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Polls on platter, all eyes on Wayanad



Women from the tribal community give a traditional welcome to a polling official before he leaves for his alloted polling station on the eve of the 1st phase of Jharkhand Assembly elections, in Ranchi, Tuesday

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uoyed by the success of BAssembly elections in Haryana right after the Lok Sabha polls, a high voltage Prime campaign led by Minister Narendra Modi, several Union Ministers and Chief Ministers has set the tone and tenor of the first phase of Assembly elections in Jharkhand, and bypolls in 31 seats spread across 10 states, most watched Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency, which will be held on Wednesday amidst tight security arrangements. The second phase of

Jharkhand, single phase Maharashtra and several bypoll Assembly pockets including that in Uttar Pradesh. Counting will be held on November 23, as per the Election Commission dateline. Though these by-elections are not going to have any bearing on the governments, they are seen as a big test for the Congress and the INDIA Bloc which failed to put up a united show in the recent Harvana Assembly polls. Most of these

seats fell vacant after the sitting

MLAs contested the Lok Sabha

elections and won while in

Assembly polls and bypolls is

scheduled on November 20

which will see second phase of

constituencies, bypolls are being held due to

bypoils are being field due to death of the representatives. Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra is making her electoral debut from Wayanad vacated by her sibling Rahul Gandhi who also won from the Rae Bareli parliamentary constituency. Voting will be held in seven

Voting will be held in seven seats in Rajasthan, six in West Bengal, five in Assam, four seats in Bihar, three in Karnataka, two seats in Madhya Pradesh, and one seat each in Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Kerala and Meghalaya. Votes will be counted on November

Though polling was also scheduled for two seats in Sikkim, Soreng-Chakung and Namchi-Singhithang, Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) nominees Aditya Golay and Satish Chandra Rai have already been declared unopposed after their rivals withdrew from the race.

In Rajasthan, bypolls will be held in Jhunjhunu, Dausa, Khinvsar, Deoli-Uniara, Chaurasi, Salumbar and Ramgarh. In Salumbar and Ramgarh, the bye-elections were necessitated due to the demise of the sitting MLAs, Amritlal Meena (Bharatiya Janata Party) and Zubair Khan (Congress) respectively.

The ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) in West Bengal had won five of the six seats, Taldangra, Sitai-SC, Naihati, Haroa, Medinipur, and Madarihat - in the 2021 Assembly polls. Madarihat seat was held by



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ED raids multiple locations in Jharkhand, WB

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ RANCHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday raided multiple locations in poll-bound Jharkhand apart from West Bengal in a money laundering investigation linked to alleged illegal infiltration of Bangladeshi nationals, official sources said A total of 17 places are being covered in the two neighbouring states by the Ranchi office of the federal probe agency, a day before the first phase of polling in Jharkhand. Visuals of Central Reserve Police Force

(CRPF) personnel positioned outside a hotel located on Bariatu Road in Ranchi and a resort in the city were captured by press teams as ED teams scoured for documents, ledger entries and financial records inside. The ED in September filed a case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) to probe an instance of alleged infiltration and trafficking of some Bangladeshi women into Jharkhand leading to the generation of alleged slush funds.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders have accused the State Government of aiding such infiltration leading to the altering of the demographic landscape of the tribal-dominated areas of Santhal Pargana and Kolhan regions during the recent poll campaign. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday accused the ruling Jharkhand Mukti Morcha-led coalition of converting Jharkhand into a 'dharmashala' for Rohingyas and Bangladeshi infiltrators.

Overaged vehicles choking NCR

One crore end-of-life cars are still running on Delhi's roads

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

As there is no letup in worsening air pollution in Delhi and its neighbouring region as the air quality index here remains in the 'very poor' category for the past 13 days, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) directed to launch actions to remove highly polluting end-of-life (EoL) vehicles (petrol vehicles older than 15 years and diesel vehicles older than 10 years) still reported to be plying in Delhi.

The National Capital Region (NCR) still has over one 1.06 Crore 'overage' vehicles (End of Life (EoL) running on the roads illegally and adding to the pollution. Of them, only 26,064 vehicles have been seized in 2023 and 6011 till September 2024.

In Delhi, the transport sector is the most significant contributor at 15.496 per cent, as per the Decision Support System data by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM). The PM2.5 concentration is currently 40.4 times the World Health Organization (WHO) annual PM2.5 guideline value.

Data shows there are 60,14,493 such vehicles in Delhi. Of them, only 24,706 have been impounded so far. A survey by the Delhi government in October estimates there are 15,0000-2,00000 EoL vehicles still on roads. An estimated 1.1 million vehicles enter and exit Delhi daily, further worsening the air quality. The traffic congestion caused by this vehicle influx also intensifies pollution, particularly nitrogen oxides (NOx), which account for 81 per cent of NOx pollution in Delhi. Data shows that during peak traffic hours (5 pm - 9 pm), when average traffic speed drops to 15 km/h, NO2 levels are 2.3 times higher than noon levels (12 pm - 4 pm) when traffic speed averages 21 km/h.



Photo: Ranjan Dimri/Pionee

These congestion-related emissions worsen air quality, especially during winter when inversion layers trap pollutants close to the ground. According to the Ministry of Road and Transport, Haryana has over 27.50 lakh while Uttar Pradesh has over 12.38 lakh such vehicles. Rajasthan has 6.06 lakh such vehicles. Transport department Officials said that there are a large number of EoL vehicles plying on the roads, causing traffic snarls here. In an order to Delhi, the Commission has directed that EoL vehicles should be denied fuel at petrol pumps and more importantly, immediate legal action should be taken against such vehicles, including impounding and further disposal in accordance with RVSF Rules, 2021 and other extant policies of the respective State Governments and the GNCT Delhi.

"As a deterrent measure, all such EOL vehicles are identified through the Automated Number Recognition (ANPR) camera systems at petrol pumps. Delhi has piloted one such innovative and effective solution which envisages Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera systems which are in the process of being installed at all 500+

fueling stations in the capital city". 'These cameras, besides capturing and displaying the registration details o[all the vehicles that enter the premises of the fueling station, also have a provision of integration with VAHAN database and thus the status of "EoL" vehicles or vehicles without valid Pollution Under Control Certificate "PUCC" can be readily captured by the system. The system further has a provision for an audio message which is relayed in respect of such non-compliant vehicles entering the premises of the fueling

station," it said.

"In view of the high polluting nature of EoL vehicles and considering that such a large fleet, while de-registered, is still reported to be plying, NCR States / GNCT of Delhi, there is an urgent need to launch / intensify drives against such vehicles. While much more intensified "onroad" drives should be taken up to guard against such overage vehicles plying on roads or parked in public spaces, suitable technological interventions and intelligent solutions also need to be employed towards identification / detection of such EoL vehicles still running in the



Canada temple cancels event amid protest threats

PTI OTTAWA

The Brampton Triveni temple in Canada has cancelled a consular event after the Canadian police warned them of an "extremely high and imminent" threat level of violent protests.

The Life Certificate event, organised by the Consulate General of India, Toronto, was scheduled for November 17 at the temple premises. It was part of the consulate's many camps for issuing Life Certificates for pension purposes. On Monday, the temple authorities said the event was cancelled due to "official intelligence from Peel Regional Police, stating that there is an Extremely High and Imminent Threat Level of violent protests".

...We must make the appropriate decision to cancel to ensure the safety of Brampton Triveni Mandir devotees, community visitors, and the general public," the temple authorities said in a statement. "We are deeply saddened that Canadians now feel unsafe coming to Hindu Temples in Canada," it added.

Temple authorities called on Peel Police to address the threats being circulated against the temple and provide security guarantees to the Canadian Hindu community and the general

The cancellation came almost a week after protestors carrying Khalistani flags clashed with devotees at a Hindu Sabha temple and disrupted an event co-organised by the temple authorities and the Indian Consulate at Brampton. Last week, the Consulate General of India in Toronto said it was cancelling some of its scheduled consular camps after the Canadian security authorities conveyed their inability to provide minimum security protection to its organisers.

After the protests at the Hindu Sabha temple in Brampton on November 3, the Ministry of External Affairs said that New Delhi remains "deeply concerned" about the safety and security of Indian nationals in Canada. India condemned the attack with an

expectation that those indulging in violence "will be prosecuted".

The relations between India and Canada have come under severe strain following Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations in September last year of a 'potential" involvement of Indian agents in Khalistan extremist Hardeep Singh Nijjar's killing.

New Delhi rejected Trudeau's charges as "absurd." Nijjar, a Canadian citizen, was designated a terrorist by India.

Bodies of two Meitei New entrance exam series in January men recovered

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 $B^{\text{odies of two elderly men}}_{\text{belonging to the Meitei}}$ community were recovered on Tuesday morning in Manipur's Jiribam district suspected militants and security forces broke out a day before, police said.

Operations are underway to trace three women and three children, who have been reported missing since the violence erupted in Jiribam on Monday, IGP (operations) I K Muivah said. The bodies of the two men,

Laishram Balen and Maibam Kesho, were found lying in debris during a search operation in the Jakuradhor Karong area where a few shops were set on fire by suspected militants on Monday, another senior officer said.

"The two elderly men belonging to the Meitei community died after the insurgents torched a few shops in the Jakuradhor Karong area," he said.

district Jiribam imposed administration prohibitory orders to avoid any untoward incident in the area, the officer said. A



shutdown has been observed since five am on Tuesday in Kuki-Zo majority areas in the hills to protest against killing of suspected insurgents in the gunfight with security personnel, another police officer said.

The Kuki-Zo Council called for a total shutdown in the hill areas of the state from 5 am to 6 pm on Tuesday to express their "collective grief and solidarity for those who were brutally shot dead".

The police had said 10 suspected militants were killed in the fierce gunfight with security forces on Monday after insurgents in camouflage uniforms, armed with sophisticated weapons, fired indiscriminately at a police station and an adjacent CRPF camp in Jiribam district. However, a senior officer had put the toll at 11.

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Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Tuesday announced that the Centre is introducing various reforms in the entrance examinations in the country beginning January and appealed to the state governments to extend their support for zeroerror entrance tests.

Pradhan said the Radhakrishnan panel has submitted its report outlining reforms in the National Testing Agency (NTA) and to



recommendations, cooperation of states is essential. "I have appealed to all state

education government secretaries. A new entrance exam series for the upcoming year will begin in January. Based on last experiences, the government has introduced numerous reforms," he told both the Government of India elines of a national workshop on higher and technical education attended by secretaries of states and Union territories (UTs).

The Radhakrishnan committee

recommendations and implement it, the cooperation is essential. I have appealed to everyone on this matter, especially regarding

entrance examinations. "Bringing examinations, especially entrance exams, to zero error is the responsibility of will work as a team to build confidence in the children of our country," the education minister

Retail inflation rises to 6.21 per cent

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

etail inflation rose to 6.21 per cent in October Refrom 5.49 per cent in the preceding month mainly due to higher food prices, breaching the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) upper tolerance level, according to official data released on

Tuesday. The consumer price index-based inflation was 4.87 per cent in October 2023. The National Statistics Office data showed that inflation in the food basket rose to 10.87 per cent in October from 9.24 per cent in September and 6.61 per cent

in the year-ago month.
The RBI, which kept the key short-term lending rate unchanged earlier this month, has been tasked by the government to ensure inflation remains at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent





Tourists play in the snow at a ski resort after season's first snowfall at Kongdoori area of Gulmarg, in

Band, baaja, baraat and... traffic jams

Around 50,000 weddings were celebrated on Tuesday, in Delhi

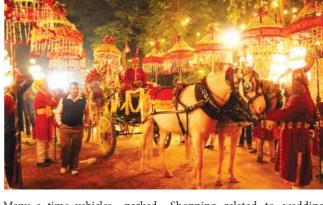
SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW DELHI

De ready to encounter loud Bmusic, people dancing on the streets, and a general euphoria amongst the masses as wedding season officially began on Tuesday, which marked the auspicious occasion of Dev Uthani Ekadashi, when around 50,000 weddings were celebrated in the National Capital. However, what is 'party mode' for some will be a major headache for the commuters traversing through the roads of Delhi, especially through South Delhi and East

The sounds of celebration will continue until December 16 with the city witnessing around 4.5 lakh weddings across the different venues in Delhi in a

span of 18 days. The day is also seeing a surge in weddings since the day also marks 'Tulsi Vivah', which is considered a highly auspicious day to get married as Goddess Tulsi married Shaligram, a form of Lord Vishnu. As 'baarats', which are the

procession a groom takes out via reaching the venue where the marriage is taking place, the commuters faced hardships as the processions led to traffic woes in the city. Areas like Mahipalpur, Mehrauli, Karnal, and Rohini among others saw congestions due to wedding related activities. It took hours to cross even small stretches, as the weddings added to the already existing problem of persistent traffic congestion in



Many a time vehicles parked Shopping related to wedding around these wedding venues events will also create a jam around key market areas. also leave the roads narrower. According to Confederation of and normal traffic has to wade different areas across the Capital. through the cramped spaces. All India Traders (CAIT) is on the ground, and managing tackle it."

expected to generate over Rs 6 lakh Crore in trade.

