. At present, Amar Kumar Bauri is the MLA here, who is the leader of the opposition of the BJP and has also been a minister in the state government.

In the 2014 elections, the elections were held under the BJP AJSU alliance, but then there was a friendly contest between Umakant and Amar Kumar Bauri. In the 2019 elections, BJP and AJSU contested separately.

Amar Bauri became MLA again in that. This time too, there was a problem in the BJP-AJSU alliance regarding Chandankiyari and various speculations were being made. In which both Umakant and Amar Bauri will contest from Chandankiyari, but there was a state of doubt about how the mathematics will work out in the alliance.

It was being speculated that like 2014, this time too there could be a friendly contest between the BJP and AJSU candidates in Chandankiyari. But the BJP leadership clearly refused friendly contest anywhere in the state. After that, Umakant had no other option but to leave AJSU to

contest the elections. It was already being speculated that if such a situation arises, Umakant can join Jharkhand Mukti Morcha or Jharkhand Loktantrik Kranti Morcha under the leadership of Jairam Mahto and can contest the election on its ticket. Finally, Umakant has joined Jharkhand Mukti Morcha and it is being considered certain that he will contest the election from Chandankiyari on JMM ticket.

In four assembly constituencies of Bokaro district, AJSU workers will work to give an edge to the alliance candidate. Party's district president Sachin Mahto said this while talking to journalists.

Sido-Kanhu's descendant Mandal Murmu gets death threat

PNS : RANCHI
Mandal Murmu, a descendant of martyr Sido-Kanhu and one of the proposers of Chief Minister Hemant Soren nomination form Barhait assembly seat has received a death threat. Murmu last week joined the BJP.

An unknown person in a whatsapp message has issued a death threat of beheading him. The unknown person has written that, "The person who beheads Mandal Murmu will be given Rs 50 lakh by Sido-Kanhu Baisi Samiti." This message went viral on Wednesday and created a sensation.

On receiving information about this, the police have arrested a person. Former Jharkhand CM Champai Soren has reacted strongly to this threat. He has said that this is the lowest level of politics. Such threats cannot be ignored. He demanded immediate action from Jharkhand Police in this matter.

Soren shared a viral WhatsApp message on the social media platform and wrote, "Request to Jharkhand Police to take strict action against such people with criminal mindset. Election Commission and Sahibganj DC please make arrangements for the security of Mandal Murmu's family."

Mandal Murmu is a descendant of martyr Sido-Kanhu, the hero of the Santhal rebellion of Jharkhand. Hemant Soren has made him his proposer while filing nomination from Barhet seat. Jharkhand politics regarding Mandal Murmu heated up when news and pictures of his meeting with BJP leaders went viral.

When he was coming to Ranchi recently to meet BJP leaders, the police stopped him for a long time. Later on November 3, he joined the BJP in the presence of Union Minister and Jharkhand BJP election in-charge Shivraj Singh Chauhan and Assam Chief Minister and Jharkhand BJP co-in-charge Himanta Biswa Sarma.

He had said on this occasion, "Sido-Kanhu, Phool Jhano sacrificed their lives for this country. I am from the same family. I am joining the BJP of my own free will."

BJP duping people on Sahara funds issue: JMM

PNS : RANCHI
Jharkhand Mukti Morcha's (JMM), on Wednesday, said that BJP announced in its Sankalp Patra that it will help to get back money of people invested in Sahara Finance. JMM questioned the issue and asked why the Central Government after the Supreme Court ruling did not help to get the money returned. BJP is duping people on the issue, the party added.

Addressing a press conference, JMM General Secretary and Spokesperson Bhattacharya said that from the instructions of the Supreme Court, a portal was created in the year 2023 to return the money of the city's investors. He questioned the BJP and said why the Government did not return the money of the investors from 2023 to 24. "What is the reason that even during the Lok Sabha elections, the BJP did not return the money of the investors and once again it has been made an issue in the assembly elections. The Government is not going to return the money of the investors, they are only being given empty assurances," he added.

Bhattacharya said that the BJP has issued an advertisement in the newspaper to recover the dues from Sahara and this is the first time that such an advertisement has been given in

'Kabad se Kanchan': CCL creates extraordinary art work

PNS : RANCHI
Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) has set an example of creativity by successfully transforming an old and unused Ambassador car into a magnificent specimen through art. This initiative, undertaken under the Special Campaign 4.0 scheme of the Government of India, has given new life to the vehicle, thereby enhancing the beauty of the company's headquarters premises and this artwork has become a centre of attraction.

The artwork was inaugurated by CCL CMD Nilendu Kumar Singh, which has been appreciated all around. Coal and Mines Minister, Government of India, G Kishan Reddy also praised this initiative of CCL.

Under the "Kabad se



Kanchan" scheme, this unused Ambassador car scrap was converted into a living artwork by incorporating colours in the creativity and creativity of the concerned officials.

This painting, made with vibrant colours, has brought

life to a junk and transformed it into gold. At night, the beauty is further enhanced by the colourful lights. The Ambassador car body depicts the work of our proud workers working in CCL's coal mines, mining activities and their happy families.

The Corporate Communication and Public Relations Department has played a key role in conceptualizing and implementing this initiative. Alok Gupta, Head of the Public Relations Department, said that under the scheme of 'Kabad se Kanchan' and other such creative projects, there are plans to work on other projects in the future as well, which will help in improving the CCL premises and strengthening the brand image of the company.

During the recently concluded Vigilance Festival "Festival de CCL" under CIMECON, Vigilance Awareness Week 2024, artists, students and visitors from various states and institutions appreciated this initiative and adopted it as a selfie point.

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LJP releases its 'Sankalp Patra'

PNS : RANCHI
Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) released the Sankalp Patra for Jharkhand assembly elections here on Wednesday. Party's Khagaria MP and Jharkhand election co-in-charge Rajesh Verma and state president Birendra Pradhan, state vice-president Aditya Vijay Pradhan along with others were present.

On the occasion of releasing the Sankalp Patra, MP Rajesh Verma said that this is a letter for the development of Jharkhand. This letter includes the issues of the poor, Dalits, women, tribals and youth. He said that LJP is committed to the all-round development of the state and for this, for the first time in the state, our party has talked about starting metro service. The Assembly Election Co-In-charge said that the party has fielded Janardan Paswan on the Chatra seat which LJP got under the alliance. Our party will win the Chatra seat by more than fifty thousand votes.

Along with Chatra, the party is working with its 100 per cent for the victory of NDA candidates on all the assembly seats of the state so that the victory of the NDA alliance is ensured in the state and a double engine government is formed. Some of the salient features of the resolution letter include implementation of Sarna Code, setting up of food processing plant, connecting cities with metro facility, connecting women with Mahila Samman Nidhi, priority in employment to youth in local industries, facility of free application for jobs for ST-SC students, ensuring rights of local people on natural resources etc.



LJP (R) Khagaria MP-cum co-in-charge of Jharkhand elections Rajesh Verma, State President Birendra Pradhan, Vice-President Aditya Vijay Pradhan, Secretary Shivji Kumar along with others release Party's manifesto at Ranchi Press Club in Ranchi on Wednesday. Pix by Ratan Lal

JMM has not fulfilled even one of its 114 promises: BJP

PNS : RANCHI
State BJP spokesperson Pratul Shahdev, while addressing a press conference in Ranchi on Wednesday, made a big attack on the 'Ek vote saat gaarantee' jointly issued by Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, Congress, Rashtriya Janata Dal and CPI (ML).

Shahdev said that the people of the country have faith in Modi's guarantee and not in the ruling coalition's promises of seven lies in exchange for one vote. Referring to JMM's 2019 manifesto, Shahdeo said that a total of 114 promises were made but in not a single one is fulfilled.

Pratul said the government had said that within 2 years of its formation, all vacant government posts in the State will be filled but according to government data, 2,87,000 posts are still vacant. Announcements to make de-addiction centres in every block, making merit list by giving 10 per cent extra marks to candidates from rural areas for jobs, 25 lakh jobs in 5 years, Rs 5000 and Rs 7000 per month as allowance to the unemployed- all have proved to be false.



BJP State Spokesperson Pratul Shahdeo addresses a press conference in Ranchi on Wednesday. Pix by Ratan Lal

Pratul further said that promises to make land rights law, employment rights law, laws for direct appointment of one member of every martyr's family in government jobs, pension scheme for the families of the martyrs of Jharkhand movement- not one of them was implemented.

Shahdev said that JMM had talked about regularising all Anganwadi workers, assistants and cooks and free education for girls from primary to PhD, women's college in every subdivision, Rs 2000 per month for cooking expenses to women of every poor family, establishment of one women police station for a population of every three lakh- all were in vain.

Pratul also said there were talks of giving a three room house and pension amount of Rs 2500 per month- till date no one has received anything. JMM had also spoken about setting up Kisan Bank, MSP of Rs. 2700, subsidy on diesel and electricity consumption for irrigation, free electricity connection for irrigation through boring, opening of model farmer schools in every block, grant of Rs

15000 for self-employment to farmers and labourers apart from agricultural work.

Pratul said that promises to strictly implement the PESA law were made. Promises for implementing the tribal traditional self-governance system, development policy of tourism not mining, simplifying the process of granting forest lease, pledge not to divert the amount of Tribal Sub Plan to any other scheme were also made.

Shahdev said that in the manifesto, announcements in education and health were made but even today 96% middle schools do not have permanent principals and 68% of the total teacher posts in primary, middle and high schools are vacant. There are no promises for 65,000 para teachers whereas BJP has promised to regularise para teachers. Under the Guruji Credit Card scheme, only 42 students have benefited so far while 40,000 had applied.

Pratul said that the people were deceived by false promises in 2019 will show the way out in 2024. On November 23, the sunset of the most corrupt government in the history of Jharkhand will come.

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NIC warns officials of rising vishing scams

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Cyber security advisory has cautioned government officials against trusting the caller ID information that pops up while receiving a phone call, following a spurt in "vishing" attacks aimed at compromising confidential personal information and gaining unauthorised access to official systems. "Attackers may impersonate trusted entities, such as senior government officials, law enforcement agencies, or technical support personnel," the advisory issued recently by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) says. The severity of the communication has been categorised as "high". It has specified that attackers "manipulate" caller ID information to make a call appear as if it is coming from a "legitimate government number". The communication sent to multiple government departments and ministries has been accessed by PTI. It says it was issued as "in recent months, there has been an increase in



vishing attacks targeting government officials to compromise confidential information and gain unauthorised access to official systems". "Vishing" or voice-phishing is a social engineering attack where scammers use phone calls or voice messages to manipulate individuals to share sensitive information, such as log-in credentials, personal information and financial details.

The attackers also deploy the tactic of conveying a "sense of urgency", "coercing" targets into revealing information by implying severe consequences for non-compliance and using "complex technical language" to confuse or intimidate targets, making them more likely to comply, the advisory has said. It has asked government officials to be cautious against such techniques as it has underlined that caller ID infor-

mation can be "easily spoofed". "Do not trust the legitimacy of the caller based solely on the displayed number. Cross-check any caller claiming to represent an official agency with official records," the communication has advised. It has also asked officials to mandatorily verify the caller's identity through government channels before sharing sensitive information. The advisory has asked them to call back the organisation or individual using publicly available contact information. Officials, according to the advisory, should always "be suspicious of any unsolicited calls asking for personal or confidential information, especially when the caller is creating urgency or panic to pressure compliance". "Take time to verify the information provided by a suspect caller," the advisory has said. It has also asked government staffers to practise all established protocols for ensuring safe cyber interaction during work and otherwise.

Cabinet approves PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme for student loans

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme to provide monetary support to meritorious students so that financial constraints do not prevent them from pursuing quality higher education, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said. As per the scheme, anybody who gets admission in Quality Higher Education Institutions (QHEIs) will be eligible to get collateral free, guarantor-free loan from banks and financial institutions to cover the full amount of tuition fees and other expenses related to the course. "The Cabinet has approved PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme to provide financial support to meritorious students so that financial constraints do not prevent any youth of India from pursuing quality higher education," Vaishnav said at a Press conference.



The scheme will be applicable to the top QHEIs as determined by the NIRF rankings - including all HEIs, government and private, that are ranked within the top 100 in NIRF in overall, category-specific and domain-specific rankings, state government HEIs ranked in 101-200 in the NIRF and all central government-run institutions. "This list will be updated every year using the latest NIRF ranking, and to begin with 860 qualifying QHEIs, covering more than 22 lakh students to be able to potentially avail benefits of PM-Vidyalaxmi, if they so desire," an official statement said.

Indian Coast Guard Lays Foundation for Tier-III Data Centre

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI



Deputy Director General (Policy & Plans), Indian Coast Guard (ICG), Inspector General (IG) Anand Prakash Badola laid the foundation stone for the Tier-III Data Centre of Project Digital Coast Guard (DCG) on Tuesday at Mahipalpur here, officials said on Wednesday. Equipped with latest technology, the Project DCG's Tier-III Data Centre will serve as the brain centre to monitor and administer all the appli-

cations and vital IT resources, thereby providing critically important support to the administrative functioning of ICG. Project DCG, being executed by Telecommunications Consultants India Limited, includes construction of state-of-the-art Data Centre in New Delhi, 'Disaster Recovery Data Centre' at New Mangalore, Karnataka and Pan-India connectivity among ICG locations including ships and also implementation of an 'Enterprise Resource Planning' application.

Centre approves ₹ 10,700 Crore equity for FCI

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Wednesday approved infusion of Rs 10,700 crore as equity in state-owned FCI for working capital requirement this fiscal. The Food Corporation of India (FCI) is the government's nodal agency for procurement and distribution of foodgrains. "The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved infusion of equity of Rs 10,700 crore for working capital in financial year 2024-25 in Food Corporation of India (FCI)," an official statement said. The decision is aimed at bolstering the agricultural sector and ensuring the welfare of farmers nationwide. "This strategic move shows the government's steadfast commitment to supporting farmers and fortifying India's agrarian economy," it added. The FCI started its journey in 1964 with authorised capital of



Rs 100 crore and equity of Rs 4 crore. The operations of FCI increased manifolds resulting in increase of authorised capital from Rs 11,000 crore to Rs 21,000 crore in February 2023. The equity of FCI was Rs 4,496 crore in 2019-20 fiscal, which was increased to Rs 10,157 crore in 2023-24. "Now, the Government of India has approved a significant amount of equity of Rs 10,700 crore for FCI which will strengthen it financially and will give a big boost to the initiatives taken for its transformation," the statement said. FCI plays a pivotal role in ensuring food security by procurement of foodgrains at Minimum Support Price (MSP), maintenance of strategic foodgrain stocks, distribu-

tion of foodgrains for welfare measures and stabilisation of foodgrain prices in the market. "The infusion of Equity is a significant step towards enhancing the operational capabilities of FCI in fulfilling its mandate effectively. FCI resorts to short-term borrowings to match the gap of fund requirement. This infusion will help to lower the interest burden and will ultimately reduce the subsidy of the Government of India," the statement said. The government's dual commitment to MSP-based procurement and investment in FCI's operational capabilities signifies a collaborative effort towards empowering farmers, fortifying the agricultural sector, and ensuring food security for the nation, it added.