In light of these issues, Special Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Ajay Chaudhary spoke about the special arrangements made to avoid any hassles, and keep the load off of the city roads. He said that in addition to the already existing force of about 4,500 traffic personnel, the police department has deployed an additional staff of 250.

special focus on the traffic congestion resulting from the extra flow due to the ceremonies, they have adjusted the duty timings of the staff in a way that the maximum number of police

estimates, this wedding season is the flow at the hours when these celebrations usually take place across the city.

Highlighting the issue of unmanaged parking around these venues, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Shashank Jaiswal shared that the police has held several meetings with wedding organisers to ensure there is ample place to park the vehicles of the attendees and doesn't lead to cramping the roads. "We are Addl/CP (Traffic) Satyaveer doing our best including Singh Katara added that with a motorcycling patrolling and deployment of cranes to remove vehicles amid the festive season. We understand that this traffic can also choke important highways, hence the traffic department is fully ready to RANCHI | WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 13, 2024

Jharkhand 02

Dr. PK Mishra stresses on 'building resilience measures'and collaboration

in addressing challenges like GLOF risks

Dr. PK Mishra, Principal Secretary to Prime Minister high-

lighted mitigating risks associated with glacial lakes in order

to ensure a safer future for our communities. Dr Mishra was

speaking on the occasion of 4th Workshop of the Committee

on Disaster Risk Reduction (CoDRR) on Strategies for GLOF

Complimenting the National Disaster Management Authority

ing the workshop, he focused on international perspectives

and experiences, pertinently India's experiences, gaps and

Mishra said that the discussions on Sikkim glacial lake out-

challenge. Indeed, the South Lhonak GLOF was a wake-up

burst flood disaster has brought to focus the enormity of the

call for all of us. He underscored the urgent need for effective

challenges in mitigating the risks and related aspects. Dr

(NDMA) and the Department of Water Resources for organiz-

(Glacial Lake Outburst Flood) Risk Reduction here today.

Voting to start at 7 am, 1,913 polling stations for 18,73,589 voters

The stage is set for the first phase of Assembly Election 2024, with voting set to commence at 7:00 AM on Wednesday. Polling parties were dispatched today from two central dispatch centers under the careful supervision of District Election Officer Ananya Mittal and Senior Superintendent of Kishore Kaushal.

Polling parties assigned to the Baharagora, Ghatshila, and Potka constituencies assembled at LBSM College, while those responsible for Jugsalai, Jamshedpur East, Jamshedpur received their assignments from Jamshedpur Cooperative College. These polling teams were provided with all neceselectoral materials, including Electronic Voting (EVMs), Voter Machines Verifiable Paper Audit Trails (VVPATs), control units, and essential forms, and dispatched to their respective polling stations across the dis-

In his remarks, District



Election Officer Mittal stressed the district adminiscommitment to upholding electoral integrity, free from any external influence or intimidation. "Our focus is on delivering a free, transparent, and seamless voting process, enabling every eligible voter to cast their vote without fear," he said.

The District Election Officer, alongside sector officers and police officials, conducted a joint briefing for the polling personnel, detailing critical aspects of election conduct, safety protocols, and procedures for emergency decision-making. Teams were instructed to maintain close coordination and adhere to established protocols to smooth Instructions emphasized that any issues encountered at polling stations should be promptly communicated to higher authorities, underscoring a proactive approach to problem-solving.

Security measures are also in place to safeguard the polling locations, with law enforcement and election officials working together to provide a safe environment. Sector Police Officers are sta12 alternative photo documents can be used for voting

The Election Commission

documents.

JAMSHEDPUR : In the Assembly elections, voters in East Singhbhum district will have flexibility in proidentification at polling stations. While the voter photo identity card (EPIC) remains the primary identification required, voters who are unable to present their EPIC can still cast their votes by showing one of twelve alternative photo

prepared to respond swiftly to

Jamshedpur tioned to assist with any lawand-order concerns and are

unforeseen events. The district's 1,913 polling stations will be open to 18,73,589 registered voters from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Election Day, with district authorities hoping for an enthusiastic voter turnout. Polling officials have called on all eligible residents to participate and make their voices heard. This election is expected to draw a significant turnout as citizens in the six constituencies—Baharagora, Ghatshila, Potka, Jugsalai,

has confirmed that any of the following alternative photo IDs will be accepted: a passport, driving license, photo service identity card issued by state or central government public sector undertakings or public limited companies to employees, photo passbook from a bank or post office, PAN

East, and Jamshedpur West—exercise

their voting rights. At both dispatch centers, comprehensive arrangements were made to ensure polling teams had easy access to voting materials, such as EVMs, forms, and all essential supplies. By providing polling personnel with adequate facilities, the district administration aimed to prevent any logistical issues, supporting a seamless handover of materiand equipment. Authorities also ensured the teams' timely departure to polling stations, affirming their commitment to a smooth electoral process.

card, National Population

Register (NPR) card, MNRE

GA job card, health insurance smart card (issued by

the Ministry of Labor)

photo pension document

Aadhaar card, identity card issued to Members of

Parliament (MP), Members

of Legislative Assembly

(MLA), councilors, and the unique disability identity

card (UDID).

Polling workers displayed palpable enthusiasm and dedication as they prepared to depart for their stations. For many, participating in the electoral process was a source of pride and honor. One polling official shared, "Being part of this election is incredibly meaningful. We are excited to facilitate this great festival of democracy and ensure that every vote counts. Now, we look forward to seeing the people of our district come out in record numbers to cast their votes.

strategies to address risks associated with glacial lakes. Quoting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's words, "Disaster

risk reduction is not just about responding to disasters but also about building resilience." Dr Mishra reiterated PM's emphasis that "the best way to deal with disasters is to prevent them," reminding us that proactive measures are essential in safeguarding our communities. Furthermore, he stated, "We must work together across borders and disciplines to create a safer world," highlighting the importance of collaboration in addressing global challenges like GLOF risks. On the International Cooperation side, Dr Mishra emphasized that India's commitment extends beyond national borders; hence the vital aspect of engaging with GLOF experts from countries such as Bhutan, Nepal, Peru, Switzerland and Tajikistan. He iterated that such collaboration is vital to

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Dr Mishra underlined the key contributions from Experts from the country and abroad, who have enriched our understanding of the critical issues. Structuring his deliberation, Dr Mishra mentioned about the challenges including the confusion over the quantum of the problem defined in terms of the number of glacial lakes and their risk factors. He said that earlier attempts to mitigate risks from the South Lhonak lake were not successful and plans were primarily restricted to scientific hazard assessments and geo-spatial monitoring of lake size increases, while there was diffused responsibility among states and central agencies, causing confusion regard

enhancing our understanding of response strategies

In response to these challenges, Dr Mishra stressed that the Government of India initiated a coordinating platform named the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction (CoDRR).

(A) Details of about cases conviction for

criminal offences

Candidates make last-minute push to win voters

PNS : JAMSHEDPUR

With just a few hours left before the first phase of the Assembly election, the relentless sounds of campaign speakers that Jamshedpur for the past weeks finally went silent as the official campaign period came to an end.

Candidates across the district seized every final moment to connect with voters and make their cases heard, each hoping their efforts would resonate on Election Day.

For Congress candidate

Dr. Ajoy Kumar, the quieter day offered a chance to reconnect with the community in a more personal way. Early Tuesday morning, Dr. Ajoy caught up on the headlines, something he hadn't had time for during the campaign's intense pace. Then, in a gesture of relatability, he took his motorbike and set off for Telco, where he spent time with locals at a tea stall. Over a simple cup of tea, he residents' thoughts, engaged in casual discussions, and walked through Telco Colony, greeting familiar faces and enjoying moments with the people he hoped to represent.



Upon returning home, Dr. Ajoy met with campaign workers who had come by to strategize and share their hopes for the final stretch. Many local residents also stopped by to show their support, with several congratulating him in advance, confident in his chances of win-

Compared to the highenergy days of the campaign, Dr. Ajoy's day was calm and grounded, a reminder of his commitment to staying connected with the community even after the campaign fervor. For Jamshedpur's residents, the quiet day marked the end of campaign noise and the beginning of anticipation as they prepared to head to the polls.

Jamshedpur Congress candidate Banna Gupta met with party workers and attended a few private events. "I have been following a strict routine ever since the campaigning started. I used to leave home early and return late in the evening. Today I am enjoying the much-needed break, said Gupta

Saryu Roy, who is contesting from Jamshedpur West, took time off to know what has come out in newspapers. "Saryuji rises early. He took a little rest today and also read newspapers. Also spoke to us about polling day," an aide said. He met his confidantes to discuss polling.

Biranchi promises airport in Bokaro within 100 days of BJP Govt

PNS: BOKARO

BJP candidate and sitting MLA, Biranchi Narayan, has promised that if the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) comes to power in Jharkhand, Bokaro will have air connectivity within 100 days. Narayan made this statement while engaging in a door-to-door outreach campaign in various villages. urging people to vote for the BJP on November 20.

During the public interaction, Narayan highlighted the commitment of BJP to accelerate development projects in the region. He mentioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address at the Vijay Sankalp Sabha in Chandipur, where PM Modi discussed several infrastructure initiatives for Bokaro,

including plans for an ONGC plant, a new railway station, a town hall, and a medical college.

Narayan took the opportunity to criticize the current administration, pointing out a widespread sentiment of disappointment and frustration among the people due to what he labeled as unfulfilled promises by state gov-

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Declaration about criminal Antecedents of candidates set up by the party

(As per the judgement dated 25th September, 2018 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No, 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name of Political Party: JHARKHAND MUKTI MORCHA

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Name of Election: LEGISLATIVED ASSEMBLY OF JHARKHAND STATE, 2024

(A) Pending criminal cases

Name of State: JHARKHAND

No. |Constituency |Candidate

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	03 BARHAIT (ST)	HEMANT SOREN	Name of the court, Case No. & status of the case(s)	Section of the Acts Concerned & brief description of offence(s)	Name of court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence (s) & punishment imposed	Maximum punishment imposed	
1.			Smt. Supriya Rani Tigga, Jamshedpur, Adityapur P.S. Case No 418/2014, corresponding to G.R. Case No 858/2021, Charge sheet filed; charge framed on 08.07.2019. The Hon'ble High Court stayed the trial by the order dated 09.01.2024 passed in W.P. (Cr.) No 805/2023	Offence u/s 188, 171F of I.P.C. and 25 Representation Act.	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	
2.			Yogesh Kumar AJC cum Special Judge P.M.L.A. Ranchi, ECIR 6/2023 arising out of ECIR RNZO/25/2023, Charge sheet not filed	Section 3 PML Act.	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	
3.			Sri Sarthak Sharma Special Judge MP/MLA Court, Ranchi. MP/MLA Case No02/2024 rising out of Complain No 3952/2024. Cognizance has taken	Under Section 174 I.P.C.	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	
4.			Sri D.N. Shukla Judicial Magistrate, 1 st Class, Ranchi, Sadar (Ranchi) P.S. Case No 272/2023 Charge sheet not filed.	Under section 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 471, 420, 379, 474 of I.P.C.	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	
5.			Hon'ble Lokpal of Indian, New Delhi, Complain Case No38/2020, Not registered The Hon'ble Lokpal of Indian, New Delhi directed the D.S.P.E./C.B.I. to investigate the respect of matter under	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	

Inauguration of Upgraded Crèche at BSL's Ispat Bhavan

R SHARMA: BOKARO

Female employees of Bokaro

Steel Limited (BSL) can now access enhanced facilities at the crèche, "Kilkari," located in BSL's Ispat Bhavan. The revamped crèche was inaugurated on November 12 by BSL's Director-in-Charge, Birendra Kumar Tiwari, in a ceremony attended by key executives, including Executive Director (Projects) including C.R. Mahapatra, Executive Director (Finance Accounts) Suresh Rangani, Executive Director (HR) Rajan Prasad, Executive Director (Mines) Jaydeep Dasgupta, and other senior officials, as well as female

employees of BSL.

"Kilkari," now equipped with advanced facilities, will be operated by professional institution Sattanaav Preschool Private Limited, whose trained staff will provide dedicated care for the



children. The crèche offers live-streaming for parents to monitor their children and prioritizes security measures. The facility also includes recreational and fun activities to ensure children have a stimulating environment, while the crèche building and premises have been attractively decorated.