Tight waistbands linked to 'petticoat's cancer risk

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Imagine wearing a traditional saree every day, only to discover years later that the tight waist cord of your petticoat might have silently caused a dangerous health issue. Dubbed 'petticoat cancer,' the condition is linked to the chronic pressure from tightly tied waistbands, a stark reminder that even long-standing cultural habits can carry hidden risks, according to a study published in British Medical Journal (BMJ) Case Reports. The doctors in the reports have advised wearing a loose petticoat beneath the saree to ease pressure on the skin and loose clothing if skin problems develop to allow the area to heal. They also advise seeking medical attention if any skin irritation or ulcers develop, as non-healing wounds can eventually turn malignant. The study has revealed how



this seemingly harmless practice can lead to serious skin problems, including ulcers and even skin cancer. The condition, caused by prolonged pressure and friction, can lead to skin irritation, non-healing ulcers, and, in severe cases, skin cancer (squamous cell carcinoma). Doctors, including those from Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College in Uttar Pradesh, explained that continuous pressure and friction from a tight waist cord can cause long-term skin irritation. This irritation can lead to ulcers, which, in some cases, may develop into skin cancer, they said based on the two cases they came through.

According to the authors, a 70-year-old woman sought medical treatment for a painful skin ulcer on her right side, i.e., between ribs and hip bone, which had been present for 18 months and refused to heal. The authors noted that the skin around the ulcer had lost its pigmentation. They also mentioned that the woman wore her petticoat tightly tied around her waist beneath her saree. In the second case, a woman in her late 60s was reported to have had an ulcer on her right flank that had not healed for two years. "A woman in her late 60s presented with a two-year history of an ulcerating lesion on her

right flank. She wore a lugda daily for 40 years. A lugda is tied very tightly around the waist without a petticoat," the authors wrote. The authors further noted that the biopsies revealed that both women had a Marjolin ulcer, also known as squamous cell carcinoma (ulcerating skin cancer). In the second woman, the cancer had spread to one of the lymph nodes in her groin at the time of diagnosis, the authors said. Authors warn chronic pressure from tight clothing can lead to non-healing ulcers and potential skin cancer. "Constant pressure at the waist often leads to cutaneous atrophy, which ultimately breaks down to form an erosion or an ulcer. The ulcer at this site does not heal entirely due to ongoing pressure from tight clothing. A chronic non-healing wound results, which may develop malignant change," the authors wrote in the study.

BJP enrolls over ten Lakh members in Tripura



The BJP has enrolled over 10 lakh people as its members during an ongoing membership drive, a senior party leader said on Wednesday. A total of 8.51 lakh people have enrolled their names online as members of the ruling party, while another 2 lakh have registered in the offline mode, the party's Tripura in-charge Rajdeep Roy said. "The Tripura BJP had set a target to have 10 lakh members in the state which has a population of 40 lakh and we have achieved it," he told reporters at Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport. Roy said of the 2 lakh applications for membership through the offline mode, around 1.50 lakh names have already been uploaded on the membership drive web portal. The drive commenced on September 3 and is scheduled to continue till November 15. The total enrolment includes both fresh members as well as renewal of membership. "This is yet another big achievement for the party's state unit under the leadership of Chief Minister Manik Saha and BJP state president and MP Rajib Bhattacharjee. They did a remarkable job to achieve the target," he said. Tripura's name is now clubbed with big states such as Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Assam with regard to fulfilment of organisational targets set by the party's central leadership, he said. After completion of the membership drive, active members will be identified for participation in organisational elections, he added.

Manipur CM hails Thadou support for NRC, anti-drug drive

PTI ■ IMPHAL

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh on Wednesday expressed his satisfaction over the recent resolution passed at the Thadou Convention, which voiced support for the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and the state's 'War on Drugs' campaign. Singh, however, emphasised that the government would not compromise its policies in the name of bringing peace by accommodating outsiders. At a convention in Guwahati last week, the Thadou tribe pledged its support for NRC and also backed the state government's war on drugs. Thadou is the largest tribe within the Kuki community. However, during the recent convention, the community asserted that "it is a distinct ethnic group of people, with own distinct language, culture, traditions and great history and



Thadou is not Kuki, or underneath Kuki, or part of Kuki, but a separate, independent entity from Kuki." Speaking at the launch of the Chief Minister's Coaching Scheme for Entrance Examinations to Professional Courses, Singh said, "Peace will definitely come. Thadou is one of the oldest tribes in the state. Following the Thadou Convention's support for the NRC and the War on Drugs campaign, several civil society organisations in the state have welcomed and appreciated this

stance." He added, "We cannot compromise on our policies in the name of peace. Under the guise of inclusiveness, we cannot accommodate every outsider. We must protect the distinctiveness of our indigenous communities and the rights of old settlers. We have faced numerous challenges because of this objective. We should also not forget that we are Indians." Regarding the coaching scheme, Singh said it aimed to empower students in Manipur

to compete at the national level for professional courses like JEE (Main/Advanced) and NEET. He added, "People with knowledge and education are less likely to get involved in conflict and will maintain decorum in their speech and actions. Defending the unity and integrity of India is our collective duty, and we must understand the rights guaranteed under our Constitution." Singh said there would be an examination at the end of the coaching course, which would be held in March or April. He added that the government would bear the expenses of students who successfully pass the exam. Additionally, Singh urged the selected students to plant a tree under the Prime Minister's initiative "Maa Ke Naam Ek Per" (One Tree in the Name of Mother), encouraging environmental responsibility alongside their academic pursuits.

Swacch Ghat 2.0: Yogi government launches cleanliness drive for Chhath festival

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ LUCKNOW

In a bid to enhance cleanliness and beautification efforts at river ghats during the Chhath Mahaparva, the Yogi Adityanath-led government has launched the Swacch Ghat Pratiyogita 2.0 (Clean Ghat Competition 2.0) across Uttar Pradesh. The initiative, which runs until November 8 seeks to promote a cleaner, plastic-free environment by actively engaging local communities, schools, NGOs, and volunteer groups. The program has introduced the concept of "Arpan Kalash" at each ghat, where devotees can contribute offerings while being reminded to maintain the cleanliness of the area. Ghats are also designated as "No Plastic Zones" under this initiative, restricting the use of



plastic and thermocol items, which are commonly used in religious rituals. To ensure convenience and sanitation for devotees, temporary toilets and bathing facilities have been installed, with daily maintenance teams in place. This effort is being reinforced by the Swachh Sarathi Club, schools, colleges, universities, and other voluntary groups who are contributing to the success of the competition by spreading awareness on cleanliness. The initiative also emphasizes

waste management by installing dustbins at strategic locations across ghats to facilitate proper disposal. Citizens are being encouraged to actively participate in cleanliness drives, making the festival a community-led effort to beautify the riverside areas. Numerous NGOs and civil society organizations have joined hands with the government, not only conducting cleanliness campaigns but also educating the public on sustainable environmental practices.

Ajit Pawar promises to increase benefits under Shinde Government scheme

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In its manifesto for the 2024 Maharashtra Assembly polls, the Ajit Pawar-led NCP has promised to increase the quantum of assistance under the "Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana" from Rs 1,500 to 2,100 per month, to enhance the benefit under the Shetkari Sanman Nidhi from Rs 12,000 to Rs 15,000 per year and to grant Rs 25,000 per hectare bonus for paddy farmers. While releasing his party's 11-point manifesto in his home constituency of Baramati on Wednesday, NCP President and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar said that in addition to the state-wide manifesto, his party would also release con-

stituency-specific manifestos in the coming days. Simultaneously, NCP (AP)'s Working President Praful Patel released the NCP (AP) party's at Gondia in Vidarbha region, while State unit chief Sunil Tatkare released the in Mumbai. At a mega high-tech event, the NCP (Ajit Pawar) released the manifesto in all the constituencies from which it is contesting through video-conferencing. All the senior party leaders, including Pawar, Patel and Tatkare, were present at the event. Pawar said that the NCP (AP) -- if re-elected to power -- has promised to increase the amount under Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana from existing Rs 1,500 per month to Rs 2,100



per month. "This initiative will be the largest monthly Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in Maharashtra's history providing benefits of Rs 25,000 per year to over 2.3 crore women," the NCP (AP) chief said. "This initiative will be the largest monthly DBT transfer in Maharashtra's history pro-

viding benefits of Rs 25,000 per year to over 2.3 crore women," he added. Among other things, the NCP (AP) talks about increasing the old age pension from Rs 1,500 to Rs 2,100 per month. For farmers, the party has promised to raise the Shetkari Sanman Nidhi from Rs 12,000 to Rs 15,000 per year, combining support from both the central and state governments. The manifesto also talks about waiving the farmers loan and giving 20 per cent additional subsidy for all crops sold under MSP. Besides this, NCP has also given an assurance of Rs 25,000 per hectare bonus for paddy farmers. "We have resolved to build more than 45,000 'panand'

roads in rural parts of Maharashtra. This is the biggest plan to develop the rural agricultural infrastructure', the manifesto stated. Other promises include a commitment to create 2.5 million jobs and provide monthly stipends of Rs 10,000 to 10 lakh students through training. A monthly salary of Rs 15,000 for Anganwadi and ASHA workers and commitment to reduce electricity bills by 30% while prioritizing solar and renewable energy are some other promises made by the NCP (AP). "We vow to implement measures that will curb the prices of essential commodities, making them more affordable for everyone", the manifesto stated.

Parliamentary panel postpones briefing on India's ties with Canada, China

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A briefing by Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri to a parliamentary panel headed by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor on India's volatile ties with Canada and China did not take place on Wednesday and is likely to be taken up later, sources said. They said the briefing by the External Affairs Ministry delegation on its demands for grants for the year 2024-25 went on for a long time and it was decided that the briefing on these issues will be done at a later meeting. The ministry officials also had some other engagement, a MP



said, noting that the panel's meeting coincided with the US presidential election result in which Donald Trump stormed back to power. India's ties with Canada have nosedived over the North American country's allegation of the Indian government's involvement in the killing of a Khalistani activist, a charge rejected by New Delhi. India has accused Canada of pro-

viding safe haven to the separatists. India's relations with China have also been frosty following the Ladakh standoff but have recently seen some thaw after the two countries reached an agreement on the issue. Some MPs said the next meeting should take place after the state elections and the by-elections to allow maximum participation as some of them may be busy in campaign. The results to the polls are scheduled for November 23. Misri had in the earlier meeting of the parliamentary committee on external affairs briefed its members on the "Israel-Palestine Conflict".

Sharda Sinha to be cremated in Patna with full State honours

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PATNA/NEW DELHI

Renowned singer Sharda Sinha, who breathed her last at AIIMS Delhi on Tuesday, will be cremated in Patna with full state honours on Thursday. Patna District Magistrate (DM) Chandrashekhar Singh said her mortal remains reached in the State's Capital on Wednesday. "As per wishes of her family members, Sinha's cremation will take place around 9 am on Thursday", said Singh.



One of the things that Sinha would be remembered for is her rendition of devotional songs meant for 'Chhathi', the most popular festival of the state which, incidentally, falls on Thursday when the 'Bihar Kokila' will be consigned to flames. Sinha's mortal remains have been kept at her Rajendra Nagar house (near Kankarbagh) in Patna where her fans and well wishers will pay their last respects to the popular folk singer. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar announced cremation with full state honours for Sinha, a recipient of Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan. Kumar visited Sinha's house on Wednesday afternoon to pay last respects to the departed soul. Besides, several VVIPs are also expected to visit

the singer's house to pay homage. Union Minister and BJP national president J P Nadda is also expected to visit Sinha's house on Thursday evening. Sinha passed away on Tuesday night while undergoing treatment at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi. She was 72. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee condoned Sinha death and said, "Saddened at the demise of noted folk singer Sharda Sinha. Also known as 'Bihar Kokila' due to her melodious voice, her songs in Bhojpuri, Maithili, and Magadhi languages will always be remembered. I express my sincere condolences to her bereaved family, friends and fans." Renowned singer Sharda Sinha's son, Anshuman, on Thursday expressed his wish for his late mother to be considered posthumously for the Padma Vibhushan, the second-highest civilian honour in the country. Prominent cinema personalities Anurag Kashyap, Manoj Bajpayee, Richa Chadha, Huma Qureshi, and Sonu Nigam were amongst others who

condoned the death of Sharda Sinha, fondly called 'Bihar Kokila' by her fans. The Padma Bhushan recipient lent her voice to songs prominently in Maithili, Bhojpuri and Magahi languages such as "Chhathi Maiya Aayi Na Duariya", "Ho Deenanath", "Dwar Chekai", and "Patna Se", but had also sung Hindi film songs like "Taar Bijli" ("Gangs of Wasseypur"), "Kahe Toh Se Sajna" ("Maine Pyar Kiya"), and "Babul" ("Hum Aapke Hain Koun..."). Production house Rajshri, which backed "Maine Pyar Kiya" and "Hum Aapke Hain Koun...", shared a condolence message on its social media page. Born in Supaul in Bihar, Sinha became famous not only in her home state but also in parts of eastern Uttar Pradesh. Popular playback singer Sonu Nigam said it was extremely saddening to lose "respected Sharda Sinha ji during the great festival of Chhathi Puja". Bhojpuri actor and politician Ravi Kishan said without Sinha's voice, every festival seemed empty, especially the festival of Chhathi, which is why "chhati maiya" called her back during this time. Former Bhojpuri actor and BJP MP Manoj Tiwari, who on Tuesday visited the bereaved family after Sinha's death at AIIMS-Delhi, shared a heartfelt post on the microblogging site.

Maharashtra: BJP expels 40 rebel candidates from the party

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI



Faced with an unprecedented rebellion in constituencies across poll-bound Maharashtra, the ruling BJP has cracked the whip and expelled as many as 40 party rebel candidates in 36 Assembly constituencies across the state. In a formal statement issued a day after the deadline for withdrawal of nominations ended, the BJP named the 40 rebel candidates whom it expelled from the primary membership of the party for violating the party and indulging in anti-party activities. Known all along for discipline in its party ranks, the BJP is dealing with massive rebellion across the state. The expelled rebel candidates are taking on the party's official candidates. "There are more rebel candidates in the fray than the ones named in the list. There are 78 more rebel candidates in the fray. All these rebels are contesting against the official candidates put up by our allies - the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar-headed NCP," a BJP leader who did

had threatened that it would initiate disciplinary candidate if she did not withdraw her nomination against Padvi. Earlier this year, Dr Heena was trounced in the Lok Sabha polls by Gopal Padvi, son of incumbent Akkalkuwa MLA KC Padvi. Congress has re-nominated KC Padvi as its candidate from Akkalkuwa. Dr Heena's father, Vijaykumar Gavit - who is the state tribal development minister in the Eknath Shinde candidate - remains with the BJP candidate from the neighbouring Nandurbar constituency. However, much to the relief of the BJP, senior BJP leader and former MP Gopal Shetty - who had threatened to contest as a rebel against the party's official candidate Sanjay Upadhyay from Borivilli constituency in Mumbai - has withdrawn his nomination. He had filed his nomination as an independent last week. Similarly, the BJP's former corporator Atul Shah, who had threatened to contest as a rebel against the party's erstwhile functionary-turned Eknath Shinde Shiv Sena candidate Shaina - has backed out of the contest.

Samajwadi Party to focus on alleged land scams, corruption in by-election campaign

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ LUCKNOW



The Samajwadi Party (SP) plans to spotlight alleged irregularities in land purchases, corruption, fertilizer shortages, law and order, the Constitution, and unemployment in its campaign for the upcoming by-elections. SP President Akhilesh Yadav, during a meeting with supporters in Ghaziabad aimed to convey a political message to party workers and voters across Uttar Pradesh. Yadav has officially launched his by-election campaign from Ghaziabad and will soon extend his efforts to other seats. SP considers these by-elections a "semifinal" for the next state assembly elections. Party leaders believe that a victory here would send a strong message that defeating

the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is achievable for SP. With this goal in mind, SP's focus is on preventing a religious-based polarization of votes and instead, driving caste-based unity through its 'PDA' (Progressive Democratic Alliance) slogan. A senior SP leader explained, "The PDA strategy is our answer to the BJP's attempts at religious polarization." Yadav used the Ghaziabad rally to

boost morale, emphasising that the public is ready to remove the BJP from power. He encouraged SP workers to remain active at the grassroots level, asserting that a dedicated effort could lead to an SP victory in Uttar Pradesh. The SP is also capitalizing on complaints regarding alleged malpractices in urban land deals. Yadav called for the public release of land purchase

records in key areas like Ghaziabad, Lucknow, and Ayodhya, a move regarded as a strategic "masterstroke" by party insiders. On constitutional issues, Yadav addressed recent Supreme Court rulings related to madrasa education, criticizing several BJP government decisions as unconstitutional. He stated, "All unconstitutional decisions by the BJP government must be reversed." He further noted that both the High Court and Supreme Court have repeatedly admonished the BJP government on such issues. As the by-elections approach, SP is poised to leverage these issues to challenge the BJP's policies and reinforce its image as a viable alternative for voters seeking change in Uttar Pradesh.

FIR lodged against actor-turned-BJP leader Mithun Chakraborty for 'provocative' speech

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KOLKATA



West Bengal Police on Wednesday lodged an FIR against actor-turned-BJP leader Mithun Chakraborty for allegedly delivering a provocative speech during a party programme in North 24 Parganas district last month. According to police sources, the complaint against Chakraborty pertains to a speech he made during a BJP programme at the EZCC in Salt Lake area on October 27, based on which police registered an FIR at Bidhannagar South police station. Union Home Minister Amit Shah was also present at the programme, which was organised to kick off the West Bengal leg of the BJP's membership drive. "We have started an investigation into

the case," said a senior officer of Bidhannagar police station. Although Chakraborty was unavailable for comment, BJP state president and Union Minister Sukanta Majumdar described the FIR as a result of "vendetta politics." "There is nothing provocative in his speech. These are nothing but attempts to intimidate him by using police as a political tool," he said. Chakraborty, who received India's highest film honour, the Dadasaheb Phalke Award, earlier this year, had asserted

on October 27 that the "masnad" (throne) of West Bengal would belong to the BJP after the 2026 Assembly elections, promising to do whatever it takes to achieve the goal. While speaking at the programme at the Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre (EZCC), Chakraborty said, "In 2026, the masnad will be ours, and we will do everything to achieve the goal." In an apparent reference to TMC MLA Humayun Kabir's communal remarks aimed at BJP workers during the Lok Sabha elections, Chakraborty cautioned that no one should attempt to intimidate saffron party voters into abstaining from voting in the next Assembly elections. He called upon the booth-level workers of his party to resist any such attempts.

Meghalaya Cabinet approves amendment of building byelaws

PTI ■ SHILLONG

The Meghalaya Cabinet has approved the amendment of the Meghalaya Building Byelaws aimed at regulating the construction of buildings in industrial zones across the state including those in the New Shillong Township. Cabinet minister and MDA spokesperson Paul Lyngdoh on Tuesday said, "This (amendment) is broadly to facilitate the need to categorise the industrial zone to categories earlier not done and also it involves the amendment of the building byelaws for these industrial zones." "The expansion that is happening currently specially in the new Shillong city has to be planned in a very scientific manner, which is why we need these new sets of byelaws for industrial zones to be in place and these were considered and approved by the cabinet on Tuesday," he added. According to the minister, the new regulation would be applicable in designated industrial estates across Meghalaya citing that urbanisation is an ever ongoing process and it is expanding. "There is need to regulate such buildings and therefore, the cabinet decided in view of the growing urbanisation and the emergence of new urban centres so within these industrial zones and estates, the categorisation of these buildings and their applicability of the byelaws will be extended to those industrial zones. These are all for the industrial estates/zones and wherever such activities are taking place so right now new Shillong is the immediate point of attention but it will be across the state wherever such industrial estates are being created," he stated. The state cabinet also approved the amendment of the Meghalaya Forensic Science Laboratory Rules, 2021 for the creation of more posts in the mobile forensic crime scene units.

Union Minister Shivraj Calls INDIA Bloc promises for Jharkhand elections 'dud Bombs'

PTI ■ BHOPAL



Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Wednesday termed the INDIA bloc guarantees for the upcoming Jharkhand assembly elections as "lies" and "dud bombs". Talking to reporters here, Chouhan claimed the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and Congress had made promises during the previous assembly elections also but none of them were fulfilled. "They (JMM and Congress) had said that they will provide five lakh government jobs. Not given. They promised to give Rs 2,000 monthly for chulha-kharch (domestic expenses). Not given. They brought a scheme to give Rs 1,000 just two months ahead of elections. They promised unemployment allowance to the jobless. Not given," Chouhan said.

These parties had promised to purchase the paddy crop by giving bonus on the minimum support price (MSP), but it was also not given, the BJP leader said. "The JMM had made 117 promises (in the last assembly elections), Congress made 344 promises. Not even one of them was fulfilled in the last five years and they have now come up with new promises. These guarantees are the dud bombs which never burst and the people have no faith in them," he said. On the other side, the BJP fulfils all its promises, as

witnessed in Chhattisgarh and Odisha, Chouhan said. "We are fulfilling all the guarantees in Chhattisgarh and Odisha, where elections were held recently, because our leader and Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the guarantee of fulfilling all the guarantees. Nobody has faith in INDI alliance guarantees because they speak lies," he said. On Tuesday, the INDIA bloc unveiled its manifesto for the upcoming Jharkhand assembly elections, assuring 10 lakh jobs for youth and health insurance coverage of up to Rs 15 lakh for the poor among other promises. Asked about Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's statement about breaking the reservation cap of 50 per cent after a caste census, Chouhan remarked, "On a foreign land, Rahul Gandhi also said he will end the reservation when time comes. Which of his words should be trusted?"

'Answered all questions, told them truth,' says Siddaramaiah after deposing before Lokayukta police

PTI ■ MYSURU



Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday said he has answered all questions posed to him by Lokayukta police in the MUDA case and he has told them the "truth". The CM, who has been named as accused number 1 in the FIR lodged by the Lokayukta police, is facing allegations of illegalities in the allotment of 14 sites to his wife Parvathi B M by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA). The Lokayukta police questioned Siddaramaiah for about two hours. "Everything has happened legally, BJP and JD(S) are making false allegations...I have answered all questions posed to me by Lokayukta Police, they have recorded it...They will proceed with further investigation," Siddaramaiah said. Speaking to reporters after

appearing before Lokayukta police, he said: "...A false case was made against me, I was questioned, I have told the truth." "Until it is decided by the court (about any wrongdoing) there is no black spot on my image. What is against me are just allegations. False allegations are made against me. I will respond to such allegations in the court and to the police during the probe," he said in response to a question. Siddaramaiah appeared before the Lokayukta police in response to the summons issued to him and responded

to questions put to him by a team led by Lokayukta Superintendent of Police (SP) T J Udes, official sources said. They had on October 25 questioned his wife, who has been named as accused number 2. Siddaramaiah, his wife, brother-in-law Mallikarjuna Swamy and Devaraju -- from whom Swamy had purchased a land and gifted it to Parvathi -- and others have been named in the FIR registered by the Mysuru-located Lokayukta police establishment on September 27. Swamy and Devaraju have already deposed before the Lokayukta police. Asked about BJP's "Go back Siddaramaiah" protest, the CM said, "What was Snehamayi Krishna (RTI activist) plea? What the Governor has said? - to investigate. If they say -- Go back Siddaramaiah -- are they (BJP) against the investigation? This makes it clear that they have made false

allegations." To a question on BJP demanding a CBI probe into the MUDA 'scam', expressing doubts about the Lokayukta investigation, he asked, "CBI is under whom? Has the BJP given any case to CBI (While in power in the state)?" When told about the opposition alleging that the Lokayukta seems to be conducting the probe in a pre-planned way to help the CM, Siddaramaiah said the Lokayukta is an independent agency. "They say CBI is independent, similarly Lokayukta is also an independent agency in the state. They (BJP) don't have respect for law...Have they -- the BJP given any case to CBI?" he asked. Responding to RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna's petition in the High Court seeking direction to transfer the case to CBI, the CM said, "We will fight it in the High Court, that's a different matter..."

J and K Assembly passes resolution seeking restoration of special status

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

The Union Territory government headed by Omar Abdullah in Jammu and Kashmir Wednesday fulfilled its 'obligation' of passing a resolution, as promised in their election manifesto, seeking a dialogue between the Centre and elected representatives for the restoration of the special status of the erstwhile state. The resolution, which also expressed "concern" over the "unilateral removal" of the special status, was passed without any debate as the Speaker put it to voice vote amidst noisy scenes. As Kashmir-based political parties supported the resolution on the floor of the assembly the Bharatiya Janta Party legislators strongly opposed it. The resolution

papers were torn apart by slogan-shouting MLAs protesting in the well of the house after the resolution was passed. "The assembly has done its job. I will only say this much," Chief Minister Omar Abdullah told reporters outside the assembly complex. Leader of the Opposition Sunil Sharma said the question should be asked to the Congress party whether they supported or opposed the resolution for restoration of special status. It was an illegal move. The assembly is not above Parliament and the Supreme Court. Earlier NC MLA and J-K's deputy chief minister Surinder Choudhary moved the resolution for restoring the special status of J-K, which was revoked by the Centre on August 5, 2019.

The motion was seconded by Education and Health Minister Sakina Itoo. "That this legislative assembly reaffirms the importance of the special status and constitutional guarantees, which safeguarded the identity, culture, and rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, and expresses concern over their unilateral removal," the resolution moved by Choudhary said. This Assembly emphasizes that any process for restoration must safeguard both national unity and the legitimate aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, the resolution added. As the house witnessed chaos and confusion the Speaker adjourned the House for 15 minutes. However, after the House met again, it continued to witness a



ruckus, forcing the speaker to adjourn it for an hour. Outside the Assembly, the political parties in the Kashmir valley welcomed the resolution and in Jammu, the BJP leaders burnt the effigy of the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister for passing the said resolution. "This resolution is historic and I congratulate the members of

the House," CPI(M)'s MLA from Kulgam, M Y Tarigami said. He said it has been "our commitment that we will restore what has been taken from us on August 5, 2019." Former Mayor of Srinagar Municipal Corporation Junaid Azim Mattu in a post on X said, "If this NC resolution is not a cruel joke

with the people of J&K, I don't know what is. - No mention of Article 370. - No mention of J&K Reorganization Act 2019 - No resolve to oppose/reject what was done. - Just vague references begging for "dialogue" over Special Status. Addressing media persons in Srinagar, PDP Chief Mehbooba Mufti said, "We welcome the resolution of J&K for restoration of special status. But the language used in the resolution is weak. It is a half-hearted effort. They should have condemned the action of 2019. We should make amendments to the resolution." PDP's youth leader and MLA Pulwama, Waheed Para said some words in the resolution could have been stronger. "We had requested for a dialogue between the members, but there were no

morally, ethically, and legally wrong. It will now be remembered in history how the people of J-K rejected it," Lone said. Congress party, which is an alliance partner of the ruling National Conference, said statehood to J-K with constitutional guarantees, including protection of land and jobs rights must be restored, without any further delay. Congress Legislature Party leader Ghulam Ahmad Mir said the Congress, through a resolution passed in its CWC on August 5, 2019, has endorsed the "resentment of people against downgrading and bifurcation of erstwhile J-K state, describing the move as undemocratic and unconstitutional on the part of BJP government at the Centre."



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PAPER WITH PASSION

Trump wins hands down

Donald Trump makes a sensational comeback in the closely fought US presidential elections

The US presidential election is one of the most influential political events worldwide, with major implications not only for domestic policy but also for international relations, economic stability, and global security. In 2024, the election has been particularly charged, with significant issues driving the race. Though the counting is still on and the winner is yet to be officially announced but going by the trends, Trump has won and he has already claimed victory. Kamala Harris failed to perform in the swing states leading to her defeat. Trump's victory brings a mix of continuity and radical shifts in several key areas. The 2024 US election has revolved around several pressing issues which were important not only for the Americans but for the people across the world. High inflation rates and concerns over economic recovery post-pandemic have been at the forefront. Voters were focused on job security, rising costs of living, and access to affordable healthcare. Trump's stance included pushing for lower taxes, reducing government spending, and deregulation to stimulate growth, which he claims would address inflation and boost job creation. Another major issue that was widely debated was immigration. The debate over immigration intensified, with Trump advocating for stricter border controls and policies aimed at reducing illegal immigration. His focus includes building stronger physical barriers at the US-Mexico border and increasing enforcement, framing immigration as a matter of national security and economic stability. Besides, healthcare accessibility and costs remain contentious topics.

Trump in his campaign emphasised reducing healthcare costs and revisiting the Affordable Care Act. His approach included providing tax credits and fostering competition among providers, but it also drew criticism for potentially reducing access to affordable care for some citizens. Interestingly Trump has taken a critical stance on climate regulations, advocating for energy independence through expanded oil and natural gas production. His stance contrasts with those calling for robust climate action, as he argues that deregulation is essential for economic stability and growth. However the issue that is of utmost importance for the world at large is the US foreign policy. Foreign policy has emerged as a defining factor, particularly in relation to China and Russia. Trump's "America First" strategy focuses on reducing overseas military commitments and renegotiating trade agreements to protect American interests. This stance resonates with some voters concerned about national sovereignty but worries international allies and those advocating for a more collaborative global approach. However, Trump's victory may be well taken in New Delhi as he has had good chemistry with Prime Minister Modi and has supported India's stand. It would be interesting to see how Trump would steer international choppy waters this time as Ukraine war and Palestine issue would be two major issues he would need to handle immediately after assuming the office.

PICTALK



A photographer takes a photo of a macaque monkey at the Shrine Galtaji temple, in Jaipur

Hazardous Delhi air is putting lives at risk

As Delhiites face a significant decline in their health and life expectancy due to pollution, there is an urgent need for finding solutions to tackle this menace



RAJDEEP PATHAK

Delhi's air quality has reached dangerous levels, with the Air Quality Index (AQI) crossing into the "hazardous" zone shortly after Diwali celebrations. This post-Diwali spike is not new, as the city frequently ranks among the most polluted in the world. In early November 2024, AQI levels in Delhi surged to nearly 500 in some regions, a threshold considered extremely harmful. According to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), key areas in Delhi like Anand Vihar, Alipur, and RK Puram reported AQI readings above 300. This rise indicates severe pollution levels far above the World Health Organisation's (WHO) recommended safety limits, posing substantial health risks for millions of residents.