This crèche is available to BSL's female employees with children aged six months to six years and will operate from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on working days, Monday to Saturday. Interested employees can apply for enrollment under circular BSL/PERS/RR-39/2015-385, dated March

Lohardaga ready for safe and peaceful voting: DC

VINOD PRASAD: LOHARDAGA

District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner Dr. Waghmare Prasad Krishna said that the district administration is fully prepared for peaceful and safe voting. On Tuesday, all the polling parties have been sent safely to conduct the voting. Voting will be held in 48 booths of 72-Lohardaga (ST) assembly constituency from 7 am to 4 pm and in 276 polling stations from 7 am to 5 pm. 69- Voting will be held in 83 polling stations of Bishunpur (Ansh) from 7 am to 5 pm and in 21 polling stations from 7 am to 4 pm. 72- A total of 1331 officials including 324 presiding officers, 324 first polling officers, 359 second polling officers and 324 third polling officers will conduct the voting for all 324 booths of Lohardaga (ST) assembly constituency. There are 260 reserves. The Deputy Commissioner said that all Block Development Officers/Zonal Officers have been instructed to provide necessary facilities at the polling centers in their areas. Arrangements for accommodation, drinking water, electricity and toilets at polling stations/clusters have been made by the concerned AERO/BDO/CO.

UP CM Yogi Adityanath to hold rally in **Bokaro on Nov 14**

PNS: BOKARO

NDA candidate Biranchi Narayan, intensified door-todoor engagements in Bokaro constituency areas, including Chas Block's Chora, Bhanga Bazaar, Madhu Bagdega, and many more. Narayan encouraged residents to vote for BJP in the upcoming election November 20.

During the campaign, Narayan highlighted that Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Adityanath would address a mass gathering at Pustakalaya Maidan in Bokaro, on November 14. He urged residents to attend the rally and listen to Yogi Adityanath's message.

Expressing frustration with the state government, Narayan criticized it for alleged broken promises, corruption, and mismanagement, claiming that wide-spread public dissatisfaction has set in.

Narayan Bokaro's residents that a BJP government would revive stalled public projects and provide essential rights and services to the people, fostering growth and development. also emphasized his decade-long commitment to fulfilling the promises made to constituents and pledged to continue working tirelessly for their welfare



section 20(3)(a) of the Lokpal

and Lokayukt Act 2013.

Voting at 15344 polling stations today in first phase

1249 special polling booths set up in State managed by PwDs, Women and youth

**** he stage is set for voting in the first phase of the two-phase Jharkhand Assembly election which will take place today.
As per data shared by the

election commission, a total of 29562 polling stations have been set up across the State for the elections where as in the Jharkhand Assembly elections in 2019, the total number of polling station was

For the first phase, voting will take place at 15344 polling booths- 12716 of these are located in the rural areas while the remaining 2628 are in the urban areas.

Ranchi district has a total of 2085 polling stations. Correspondingly, the assembly constituency of Ranchi has 374 polling stations all of which are located in the urban areas. Hatia has 334 polling stations in urban locality and 162 in rural areas, Kanke has 149 urban polling stations and 333 rural, Mandar has 430 polling stations all of which are situated in rural areas whereas Tamar has 21 and 281 urban and rural polling

stations respectively.

For the first phase of the assembly elections, as many as 1249 special polling booths are being set up. Out of these, polling at 1152 sta-



Chief Electoral Officer K Ravi Kumar addresses media persons in a press conference in Ranchi on Tuesday. Pix by Ratan Lal



Police personnel stand guards on the eve on the State Assembly polls in Ranchi on Tuesday. Pix by Ratan Lal

tions will be managed by women personnel, 23 will be handled by the youth, 24 will be managed by Persons with Disabilities and 50 booths are of the unique category

The major difference between a normal polling

booth and a women polling booth is that these booths will have all women staff including presiding officers, polling officers, micro observers and security personnel. Ranchi



Polling officials carry election materials on the eve of the Jharkhand Assembly polls, at Morabadi in Ranchi on Tuesday. Pix by Ratan Lal

The maximum number of women polling booth for the first phase is in Saraikela 134. This is followed by Daltonganj which has 126 and Khunti at 79. These polling booths are situated at places where the number of

women voters is high. Ranchi has two booths which will be managed by PwDs and four youth managed polling stations. Hatia and Kanke have two youth polling stations each. To inspire electors, one polling



of the Jharkhand Assembly polls, at Morabadi in Ranchi on Tuesday. Pix by Ratan Lal

station in Kanke will be decked up on the theme of

With nine unique polling stations, Ramgarh has the maximum number of such polling booths. While one of these is located at the tourism area at Patratu Dam, the others boost of picturesque views of the mountains and the dam.

Lohardaga has a total of six unique polling stations. Two of these are based on women empowerment while two focus on nutrition and forest produce. One of the remaining two is based on Lohardaga rail and the other

on tribal art and culture. The polling station at Barhi in Hazaribagh is known for high participation $_{
m the}$ Particularity Vulnerable Tribal Group

(PVTG) while two in Latehar

are recognised for the same. As many as seven polling stations in Palamu are also

known to have a substantial number of PVTG electors and will be decorated on the theme portraying the rich tribal culture of the State while four booths in Bokaro are also known as PVTG booths.

A booth in Saraikela in known for its uniqueness as it has approximately 400 Chhau artists as registered voters here.

Located near dense poppy cultivation areas, two polling stations in Simaria, Chatra will be decked up to attract vouth on the theme' Yes to Vote, No to Drugs'.

Addressing a press conference here on Tuesday Chief Election Officer K Ravi Kumar said that voting will be held from 7 am on cies of 15 districts. All polling personnel have reached the polling stations. Helidropping of all has also been done at the marked polling stations.

On Wednesday, the presiding officer at all polling stations will start the process of mock poll from 5:30 am in the presence of the polling agents of the candidates.

Kumar said that the 200meter radius of the polling booths has to be marked. Representatives have to set up their camps outside this radius. Also, party or representative flags or any kind of symbols should not be put up

in these camps.
He appealed to the voters and said that elections are a festival in democracy. Voters should come out of their homes with their families in a festive mood with enthusiasm and vote.

Adequate number of security personnel has been deployed at polling booths.

The Chief Electoral

Officer said that 58 cases of violation of Model Code of Conduct have been registered so far. Out of these, the maximum 29 cases have been registered in Garhwa district. Since the implementation of Model Code of Conduct in the state, illegal material and cash worth Rs 208.78 crore has been seized

Congress releases manifesto: **'Seven Promises-Firm Intension'**

Congress released its manifesto on Tuesday with the title 'Seven promises- firm intentions'. The special thing in this is that Congress has promised to provide employment to 10 lakh youth Along with bringing 1932 based locality policy, it has also promised to implement Sarna tribal religion code

The party has said in its manifesto that it is committed to give

28 percent reservation to ST, 12 percent to SC, 27 percent to OBC and protect the interests of minorities. It is also committed to form backward class welfare ministry, ration distribution will be done at 7 kg per person and gas cylinder will be given to every poor family of the state for Rs 450, 10 lakh youth of Jharkhand will be provided jobs and employment. Family health insurance up to Rs 15 lakh will be given, degree colleges will be established in all blocks of the state and engineering, medical colleges and universities will be established in district headquarters. Along with this, industrial parks of 500 acres each will be built in all district headquarters of the state by bringing industrial promotion policy to provide employment opportunities. MSP of paddy will be increased from Rs 2400 to Rs 3200 and support price of lac sal seeds etc. will be increased by 50 percent. Support price of tamarind, mahua, vironji sal seeds etc. will be increased by up to 50 pratishat. Main resolutions of the manifesto are Free electricity for poor families will be increased from 200 units to 250 units per month. Also, free electricity will be provided for agriculture work, paddy purchase price will be increased from Rs 2400 per quintal to Rs 3200 per quintal, caste census will be conducted and creamy layer will be increased to 10 lakhs, those who were listed in SC community in undivided Bihar were listed as general after the formation of the state, who will be given SC status again, a proposal to include "Ho", "Gundaari", Kharia, "Kudukh" and "Kudmali" languages in the 8th schedule will be sent to the central government, the traditional self-governance system of the tribals will be implemented in its original form, to increase the level of education, the number of excellent English medium schools will be increased in every block, to promote sports, training in schools will be arranged through sports organizations and all government job vacancies will be filled in one year.

has 29, Hatia 32 and Kanke 27 such polling booths.

BANGLADESHI INFILTRATION

ED RECOVERS ILLEGAL ARMS, PRINTING MACHINES, FAKE AAADHAARS & PASSPORTS

PNS: RANCHI

The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday raided multiple locations in poll-bound Jharkhand apart from West Bengal in a money laundering investigation linked to alleged illegal infiltration of Bangladeshi nationals, sources said.

A total of 17 places are being covered in the two neighbouring states by the Ranchi office of the federal probe agency, a day before the first phase of polling in Jharkhand. The raids were conducted in Ranchi and Pakur in Iharkhand and 24 Parganas and Kolkata in West Bengal. On Tuesday morning, the ED team reached six locations including Hotel Skyline, Bali Resort and Mountain View Resort in Bariatu, Ranchi and conducted searches. Apart from this, raids are also going on at Altaf Mankar's place in Pirtalla,

Sources said that the **Enforcement Directorate** (ED) recovered various incriminating items, including fake Aadhars, forged passports, illegal arms, immovable property documents, cash, jewellery, printing papers, printing machines, and blank proformas used for forging Aadhaar cards in raids in connection with illegal Bangladeshi infiltration, conducted at 17 locations in Jharkhand and West Bengal.

These multiple raids are part of an ongoing money laundering probe linked to suspected Bangladeshi infiltration in Jharkhand.

It is known that on September 16, the ED had registered a case under money laundering to investigate the smuggling and suspected infiltration of Bangladeshi women in Jharkhand. The ED alleges that this was allegedly done to generate black money. In this regard, the ED has reg-



istered a case under PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act). The case is based on an investigation report of Jharkhand Police, which was registered in June at Bariatu police station in Ranchi. The police



the complaint of a woman, which revealed that she entered India from Bangladesh with the help of brokers in search of work. Five to six women were named as accused in the

case, who were arrested during a raid at a local resort. The complainant had told that she was brought from Bangladesh to India for prostitution by promising a job in a beauty salon.

Bangladeshi girl, around 21 years old, was brought to Kolkata with the help of another girl. On the night of May 31, the girl was illegally brought across the borders of Bangladesh from the forest area with the help of private agents. Apart from this, the case is related to agents who engage in illegal infiltration of Bangladeshi citizens into India and provide them with fake documents to establish Indian citizenship According to the ED, several persons are involved in activities related to illegal infiltration and making fake identity proofs. In such a situation, it is extremely necessary to investigate the persons and related agents who illegally infiltrate into India from Bangladesh, whose aim is to make black money and get involved in other criminal activities. For this, a comprehensive and serious investigation is necessary.

SHAH LABELS CONGRESS AS ANTI-RESERVATION PARTY

PNS: RANCHI

BJP National President JP Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah are both on a tour of Jharkhand. BJP National President JP Nadda, while addressing a public meeting in favour of NDA candidate Nagendra Mahato in Bagodar of Giridih, said that there is no well-wisher of Jharkhand except BJP. He said that Congress has been procrastinating since the time of formation of a separate state. RJD supremo Lalu Prasad had said that Jharkhand will be formed over my dead body. But the credit for making Jharkhand a separate state goes to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. We have created Jharkhand and we will improve it. PM Modi has worked to bring Jharkhand into the mainstream.

Nadda said that the tyrannical rule of Jharkhand will be uprooted by the brave women of this place. Where there is Congress, JMM and RJD, there is corruption. Where there are these three parties, there is nepotism.

While addressing a public meeting in favour of BJP Shatrughan Mahato in Baghmara of Union Home Dhanbad, Minister Amit Shah said that



Union Home Minister Amit Shah addresses a gathering during an election campaign rally in Jharia on Tuesday. PNS

as soon as the BJP government is formed, the pension amount of the elderly, disabled and women will be increased. Their pension will be increased to Rs 2500. He said that PM Modi started welfare schemes like Ayushman Bharat, Mudra Yojana, PM Janman from

Jharkhand itself. Union home minister Amit Shah on Tuesday labeled Congress an "anti-

reservation" party. Addressing a poll rally in Jharkhand's Dhanbad, the Union home minister vowed to block any efforts to extend reservations to Muslims in a poll-bound rally Jharkhand.