The AQI measures air quality on a scale that categorises air quality into six levels: "good," "satisfactory," "moderate," "poor," "very poor," and "hazardous." Readings above 300 signal critical pollution, while values over 400 reach the "severe" range. At such levels, exposure to fine particulate matter (PM2.5) becomes dangerous, as these minuscule particles can infiltrate deep into the lungs, affecting respiratory and cardiovascular health. The factors behind this annual pollution crisis are complex, involving both local and regional contributors. Delhi's high vehicular emissions, industrial output, construction dust, and waste burning are persistent contributors. However, during the harvest season, stubble burning in nearby states like Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh intensifies the problem. In October and November, farmers often burn leftover crop residue, producing vast smoke clouds that drift toward Delhi and blend with local pollutants. Vehicular pollution is another significant factor, with over 15 million registered vehicles in Delhi alone. Despite policies mandating regular Pollution Under Control (PUC) checks, enforcement remains a challenge. Emissions from diesel vehicles and two-wheelers, which lack proper pollution controls, further degrade the air quality. Attempts by the



Delhi Government to curb pollution have included measures like the odd-even traffic scheme, a firecracker ban during festivals, and incentives to use public transport. However, these initiatives have only provided limited relief. Residents continue to experience issues like breathlessness, sore throats, headaches and dry cough, compounded by long-term respiratory conditions. This year, the Supreme Court criticised Delhi's inadequate enforcement of pollution control measures during Diwali, particularly the lack of compliance with firecracker bans. The court expressed frustration over the non-implementation of its orders, highlighting the collective failure to safeguard public health. The Delhi government has also activated the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), designed to address pollution levels as they rise. GRAP consists of multiple stages, with Stage III activated only when AQI reaches "severe" levels. At this stage, vehicle movement and construction activities are restricted, and educational institutions may close to protect students' health. While GRAP has achieved some improvements, its impact is often temporary, as citizens and businesses frequently ignore these directives. The severe air pollution in Delhi has profound effects on public health and quality of life.

THIS YEAR, THE SUPREME COURT CRITICISED DELHI'S INADEQUATE ENFORCEMENT OF POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES DURING DIWALI, PARTICULARLY THE LACK OF COMPLIANCE WITH FIRECRACKER BANS. THE COURT EXPRESSED FRUSTRATION OVER THE NON-IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS ORDERS

During high-AQI periods, particularly vulnerable groups, like children and the elderly, are advised to stay indoors to avoid severe respiratory and cardiovascular issues. Outdoor activities are restricted, with schools occasionally closed to protect students from toxic air exposure. Additionally, dense smog disrupts transportation, leading to frequent flight and train delays due to poor visibility. As residents increasingly rely on air purifiers to maintain indoor air quality, the economic and psychological impacts of Delhi's air pollution crisis only deepen. In response to the deteriorating situation, the Delhi Government announced a series of measures to tackle pollution. These include developing green pathways, walkways, and open spaces along roads to reduce dust and improve urban greenery. Efforts are underway to enhance municipal waste management, including recycling 100 per cent of construction and demolition waste by 2025. To further manage waste, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi is establishing a fifth recycling unit in Tehkhand, capable of processing 1,000 tons daily. Biomining is also planned at major landfill sites, such as Okhla, Ghazipur, and Bhalswa, to excavate and treat years' worth of accumulated waste. Expanding public transportation is another goal, with

plans to grow Delhi's bus fleet to 10,500 by next year, 80 per cent of which will be electric. This is accompanied by a focus on impounding older, polluting vehicles. Such measures aim to address long-standing pollution sources sustainably. Experts emphasise, however, that reducing air pollution in Delhi will require more than Government policies; public engagement and behavioral change are also essential. A multi-pronged approach is crucial to effectively reduce air pollution. Introducing alternative methods to stubble burning, such as subsidising crop-residue management equipment, is one solution. Increasing urban greenery and limiting industrial emissions are further steps toward a healthier environment. On an individual level, Delhi residents can contribute by using public transportation, minimising car usage, and adopting energy-efficient practices at home. Additionally, improved air quality monitoring and early-warning systems could help raise public awareness and enable quicker responses. India's dedication to conservation aligns with the broader goal of creating a healthier environment for future generations. (The writer is Programme Executive, Gandhii Snruti and Darshan Samiti; views are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PAPER BALLOTS OVER MACHINES

Madam —In spite of being at the top of technologically advanced countries, the United States of America falls back on ballot paper voting to root out any suspicion of foul play stemming from voting through EVM. Over the last two decades, the United States has gradually moved back from electronic voting machines to paper ballots. Given ballot paper voting, unlike EVM, builds confidence among voters and opposition party members, it undoubtedly strengthens democracy. Another highly commendable step the USA election authorities have taken. They have printed the ballot papers in all major languages of a state, depending on its demography. While a voter in New York can choose a ballot paper in Bengali instead of English, Chinese, Spanish, and Korean, voters in Illinois can opt for a ballot paper printed in Hindi. It also shows how a democratic country should honour the mother tongue of even those voters who have origins in different countries. These actions reflect the attitude of catering and prioritising the interests of the demos (people) above everything. India needs to get back to ballot paper voting without any delay. It must also be remembered that to impose a language ignoring the major languages spoken in a particular area flouts democratic principles. There is no room for the 'one nation, one language' policy in a multilingual democratic country like India. **Sujit De | Sujit De**

DIVISION OVER CASTE

Madam— Since the last Lok Sabha elections, immediately followed by the state Assembly election and ensuing Assembly in Maharashtra and Jharkhand and by-elections in several states, demand for caste census is in top gear in the Opposition camp, while the BJP has been silent on it and is meekly supportive. Though not constitutionally valid and having no authentic official database of individuals' caste identity, the caste politics in the facade of the caste census is

Prioritise student wellbeing



Student suicides are rising worldwide. Every day, we read news about young students taking their own lives due to overwhelming pressure. Many of these students are studying far from their families, aiming to crack high-stakes exams like JEE, NEET, UPSC, and CA. Parents often send them away at a young age, where they're not fully prepared to handle the intense stress. At a time in life meant for playing, making friends, and

exploring their interests, they are pushed to lock themselves in rooms and study for hours. This isolation and pressure can lead to anxiety, and, tragically, some may feel that ending their lives is the only escape. Parents should avoid imposing career paths on their children and instead allow them to explore and decide what they want for themselves. Governments can also take steps to address this crisis, such as offering personal counselling sessions for students where they can discuss their struggles and implementing mental health awareness programmes in schools and communities. Ultimately, pressuring children to study hard for the sake of a "better future" can end up damaging their wellbeing and happiness. It's far better to let children decide what they want to work towards rather than forcing them into paths that might not be right for them. **Priya Thakur | Ujjain**

TEMPLE ATTACK CONDEMNED

Madam —The Canadian soil is becoming a battleground for the anti-India sentiments these days, as the Khalistani groups and supporters managed to score win after win in their anti-India agendas. The recent terror attack in the Hindu temple based in Canada is getting a global backlash and condemnation. India is particularly annoyed with the Canadian authorities for not paving the way for the miscreants who are spoiling India's image and hurting Indian sentiments as a whole. India in particular is condemning this carefully crafted attack on Hindu temples, and this is another low in the Indo-Canadian relationships as a whole. We Indians in particular wish strong Canadian intervention and demand speedy justice from the side of Canadian government and authorities as soon as possible. **Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur**

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Why are women overlooked for leadership? It's time for a change!

Deep-rooted biases and outdated stereotypes frequently overshadow women's capabilities, despite evidence that women leaders enhance company performance and culture

In India, women are frequently overlooked for management and senior leadership roles despite their proven capabilities in both personal and professional settings. It's a complex issue often attributed to stereotypes, unconscious biases, and a society that still grapples with entrenched gender roles. Yet, if we pause and consider the day-to-day roles women play, particularly in an Indian household, it becomes evident that they possess an array of skills crucial to any organisation's success. Imagine a typical day for a woman managing her household. She coordinates with household help, ensures that her family's needs are met, oversees children's schedules, and often also supports extended family members. Each of these tasks requires quick thinking, negotiation skills, empathy, and time management. Such daily acts of coordination and problem-solving are, at their core, management skills. The inquiry at hand is, why do we fail to acknowledge these abilities when they are



showcased in a professional setting?

Do these skills lose their validity simply because they originate from home-based experience? Many argue that women's ability to blend emotional intelligence with logical decision-making makes them especially adept at leadership roles. Their approach is often holistic—they not only focus on completing tasks but also on nurturing relationships, fostering team morale, and ensuring that the process is as smooth as the outcome. Research indicates that companies with gender-diverse leadership teams tend to achieve better financial performance and foster a more satisfied workforce, contributing to a healthier com-

pany culture. Women bring different perspectives and problem-solving approaches, which complement male colleagues' styles. When women are given a seat at the table, companies gain a more nuanced understanding of their markets and customers. And yet, despite clear advantages, women remain vastly underrepresented in senior roles. The reasons are rooted in a long history of gender bias. Women are often pigeonholed as too "emotional" or too "soft" for the challenges of executive positions, while men are assumed to be inherently more decisive and resilient. Yet, resilience is something that women exemplify every day—balancing multiple roles in a society that demands more of them both at home and at work. Change is on the horizon, with many organisations now actively working to bridge the gender gap in leadership. However, it requires a deeper cultural shift to truly unlock the leadership potential of women. Organisations need to embrace mentorship pro-

grams, implement unbiased hiring practices, and encourage flexible work policies that allow women to balance personal and professional responsibilities. Moreover, celebrating women's leadership styles rather than forcing them to fit into traditionally masculine roles can create more authentic, powerful leaders. The argument is simple: women already demonstrate essential leadership skills every day, whether in boardrooms or in households. It's time to recognise their contributions and give them the opportunities they deserve. For any organisation that values growth, empathy, and resilience, overlooking women isn't just unfair—it's a missed opportunity. Let's champion a future where leadership is based on talent and vision, not on outdated biases. Women are ready for the challenge, and it's time we give them the space to lead. (The writer is a motivator and a freelance journalist; views expressed are personal)



RACHNA LAKHPATRI



FIRST COLUMN

THE ART OF HEALING

True healing must be comprehensive, nurturing both the physical and spiritual self



RAVI VALLURI

Humans are creatures of their habits. I was addicted to smoking, drinking and consuming 'Gutakha'. It had become almost a quotidian habit and had taken a severe toll on my health. Ailments could be self-inflicted or they could be a professional hazard. In all such cases, the victim suffers physically and emotionally. The healing must be both physical and spiritual. I vividly recall how the Sri Lankan cricket team was a victim of terror and violence in Lahore. They underwent therapeutic care by psychiatrists and underwent several mind management and mental strengthening therapies. Similarly, the Tsunami victims of 2004, those affected by the 26/11 Mumbai terror strikes and the earthquake victims of Gujarat (2001) and Uttarakhand (2013) were revved up by the bouquet of self-healing courses by several spiritual organisations and professional help offered by numerous self-help groups. Such tragedies are traumatic experiences. Cities, towns, villages and settlements are razed to rubble.

I come back to my story, where like an ignoramus I started consuming liquor, ignoring all warnings. Thus, my moral compass fell prey to the predilections of a weak mind. It was at this time that my mother, a trained social worker, and a practitioner of Siddha and Pranik healing, refused to entertain my supercilious and specious arguments and extolled certain dormant virtues in me so that I could upend the pyramid. My mother was afflicted by repeated attacks of Paroxysmal Atrial Tachycardia (PAT). This is a type of arrhythmia (irregular heartbeat) that is accompanied by severe sweating, dizziness, palpitations, angina and acute breath-



lessness. I had seen my mother suffering from this condition on several occasions and being admitted to the ICU. However, after undergoing the ten-day Vipassana spiritual sojourn, she recovered from the debilitation. She simultaneously learnt Siddha and Pranik healing, which augured well for her recovery.

These healing techniques along with proper medication and diet helped her in healing. This is the unbounded power and scientific attribute of the breath. Breathing techniques, meditation proper medication and diet are all healthy habits. These can change the traction of our lives and rejuvenate the body and mind. During 'Operation Parakram' our defence forces, after a protracted stay of more than a year at our borders, returned to their cantonments. The fractious behaviour of our unfriendly neighbour did not make them lose their sanity. It is not only the deaths, but defence personnel get maimed during such operations.

Further, their mental state becomes foggy and they become highly irritable. Mere administration of drugs does not act as a panacea. It is medication plus something more to revive their physical and mental bodies. As our defence and para-military forces work in hostile environments it is heartening to know that yoga, Vipassana and Art of Living Courses are conducted for them so that they can maintain physical and mental equilibrium. A soldier asked Gurudev whether he would become passive if he continued with his sadhana, to which Guruji responded, "Most certainly not." Further, he added that Gita Upadesh itself was revealed by Lord Krishna during the Mahabharata war. Arjuna regained the power of discrimination after witnessing the "Divine Spectacle." Be it an individual or a cricket team, those affected by environmental disturbances or our defence forces, all require continuous physical and mental healing to continue their journey. The mystic Rumi has succinctly said, "The wound is the place where the light enters you."

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CoP 29: A pivotal moment to act on climate crisis

With the upcoming CoP 29 summit in Azerbaijan, world leaders face mounting pressure to deliver on pledges for climate finance and reduced fossil fuel reliance



B K SINGH



Back-to-back hurricanes Helene and Milton originating from the Gulf of Mexico, that have battered the western coast of Florida in the United States have led to political debates and blame games ahead of the US Presidential election. The Republican team targeted the Biden-Harris duo for not doing enough to save lives and restore electricity. More than 200 people have perished in each of the hurricanes and also people have lived without electricity for more than 24 hours. Tropical typhoon Trami over the South China Sea claimed more than 150 lives in the Philippines, and 10 in Vietnam, injured thousands and damaged properties and infrastructures in both countries. Further, the deadliest flood in 50 years in Spain has also claimed more than 250 human lives. As against this, India's disaster management response during cyclones has been praiseworthy.

Whether it was cyclone Nisarga on our West coast in 2020 cyclone Fani in West Bengal in 2019, or the recent Dana in Odisha and West Bengal we have evacuated million of people on each occasion in a record time of 24 to 48 hours and as a result, there has hardly been any loss of life. Recent images from Valencia and other regions of Spain, last month's image from Italy where vehicles were swept away as roads became rivers, and before that similar flooding in France, Poland, Austria, and Czech are reminders of frequent flooding and associated misery to people. The global physics of fossil fuels has destabilised the world. The warmer the atmosphere gets; the more moisture it can hold. This would mean more intense downpours and longer drought.

In Spain, a year's worth of rain was dumped in half a day. While India's track record in dealing with disasters is good, what it should relook is its decisions to sacrifice natural forests for infrastructures, development projects and mining. Consumption of coal, oil and natural gas is swelling worldwide, despite leaders knowing that the surge in emission of greenhouse gases leads to increased warming of the planet and we face more destructive and frequent climatic catastrophes. Forests are the best sink for carbon and sacrificing them for GDP is only

to invite more frequent disasters. Earth is already warmed by 1.2 degrees Celsius. The year 2023 has been the warmest in the recorded history of post-industrialisation.

The trend from 2024 till July suggests that we are on course to break the 2023 temperature record. Developed countries are responsible for the warming so far. Scientists are consistently forecasting that beyond 1.5 degrees Celsius warming, part of many countries especially island nations will be submerged in the Sea. United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC) has provided a forum for World leaders to meet annually and decide on actions to be taken to keep the warming within 1.5 degrees.



THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO DEVELOPING AND THIRD-WORLD COUNTRIES FOR TRANSITION TO RENEWABLE ENERGY AT SPEED AND SCALE IS ANOTHER KEY TO CLIMATE MITIGATION

In the annual conference (CoP 25) in Paris in 2015 countries pledged their nationally determined contributions (NDC) to cut the consumption of fossil fuel and to develop renewable energy at speed and scale by 2030. Among G20 countries India is the only one, which is on course to fulfil the pledge. Donald Trump as US President in 2017 refused to toe the line with the Paris Agreement and said that climate is a hoax.

No CoP meeting took place till he was in office. Corona pandemic delayed it further even after Biden took over and CoP 26 at Glasgow was held in November 2021. Here again, leaders reiterated their pledge at Paris and also revived climate finance of \$100 billion that developed countries would contribute towards the cost of climate adaptation in the developing world annually. Another rhetoric was started during CoP 27 at Sharm el Sheikh that developed and some developing countries like China would pay for loss and damage in global south countries. This has again not been complied with. The climate finance of \$100 billion

annually has been agreed upon in Copenhagen CoP in 2009 but has not been complied with so far. African countries and island nations are suffering from extreme climate events like droughts and floods as well as supply chain disruptions owing to geopolitical tensions in West Asia and Ukraine.

Countries like Namibia and Zimbabwe have ordered to cull thousands of wild elephants (a threatened species) for food. If climate finance and loss and damage funds were made available, there was no need to cull threatened species and endangering the ecological security of the region further. The pledge regarding cutting fossil fuel consumption and transition to renewable energy especially by Western nations and China has been overlooked. There has been unprecedented growth in oil and gas drilling in the US and coal production in China.

Biden and other European leaders are not on course to fulfil their commitment to bring down fossil fuel consumption by 2030 and achieve net zero by 2050. China has pledged net zero by 2060 and India by 2070. Scientists are telling us to keep the warming within 1.5 degrees lest we face the consequences. 2050 and 2060 are far ahead and the question is whether we will be able to stand the disasters till then.

During the nomination as Republican presidential candidate in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Trump in his address said to abandon climate - drill baby drill. He cut jokes in his election rallies saying that if the Sea level rises due to warming, the people will have more buildings facing the Sea. The transfer of technology from developed countries to developing and third-world countries for transition to renewable energy at speed and scale is another key to climate mitigation. India, China and Western nations have gone

ahead substantially, yet they need to step up their efforts.

Renewable energy transition should take place at such a pace that we automatically cut fossil fuel consumption. Countries' demand at Glasgow CoP 26 to 'phase out' fossil fuel did not have total acceptance and was modified to 'phase down' on the insistence of China and the support of India. Further at Dubai CoP 28 another phrase 'transition away from fossil fuel' was agreed upon. Irrespective of the phrases used in the CoP resolutions, leaders are only concerned about the growth and GDP and are not inclined to bring down fossil fuel consumption. CoP 29 is scheduled to commence in Baku, Azerbaijan on November 13th, when world leaders will again take stock of the situation and roll out further actions.

Unfortunately, the host country along with its neighbours Armenia and Georgia is experiencing relatively more warming as compared to the global average. While every nation should put in their efforts to cut emissions, India should have relook at the projects requiring the sacrifice of natural forests, whether for linear infrastructures in the Himalayas, in Western Ghats or deforestation of 130.75 sq km forests for great Nicobar Development projects.

India's track record for growing compensatory afforestation for the trees lost is very poor. Supreme Court recently threatened contempt against agencies for not taking up planting ten times the trees lost in the project. 3700 trees were sacrificed in 2015 for the widening of NH 123 Bharatpur Dholpur road and Apex court's condition to plant up 37000 trees has not been fulfilled so far.

(The writer is retired principal chief conservator of Forests-Head of Forest Force-Karnataka; views are personal)

How AI, big data and personalisation are transforming B-school curricula

From integrating AI into decision-making processes to adding global perspectives, B-schools are merging traditional education with innovative technology

In 2024, technology is influencing every aspect of life, transforming the way we communicate, learn, and run businesses. With advancements in Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, IoT, Big Data, Blockchain, and other digital technologies, we are currently navigating the fourth wave of the industry revolution.



PRABHU AGGARWAL

Businesses primarily prioritise automation and machinery to enhance workforce operations, with 88 per cent of small business owners using automation to increase their workforce efficiency, according to an Unmud study. This shift is driving up the demand for digitally literate and tech-savvy professionals in the industry, inspiring business schools to redesign their academic curricula. Following are the revolutionary ways technology is reshaping the business industry.

Reshaping Business Education through AI: According to the Future of Jobs Survey, 75 per cent of companies plan to adopt AI technologies in the coming years. This signals a significant shift brought about by technology in business education; the integration of AI and ML.

Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning are revolutionising how future business leaders think and make decisions, disrupting the traditional learning models. Emerging technologies such as generative AI provide real-time feedback and high-level interactivity, inspiring B-schools to employ learning approaches to develop AI skills in students, thus, preparing them to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving business landscape. **Integration of Data Analytics into Business Intelligence:** Data has become the primary currency in business intelligence, helping businesses make informed decisions to enhance their growth. Technological trends such as statistical techniques, predictive analysis, machine learning,

and artificial intelligence allow businesses to identify leading patterns and tailor their offerings. As recent studies by Edge Delta point out, more companies will adopt big data and technology, increasing the employment rate by 58 per cent. To help students stay competitive, B-schools actively embed data analysis into their offered curriculum, improving students' data proficiency. Incorporating data analytics into higher education curricula, particularly in PGDM and MBA programmes, will promote innovation and solution-oriented thinking among students. **Experiential Learning and Real-World Applications:** With the rapid inclusion of technology in business, the leading employers are exc-



sively prioritising professionals with industry-ready technical and soft skills. The technologically integrated method of business education complements the traditional teaching pedagogy, preparing students to tackle real-world challenges and provide futuristic solutions. Through industry internships, consultation projects, case studies, and business simulations, B-school students gain hands-on experience and practical skills necessary to

excel in today's competitive job market. While a business degree holds significant importance, practical experience allows students to turn their learnings into actionable solutions.

Personalised Learning Approach: The amalgamation of technology and education has made education personal. The traditional learning model employs a one-size-fits-all approach, ignoring individual learning needs. On the other hand, the modern learning model is tailored to meet individualistic demands, making learning seamless for every student. Through tech-integrated personalised education, students can adapt the learning materials and understand at their own pace. This shift is especially impactful in

business education, where personalised learning helps students stay current with industry trends, bridge the skill gap, and learn based on their proficiency.

Balance Between Human Creativity and Automation: While many view the current era as Industry 4.0, others argue we are swiftly moving towards Industry 5.0. Unlike its predecessor, Industry 5.0 emphasises the well-being of professionals, fostering prosperity beyond jobs and promoting ecologically balanced economic growth. The upcoming industrialisation era envisions close collaboration between humans and AI tools, enhancing operational efficiency and cost-effectiveness. This has led top B-schools to thoughtfully curate the core

management courses, integrating human-centricity, sustainability, and automation.

Bringing Global Perspective to Classrooms: Business challenges today are inherently global in nature, such as sustainability issues, supply chain management, foreign regulations, and cultural diversity. By embedding a global outlook in business education, B-schools equip students with essential tools to effectively address these problems. Facilitating worldly industry collaborations and connecting peers from diverse cultures through virtual modes fosters a deeper business understanding in the students, enabling them to drive positive changes.

(The writer is Dean BMS Hyderabad; views are personal)

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1.	AC 18 Mahagama	Shri Ashok Kumar Bhagat	Shri Satish Kr Munda, JMFC Godda ; GR No 672/2021 ; Charges Framed	u/s 500, 501 & 504 IPC Defamation	NA	NA	NA
2			SDJM Dumka ; G.R No 894/2009 ; Charges Not Framed	u/s 143, 186, 283, 290, 291, 353 IPC Causing Road Jam Hindrance	NA	NA	NA

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1.	AC No.-40 Dhanbad	Shri Raj Sinha	Sri Sharthak Sharma MP/MLA Court, at Ranchi ; Lalpur PS Case No 203/24 ; Charges Not Framed	u/s 191(2)(3)/190/115(2)/117(2)/109/121(1)/125/132/324(2)/351(2)/352/61(2) of BNS Protest Against State Government, Section	NA	NA	NA

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1.	AC 35 Bermo	Shri Ravindra Pandey	Rishi Kumar JMFC, Dhanbad ; Complaint Case No 410/2022 ; Charges Not Framed	u/s 376, 511, 34 IPC ; Uttering any word or making gesture intended to insult the modesty of women	NA	NA	NA

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1.	AC 28 Dhanwar	Shri Babulal Marandi	SDJM Ranchi Doranda PS Case No 152/2018 Charges Not Framed	u/s 120(B), 193, 420, 468, 469, 471, 474 of IPC	NA	NA	NA
2.			JMFC Chalkusha PS Case No 18/2018 Charges Not Framed	u/s 193, 194, 420, 467, 46, 471, 120(B) IPC	NA	NA	NA
3.			CJM Chainpur PS Case No 145/2018 Charges Not Framed	u/s 193, 468, 469, 471, 474, 420, 120(B) of IPC	NA	NA	NA
4			CJM Saria PS Case No 106/201 Charges Not Framed	u/s 120(B), 193, 420, 468, 469, 471, 474 IPC	NA	NA	NA
5			CJM Tisri PS Case No 44/2018 Charges Not Framed	u/s 153A(1)(a), 500, 504, 505 of IPC	NA	NA	NA
6			CJM Ramgarh PS Case No 196/2023 Charges Not Framed	u/s 500, 504, 505(2) IPC	NA	NA	NA
7			CJM Lohardaga PS Case No 249/2023 Charges Not Framed	u/s 505(2) IPC	NA	NA	NA
8			MP/MLA Kanke PS Case No 210/2023 Charges Not Framed	u/s 500, 504, 505 of IPC	NA	NA	NA
9			MP/MLA Madhupur PS Case No 176/2023 Charges Not Framed	u/s 153A(1)(a), 500, 504, 505 IPC	NA	NA	NA
10			CJM Simdega PS Case No 104/2023 Charges Not Framed	u/s 500, 504, 505 IPC	NA	NA	NA
11			MP/MLA Lalpur PS Case No 203/2024 Charges Not Framed	u/s 191(2)(3), 190, 115(2), 117(2), 109, 121(1), 125, 132, 124(2), 352, 61(2) of BNS	NA	NA	NA
12			JMFC Nagri PS Case No 185/2024 Charges Not Framed	u/s 223, 356(2), 351(2)(3) of BNS	NA	NA	NA
13			JMFC Ratu PS Case No 324/2024 Charges Not Framed	u/s 223, 356(2), 351(2)(3) BNS	NA	NA	NA
14			JMFC Sikidiri PS Case No 32/2024, Charges Not Framed	u/s 223, 356(2), 352 BNS	NA	NA	NA
15			MP/MLA Barhait PS Case No 104/2023 Charges Not Framed	u/s 500, 504, 505(2) IPC	NA	NA	NA

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Russia ratifies N Korea military alliance pact

10,000 North Korean troops deployed to Kursk: US

AP ■ MOSCOW

The upper house of Russian parliament on Wednesday ratified a treaty with North Korea envisioning mutual military assistance, a move that comes as the US has confirmed the deployment of 10,000 North Korean troops to Russia.

The "comprehensive strategic partnership treaty," which Russian President Vladimir Putin signed with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on a visit to Pyongyang in June, obliges Russia and North Korea to immediately provide military assistance using "all means" if either is attacked. It marked the strongest link between Moscow and Pyongyang since the end of the Cold War.

The pact's endorsement by the upper house, the Federation Council, follows its ratification by the lower house,

the State Duma, on Oct 24. On Monday, US State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller told reporters that up to 10,000 North Korean soldiers were in Russia's Kursk region and were preparing to join Moscow's fight against Ukraine in the coming days. If they engage in combat, it would be North Korea's first participation in a large-scale conflict since the end of the 1950-53 Korean War.

Moscow and Pyongyang have responded vaguely to South Korean and Western claims of the North Korean troop deployment to Russia, emphasizing that their military cooperation conforms with international law, without directly admitting the presence of the North's forces in Russia.

On Monday, Putin met with North Korean Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui, who was on an official visit to

Russia since late last week. During her talks with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, Choe reiterated Pyongyang's support "for the just fight of Russia's military and people to defend their country's sovereign rights and security interests" in Ukraine. Russia and North Korea have previously rejected assertions by the US and its allies that Pyongyang has given Moscow ballistic missiles and millions of artillery shells for use in Ukraine.

South Korean and Western officials voiced concerns about Russia's possible transfer of technology to North Korea to enhance its nuclear and missile programmes in exchange for its troops.

On Tuesday, North Korea fired a barrage of short-range ballistic missiles into the sea in a demonstration of its military capability hours before the US presidential election.

Rescuers pull 30 bodies from building in central Lebanon hit in Israeli strike

AP ■ BARJA (LEBANON)

Lebanese rescuers pulled 30 bodies out of the rubble after a late night Israeli strike on an apartment building in the town of Barja, Lebanon's Civil Defence service said Wednesday as the Mideast wars press on with no signs of abating.

It remained unclear if there were any survivors or bodies still trapped under the rubble following the Tuesday night airstrike, which came without warning. There was no statement from the Israeli military and the strike's intended target also was unknown.

Barja, a town just north of the port city of Sidon in central Lebanon, has not been regularly targeted so far in the conflict. "Something pulled me hard, and then the explosion happened," said Moussa Zahran, who was at home with his wife and son when the building was hit. He said he couldn't see but started digging through the rubble until he found his wife and son — alive but injured — and pulled them out. Both are

still in the hospital, he said. Another building resident, Muhyiddin Al-Qalaaji, said he was at work when the strike happened and heard the news from his wife who called him frantically.

"There are many dead and injured," he said as he carried out what he could salvage of the family's belongings on Wednesday morning.

Civil defence official Mostafa Danaj said some of the neighbours have reported there are still people missing. Israeli forces and the Hezbollah militant group have been clashing for more than a year, since Hezbollah started firing rockets across the border soon after the deadly Hamas-led attack on southern Israel sparked the ongoing war in Gaza in October last year.

The war on the Lebanese front has substantially escalated since mid-September, with Israel launching a massive aerial bombardment and ground invasion.

On Tuesday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu dismissed Defence Minister



Yoav Gallant in a surprise announcement that sparked protests across the country. Gallant's replacement is Foreign Minister Israel Katz, a longtime Netanyahu loyalist and veteran Cabinet minister.

While Netanyahu has called for continued military pressure on Hamas, Gallant said military force created the necessary conditions for at least a temporary diplomatic deal that could bring home hostages held by the militant group.

The Israel-Hamas war began after Palestinian militants stormed into Israel on Oct 7, 2023, killing some 1,200 people — mostly civilians — and

abducting 250 others, taking them back to Gaza as hostages. Israel's military response in Gaza has killed more than 43,000 people, Palestinian health officials say. They do not distinguish between civilians and combatants, but say more than half of those killed were women and children.

Since the conflict between Israel and Hezbollah erupted in 2023, at least 3,000 people have been killed and some 13,500 have been wounded in Lebanon, about a quarter of them women and children, the Health Ministry reported. A report by Lebanon's crisis response unit said that 361,300 Syrians and over 177,800 Lebanese have crossed into Syria between Sept 23 and Nov 1, to escape the fighting.

Hezbollah continues to send dozens of rockets and drones towards Israel. The projectiles have killed 72 people in Israel so far, including 30 soldiers, according to Netanyahu's office.

On Wednesday, sirens blared across northern and central Israel, including in the populous metropolitan area of Tel Aviv, as Hezbollah launched 10 rockets

towards Israel. Israel's Magen David Adom rescue services said there were no reports of injuries.

A large portion of a rocket slammed into a parked car in the central Israeli city of Raanana. Rockets also struck an open area near Israel's main airport, Israeli media reported, though the airport said flights were operating as normally.

Israel's Magen David Adom rescue services said there were no injuries. Israeli police said they arrested 40 people during protests on Tuesday night when the demonstrators blocked Israel's main highway in Tel Aviv.

Another night of protests was planned across Israel on Wednesday evening, over Gallant's firing.

Netanyahu and Gallant have repeatedly been at odds over the war in Gaza but the prime minister had avoided letting go of his rival before the US presidential election on Tuesday.

By midday Wednesday in the Middle East, Donald Trump was elected the 47th president of the United States in a remarkable political comeback.