"Congress is an antireservation party. They want to end reservations for backward classes and Dalits to provide it to Muslims. As long as there's even one BJP MLA, we won't allow reservations for Muslims," Shah said in Jharkhand's Dhanbad.

Taking aim at alleged corruption in the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM)-Congress coalition, Shah cited recent seizures, hinting at financial crimes within the local government. He pointed to Rs 35 crore seized from JMM minister Alamgir Alam's residence and Rs 350 crore from a Congress MP's house.

Highlighting BJP's commitment to root out corruption, Shah said, "Just form a BJP government, and we will set these looters straight." He also accused the ruling coalition of widespread corruption in land deals, mining, and MGNREGA schemes, labeling the administration a "scam-ridden government."

Shah assured voters that BJP's guarantees would be met. "When our government comes, we will fulfill our 'Sankalp Patra' pledges. Rs 2,100 will be deposited into women's bank accounts, and no matter the gas prices across the nation, it will not exceed Rs 500 here. For Diwali and Raksha Bandhan, two gas cylinders will be provided free of charge under BJP's government," Shah

JMM cries foul on stopping Kalpana's helicopter

JMM's central general secretary Supriyo Bhattacharya held a press conference today and made serious allegations against BJP, Election Commission and Central Government. He said that yesterday Kalpana Soren's helicopter was stopped, and today also an Air Force helicopter was landed between our two helicopters. This shows that BJP is trying to stop the party's campaign.

Bhattacharya said that the Election Commission and other institutions of the Government of India are trying to stop our campaign. He said that the commission should not force us to come out on the streets and protest

The party's general secretary said that the CM and Kalpana Soren kept requesting that they have to fly. But they were delayed by an hour. CEC Rajiv Kumar keeps talking about playing equally, that is, leaders of all parties should have equal publicity. But is this the way of equality? Either you don't talk about giving equal opportunity or get Hemant Soren arrested so that he cannot speak. He said that all this is happening at the behest of the Center, this cannot be denied.

Bhattacharya told the Election Commission, please do one more thing, stop the voting tomorrow and give the certificate to BJP. He said that he wants to tell the Election Commission that please do not force us to come out on the streets. He said that you are seeing how attempts are being made to create an impression in this state. ED is raiding us in the name of Bangladeshi infiltration so that it makes headlines, he said.



JMM Central General Secretary cum Spokesperson Supriyo Bhattacharya during a press conference in Ranchi on Tuesday, PNS

City girl wins Service Design Award 2024



Nimisha Priya, daughter of Prabha Standing Counsel Government of Jharkhand and former Chief Secretary of the State Sudhir Prasad has won the Service Design Award (SDA) 2024 and was declared the winner in the Student Category Projects for the project 'What can I do'. The project

is an innovative hybrid product aimed at eliminating the misconception surrounding clothing donation, traditionally viewed as an altruistic act. SDA is a prestigious international recognition for outstanding service design projects and honours work that sets a new standard for excellence in the field of service design. Priya holds a Masters in Arts in Strategic Design from SRH Berlin School of Design and Communication and a Masters of Fine Arts in Apparel and Textiles from Academy of Arts University, San Francisco. Priya completed her Bachelor of Design in Fashioning Design from NIFT Kolkata and her class 10 from Loreto Convent Ranchi and class 12 from DPS Ranchi.

Bol Q2FY25 Net Profit rise by 62.76% YoY to Rs 2.374 Cr

Bank of India announced its results for Q2FY25 with Net Profit for the quarter improved by 63% YoY at Rs.2,374 Cr for Q2FY25 against Rs.1,458 Cr in Q2FY24. On Asset quality front, Net NPA declined by 29% YoY from Rs.7,978 Cr in Sep 23 to Rs.5,549 Cr in Sep 24. Provision Coverage Ratio (PCR) stood at 92.22% in Sep 24, Global Business increased by 12.05% YoY from Rs.12,46,879 Cr in Sep 23 to Rs. 13,97,100 Cr in Sep 24. Bank's total Capital Adequacy Ratio (CRAR) improved by 100 bps and stood at 16.63% as on 30.09.24 against 15.63% as on 30.09.23. RAM Advanices increased by 19.74% YoY to Rs.3,00,412 Cr, constituting to 57.70% of Advances in Sep 24. Retail Credit grew by 21.61% YoY to Rs 1,21,517 Cr in Sep 24, Agriculture Credit grew by 21.46% YoY to Rs.93,798 Cr in Sep 24, MSME Credit grew by 15.42% ??? t? Rs.85,097 Or in Sep 24, Domestic CASA went up by 7.26% YoY from Rs.2,56,956 Cr in Sep 23 to Rs 2,75,618 Cr in Sep 24 and CASA ratio stood at 41.18%. Bank has opened 5:77 Lakh new PMIDY accounts during QZ-FY 25 and 9.55 lakh new accounts during H1-FY25 Digital Transactions share in total transactions improved to 95% in Sep 24 from 92% in Sep 23. As on 30th Sep 24, the Bank has 5191 number of Domestic branches.

BJP's Ravi Shankar Prasad accuses Congress of conspiring with divisive Muslim elements

BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad on Tuesday alleged that the Congress party was conspiring with divisive elements in the Muslim community, sensing defeat in the upcoming Maharashtra and Jharkhand Assembly polls. In a press conference at the BJP headquarters here. headquarters here, Prasad Prasad claimed that Congress and other INDIA bloc members were trying to appease the Muslims to

get their votes.
"The BJP is very clear that the Congress party is conspiring with all the conservative, divisive elements in the Muslim community for the sake of they are apprehensive about their imminent defeat," he said.

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m ndia}$ and Bangladesh on Tuesday decided to enhance

cooperation in building infra-



"PM Modi says 'Ek rahenge toh safe rahenge,' and they of it and knocking on the doors of the Election

Gandhi's stance on the Constitution and criticised (Congress) are making fun his party's approach to religious reservations.

unity and are conspiring with forces who want to

trying to take away the rights of the poor OBCs to give them to Muslims.

BJP will oppose every

attempt to strip the marginalised and backward OBCs of their rights, Prasad said.

The BJP had on Saturday claimed that the Maharashtra unit Congress assured a Muslim body that it would take steps to fulfil its demand of a 10

per cent quota for the

community in jobs and

education. Prasad said the BJP would like to ask the Congress and INDIA bloc whether the benefits given to Scheduled Castes will also be extended to the Muslims. contradicts the principles of

a meeting with the Election Commission of India (ECI). Odisha has already established 29 check posts in the border the Constitution, we will districts and intensified patrolling in all the sensitive oppose it completely," he

Kumar.

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police officer said.

Wednesday, the Odisha police

have tightened security in the

districts sharing the border with

the neighbouring state to ensure peaceful voting there, a senior

Security has been tightened in

the borders of Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar and Sundargarh

districts close to Jharkhand.

Check posts have been

installed and armed personnel

deployed round the clock to

prevent entry of unwanted

people and materials to the

poll-bound state, said Odisha's

ADG Law and Order Sanjay

"The measures were taken after

along Jharkhand border ahead of Assembly elections Ahead of the first phase of polling for the assembly elections in Jharkhand on

areas," the ADG said.

Meanwhile, a report from Rourkela said that the Sundargarh police were in with the Singhbhum district police. The objective of the coordination is to ensure that any attempt by Maoists to disrupt the elections is prevented.

Sundargarh has 75 km border with Jharkhand and most of the places are forested areas.

The security arrangements were made in the wake of Bihar-Jharkhand Special Area Committee of the outlawed CPI (Maoist) outfit asking Iharkhand voters to boycott the election through posters and

Odisha police tighten security | Indian Army's Project Akashteer takes flight

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The phased induction of control and reporting systems under 'Project Akashteer of the Indian Army is currently underway and out of a total requirement of 455 systems, 107 have been delivered, official sources said on Tuesday. The project aims to deliver a

situational awareness and control for the force to ensure safety of friendly aircraft and engage hostile aircraft in contested airspace. Through this project, a cutting-edge initiative designed to automate air control defence processes reporting digitising them, the Indian Army is positioning itself at the forefront of air defence technology, ensuring a secure and vigilant airspace over

India, a source said Project Akashteer's phased induction already underway. Out of a total requirement of 455 systems, 107 have been delivered, with an additional 105 expected by March 2025. The remaining units will be delivered by March 2027, ensuring comprehensive coverage across the Indian Army's defence units and formations, the source added. This significant achievement underscores the commitment of India's defence forces to innovate and enhance capabilities in response to "ever-evolving security dynamics", the sources said. Recently, a "real-time validation" Akashteer was Project out simulating carried scenarios as expected in future wars. A senior officer from military hierarchy



appreciated the achievements tne project commended the involved in developing it, a source said. The officer acknowledged their efforts and mentioned that it has realised a "transformative leap" in the Indian Army's air defence capabilities. In the 'Year of Technology

Infusion' (2024), the Army has boosted its air defence capabilities with 'Akashteer Control and Reporting Systems' . The deployment of 'Akashteer' had begun in April with the flagging off of the first batch of control centres from Ghaziabad. Developed by the Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) as part of the Atmanirbhar initiative, this project is poised to significantly enhance the operational efficiency and integration of the Army's air defence mechanisms, sources earlier said. Some of the key features of 'Project Akashteer' include comprehensive fusion; automated operations faster response; engagement decentralised authority; advanced realtime air picture; built-in redundancy and scalability; and flexible deployment

Commission," he said. The BJP MP also questioned Congress leader Rahul break the country and are

structure and operational effi-

ciency at the various land ports

and check-posts located along

the 4,096-km long shared inter-

national border.
The commitment was made

"They have a problem with

during the 6th Subgroup meeting of the Land Port Authority of India (LPAI) with the Bangladesh Land Port Authority (BLPA) here

The LPAI functions under the

The bilateral meeting aims to

strengthen ties and discuss

issues related to cross-border

infrastructure, connectivity

and facilitation of trade

The Indian delegation was led

by LPAI Member (Planning

and Development) Sanjeev

Gupta with officials drawn

from the border management

division of the Ministry of

Home Affairs (MHA), Border

Force

(BSF),

between the two nations.

Union home ministry.

India and Bangladesh strengthen ties: joint infrastructure development plans for shared border (MEA), and Customs, among

> The Bangladeshi side was led by BLPA Joint Secretary and (Development) Member Tahmina Yeasmin along with officials from the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and ministries of industries and shipping, among others.

> Building on the discussions held at the last subgroup meeting in Dhaka in November 2023, the meeting reviewed the progress made on the previous initiatives and identified new areas for cooperation to enhance infrastructure operational efficiency at the

Ministry of External Affairs land ports," an official statement said.

> The major agenda items discussed included developing port facilities at Gede (Darshna in West Bengal) and Bholaganj (Meghalaya), expediting clearance of Bangladesh's export cargo at Petrapole (West Bengal) and Agartala, prioritising the development of land ports and integrated check-posts (ICPs), and considering a common cargo gate at Bhomra (Ghojadanga in West Bengal), the statement said.

The meeting also discussed facilitating the movement of Bangladeshi trucks carrying

exports to Nepal and Bhutan Burimari and through Banglabandha ports in that country, operationalising the land port at Sabroom (Tripura), developing the Tegamukh (Bangladesh)-Kawrpuichhuah (Mizoram) port, and establishing certain ports operational 24x7, it added.

Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to "deepen" India-Bangladesh relations, enhance bilateral trade, and advance shared goals for regional connectivity and economic growth through "collaborative" border management, the statement

Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Dr. PK Mishra stresses need to mitigate glacial lake risks for safer communities



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI mitigating the risks and related

 $P^{\text{rincipal Secretary to Prime Minister}}_{\text{Dr. PK Mishra, on Tuesday high-}}$ lighted mitigating risks associated with glacial lakes in order to ensure a safer future for our communities. Mishra was speaking on the occasion of 4th Workshop of the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction (CoDRR) on Strategies for GLOF (Glacial Lake Outburst Flood) Risk Reduction here today.

Complimenting the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and the Department of Water Resources for organizing the workshop, he focused on international perspectives and experiences, pertinently India's that "the best way to deal with experiences, gaps and challenges in disasters is to prevent them,"

Mishra said that the discussions on Sikkim glacial lake outburst flood disaster has brought to focus the enormity of the challenge. Indeed, the South Lhonak GLOF was a wake-up call for all of us

He underscored the urgent need for effective strategies to address risks associated with glacial lakes.

Prime Minister Shri Quoting Narendra Modi's words, "Disaster risk reduction is not just about responding to disasters but also about building resilience.