Philippine forces retake island in mock combat as China's navy watches

AP ■ THITU ISLAND (SOUTH CHINA SEA)

Philippine forces retook an island in the South China Sea Wednesday in the first such combat exercise in the disputed waters as Chinese navy ships kept watch from a distance, the Philippine military chief said.

Gen Romeo Brawner Jr, who witnessed the drills from a navy frigate, said the exercise underscored the readiness of Filipino forces to defend the country's sovereignty at all costs.

"We are warning our neighbours or whoever or any external forces that we are capable of defending our islands," Brawner told a small group of

journalists, including The Associated Press, invited to the exercises.

There were no immediate comments from Chinese officials, but they have opposed past war drills in the South China Sea, which Beijing claims virtually in its entirety.

The long-seething territorial disputes that also involve other claimants are a delicate fault line in the US-China rivalry in Asia and likely will remain a major foreign policy concern for the next American president.

China has rapidly expanded its military and become increasingly assertive in pursuing territorial claims in the South China Sea. The tensions have led to more frequent con-

frontations, primarily with the Philippines and Vietnam, though the Chinese coast guard has had recent territorial tiffs with Indonesia and Malaysia.

In the drills, a Philippine navy frigate approached Loaita Island, which the Philippines calls Kota Island, while four speedboats with marines and navy sailors landed on its beach. A Philippine air force aircraft later dropped food and other supplies to the forces that retook the island.

Brawner said Chinese navy ships observing from a distance "added realism to the exercise."

The US has been regarded as a crucial counterweight to China and has supported the Philippines as it faces Chinese aggression.

Record-high pollution hits Lahore

AP ■ LAHORE

Record-high air pollution in Pakistan's cultural capital of Lahore is sending more people to hospitals and private clinics, doctors said Wednesday as authorities warned a complete lockdown could be imminent if residents fail to don face masks and follow other guidance related to smog.

The warning came after residents out on the streets in Lahore, which has a population of 14 million, were seen overwhelmingly without masks. Doctors say most people are complaining of either having a cough or that they feel their eyes are burning.

"Tens of thousands of patients suffering from respiratory diseases were treated at hospitals and clinics in a week," said Salman Kazmi, vice president of the Pakistan Medical Association.

You can see people coughing whenever you go, but they still hardly wear face masks, he said.

Lahore remained the world's most polluted city Wednesday morning, with air-quality index hitting a record high of over 1,100. Anything over 300 is considered hazardous to health.

A toxic smog has shrouded the city since last

month. Marriyum Aurangzeb, a senior minister in the Punjab province asked people to wear face masks to avoid a complete lockdown in the city. Lahore is the provincial capital.

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DEEPAK SIDHU (ADVOCATE)
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(Udaybir Singh)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Harish Chandra who is intending to purchase the Built-up Second Floor LHS/Northern Portion Without Roof Right Area 50 Sq. Yards, Built on Property No. B-110-A, Out of Khara No.10/4, 10/5, Situated in The Area Of Village Mettala, Delhi State, And Colony Known As Mansa Ram Park, In Block-B, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 with one bike parking from Sh. Ajay Jain attorney of Smt. Anita. That, Sh. Ajay Jain became owner vide Notarized GPA dated 23.08.2024, Notarized ATS dt. 23.08.2024 & WILL dated 23.08.2024 Executed by Smt. Anita and same to be financed & mortgaged by Aditya Birla Housing Finance Ltd., Noida. If any person having any type of claim/interest 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, liens etc. Lucern Legal LLP Sector 2, Noida, UP-201301/Contact# 0120-4269379

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is known to all that the allottee of Residential Flat No. 330, Block-B-3, ARAVALI, Sector-34, NOIDA, Mr. Rabi Singh son of Shri Ram Kishan, resident of H.No. 1501, Narela, Delhi-110048 has sold the above flat on GPA basis as under :- 1. A G.P.A. was executed on dt. 30.07.1999 in favour of Shri Udaybir Singh S/o Late Shri Gajaj Singh R/o Village and Post Goela, Muzaffar Nagar, U.P. which is regd. in the office of S.R. Noida, and the Agreement to Sell was not executed in favour of any person. Because the Agreement to Sell was not executed/regd., so with the help of this notice, it is informed that the transfer of the above said Flat on the basis of GPA goes to transfer in favour of Smt. Priya Devi D/o Shri Rudh Ram R/o 152, Pocket-A-01, Sector-4, Rohini, Delhi-110085 which is to be regd. in the office of S.R. Noida. If anyone has any objection, he/she will submit his/her objection in the Residential (Housing) Deptt. of Noida Authority within 15 days of the publication of this notice.

(Udaybir Singh)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on behalf of KAMAL DEEPAK SIDHU who is purchasing the Built-up Upper Ground Floor (Back Side), Bearing PVT. No. 3, Without Roof Rights of Property bearing No. 44 and 45, area measuring 75 Sq. Yards, out of Khara No. 25/1, situated in the revenue estate of Village Nawada, Delhi State, (Known as Mansa Ram Park, In Block-B, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059) from Mr. SAURAV SONI who has purchased the same by virtue of Notarized General Power of Attorney, Agreement to sell and Will dated 08.11.2024. We give this public notice that if any person having any type of claim right/interest/claiming 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, liens etc. Lucern Legal LLP Plot No. 136, (Basement) Uday Park, New Delhi-110049/Contact # 011-46045316

STORES E-PROCUREMENT

Tender Notice No.: S/66/012/24-25, Dtd: 04-11-2024. E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following works:

SI.No:1; Tender No.: NJ245085; Closing/Opening Date: 25-11-2024.

Brief Description: AUXILIARY GENERATOR as per Drg. No. 22089886 ALT Ca spec: WDG4/EL/PS/04 ALT.NIL. QTY:8 Nos. Consignee :- SSE/IC/MECH/Silguri Junction, Northeast Frontier Railway.

Note :- For full details of Tender Notice and Tender Documents, Tenderer may log on to the website (www.ireps.gov.in) prospective bidder who intend to participate in above tenders are required to log in themselves with the above website and submit their offer electronically, if they are already registered with IREPS. In case they are not registered with IREPS, they are advised to obtain class-III Digital Signature Certificate from the certifying agencies under Govt. of India IT Act 2000 and participate in the above tenders.

Dy. Chief Material Manager, New Jalpaiguri

MODI RUBBER LIMITED

CIN: L25199UP1971PLC003392

Registered Office: Modinagar - 201204; Dist. Ghaziabad, (U.P.)

Corporate Office: 4-7C, DDA Shopping Centre, New Friends Colony, New Delhi-110025; Website: www.modirubberlimited.com

Email: investors@modirubber.com; Phone: +91-11-47107398

NOTICE

Pursuant to regulation 29 of SEBI (LODR) 2015, Notice is hereby given that a 307th Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Thursday on 14th day of November, 2024 at 11.30 AM at Corporate Office: 4-7/C, DDA Shopping Centre, 4th Floor, New Friends Colony, New Delhi-110025 to inter-alia approve the following:

(1) Un-audited Financial Results (Standalone & Consolidated) of the Company for the quarter and half year ended 30th September, 2024 and review limited review report of the Statutory Auditors for the publication as per SEBI LODR requirements.

For Modi Rubber Limited
Sd/-
(S K Bajpai)

Place : New Delhi
Date : 5.11.2024

Head - Legal & Co. Secretary

STORES E-PROCUREMENT

Tender Notice No.: S/50/Sr.DMM/KIR/PUB/E-Tender/2024-25/02; Dated: 04-11-2024. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works:-

SN: 1; Tender No. KT245454; Closing/Opening Date: 28-11-2024

Brief Description & Qty: Supply of 1 phase 2W prepaid/Payment with keypad, Accuracy class 1.0, 240V, 5-60A, 50 Hz with in-home display Unit (Model-Liberty 150 of Secure Make or equivalent) (BIS/IS Mark) as per technical specification enclosed in tender document at Annexure-C, Consignee:- DEE/Katihar, NFR (Bihar); Qty: 825 Nos.

NOTE:- For full details of Tender notice and tender documents, tenderer may log on to the website (www.ireps.gov.in) prospective bidder who intend to participate in above tenders are required to log in themselves with the above website and submit their offer electronically, if they are already registered with IREPS. In case they are not registered with IREPS, they are advised to obtain class-III Digital Signature Certificate from the certifying agencies under Govt. of India IT Act 2000 and participate in the above tenders.

Divisional Materials Manager, Katihar

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I RUBY RANI w/o Sunil R/o N-21, SHYAM NAGAR, VISHNU GARDEN, NEW DELHI-110018 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as RUMI in my minor son namely Radhey aged 14 year in his school record. The actual name of mine is RUBY RANI, which may be amended according to it. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

RUBY RANI (Signature)

BEFORE THE DISTRICT CONSUMER REDRESSAL COMMISSION KOHIMA : NAGALAND SUMMON

Ref: CDR 1/2024

Shri Asier RutsaComplainant

Vrs

Shri/Smti The UNICOS International Pvt Ltd. C-5 A/258, Janakpuri, Delhi-110058, Represented by its Manager,Opposite Party/ Respondent

To, Shri/Smti The UNICOS International Pvt Ltd. C-5 A/258, Janakpuri, Delhi-110058, Represented by its Manager.

Whereas a complaint under various sections of the Consumer Protection Act 86 has been instituted against you by the complainant before this Forum

You are hereby summoned to appear in person or through pleader before the above said forum on the 22nd November Day of 2024 at 11:00 A.M.

Given under my hand and seal of this Forum, this the 24th day October 2024.

President
District Consumer Redressal Commission, Kohima : Nagaland

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Adv. No.BFU-24/23

VACANCIES

Online applications are invited w.e.f 11/11/2024 to 02/12/2024 from eligible candidates through University website www.bfuchs.ac.in for recruitment to the posts of Technical Assistant (Blood Bank)-02 MRI Technician-02, Radiographer Technician-02, Radiographer (Radio-Diagnosis)-04, Radiotherapy Technician-05, Librarian Gr.II/Librarian Senior-02, Health Educator-05, Pharmaceutical Chemist-04, Dental Mechanic-01, Accounts Clerk-02, Junior Physiotherapist-04, Artist/Photographer-03, Sen. Technician Workshop-04, Speech Therapist-01, Audio Metric Technician-01, Health & Sanitary Inspector-01, Assistant Librarian-02, Driver-08, Dental Technician-02, EEG Technician-01, Tech. for Animal Operation Room-01, Horticulture Supervisor-01, Nanny Creche-01, Laundry Operator-01, Documentist-01, Museum Keeper-02, Mechanic-Machinist-01, Library Restorer-01, Fireman-03, Plastic & Burn Technician-04, Animal Attendant-01, Mali Cum Chowkidar/Mali-10, Cook-05, Dhoobi-05 on regular basis at University office and constituent colleges/institutions of Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot. For details/updates/eligibility/no. of Posts/terms & conditions visit website www.bfuchs.ac.in

ni/12/24/2023/38776 Dated CHD - 11/6/2024

Sd/ REGISTRAR

CAN FIN HOMES LTD

CIN : L8510KA1987PLC008699

Above Canara Bank Building, First Floor, Plot No. C-3, Sector - 1, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, Pin Code : 201301.

Email : noida@canfinhomes.com, Ph No : 0120 - 2970164/65/67, 7625079126

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]

Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Noida Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 12-12-2024, for recovery of Rs. 23,30,670 (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from MR. PARVEEN RAWAT S/O BIRENDER SINGH RAWAT, MRS. KASHMIRI MU PARVEEN RAWAT (Borrowers) and MR. ARVIND RAWAT S/O BIRENDER SINGH RAWAT (Guarantors), as on 06-11-2024, together with further interest and other charges thereon. The reserve price will be Rs. 17,00,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 1,70,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Thousand Only)

(Description of the immovable property)

Flat No-S-4, (Second Floor), With Roof Rights, I.L.G, Plot No-225, Block-B, Shalimar Garden Main, Village - Pasonda, Pargana - Loni, Tehsil and District Ghaziabad, U.P. Pincode-201005 Bounded by:East: Plot No. 226 B, West: Plot No 224 B, North:Gali 10 K/s Wide, South: Road 40ft wide

Knows Encroachment: Nil

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (<http://www.canfinhomes.com> Search/Auction.aspx). Link for participating in e-auction: <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net>

Date: 06-11-2024
Place: NOIDA

Sd/- Authorized Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd

Crypto frenzy

London (AP): The price of bitcoin hit a new high Wednesday as investors bet that former President Donald Trump's victory in the US presidential election will be a boon for cryptocurrencies. Bitcoin jumped nearly 8% in early trading, climbing above \$75,000 and smashing its previous record set in March. Other cryptocurrencies also soared, including ether.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mrs. Sunita Kumari w/o Sh. Rajeev Kumar owner of Property No. G-25, L-Corner, measuring 125 sq. yds. (size 30' x 37.5'), out of total Land measuring 600 sq. yds., carved out of Khara no. 31/7, Situated at Pali Pehadpur, Vishwakarma Colony, New Delhi. Registered Restrictive Sale Deed Dated 10.01.2024 executed by Mr. Rajiv Kohli S/o Sh. Wazir Chand Kohli in favour of Mrs. Sunita Kumari w/o Sh. Rajeev Kumar Vice Reg. no.150, at 33/4 Delhi the above-mentioned property is going to be mortgaged with Fodbank Financial Services Limited. If any person/bank/financial institution having any claim / right, lien, any objection whatsoever in regard to the above property, should notified to the undersigned/Adv. Vikas Mahan, E-713, Karikadoma Court, Delhi-110032 along with documentary evidence under address through registered within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which any claim, lien or objection shall be deemed to have been waived. Adv. Vikas Mahan, E-713, Karikadoma Court, Delhi-110032; Mobile No. 9811215181.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that my client: (1) SHRI PRAKASH KUMAR JAIN S/O LATE SHRI PREM CHAND JAIN (2) SHRI PRAMOD KUMAR JAIN S/O LATE SHRI PRAVEEN KUMAR JAIN all residents of 488/115, KHARSA NO.230/138, ANSARI ROAD, DARYAGANJ, DELHI-110002, are the owners of PROPERTY NO. 488/115, KHARSA NO.230/138, ANSARI ROAD, DARYAGANJ, DELHI-110002. The original documents i.e. Original PERPETUAL LEASE DEED of the above said property have been lost or misplaced by my client and is not traceable despite of his best efforts. An F.I.R./NCR/CR No. 110022, dated 06.11.2024, in this respect has been lodged in the Police Station, Crime Branch, Delhi (R No. 387534/2022 dated 10.05.2022). Any person(s) claiming any rights, interest, having any objection or claim in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above address/phone no. 9871631110, within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objection with respect to this property, can personally inform or write to Deputy Director (OSB) of Director (OSB), Vikas Sadan, New Delhi.

Naven Aggarwal (Advocate)
Ch. No. 167, Near S.B. Western Wing, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-24

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that my client, SH. DEEPAK MALHOTRA S/O SH. NARENDER NATH MALHOTRA R/O 38, SADHANA EN

Total vehicle retail sales in India in October sees 32 per cent Y-O-Y rise to 28,32,944 units: FADA

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The total vehicle retail sales in India witnessed a 32 per cent Y-O-Y rise to 28,32,944 units with all segments including two-wheelers and passenger vehicles registering strong growth, Federation of Automobile Dealers' Association (FADA) said on Wednesday.