Dr Mishra reiterated PM's emphasis

reminding us that proactive measures are essential in safeguarding our communities. Furthermore, he stated, "We must work together across sater world," highlighting the importance of collaboration in addressing global challenges like GLOF risks. borders and disciplines to create a

On the International Cooperation side, Dr Mishra emphasized that India's commitment extends beyond national borders; hence the vital aspect of engaging with GLOF experts from countries such as Bhutan, Nepal, Switzerland and iterated that such collaboration is vital to enhancing our understanding of response strategies.

Mishra underlined contributions from Experts from the country and abroad, who have enriched our understanding of the

critical issues. He stressed that the Government of India initiated a coordinating platform named the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction (CoDRR). He also that States were mentioned encouraged to conduct expeditions to assess all A-category lakes in summer 2024, leading to significant engagement from local authorities.

No oral mentioning, only email or written: says CJI Sanjiv Khanna

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hief Justice of India Saniiv Khanna on Tuesday said no oral submissions for urgent listing and hearing of cases will be permitted and urged lawyers to either send emails or written letters for it. Usually lawyers mention their cases before the CJI-led bench at the outset of the day's proceedings for out of turn listings and hearing of cases on grounds of urgency. "No written or oral mentionings anymore. Only in email or writt slip/letters. Just state the reasons for

urgency," the CJI said. The CII has outlined a citizencentric agenda for judicial reforms and said ensuring easy access to justice and equal treatment to citizens regardless their status is constitutional duty of the judiciary. Justice Khanna, who was sworn in as the 51st CJI by President Droupadi Murmu at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Monday, expressed deep honour in leading the judiciary, the third pillar of democracy.

"Judiciary is an integral, yet

India eyes \$100 billion Russia trade target ahead of 2030 deadline: EAM S Jaishankar



distinct and independent part of the governance system. The Constitution trusts upon us the role of constitutional guardian. protector of fundamental rights, responsibility to fulfi important task of being a service provider of justice," the CJI had said in his first statement on Monday. He said, "The justice delivery framework in terms of providing equal treatment necessitates fair opportunity to succeed to all, regardless of status, wealth or power, and a just and unbiased adjudication. These mark our core principles. "The responsibility entrusted upon us affirms commitment as protectors of citizens' rights and as dispute resolvers. It is our constitutional duty to ensure easy access to

justice to all citizens of our great nation," he said. Chief Justice Khanna identified pressing challenges facing the judiciary, including the need to reduce case backlogs, make litigation affordable, and simplify complex legal processes. Recognising that the justice system must cater to all citizens, he outlined a vision to make courts more approachable and user-friendly, said CII. The CJI aimed to adopt a self-

evaluative approach which is feedback in its working, the apex court said in a statement. "Making judgments comprehensible to the citizens and promoting mediation will be a priority," it said. With a focus on criminal case management, the CJI pledged to prioritise reducing trial durations adopting a systematic approach, and ensuring that legal procedures are not gruelling for citizens. He also highlighted the importance of promoting mediation to resolve disputes efficiently and provide timely

PM Modi to lay foundation stone for AIIMS **Darbhanga**

formations, the



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Il preparations have been All preparations have a made for the laying of the foundation stone for AIIMS Darbhanga by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday Bihar Health Minister Mangal Pandey said.

The north Bihar town will become the second place in the state, after capital city Patna, to have an All India Institute for Medical Sciences (AIIMS).

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone for the second AIIMS in the state in Darbhanga tomorrow. All preparations have been made for the event. It will be a historic moment for the people of Mithila region in particular, and entire Bihar in general. The project will come up on Ekmi Shobhan Bypass at a cost of around Rs 1,700 crore, Pandey told PTI on Tuesday. Chief Minister Nitish Kumai and Union ministers Chirag Paswan and Jitan Ram Manjhi will also be present at the

"The AIIMS at Darbhanga is a great gift given by the Centre to Bihar and its people. We thank the PM and Union Health Minister J P Nadda for giving the nod for it.

function.

Under the leadership of our prime minister and chief minister, work on improving medical facilities in the state has progressed at a rapid pace and it will continue further. AIIMS Darbhanga will not provide the best healthcare facilities to the people of Bihar but will also benefit the people of the neighbouring states," Pandey

The Bihar government had recently transferred over 37 acres of additional land on Ekmi Shobhan Bypass to the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for the construction of the AIIMS, he said, adding the state government has so far provided 187.44 acres of land to the Union ministry for the

Rahul Gandhi vows financial empowerment for women, youth and farmers ahead of Jharkhand elections



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ongress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said the INDIA bloc will give more money to women, youth, farmers and poor than the BIP has given to its "billionaire friends", adding that the alliance in Iharkhand has decided to hike the honorarium given to women to meet their needs to Rs 2,500.

Rahul Gandhi's reiteration came a day ahead of the first phase of Assembly elections in Jharkhand to be held on

November 13. fourth "Yesterday, instalment of Maiyaa Samman Yojana was credited

to the accounts of mothers and sisters in Jharkhand. This scheme is especially helping women fight inflation and live with self-respect. That is why we have decided to further increase the amount given under this scheme," Rahul Gandhi said in a social media post in Hindi. December 2024,

women in Jharkhand will be given an honorarium of Rs 2,500 under the scheme which is benefiting 53 lakh women in the state, the Congress leader said.

"I have said it before and I am repeating it -- INDIA (bloc) will give more money to women, youth, farmers and poor to meet their needs than what the BJP has given to its billionaire friends," former Congress chief said.

Congress-Jharkhand Mukti Morcha combine is seeking to retain power in the Iharkhand 81-member Assembly, while the BJP is seeking to oust the ruling coalition in the polls to be held in two phases on November 13 and November 20. The results will be



to trade, especially with regard to payments and logistics and perceptible progress has been made in that regard, but there is still some work to be done, he The external affairs minister

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was speaking at the 25th India-Russia Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Scientific, Economic, Technological and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC-TEC). The Russian delegation at the meeting was led by First Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov.

In his televised opening remarks at the 25th session (IRIGC-TEC), the Jaishankar said the trade between the two countries needs to be "more balanced announced on November 23. and that would require over many years.



greater facilitative efforts." 'As two major nations in an he said. increasingly multipolar

world, a more substantive relationship between us has a larger resonance," he said. The external affairs minister said New Delhi welcomes and fully reciprocates Moscow's growing interest

in exploring economic opportunities in India. "Our economies are not only complementary in many respects but benefit from the trust and confidence built

The growth in bilateral trade is now estimated at USD 66 billion and it is impressive,"

"Our goal is that it needs to be more balanced and that would require addressing current constraints and undertaking facilitative efforts.

Making it easier to do trade should be accompanied by progress in the negotiations the India-Eurasian Economic Union FTA," he

Jaishankar said India has noted Russia's growing has to be a interest in the Make in India enterprise," he said.

other forms collaboration between the two sides. "I am confident that we will

encourage joint ventures

achieve the trade target of USD 100 billion by 2030, well before that," he said. The external affairs minister also highlighted India's impressive growth rate in

the last few decades. "India that has many decades of 8 per cent growth at least ahead of it obviously values a reliable partner when it comes to resources, technology an practices," he said. and

aishankar also touched upon Russia's supply of fertilizers, crude oil and coal to India.

Russia has emerged as a major source of fertilizers

Its supply of crude oil, coal and uranium are indeed important. Similarly, India's pharmaceutical industry has emerged as an affordable and reliable source for Russia.

"Looking ahead we are also exploring the mobility of talent, skills, customising them for the Russian market shared

The external affairs minister also talked about the importance of various

connectivity projects. "Our joint endeavours in regard to connectivity, such as the International North-South Transport Corridor, the Chennai-Vladivostok Corridor and the Northern Sea Route must go forward, he said.

'We will also be discussing cooperation critical for our food, energy and health security," he added.

In his remarks, Manturov also delved into fast evolving trade ties between India and Russia.

"Over the last five years, the trade turnover of our country has grown more than fivefold.

And India is now the second country among all the foreign economic partners of Russia," he said.

"Among other things, we confirm our commitment on signing the free trade agreement between the EEU (Eurasian Economic Union) and India, as well as the bilateral agreement on services and investments.

This fully meets the needs of our business community," he

across

sources said.



Students protest against UPPSC decision escalates

The youth say, no more BJP!

When BJP leaves, jobs will

Former UP Chief Minister

Mayawati also voiced her

support for the students on

social media, criticizing the

The uproar over the Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission's (UPPSC) decision shows no signs of dying down, as students staged an intense overnight protest. The aspirants, steadfast in

their demands, have coined a slogan, "Na Batenge Na Hatenge" (We won't split, we won't leave), which has become the rallying cry of the movement.

Thousands of leaflets bearing this slogan were distributed among the protesters, reflecting their determination.

Former Inspector General Amitabh Thakur, who had arrived at Prayag station via Intercity support the protesting students, was taken into custody by the police and brought to Katra outpost. Meanwhile, Samajwadi Party



government for its handling of the protest.

tweeted, "The BIP's agenda is only 'elections, while candidates are left with nothing but 'stress'

protesters and UPPSC's failure to organize the PCS and RO-ARO preliminary exams for 2024 on the same

She noted that it is natural for the news of students' anger and police action to draw widespread attention. The protesting students, through their slogan, are demanding that UPPSC hold the exams over two days and rescind the normalization process.

They have vowed not to leave the protest site until an official notice is issued meeting these demands. Many students held placards voicing their dissatisfaction with UPPSC's decision.

students maintained a peaceful protest. Notably, no banners from student organizations or

Throughout the night,

political parties were visibleonly the Indian tricolor was

Demonstrators also waved pictures of freedom fighters like Chandra Shekhar Azad, Bhagat Singh, and Mahatma Gandhi, symbolizing their

commitment to a peaceful

Late at night, Police Commissioner Tarun Gaba District Magistrate Ravindra Mandar visited the protest site to try to mediate with the demonstrators. However, the talks did not succeed, students remained firm in their demands.

Despite the authorities' assurances, the students showed no inclination to back down.

The protest underscores the growing discontent among young aspirants in Uttar Pradesh, highlighting a disconnect between the government and the youth over employment concerns and examination fairness

Thousands flock to Shree Jagannath temple for Panchuka celebration amidst tight security

PTI ■ PURI/ODISHA

Thousands of devotees on Tuesday visited the Shree Jagannath temple here on the occasion of 'Panchuka', the last five days of the holy month of Kartik, amidst tight security measures, officials While at least 30 platoons (1

platoon comprise 30 personnel) of security forces were deployed to man the crowd, the Shree Temple Jagannath Administration allowing the devotees the enter the 12th-century shrine only through the

they said. 'As there is a huge rush of devotees on the occasion of Panchuka, the last five days of the holy month of Kartik,

the administration allowed

'Singhadwar' (Lion's) Gate,

entry into the shrine only through the Singhadwar and exit by three other We seek the cooperation of servitors and devotees smooth conduct of Panchuka," SJTA chief administrator Arabinda Padhee said.

Puri Collector Sidharth Shankar Swain said that the administration has also raised barricades and 'Bada Danda' (grand road in front of the temple) has been declared a no-vehicle zone from municipal market

The collector said lifeguards and fire services personnel have been deployed on the five km stretch of sea from Chakratirtha to Swargadwar to prevent any drowning incident on the beach as a large number of devotees take holy dip in the sea on

the occasion of Panchuka. Though Panchuka celebrated for five days every year, this time it is confined to four days as per the almanac.

The people usually refrain from eating

non-vegetarian food during Kartik month. During the Panchuka, the devotees worship Goddess Lakshmi and Lord Narayan. Married women also

worship Vrundavati, the wife of the demon Jalandhara, in the form of the sacred tulsi plant, praying for the long life of their husbands During the Panchuka, Lord Jagannath is adorned in different Beshas (attires) Lord Jagannath is adorned in Laxmi-Narayan Bhesa on the first day of the

Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah's position weak, Congress Government's lifespan ending: BJP leader R Ashoka

come.

PTI CHITRADURG/KARNATAKA

eader of Opposition in Leader of Opposition R Ashoka on Tuesday said the position of the Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has become weak and the lifespan of the Congress government led by him is coming to an end.

The BJP leader said repeated assertions of Siddaramaiah that he would continue as CM suggest that his position is no strong, questions about the stability of the Government, which assumed power in May last year.
"D K Shivakumar (Deputy

CM) is claiming during the Channapatna campaigning that he will become the Chief Minister. What is the guarantee that the Congress party will be there (in power). Last time also during the JD(S)-Congress coalition government they (Congress) had claimed no one can shake them for five years, but 14 MLAs quit Congress (resulting in the govt



collapse)," Ashoka said. Speaking to reporters here, he claimed that Congress MLAs themselves have not got a single paisa for development in the last 17 months. "They have started thinking that if they are with Siddaramaiah, they will not even get peanuts. Recently, state BJP President B Y Vijayendra too had claimed that the Chief Minister, facing probe in the MUDA site allotment case, will resign soon. Both Shivakumar and Congress national President M Mallikarjun Kharge are also Siddaramaiah will quit, he had

Ashoka said speculations regarding the stability of any government should have arisen in normal course during the fag end of its tenure. "But, this government has just come, and already every day there are claimants for the Chief Minister seat, there are allegations of corruption, there prophecies that government will collapse. Despite all this, Siddaramaiah is saying that he will remain the CM," he said. Citing that Siddaramaiah has

numerous occasions asserted

that he will remain the CM,

Ashoka, a former Deputy

Chief Minister, said: "What is the need for it? If strong, no one will keep on saying it (I will remain CM), only when weak, one has to keep on asserting his position.

"If strong, no one will question (the stability of government), neither the media, nor opposition. As his (Siddaramaiah) position is weak, everyone keeps asking about stability. The life span of Siddaramaiah's government is coming to an end," he added. The opposition has been demanding Siddaramaiah's resignation, following charges against him in the MUDA site

allotment case. There were also behind-thescenes political activities within the ruling Congress earlier this year, with a few Ministers in the Siddaramaiah Cabinet holding closed door meetings, fueling speculation about leadership change. But such interactions came to a halt following instructions from the party high command, which sought to crack the whip.

BJP's Kewal Singh Dhillon exudes confidence in winning Barnala bypoll, citing BJP's development track record

PTI ■ BARNALA/PUNJAB

 $B^{JP} \ {\rm rule} \ is \ synonymous \ with development \ and \ people \ are \ well \ aware \ of \ this, \ Kewal \ Singh \ Dhillon, \ the \ party's \ can$ didate from the Barnala assembly segment, said, confident he will win the bypoll. Dhillon, a former MLA, said

Mann Bhagwant government in Punjab had "failed" on all fronts and the Aam Aadmi Party and the Congress were "hand-inglove" with each other.

The Barnala assembly seat fell vacant after Gurmeet Singh Hayer, the local MLA from the AAP, was elected from the Sangrur Lok Sabha seat.

Hayer won the Barnala seat in 2017 and 2022 assembly polls. Dhillon is facing Congress's Kuldeep Singh Kaka Dhillon, Harinder Singh Dhaliwal, Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) nominee Govind Singh Mann and AAP rebel and Independent candidate Gurdeep Singh

Batth in the bypoll. The 74-year-old became an network of roads were built.



and 2012 on Congress tickets. He joined the BJP in 2022. He lost the Sangrur Lok Sabha bypoll in 2022 and was at the

fourth spot. Campaigning for the November 20 bypoll, Dhillon gave himself the credit for the creation of Barnala as a

district in 2006. It was because of his efforts, a from Barnala to Ludhiana was rebuilt to facilitate the people Barnala, he also claimed.

MLA from Barnala in 2007

'A railway underbridge and a

development projects villages," Dhillon told PTI. The BJP candidate alleged the ruling AAP had lost its credibility in the state.

"People are already against the AAP government.

They also know that the Congress and AAP are hand in glove. People know that wherever the BJP comes to power, be it Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, development takes place there.

"People have made up their mind this time to give votes to the BJP in the bypolls. The Lotus (BJP's poll symbol) will Barnala bloom in November 23," he said.

The BJP nominee said the Mann government failed to rein in law and order in the

"The law and order has The financial collapsed. situation of the state is bad. I have been meeting people who completely disappointed with Bhagwant Mann regime," he claimed.

We carried out several Dhillon blamed the state government for hardships faced by farmers in grain markets because of "tardy' paddy procurement. Farmers also complained of

> shortage of DAP fertiliser, he "They (the AAP government) did not place any order for DAP fertiliser. Farmers could

> not get it for wheat sowing, said Dhillon. He said he raised the issue with Union Minister J P Nadda, following which the

fertiliser was supplied to meet the shortage. Dhillon said the AAP could not run the government,

alleging that it remained "ineffective" on all fronts. "There is no section in the

society which is satisfied with AAPgovernment," claimed Dhillon. The bypolls to the four

assembly seats - Gidderbaha, Dera Baba Nanak, Chabbewal and Barnala - will take place November 20 and counting of votes will be held on November 23.

Two drivers killed in freak accident on airport road after verbal altercation



PTI ■ BENGALURU

 $D^{\text{rivers of a truck and a car}}_{\text{were killed in a freak acci-}}$ dent on Airport road here, police said on Tuesday. The concrete mixer truck hit

the car- a sports utility vehicle (SUV) - following which the drivers of the two vehicles got down and in a verbal engaged altercation over the minor mishap on Monday night. In the meantime, a Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport

Corporation (BMTC) bus heading towards the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA)

From Rajarajeshwari Nagar rammed into the stationary truck on the right side of a flyover, and ran over the two

The truck driver Kuldip Kumar (42) died on the spot while the car driver Jagadish (40) succumbed to injuries at a hospital, a senior police officer said. A case has been registered at Yelahanka traffic investigation is underway, he

In a statement, the BMTC said as the bus was approaching the GKVK (Gandhi Krishi Vigyana Kendra) flyover on the airport road, it encountered the previously crashed vehicles parked "dangerously and in an unscientific manner", with their drivers engaged in a verbal altercation.

'At this moment, the Volvo bus driver, unable to react in time due to low visibility in the dark in the downhill road of the flyover, could not avoid the collision, resulting in a chain accident," it said.

The bus driver, Puttaswamy sustained minor injuries, and the only passenger travelling in the bus escaped unhurt, the BMTC said.

55 held for attacking officials in

tody for allegedly attacking officials during a protest in a village against the acquisition of their lands for proposed pharma-ceutical companies in Vikarabad district, police said.

Three officials-an Additional Collector, Kodangal Area Development Authority (KADA) chairman and a DSP Authority rank police official- were injured after some villagers in Lagacharla village of Dudyala mandal allegedly attacked them on Monday. While a public hearing was proposed public hearing was proposed to be conducted by the Industrial Telangana Infrastructure Corporation (TGIIC) on the village outskirts, a BRS youth wing leader approached district Collector Prateek Jain requesting him to visit the

village, where farmers would

give their opinion. The

Collector accepted the request and visited the village along s many as 55 people were with other officials to listen to were confronted by a mob, police said. The protesters jostled Prateek Jain besides pelting stones on his vehicle and other district authorities vehicles.

"Fifty-five people were on Tuesday taken into custody in connection with the incident and police are investigating how many of them were involved in the attack," a senior police official said. A BRS youth wing leader who allegedly instigated the "pre-planned" attack was on the run, the official said.

Three FIRs were registered over the incident, and authorities also suspended internet services in Dudyala mandal.

The situation is now under control and additional police personnel have been deployed. Further investigation is on.

Home Minister Shah alleges Waqf Board land Vikarabad land acquisition protest | grabbing, urges reforms and Uniform Civil Code

PTI ■ BAGHMARA/JHARKHAND

T Tnion Home Minister Amit U Shah on Tuesday accused the Waqf Board of grabbing land of temples, villagers and others in Karnataka and asserted that it was time to make changes in the body and amend the related Act.

He also claimed that no one can stop the implementation of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), which is "needed to (UCC), which is "needed to check infiltrators", and assured tribals that they would be kept out of its ambit. "The Waqf Board is in the habit of grabbing land. In Karnataka, it has devoured the assets of villagers...It has grabbed land parcels of temples, farmers and temples, farmers and villagers...Tell me whether changes are required in Waqf Board or not. Hemant Babu and Rahul Gandhi say no. I tell you let them oppose it, the BJP will pass the Bill to



amend the Waqf Act. No one can stop us," Shah said while addressing a poll rally in Jharkhand's Baghmara. He also accused the JMM-led

making coalition of infiltrators its vote bank and claimed that "trainloads of illegal immigrants will be sent to Bangladesh if the BJP is voted to power in Jharkhand". "No one can stop implementation of Uniform Civil Code aimed at preventing infiltration in Jharkhand, and tribals will be kept out of its ambit," he claimed. alleged that the Shah

Congress was opposed to OBC reservation. generations can't touch your reservation," Shah alleged

while addressing the rally.

The BJP leader also accused "JMM-Rahul baba of dividing the country on the basis of castes" and claimed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi made only four categories - poor, farmers, youths and women - for the

welfare of people. The union home minister promised that if the BJP is voted to power, it would make Jharkhand the most prosperous state in the country in the next five years and "each paisa looted by JMM-Congress leaders will be returned to its treasury." 'We will set up mineral-based industries in Jharkhand and create an environment in which no one will migrate to other states," he added

of the project was informed

by the senior officials that the

non-availability of the funds

Indian Army's motorcycle expedition covers 550 km in Arunachal Pradesh to Commemorate Battle of Walong

PTI ■ ITANAGAR

 $T^{\text{he Indian Army's motor-}}_{\text{cycle expedition team completed a three-day jour-}}$ ney covering 550 km across the scenic and rugged terrain of eastern Arunachal Pradesh to commemorate the Battle of Walong, an official said on Tuesday.

The expedition was flagged in at the Walong War Memorial on Monday, where riders paid tribute to the courage and sacrifices of soldiers who fought in the 1962 Battle of Walong, the defence spokesperson said. The expedition, including 20 riders from the Indian Army and local adventure enthusiasts, began from Dibang Valley in the northeastern state on November 9 and traversed through Roing, Tezu, vibrant village of Hayuliang



destination at Walong in Anjaw district.

Along the rugged and challenging route, navigated participants mountainous trails and endured varying weather conditions, embodying the resilience of the soldiers who once defended India's northeastern frontier. expedition

soldiers who fought for the nation during the 1962 Sino-India conflict commemorate the Battle of Walong, the spokesperson

The fierce Battle of Walong unfolded in the unforgiving terrain of Kibithu, Namti Tri Junction (famously known as Tiger's Mouth), Walong and adjoining

features in the easternmos parts of Arunachal Pradesh the Army spokesperson said The route, tracing a historic path through the beautiful landscapes of Arunachal Pradesh, symbolies the Indian Army's commitment to fostering unity and promoting adventure promoting adventure tourism in border areas, the spokesperson said. Each halt w

opportunity for the riders to connect with the local communities, highlighting the strength, resilience and solidarity that define the spirit of the region, and promote national integration, he said.

The motorcycle expedition is a part of the month-long celebrations that started on October 17 to mark the 62nd The foundation stone of the anniversary of the Battle of Walong fought during the 1962 Sino-Indian War.

Omar Abdullah stunned to see the progress of new Assembly complex in Jammu

MOHIT KANDHARI I JAMMU

Tammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah was on Monday taken aback by the poor pace of work when he visited the under-construction Assembly complex after resuming work at the civil secretariat here in Jammu. After attending the brief ceremony in the portico of the civil secretariat building Omar went around the power corridors and interacted with his ministerial colleagues as they resumed work-

ing in their offices.

Later Omar stepped out of his office chamber and walked on fact to the president site. The foot to the project site. The security officials hurriedly covered him in different layers of protection as they marched on foot outside the civil secretariat complex.

where officials from the Public Works Department (PWD) Roads & Buildings (R&B) Division provided a detailed briefing on the project's various stages, timeline, and next steps. During the inspection visit to



successive governments failed to complete the project. Omar toured the complex,

behind the delay and the current status of the progress. As Omar went around the assembly complex along with Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary and other cabinet colleagues he was informed by the officers that the new assembly complex may take at least two multi-floor Assembly the project site, Omar asked more years to get ready. Complex was laid by Omar pointed queries to the senior himself on July 1, 2011. In the officers of the project the reasons behind the delay

more about the reasons

was the primary reason. Due to prolonged delay the original cost of the project initially pegged at around 110 crores has already exceeded 200 crores. On ground zero, the construction work was started in August 2011. Initially, the project was estimated to be built at a cost of around 113

crores in a stipulated period. According to the project engineers, who remained in charge from time to time the work on the project was going on smoothly till 2015 but the same hit the roadblock during the BJP-PDP alliance government in office. The alliance government raised certain specific queries related to the administrative and financial approval before giving their formal nod to the revised estimates.

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Deliver tangible results

With 2024 set to be the hottest year on record, the stakes for COP29 are higher than ever

he 29th annual UN climate summit, COP29, has officially begun in Baku, Azerbaijan. This year's conference brings together diplomats, climate experts, activists, and political leaders from nearly 200 countries to address critical issues in the fight against climate change. However, the event is already facing challenges, both from the host country's fossil-fuel-centered economy and the re-election of Donald Trump as US President, which could impact future climate commitments from one of the world's largest emitters. COP29 is being held in Azerbaijan's capital, Baku, a decision that has sparked criticism from environmentalists worldwide, with activists like Greta Thunberg referring to the summit as a "greenwash conference." This year's COP has been dubbed the "Finance CoP" due to its focus on securing adequate funding for climate action. Low-and middle-income countries are advocating for significant financial support to help them reduce greenhouse gas emissions and transition to renewable energy. The UN esti-

mates that developing countries, excluding China, need more than \$2 trillion annually by 2030 to make meaninaful progress.