The total vehicle retail sales in October 2023 stood at 21,43,929 units, as per FADA. The strong growth in October this year was largely driven by the rural market, especially boosting two-wheeler and passenger vehicles sales, supported by increased Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Rabi crops,



FADA said. Passenger vehicle sales grew 32.38 per cent to 4,83,159

Two-wheeler sales for the previous month were recorded at 20,65,095 units, as compared to 15,14,634 units in October 2023, registering a growth of 36.35 per cent, while three-wheeler sales were up 11.45 per cent year-on-year to 1,22,846 in October 2024, it said.

Tractor sales, according to FADA, increased 3.08 per cent during October to 64,433 units, from 62,542 units a year ago.

The convergence of major festivals (Navratri and Diwali) in October significantly boosted consumer demand; attractive festive offers, new model launches, and improved stock availability led to a 36 per cent year-on-year and 71 per cent month-on-month

growth in two-wheelers, according to FADA. Besides, rural sentiments, favourable monsoon and good crop expectations, further contributed to the growth, it stated.

Moreover, the 32 per cent year-on-year and 75 per cent month-on-month rise in passenger vehicle sales was driven by festive demand, aggressive offers, and new model introductions, it said.

FADA remains optimistic about near-term growth of the overall automobile industry particularly with the wedding season ahead. However, potential challenges such as inventory overstock and economic headwinds may affect sales momentum towards the end of the year, it said.

units in 2024, from 3,64,991 units retailed in October 2023, it stated.

Rubicon Research, Sai Life Sciences and two others get Sebi's nod to float IPOs

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Four companies, including pharmaceutical formulation firm Rubicon Research and TPG Capital-backed Sai Life Sciences, have received Sebi's go-ahead to raise at least Rs 3,000 crore collectively through Initial Public Offerings (IPOs), an update with the markets regulator showed on Wednesday.

The other two firms that obtained the regulator's clearance are yarn manufacturer Sanathan Textiles and auto components maker Metalman Auto. Meanwhile, BMW Ventures, which filed its preliminary IPO papers in September, withdrew the documents on October 28.

The four companies - Rubicon Research, Sai Life Sciences, Sanathan Textiles and Metalman Auto -- which filed their draft IPO papers with Sebi during July and August, obtained the regulator's observations on October 31, the update showed.

In Sebi's parlance, obtaining observations means its go-ahead to float public issues. The Rs 1,085-crore IPO of Rubicon Research is a combination of a fresh issue of equity shares worth Rs 500 crore and an Offer For Sale (OFS) of shares valued at Rs 585 crore by the promoter, General Atlantic Singapore RR Pte Limited, according to the



Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP).

At present, General Atlantic owns over 57 per cent stake in Rubicon Research. The company proposes to utilise proceeds from the fresh issue to the tune of Rs 310 crore for payment of debt. Also, funds will be used for supporting inorganic growth through unidentified acquisitions as well as other strategic initiatives and general corporate purposes.

Hyderabad-based Sai Life Sciences' proposed IPO comprises a fresh issue of equity shares worth Rs 800 crore and an OFS of 6.15 crore shares by a promoter, investor shareholders and other shareholders, the DRHP showed. Of the IPO proceeds, funds to the tune of Rs 600 crore will be used for debt payment and a portion will be used for corporate general purposes, the draft papers filed showed.

Sanathan Textiles' IPO is a mix of a fresh issue of equity shares aggregating up to Rs 500 crore and an OFS of up to Rs 300 crore by promoters and promoter group entities, it stated. Proceeds from the fresh issue of shares worth Rs 210 crore will be used for investment in the company's subsidiary - Sanathan Polycot Private Limited - for funding its long-term working capital requirements, Rs 175 crore for repayment of debt, besides general corporate purposes.

The proposed IPO of Metalman Auto is a combination of a fresh issue of equity shares worth Rs 350 crore and an OFS of up to 1.26 crore shares by its promoters. Proceeds from the fresh issue to the tune of Rs 25 crore will be used to part financing the capital expenditure towards procurement of plant and machinery at Pithampur manufacturing unit two in Madhya Pradesh.

FSSAI to hold CAC meet to discuss food safety issues on e-commerce platforms

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) will hold meeting of its Central Advisory Committee (CAC) on November 7-8 to discuss food safety issues on e-commerce platforms among others challenges.

The meeting, to be held under the chairmanship of FSSAI's CEO G Kamala Vardhana Rao, will see participation of food commissioners from all states/Union Territories or their representatives.

According to sources, the CAC meeting will be held on November 7 to November 8 to discuss the various issues, including how to strengthen the surveillance and testing of food products across all states to ensure food safety. The CAC will also discuss measures to be adopted to

ensure sale of quality food products on e-commerce platforms, they said. The committee will discuss this issue amid reports of sale of food products nearing expiry on e-commerce platforms.

Sources said FSSAI is likely to call a meeting of big e-commerce players next week to ensure food safety. As per the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, the food authority constitutes the CAC for close cooperation between the Authority and enforcement agencies/organisations operating in the field of food.

The committee generally meets three to four times a year and advises the Authority on various matters including prioritisation of work, identifying potential risks and the pooling of knowledge.

Thailand replaces Maldives to emerge as top honeymoon destination for Indian couples: MakeMyTrip

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Thailand has emerged as the favourite international honeymoon destination for Indian couples, replacing Maldives, as it recorded the highest share of honeymoon package bookings between October 2023 and September 2024 on MakeMyTrip, the travel booking platform said on Wednesday.

The Maldives saw a 16.2 per cent Year-on-Year decline in honeymoon package bookings while all other top five international destinations - Indonesia, Mauritius, and Vietnam - gained share this year, the travel booking platform stated.

MakeMyTrip's 'How India Travels for Honeymoon', analyses booking data from October 2023 to September

2024, compared to the same period in the preceding year. Thailand increased its booking share by 5.2 per cent year-on-year, surpassing the Maldives, which led the rankings last year.

On the domestic front, the Andamans replaced Kerala as the most booked honeymoon destination, increasing its share of honeymoon package bookings by 6.9 per cent YoY.

Air India deploys additional resources at touch points, airports to help Vistara passengers

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Air India has deployed additional resources, including help desk kiosks, at touch points and airports to ensure a smooth experience for Vistara passengers post its merger with the airline next week, an official said on Wednesday.

Full-service carriers - Air India and Vistara, a joint venture between Tata and Singapore Airlines - set to be merged on November 11. Post-merger, the routes and schedule operated by Vistara and the Vistara inflight experience will remain the same.

Also, Vistara aircraft will be identified by a special four-

digit Air India code beginning with the digit '2'. The official in the know said Air India deployed additional resources across touch points in India, including help desk kiosks, at the curbside before terminal entry at hubs and metro city airports.

There will be "customer support staff wearing 'How

may I assist you?' Air India x Vistara branded t-shirts for support", the official added.

In due course, Vistara airport ticketing offices and check-in terminals will become that of Air India. Over the last few months, 2,70,000 customers who had booked Vistara flights have been migrated to Air

India, and more than 4.5 million Vistara loyalty programme members are being migrated to Air India's loyalty programme. There are concerns in certain quarters on whether Vistara passengers will continue to get the same services post-merger as Air India, which is in the transformation phase, has

been facing certain service issues in recent times. The Tata Group-owned Air India has emphasised that the Vistara experience will remain post-merger. The integrated entity will have a fleet of more than 200 planes, offering connectivity to 90 domestic and international destinations.

Incoming data on GDP growth mixed but positives outweigh negatives: Reserve Bank Governor

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Wednesday said the incoming data on economic growth is "mixed", but the positive factors outweigh the negative ones.

Speaking at Business Standard's annual BFSI event here, Das stressed that the underlying economic activity by and large remains strong. "Data which is coming in is mixed but the positives outweigh the negatives and by and large underlying activities remain strong," Das said.

It can be noted that many analysts have been voicing concerns about growth, especially after official data showed growth slowing to a 15-quarter low of 6.7 per cent in the first quarter of FY25. The RBI, however, has been holding onto its estimate of



7.2 per cent real GDP growth for FY25, even as some expect it to be lower than 7 per cent. Das said the RBI tracks over 70 high-speed indicators to arrive at its estimates and described both the positive factors pushing the number and the negatives pulling it down.

The industrial production or IIP data, and moderation in

urban demand being witnessed by fast-moving consumer goods companies are the negative factors. Besides, subsidy outgoes have increased in the September quarter and will impact the Q2 GDP number, Das said.

The positives include the handsome growth in GST e-way bills, toll collections, air passenger traffic, and steel

and cement industry performance, Das said. Amid the increased discussion on the auto sector prospects recently with concerns around rising inventory amid lower demand, Das said the sector has done exceedingly well in October with a 30 per cent growth which includes a 23 per cent rise in four-wheeler sales. Additionally, the agriculture and services sectors are also doing well, Das said.

"I would not rush to declare that the economy is slowing down," the RBI governor said amid some analysts saying that the economy is in a cyclical growth slowdown. When reminded of his animal analogies on inflation and asked to choose the animal which describes the Indian economy, Das said national animal "tiger" which is also

there in the RBI logo best describes the country. He said the economy has got the strength of a tiger, while RBI provides the "agility", which is another key attribute of the tiger.

On inflation, Das said the October headline consumer price inflation number to be announced on November 12 will be higher than September's 5.5 per cent, but added that the central bank had already pencilled in the higher numbers for the two months.

The shift in stance of the monetary policy should not be seen as a precursor to a rate cut at the very next meeting of the rate-setting panel, Das said adding that the panel is under no pressure on the next course of action.

On the issue of regulatory and supervisory actions against four non-banks recently, Das

reiterated that the RBI has acted against a very small number if one were to compare the overall number of NBFCs (non-banking financial companies), which is 9,400.

Asserting that the central bank actions are "calibrated, selective and measured", Das said such decisions are not abrupt and are preceded by months of bilateral engagement with an entity.

It is only when an entity refuses or delays RBI's suggestions that such actions are taken, Das said, adding that the number of entities marked out for the need to improve is far higher than the ones against whom actions are taken.

Detailed reasons on why an action has been taken are given to the entity, Das said, underlining that these actions are not "punitive" but

"corrective" in nature wherein the RBI takes back the measures if it sees improvements sought.

The RBI has done a quick study to understand the use of borrowed funds being deployed to punt on the capital markets, Das said and added that this phenomenon does not pose a major risk to the banking sector or lead to "systemic instability".

He urged banks to look at the end use of funds even in unsecured loans, admitting that it is very difficult to monitor the same.

The RBI does not have a prescribed credit deposit ratio for the banks, Das said, adding that this ratio has improved to 80 per cent at the systemic level in the last few months. However, there are a few entities which are the outliers on this, he admitted.

Quality of loan underwriting

and the ability to sustain the loan growth are two important aspects that the central bank looks at while understanding loan growth, Das specified. He also made clear that the central bank does not have a view on credit growth.

The RBI endeavours to "smell around" constantly, and be preemptive in identifying and rectifying risks before they become into systemic trouble, he said.

Replying to a question on the future of central bank digital currency (CBDC), Das said the RBI is in no hurry to have a national launch of what is a pilot project at present and added that new use cases are emerging like Odisha's transfer of cash support to beneficiaries under a scheme or some corporates transferring lunch vouchers to employee wallets.

Maruti Suzuki seeking to enhance exports with upcoming new Dzire sedan

PTI ■ DABOLIM/GOA

Maruti Suzuki India is targeting markets like UAE, Saudi Arabia, Chile, Mexico and other Latin American countries with its upcoming new version of compact sedan Dzire to accelerate exports as it eyes over 3 lakh units of overseas shipments this fiscal, a senior company official said on Wednesday. In the domestic market, the company hopes to enhance its share in the sedan market amid the passenger vehicles market shifting towards SUVs (Sports Utility Vehicles), with the new Dzire which is slated for launch next week. "We have been growing (exports) at a rate of about 11.9 per cent in the first seven months of the financial year and we hope to continue on that momentum. So we hope to do more than about 3 lakh car exports within this financial year," Maruti Suzuki India Executive Director Corporate Affairs



Rahul Bharti told PTI here. In contrast, just about four years ago, the company's exports were below one lakh per year, he added.

"So, now we'll be doing about three times of that, and by the turn of the decade, we hope to multiply it another three times over to something like 8 lakh units a year," Bharti added. Elaborating on the export strategy, Bharti said, "One of the biggest enablers of increasing export is more models in more geographies. So, we are adding the number of models, and we are adding the markets also." At the moment, he said, the

company is exporting to Latin America, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Further, he said, "At some point in time, we will re-enter Europe and Japan also (with upcoming electric SUV eVitaro)." With the upcoming new version of Dzire compact sedan, Bharti said, "We hope to increase our exports also because with the new sleek design, technologies, six airbags, as standard, it is being widely accepted in the market." He further said, "We have to increase the density in those (existing) markets. We will target markets like the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Chile, Mexico, other countries in Latin America and maybe some markets in Southeast Asia also." The existing Dzire model was among the top three export models in October, he added. On the domestic front, Maruti Suzuki India Senior Executive Officer, Marketing and Sales, Partho Banerjee said the company hopes to

enhance its share in the sedan market with the new offering. Last year, the outgoing version of Dzire clocked over 1.6 lakh units, he said, adding that with the new offering coming in the company expects more growth. "Every second car which is sold in the sedan segment (in the domestic market) happens to be from Maruti...We are, in fact, increasing our market share in the sedan segment," he asserted.

Banerjee acknowledged that with the SUVs growing faster, the sedan segment is shrinking but sedans will continue to have its market as SUV demand stabilises at some point in time. "Being the market leader we need to be present in all the segments. Our take is this, in each segment, we need to be present and offer products to the consumers. Let the consumer decide which form factor they want to go," Banerjee said.

Brand Street Integrated expands with new operations in Kerala

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Brand Street Integrated has announced the expansion of its Southern operations with the launch of its Kerala office. Following successful initiatives across Hyderabad and other Southern regions, the Kerala expansion is a significant step in their strategic journey to bring innovative and localised marketing solutions to brands across India.

Leading the new Kerala division are two of Brand Street Integrated's experts namely, Rajinikanth Manickam, bringing over five years of experience within the company, and Joe Matthew, both of whom possess a deep understanding of the local market and consumer behavior. Their expertise will be instrumental in offering

clients tailored, on-ground marketing solutions that resonate with the region's unique audience. "We are incredibly excited to strengthen our presence in the South by launching operations in Kerala," said Surendra Singh, CEO of Brand Street Integrated. "Kerala represents a vibrant market with a wealth of opportunity, and expanding here allows us to offer brands even more localised and impactful marketing solutions." Brand Street Integrated's Kerala operations will provide the full spectrum of experiential marketing services, including rural and digital marketing, OOH advertising, and merchandising solutions, all backed by a unique, data-driven approach to ensure optimal engagement.

INBRIEF

PSPCL AND GNDEC LUDHIANA SIGN MOU

LUDHIANA: Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) and Guru Nanak Dev Engineering College (GNDEC), Ludhiana, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under the guidance of Power Minister of Punjab, Harbhajan Singh ETO.



ALL INDIA INTER-UNIVERSITY TAEKWONDO (MEN) CHAMPIONSHIP BEGINS



AMRITSAR: The All India Inter-University Taekwondo (Men) Championship started today and will continue until November 9, 2024. This exciting event is taking place at Multipurpose Hall of Guru Nanak Dev University.

CRICKET MATCH ORGANISED BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

AMRITSAR: Department of Education of Guru Nanak Dev University organized its first annual department cricket match to foster the sense of healthy competitions among the students of the department.



CRISTIANO RONALDO SCORES AS AL-NASSR BEATS DEFENDING CHAMPION AL-AIN 5-1

AP ■ RIYADH

Cristiano Ronaldo scored the second goal as Al-Nassr defeated defending champion Al-Ain of the United Arab Emirates 5-1 in the AFC Champions League Elite to put Saudi Arabian teams in the top three places in the 12-team standings. Al-Nassr has 10 points from four games, two behind local rivals Al-Hilal and Al-Ahli who both have a perfect record with four wins. Anderson Talisca opened the scoring in Riyadh after just five minutes with a shot



into the bottom corner from the edge of the area. Ronaldo then netted his second goal of this season's competition from close range just after the half-hour mark

after goalkeeper Khalid Eisa could only parry Sadio Mane's shot from outside the area. The third came before the break as Angelo's low cross was deflected into his own net by Fabio Cardoso, but Al-Ain pulled a goal back 10 minutes after the restart as Park Yong-woo's shot hit the post but rebounded off the back of diving goalkeeper Bento and into the net. Wesley and Talisca added late goals for Al-Nassr to cement the Saudi dominance of the western zone's group. The top eight from each of the two groups progress to the knockout stages.

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1.	Litipara(ST) AC- 4	Shri Babudhan Murmu	S.D.J.M, Pakur Pakur Malpahari PS Case No 190/2021 Charges Not Framed	u/s 4/54 J.M.M.C.R, u/s 4/21 M.M.D.R, u/s 4/5 Explosive Substances Act Offences relating to Minor Minerals Concession	NA	NA	NA
2			Principal District & Session Judge, Pakur Pakur Malpahari PS Case No 166/2021/ ST 139/2023 Charges Framed	u/s 287/290/337/338/30 4/34 I.P.C Offence relating to public nuisance	NA	NA	NA

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1.	AC 17 Godda	Shri Amit Kumar Mandal	Sri Sharthak Sharma MP/MLA Court, at Ranchi ; Lalpur PS Case No 203/24 ; Charges Not Framed	191(2)(3)/190/115 (2)/117(2)/109/121 (1)/125/132/324(2)/ 351(2)/352/61(2) of BNS Protest Against State Government, Section	NA	NA	NA
2			Sri Sharthak Sharma MP/MLA Court, at Ranchi ; Dhurwa PS Case No 107/2023 ; Charges Not Framed	u/s IPC 451, 379 Theft	NA	NA	NA

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1.	AC 43 Baghmara	Shri Shatrughan Mahto	Ms. Arpita Narayan, JM Dhanbad Barora PS 150/2006 Charges Framed	u/s 147/149/160/342/32 3/504/506/109/120 (B) IPC Rioting	NA	NA	NA
2			SDJM, Dhanbad Katras PS 54/2020 Charges Not Framed	u/s 341/323/364/379/34 1 IPC Kidnapping or abducting	NA	NA	NA
3			Ms. Arpita Narayan, JM Dhanbad Barora PS 21/2021 Charges Not Framed	u/s 147/148/149/324/34 1/427/120(B)/307 IPC & u/s 34 Explosive Act Rioting & use of explosive	NA	NA	NA
4			SDJM, Dhanbad Katras PS 308/2022 Charges Not Framed	u/s 323/504/341/34 IPC voluntarily causing hurt.	NA	NA	NA

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1.	AC 9 Jamtara	Smt. Sita Soren	NCLT, Kolkata C.P 219(K.B)- 2019 Charges Not Framed	u/s 241 & 242 Companies Act, 2013 regarding Galudih Inn Pvt Ltd	NA	NA	NA
2			ACJM, Ghatshila Ghatshila PS Case No 237/32 Charges Not Framed	u/s 403, 406, 480, 451, 452, 465, 467, 468, 477-A of IPC Cheating and Fraud	NA	NA	NA
3			SDJM, CBI RAnchi cum spl magistrate CBI Regular CBI RC 2(S)/2014 Charges Framed	u/s 195(A), 323, 342, 365, 506 IPC For Kidnapping/abduction of Shri Vikas Kumar	NA	NA	NA
4			Shri P.K Sharma, SPI, Judge CBI Ranchi Regular CBI RC 2(S)/2012 Charges Framed	u/s 120(B), 171E of IPC & u/s 13(2), 13(1)(D) of PCA For undue influence in the process of Biennial election of Rajya Sabha	NA	NA	NA

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Stokes missing as Draca, Netravalkar line up in long list for IPL mega auction

PTI ■ MUMBAI

England Test skipper Ben Stokes is missing from the list of 1,574 players while his former teammate James Anderson, Italian quick Thomas Draca and India-born USA medium pacer Saurabh Netravalkar have all registered for the IPL mega auction to be held in Jeddah on November 24 and 25.

The list, which will be shortened after the franchises provide their inputs, has all the marquee Indian players who were released from their teams including Rishabh Pant, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul, R Ashwin and Yuzvendra Chahal. Each of these five cricketers have listed themselves at a base price of Rs 2 crore.

India quick Mohammed Shami, who has been sidelined from action due to various injuries since last November, was also released by his former team Gujarat Titans and has listed himself at Rs 2 crore and so has left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh. Among the other Indian players in the list with the maximum base price of Rs 2 crore are Khaleel Ahmed, Mukesh Kumar, Venkatesh Iyer, Avesh Khan, Deepak Chahar, Ishan Kishan and Bhuvneshwar Kumar.

This list also includes Shardul Thakur, Mohammed Siraj, Devdutt Padikkal, Krunal Pandya, Harshal



Patel, Prasidh Krishna, T Natarajan, Washington Sundar and Umesh Yadav.

India batters Sarfaraz Khan and Prithvi Shaw, who were unsold in the last IPL auction, have registered themselves at the base price of Rs 75 lakh each.

Stokes, who had decided to give the last season of the IPL a miss in order to manage his workload and

focus on his fitness, has opted out for the 2025 edition as well.

The 42-year-Anderson, who retired from Test cricket earlier this year, has registered for the IPL for the first time. The veteran pacer last played a T20 10 years ago in 2014. He has never competed in a global franchise T20 league. He has a base price of Rs 1.25 crore.

Netravalkar, who rose to prominence due to his stupendous performance for USA during the T20 World Cup earlier this year, has also lined up to go under the hammer in Jeddah. The software engineer in Oracle has a base price of Rs 30 lakh.

Ace Australian off-spinner Nathan Lyon, who has gone unsold in previous auctions, has also entered the fray with the a base price of Rs

2 crore.

Australian pacer Mitchell Starc, who was the most expensive buy in the IPL's last auction at a price of Rs 24.50 crore, is back in the pool for this year's auction with a base price of Rs 2 crore.

England quick Jofra Archer, who last played in the 2023 edition, is also listed for the same base price.

DRACA BECOMES FIRST

ITALIAN PLAYER TO REGISTER: Medium pacer Thomas Draca has become the first player from Italy to register for the IPL. The 24-year has played four T20 Internationals since making his debut for Italy in June this year. He impressed with his recent performance at the Global T20 Canada in August. Draca was the joint second-highest wicket-taker

of the tournament with 11 wickets to his name from six innings at an average of 10.63 and an economy of 6.88.

The Italian pacer was recently signed by the Mumbai Indians owned MI Emirates for the upcoming season of the ILT20 in the UAE.

Draca has registered himself at abse prices of Rs 30 lakh in the all-rounders' category.

With up to six players permitted to be retained ahead of the mega auction, IPL teams can build a squad of 25 players each and there will be 204 slots available after 46 players were retained by 10 teams put together.

Each team will have a total purse of Rs 120 crore as Punjab Kings have Rs 110.5 crore available with them, followed by Royal Challengers Bengaluru with Rs 83 crore, Delhi Capitals with Rs 73 crore and Gujarat Titans with Rs 69 crore.

Lucknow Super Giants will also have Rs 69 crore in their purse while five-time winners Chennai Super Kings will have Rs 55 crore. Last year's winners Kolkata Knight Riders will come into the auction with Rs 51 crore in purse while five-time champions Mumbai Indians will have Rs 45 crore, last year's runner-up Sunrisers Hyderabad will have Rs 45 crore and Rajasthan Royals will have Rs 41 crore.



Ponting predicts 3-1 win for Australia, says India will struggle without Shami

PTI ■ DUBAI

Former captain Ricky Ponting reckons Australia will clinch the Border-Gavaskar Trophy 3-1 against India as the visitors will find taking 20 wickets in a Test as their "biggest challenge" in absence of Mohammed Shami.

Australia are keen on ending their barren run in the Border-Gavaskar with India winning each of the four series since 2014-15, including the historic triumphs Down Under in 2018-19 and 2020-21.

However, with India suffering



Ponting said, "Shami just leaves such a big hole in that

bowling group. Back then (in August), there was still some conjecture whether Shami would be fit or not."

"I think taking 20 wickets in a Test match for India is going to be the biggest challenge. I think they'll bat well enough out here with the current group of batters that they've got."

While hailing Australia as a more settled unit, Ponting backed India to not be absolute pushovers when the series gets underway from November 22 in Perth. "I think India will win a Test

match somewhere through the five Test matches," Ponting predicted.

"But I still think now, Australia probably look a bit more settled, a bit more experienced and we know that they're a very hard team to beat at home. So I'll stick with the 3-1."

Ponting feels one among the veteran Steve Smith or the flamboyant Rishabh Pant would be the highest run-scorers over the five Tests.

"Leading run scorer, I'm going to go Steve Smith or Rishabh Pant," Ponting said.

"I think Smith, the fact that he's moved back down from opener to No 4 probably makes it feel like he's got more of a point to prove...that maybe he shouldn't have gone up to open in the first place," he added.

"...And that No 4 is his spot and where he should have probably been the whole time and where he probably finished his career now."

Pant, who was the highest run-getter during the series against New Zealand, appeared to be the only in-form batter heading to Australia.

India A players protested against replaced ball, claims report

PTI ■ SYDNEY

India A players expressed dissatisfaction over the condition of the replaced ball provided during the final day's play against Australia A in their first unofficial Test, a report has claimed, even as David Warner and Ed Cowan have called on Cricket Australia to clarify what transpired.

On the final day of the four-day game in Mackay last week, the umpires provided the Indian players with a different ball to use at the start of play.

The Indian players, particularly Ishan Kishan, were unhappy with the decision with the wicket-keeper-batter terming it "a very stupid decision."

A report in Sydney Morning Herald said on Wednesday that the argument from the Indian camp was not about the replacement of the ball but the condition of the ball which was provided as replacement.

"What has not been known before now is that the angst on show from India A, led by Ishan, was not because the ball had been changed," the media house said on its website.

"Instead, it was because the touring team were unhappy with the condition of the replacement ball: a drama, but not a major one, since umpires and players have debated the condition of replacement balls for decades," it added.

The report described umpire Shawn Craig for his "straight shooting" who was heard on the stump mic telling the Indian players, "You scratch it, we change the ball. There will be no more discussion, let's play. This is not a discussion, you will be playing with that ball."

Kishan retorted: "So we are going to play with this ball...that's a very stupid decision."

Former Australia openers David Warner and Ed Cowan have now called on Cricket Australia to clarify what transpired on the final day of the match at Mackay.

Warner, whose years-long leadership ban has just been lifted by CA, has said the board "squashed" the matter "as quickly as possible" since the Indian senior men's team is bound for a five-Test series Down Under.

"I think the ultimate decision's with CA, isn't it? I think they've obviously squashed it as fast as they could, given that India's coming out here this summer," Warner said.

"But if the umpires deem that something happened, then I'm sure there'll be a follow-up and I think the umpires or the match referee should be standing here answering those questions."

"I think the match referee should be coming out and addressing his own staff, who are the umpires, and if they're sticking by the umpire's decisions, then you've got to stand up for that. I think that's obviously a statement that CA probably need to release," he added.

Warner's former opening partner and current board director of the New South Wales Cowan said the reaction perhaps could've been different if the opposition team wasn't India.

"Part of me just thinks if this wasn't India there would be a totally different reaction," Cowan said.

"If that was Pakistan A, or England A, or choose any A team, or even a Shield game, the reaction would be totally different and for me, that's the wrong approach."

"To be fair, it's just us joining dots. These dots may be totally incorrect, we'd have imperfect information, but I do think it's on Cricket Australia to clarify this, and it's also probably imperative on the BCCI to clarify this," he said.

Hours after the game finished, CA issued a statement saying, "The ball used in the fourth innings of the match was changed due to deterioration. Both teams' captain and manager were informed of the decision prior to the start of play. No further action is being taken."

Under the laws of cricket, a five-run penalty is imposed if the umpires change the ball after determining it has been unfairly altered.

However, CA's playing conditions include an additional clause that allows the umpires to change the ball without applying penalty runs if it's unclear how the ball became damaged.

Australia A were not awarded five penalty runs.



Warner named Sydney Thunder Captain, returns to leadership role in Australian cricket after six years

PTI ■ SYDNEY

David Warner was on Wednesday appointed as captain of Big Bash League side Sydney Thunder, returning to a leadership role in Australian cricket six years after being implicated in the ball-tampering scandal on a tour of South Africa.

His lifetime leadership ban was overturned by Cricket Australia last month, paving the way for his captaincy before he bids goodbye to competitive cricket.

He had retired from the international game after Australia's elimination from the T20 World Cup in the Caribbean in June.

Warner, 38, served a one-year ban from the game for his involvement in the Newlands ball-tampering scandal in 2018 alongside Steve Smith and Cameron Bancroft.

Returning to the leadership role is a huge moment for Warner and the significance was not lost on the swashbuckling opener who regaled everyone with his explosive batting.

"Captaining the Thunder again this season means a lot to me. I was part of the team from the start, and now to be back with that 'C' next to my name feels fantastic, I'm looking forward to leading from the front and sharing my experience with the young talent coming through,"

Warner said in a statement on Wednesday.

The former Australian player replaced all-rounded Chris Green as Thunder's captain ahead of this year's campaign.

The 2016 BBL winners finished at the bottom of the table in the last edition.

Despite CA imposed leadership ban, Warner has captained teams in franchise cricket around the world including Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) and Delhi Capitals (DC) in the IPL.

Warner, who has played 110 T20 Internationals for Australia, has previously led Thunder back in 2011.

Warner became eligible for captaincy after Cricket Australia's Code of Conduct Commission revoked the ban citing it has "achieved its purpose", after the combative cricketer had appeared before the independent panel comprising three members.

BACKS MCSWEENEY TO OPEN AGAINST INDIA: Warner backed Australia A captain Nathan McSweeney to open for Australia in the upcoming five-match Test series against India. Since Warner's retirement from the format in January, Australia have struggled to find a player good enough to fill the huge void at the top of the order. But Warner has picked McSweeney as the man for the challenge against India, terming him a "complete player".

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Sl. No.	Name of constituency	Name of candidate	(A) Pending criminal cases	(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences			
			Name of Court, case No. & status of the case(s)	Sections of the Acts concerned & brief description of offence(s)			
1.	AC 14 Sarath	Shri Randhir Kumar Singh	SDJM, Dumka Deoghar Town PS Case No 363/2010 Charges Framed	u/s Section 224,225,143,353,341 IPC & Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty	NA	NA	NA
2.			A.D.-I Deoghar Chitra PS Case No 34/2022 Charges Not Framed	U/s 353, 379, 313, 34 IPC & 13(1)(B) IE Act	NA	NA	NA
3.			Sri Sharthak Sharma MP/MLA Court, at Ranchi Lalpur PS Case No 203/24 Charges Not Framed	Section 191(2)(3)/190/115 (2)/117(2)/109/121(1)/125/132/324(2)/351(2)/352/61(2) of BNS	NA	NA	NA

*In the case of election to Council of States or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of constituency.