The current debate centers on who will finance these initiatives. In 2009, wealthier nations pledged \$100 billion annually in climate financing for developing countries, a goal they only reached two years behind schedule. Now, many of these recipient countries are calling for a new target of at least \$1 trillion per year to effectively address climate challenges. Countries such as China and the UAE, which are still classified as "developing" but are major emitters and fossil-fuel producers, face pressure to contribute more substantial-

ly to the climate finance fund. Another core issue at COP29 is the review of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), the plans each country submits outlining their goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. With the next round of NDC updates due in early 2025, this summit is a crucial opportunity to solidify targets that align with the Paris Agreement's goal of limiting global temperature rise to 2 degrees Celsius by 2100. The hope is that countries will commit to more ambitious emission reductions and be transparent about their paths toward net-zero emissions. COP28, held in Dubai in 2023, marked the first time a COP agreement openly called on countries to transition away from fossil fuels. However, progress has been inconsistent. The International Energy Agency's (IEA) tracking tool, established in April 2024, shows mixed results, with many countries struggling to meet their renewable energy targets. COP29 in Azerbaijan faces substantial challenges, from balancing climate goals with fossil fuel interests to addressing the financial needs of developing nations. If COP29 is to be a success, it must result in tangible commitments to climate finance, renewable energy, and unity among nations. This will be essential to ensuring that COP29 is remembered as a turning point in the global response to climate change—not as a missed opportunity.



Students pass by a wall painting depicting a scene from 'Krishna Leela', in Prayagraj

Domestic tensions add to Oli's predicament



Amid a mounting internal criticism, Nepal's Prime Minister KP Oli faces daunting challenges, from managing a coalition to dealing with China

Diwali and Tihar vacation in Nepal is continu-Here is a flash report from Pokhara. After a turbulent 18month rule, in which former Prime Minister Prachanda had to seek a vote of confidence five times, the two leading parties Nepali Congress and Unified Marxist Leninist unholy alliance ended CPN(Maoist) kingmaker Prachanda's rule of just 32 seats in a 205-member house. PM KP Oli-led coalition is short of a two thirds majority. They share 4 to 3 in NC's favour in ruling the seven provinces. The promise of Ram-Rajya is unlikely to materialise. Two things stand out: an uneasy stability in government; and Oli's apparent unpopularity. Oli's only claim in his first 100 days is a positive stock market. And breaking the tradition of a Nepalese PM's first overseas visit to India by going first to China from 2 to 6 December, which high profile foreign minister Arzu Rana is organising. India not inviting Oli to become PM is a deliberate omission which was served to late PM Sushil Koirala also a decade ago. Oli's standing as a leader has

diminished because he is a junior partner to NC which is seen favoured by India, and due to his apparent loss of control and power over UML. A front-page report in Kathmandu Post (5 November) illustrates this. But alleged corruption cases against him and his supporters including the super department store chain Bhat Bhateni owner Min Bahadur Gurung have dimmed his reputation. On occasions, he was greeted with the chant "Oli chor, desh chhod". Still, Oli retorted: "wait and watch my party perform during 2027 elections". He is hoping to resuscitate his image from his visit to China. His stock with India is low. While Rana was given a red carpet welcome in India – meeting PM Modi, NSA Ajit Doval and Secretary to Prime Minister PK Misra – Oli's vith Modi on the sidelines of UNGA was low-key. The China visit will have the Oli hallmark. He will meet President Xi Jinping, his counterpart Li sign and ratify 'the Border



Nepali leaders willingly oblige Beijing over the One China policy that has ensured the 'Great Wall of China' on the border to prevent Tibetan inflitration and migration to Dharamsala. Only one or two Tibetans slipped through this year. China wants Nepal to

and illegal construction, has

been quashed.



OLI'S ONLY CLAIM IN HIS FIRST 100 DAYS IS A POSITIVE STOCK MARKET. AND **BREAKING THE** TRADITION OF A NEPALESE PM'S FIRST OVERSEAS VISIT TO INDIA BY **GOING FIRST TO** CHINA FROM 2 TO 6 DECEMBER, WHICH HIGH PROFILE **FOREIGN MINISTER** ARZU RANA IS ORGANISING

Management System' which Kathmandu has not done so far. But Beijing hopes Oli will. China-Nepal relations were upgraded to Strategic Partnership during Xi's historic

2019 visit. The Xi visit was unique because none of the agreements signed had been implemented. A power trade agreement may be facilitated now after the completion of the 220 KVA transmission line from Rasuwagarhi to Kirung to sell power from Chinese hydro projects.It is in the energy sector that Nepal will eventually prosper. Bangladesh, Nepal and India signed a tripartite agreement for the 40MW sale of Nepal electricity to Bangladesh in the rainy season. India holds the key to the development of Nepal's power sector. Nepal is complaining about the Bureau of İndian Standards withholding certification of exports, especially with Chinese components which will hit Kathmandu, not Beijing. The opposition is in disarray with former Home Minister, once a rising star, Rabi Lamichhane, back in jail for the Pokhara Cooperative fraud. His party and his image have taken a beating though independents like Kathmandu Mayor, Balen Shah and Dharan Mayor, Harka Sampang, are progressing relentlessly to clean politics.

While King Gyanendra's pop-

ularity may appear to be rising, a return to constitutional monarchy is unlikely despite his recent visit to Bhutan which triggered unusual speculation. It is India that is making quiet gains, the embassy keeping a low profile, letting PMO Delhi run the show. Lingering negativity about Indian interference has all but vanished. On Agniveer, the feeling among Indian Gorkha ex-servicemen is that Nepal should lift the embargo on it. "Something (even four years service) is better than nothing". Foreign Minister S Jaishankar's remarks in July on Agniveer (relating to Nepal) were clear. "India's foreign policy is determined by its national interest. Not by any other country". The message reportedly conveyed to Arzu Rana in Delhi was: "no change in terms of engagement on Agniveer" even as a review

COAS Gen Dwivedi is arriving here on November 21 for a ceremonial appointment as Honorary Chief of Nepal Army which has lost its lustre because not a single Nepali has been recruited in the Indian Army for five years.

is ongoing.

(The writer, a retired Major General, was Commander, IPKF South, Sri Lanka, and jounaer member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the Integrated Defence Staff; the views expressed are personal)

Organic farming: Cultivating a climate-conscious future



Organic farming is emerging as a sustainable agricultural solution, offering an eco-friendly alternative to conventional farming practice

ith a growing focus on environmental issues, organic farming has emerged as a powerful ally in the fight against climate change. As global temperatures climb and natural ecosystems deteriorate, there is a shared conviction among scientists, environmental activists and farmers about the pressing need to create sustainable methods for food production.

Organic agriculture holds significance not just for cultivating food without synthetic pesticides and fertilisers, but also for fostering farming systems that harmonise with nature. Could organic farming be the answer to the climate crisis?

The fundamentals of organic farming lies in its significant potential to greatly diminish greenhouse gas emissions. The production of these, in conjunction with chemical pesticides, demands significant amounts of fossil fuels, whereas organic farms prioritise natural fertilisers and composts that enhance soil health over time. Environmental scientists, states, "Soil in organic farms often contains more carbon

because of the organic matter used." Healthier soil retains more moisture and serves as a carbon sink, effectively capturing CO? from the atmos-

Organic farming promotes a rich variety of life forms. The importance of biodiversity cannot be overstated when it comes to creating resilient ecosystems. Traditional monoculture farming strips the soil of essential nutrients, reduces the diversity of habitats, and leaves crops vulnerable to numerous pests and diseases. Organic farming often embraces a variety of crops, fosters the growth of wild plants in and around the farm, and supports pollinators like bees and butterflies. Organic farms can have as

species richness than conventional farms, allowing for a greater diversity of birds, insects, and other wildlife to flourish alongside agricultural activities. This is similarly true regarding the conser-

vation of water. Organic farms utilise techniques such as mulching and crop rotation to effectively conserve water. These methods enhance the soil's composition and increase its ability to retain moisture. This is why the organic farm is more adept at managing droughts, as numerous regions impacted by climate change are grappling with this issue. Through organic farming, we're cultivating more than just crops; we're fostering a sustainable water cycle.

much as 30 per cent greater While there are several advan-

tages to consider, some contend that relying solely on organic farming may not suffice to nourish the global population, as it tends to produce lower yields compared to traditional practices. Incorporating organic practices, such as crop rotation and minimising reliance on chemicals, into extensive agricultural operations significantly impacts the fight against climate change. Organic farming may not be

a perfect solution, yet its environmental advantages are clear: reducing carbon emissions, conserving water, and boosting biodiversity are integral components of a comprehensive strategy in sustainable agriculture. As consumers, we can contribute by opting for organic products whenever we have the chance. Together, we can achieve significant strides towards a more sustainable world. The path to achieving climate resilience is intricate; nonetheless, by embracing organic farming, we can cer-

greener future. (The writer is a motivator and a freelance writer: views are personal))

tainly sow the seeds for a

CHADRACHUD'S IMPACTFUL TENURE Madam — Apropos your editorial, "A rich

legacy," published on November 11. Justice DY Chandrachud's tenure as the CJI of India, which concluded on last Sunday, was marked by transformative rulings and substantial reforms, carving out a unique legacy in the Indian judicial history. The list of judgements penned by him is long and covers almost all aspects of law. They blend scholarship and jurisprudence and are likely to inform both future decisions and how the law is studied. Striking down the Electoral Bonds Scheme and upholding the abrogation of Article 370 are among his influential verdicts that stand pillars of his legacy.

His decisions resonate not only within the corridors of the Supreme Court but also in the lives of countless Indians whose rights and freedoms he defended. Through humour, resilience, and an unwavering dedication to constitutional ideals, Chandrachud exemplified judicial leadership. As India's judicial landscape evolves, his tenure will be remembered as a testament to the power of law to uphold equality, integrity, and the spirit of democracy. Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

PRIORITISE MENTAL WELLBEING

Madam—Apropos to "Creating a workplace culture that truly supports mental health," published on November 11. It is good that they chose to focus on mental health in the workplace on Mental Health Day on October 10. Because the way few professionals in both the private and government sectors have taken their lives due to undue work pressure in the last few months is alarming, to say the least. Now a days, whoever is entering the cor-

porate world is expected to be mentally strong to cope with the rising pressure and huge mismatch in work-life balance, but how would we justify the death of a young girl who has done well academically to clear CA and get into one of the top 4 consulting firms in the country and was forced to take her life in Pune? We in India have a very abysmal psychiatrist-patient co consumption in government offices



he Finance Minister launched five Nari Shakti branches of Union Bank of India for women entrepreneurs in a step to boost women's power. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman virtually inaugurated five Nari Shakti branches of Union Bank of India

ratio. We have 0.75 psychiatrists per 100,000 mental patients against the prescribed 3 psychiatrists. Though things are changing a bit and people are approaching mental health professionals after many celebrities have opened up about this, we still need to cover a long distance in terms of enhancing mental health infrastructure and speak openly about this

GoI would need to go all out to open thousands of mental health education institutes and hospitals to bridge this huge gulf and encourage young students to take up this profession. We will have to teach our children about the importance of mental and emotional health and need to bring a drastic change in our society when it comes to talking about mental health issues. There should not be any stigma attached to it.

Bal Govind | Noida

SMOKING BAN

Madam — The decision of the Karnataka government to ban smoking and tobac-

schemes specifically tailored to support women, aiming to empower female entrepreneurs and strengthen financial inclusion for women across the country. Furthermore, she encouraged women entrepreneurs to make use of these schemes and contribute to job cre-The Nari Shakti operates with a focus on extending credit to women entrepreneurs. In

from Bengaluru. She urged the bank to develop technology-driven, cluster-based

addition to financing women-owned manufacturing and service units, the bank will also focus on advisory services, workshops on start-ups, skill development programs, mentorship, networking, and collaborations. Union Bank of India has opened Nari Shakti branches in Bengaluru, Chennai, Visakhapatnam and Jaipur. It is a right step in the right direction. Akhilesh Krishnan | Mumbai

and on its premises, though laudable, boils down to its efficacious implementation. Moreover, the state government circular has said precious little about the punishment for flouting rules. Having said that, the move is indeed praiseworthy because it will send a strong message to all stakeholders about the perils of smoking and chewed tobacco. Furthermore, passive smokers can heave a sigh of relief as they stand to suffer as well from smoke. It is also time the Centre revisits COTPA and contemplates better execution of the

Act. By "The Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act 2003," also referred to as COTPA, smoking and consumption of other tobacco products in public places is prohibited nationwide. This Act also encompasses other requirements like displaying signage and enforcement.

Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

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FIRST COLUMN BLESSINGS OVER BILLIONS

If we want to be happy, then we should earn blessings which is our real wealth



RAJYOGI BRAHMA KUMAR NIKUNJ JI

e all love money ...don't we? It's a fact that money makes the world go round because it can make the impossible possible and the unimaginable real. Hence, it won't be an exaggeration to say that money can do almost everything. (At least those who have it feel so for sure) There is a famous Hindi film song that says "The whole thing is that ki bhaiya Sabse Bada Rupaiya". We all have experienced how money can make people change their moods and colours in a jiffy. Haven't we? It can close the eyes, seal the mouth and deafen the ears wherever needed. We have seen in many scenes of movies how witnesses of crime turn a blind eye and a deaf ear and maintain a stony silence even though they know the truth.

Similarly in the world of business, money is the prime force behind the movers and shakers of mega deals, mergers and break-ups. Whether it's sports, entertainment or any other business, money can make cutthroat competitors get into cooperative mode in mutual interest. Money can match the mismatched, miss targets and change roles. At present it is observed that money has a considerable clout even in matters of faith. Like, it can gain you easy access to the holy citadels of godmen who may anoint you as their ardent follower. With money, you can also have a quick darshan of your favourite lord at the temple without having to wait in long queues. The list is unending. In short, money can buy anything and everything under the sun that can be bought. Though money creates this illusion that we are living in paradise money cannot



do any of the following for us. Like, money can buy us a beautiful house but not a happy home; it can buy us delicious food and expensive healthcare but not good health; it can provide us with high security but it cannot guarantee even minimum safety; it can buy us countless things for entertainment but not cheer and joy; it can buy us a comfortable bed but not sound sleep; it can buy name and fame but not real respect; it can buy the best contacts and relations but not true and honest love; it can buy crowns and thrones but not real power; it can buy good education but not intelligence and wisdom & lastly it can bail us out from the worst crimes but it cannot help us escape divine justice & buy us liberation from our sins and sufferings.

So, no matter if money does make the world go round, at the end of all the going round, we reach nowhere and get nothing substantial and real and end up being more impoverished than ever. Since ages, our scriptures and sages have spoken about the vices and virtues. Of all the vices like lust, anger, attachment, greed and ego, the most dangerous and subtle is "Greed". It is said that greed is such a kind of hunger that's never satisfied. Our desire for food ends when our hunger is appeased, our anger also subsides when its purpose is achieved, but! Greed is not satisfied even if we get the kingdom of the whole world.

Hence, it is this tendency, which is created by wealth, in a person who possesses it, that leads to corruption at all levels. So, does it mean one should not recognise the importance of money? Not really! Instead, we must understand that money or wealth is merely a tool that has to be used wisely and without greed, attachment or selfishness to create happiness for all. Hence, as long as we use it as a master's, it will bring us benefit and happiness. As soon as we become slaves to it, it will bring loss and misery. An enlightened person would always use money for the maximum good of a maximum number of people, whereas for a spiritually empowered soul, money becomes a tool to create good karma and a good destiny for the self and others. So, the story's moral is that money has never made man permanently happy, nor will it. Hence if we want to be happy, then we should earn blessings which is our real wealth and which would go along with birth after birth. Think about it!

(The writer is a spiritual educator and popular columnist; views are

IFFI 2024: A global stage for cinema, culture and talent



This year's edition reaffirms IFFI's role as a powerful force in global cinema, connecting storytellers, industry leaders and audiences in a shared appreciation of the cinema



he 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) is set to bring a fresh wave of cinematic celebration to the scenic coast of Goa from November 20th to 28th, 2024. This year's festival promises to be more than just a film showcase; it's a convergence of global cultures, a launchpad for emerging voices, and a profound tribute to India's cinematic legacy. IFFI 2024 is a bold step forward, not only in its evolution but as a distinctive international film festival that celebrates both India's vibrant culture and the art of cinema on a global stage. This year, IFFI spotlights Australia as its "Country of Focus," emphasising the festival's commitment to bridging cultures and fostering international understanding. This section invites Indian audiences to dive into the heart of Australian cinema, exploring a curated selection of films that range from gritty dramas to adventurous comedies and reflective documentaries.

Through this focused lens, audiences will experience the unique and evolving cinematic language of Australia, making IFFI a powerful platform for cross-cultural appreciation and dialogue. In doing so, IFFI 2024 goes beyond tradi-tional film screening to create an immersive experience that positions the festival as a bridge between the stories, people, and cultures of the world. IFFI 2024's newest addition, the "Best Debut Director of Indian Feature Film" award, shines a spotlight on the next generation of Indian filmmakers. This award isn't just a recognition; it's a pivotal moment in a young director's career, marking a path for fresh perspectives in Indian cin-

By dedicating this category to first-time directors, IFFI signals its commitment to nurturing innovative voices and helping them gain visibility in an increasing-ly competitive industry. While many international film festivals focus on established talents, IFFI's recognition of debut filmmakers reflects its dedication to fostering growth and embracing the future of Indian cinema. This year's festival also pays homage to four towering icons of Indian cinema: Raj Kapoor,



WITH OVER 200 FILMS FEATURED IN ITS VIEWING ROOM, FILM BAZAAR IS WHERE STORIES FIND INVESTORS.

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Tapan Sinha, Akkineni Nageswara Rao (ANR), and Mohammed Rafi. These legends shaped India's cinematic legacy and captured the hearts of audiences across generations. By featuring restored classics and specially curated presentations, IFFI brings their artistry to life for a new generation and provides international attendees with a meaningful glimpse into India's rich cinematic history. This tribute serves as a reminder of the depth of Indian cinema, its transformative impact on culture, and the enduring relevance of these trailblazers. IFFI's Film Bazaar, now in its 18th year, stands out as a dynamic marketplace that brings together filmmakers, financiers, distributors, and international industry leaders.

With over 200 films featured in its Viewing Room, Film Bazaar is where stories find investors, films connect with distributors and collaborations are born. This dedicated platform sets IFFI apart from screenings by creating opportuni-ties for projects to grow and flour-ish beyond the festival circuit. For both Indian and international filmmakers, Film Bazaar represents a gateway to global audiences and a rare chance to network and secure support for future projects. The Indian Panorama section of IFFI has become a hallmark of the festival, offering audiences a diverse selection of contemporary Indian cinema. With 25 feature films and 20 non-feature films selected for their cinematic excellence, thematic resonance and aesthetic creativity, Indian Panorama showcases the vibrancy and diversity of Indian story-

For international attendees, it provides an authentic insight into India's socio-cultural landscape, spotlighting everything from regional narratives to avant-garde experiments. This section rein-

forces IFFI's mission to present Indian cinema in all its depth and diversity, making it an invaluable part of the global film conversation. One of IFFI 2024's standout initiatives is "Creative Minds of Tomorrow" (CMOT), a program me by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) dedicated to nurturing young filmmakers. CMOT provides a platform for emerging voices to showcase short films, documentaries and animations, facilitating connections with seasoned industry professionals. Through CMOT, IFFI is not only showcasing young talent but also empowering the next generation of Indian filmmakers with the resources and connections to suc-

This initiative solidifies IFFI's role as a festival that goes beyond celebration to become a nurturing ground for creativity and growth. In line with the essence of Bharat other festivals focused solely on Parv, which captured the world's attention at Cannes 2024, IFFI brings forth a celebration of India's diverse cultural heritage. Bharat Parv, a campaign highlighting India's rich traditions and unity in diversity, finds its cinematic expression at IFFI, where films, events, and programming reflect India's multifaceted identity. This celebration of Indian culture provides international visitors with an immersive experience and a deeper understanding of India's story, offering a window into its heritage through the powerful lens of cin-

IFFI 2024 arrives at a transformative moment for Indian cinema, serving as a platform to elevate Indian filmmakers onto the world stage. The festival's emphasis on emerging talent, global collabora-tion, and cultural exchange aligns with India's aspirations to be a global leader in the arts. IFFI's unique combination of industry

initiatives, recognition of fresh voices and celebration of cinematic heritage enables it to play a pivotal role in the growth of Indian cinema and its reception on the global stage. This year's edition promises to leave an indelible impact on the industry, redefining IFFI as a festival that doesn't just reflect India's cinematic culture but actively shapes its future. For international filmmakers, IFFI 2024 offers an unparalleled opportunity to connect with India's vibrant cinematic landscape.

By providing exposure to a diverse Indian audience, access to Film Bazaar's resources and engagement with sections like the Australian showcase, IFFI offers international filmmakers insights into India's tastes, trends, and opportunities. IFFI's homage to iconic Indian artists also provides a rich cultural context that enables international guests to appreciate the legacy and contributions of Indian cinema. Through these interactions, IFFI creates a unique, collaborative Indian and global cinema.

The 55th IFFI is a festival that seamlessly merges tradition with forward-thinking innovation, paying tribute to the giants of Indian cinema while embracing the voices of tomorrow. From the spirit of Bharat Parv to the debut of a new award for emerging talent, IFFI 2024 embodies the evolving nature of cinema and celebrates the power of storytelling as a tool for connection. As the festival draws international filmmakers, industry leaders, and audiences together, it positions India as a key player in global cinema and reaffirms IFFI as a festival of lasting impact and

(The writer is former additional DG, DFF and festival director, IFFI; Inputs provided by Zoya Ahmad and Vaishnavi Srinivasan; Views expressed are

Staying grounded: Lessons from the 1984 elections and anti-Sikh riots

Both politicians and journalists risk misjudgment when they distance themselves from the realities on the ground

he 1984 election results were a shock to 👢 many. Rajiv Gandhi won a record-breaking 414 seats, toppling major political figures. Veteran leaders like Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Chandra Shekhar faced unexpected defeats-Vajpayee in Gwalior and Chandra Shekhar in Ballia. But this story is less about the triumphs or losses and more about a crucial lesson this journalist learned from an open-hearted conversation with Chandra Shekhar. In an interview, this journalist asked the seasoned leader if he had anticipated the wave that swept away even stalwarts like himself.

Shekhar replied candidly: "To be honest, I had become



disconnected from the grass roots. I didn't realise there was such a wave." This realisation left a lasting impact on the journalist, shaping their perspective going for-

The same kind of shock had reverberated through the nation during the 1977 elections, but in the opposite

ousted from power, losing her own seat in Rae Bareilly, while her son Sanjay Gandhi lost in Amethi. The Congress party was

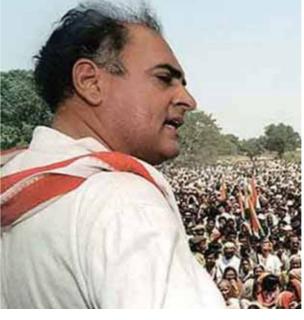
routed, failing to win a sin-gle seat in Uttar Pradesh or Bihar. Despite her stature and the counsel of her closest advisors, Indira Gandhi had also become detached from grassroots sentiment. This disconnect was something this journalist later witnessed in the field of journalism itself. During the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, this journalist returned from the field after witnessing the violence firsthand.

His editor, Ayub Syed, was discussing the events with a senior journalist, OP Sabherwal, who was

Sabherwal likened the situation to 1947, predicting that the riots would continue indefinitely.

The journalist respectfully intervened, sharing what he had observed in RK Puram: a Gurdwara under attack, granthis being rescued by the army, looters scattering when a single soldier raised his hand, and a crowd dispersing with just a shout. He explained to his seniors that the violence was being stoked by the Congress government, with rioters emboldened by police assurances of impunity. The journalist conveyed that

the riots were far from uncontrollable and could be stopped whenever the government chose. And he was direction. Indira Gandhi was analysing the riots from afar. proven right; the violence



ceased once the government decided it had gone too far. The lasting lesson? Whether a politician or a journalist, detachment from reality clouds judgment. Without a connection to the ground, even the most obvious forces at play can go unseen.

The 1984 election and subsequent events taught a vital lesson about staying con-nected to the grassroots. Rajiv Gandhi's landslide victory, which swept aside prominent leaders like Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Chandra Shekhar, highlight-ed how even seasoned politi-cians could lose touch with

public sentiment. În a candid interview, Chandra Shekhar admitted his own disconnect from the grassroots, mirroring

the misjudgment that cost Indira Gandhi the 1977 election. This theme resonated again during the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, where a journalist's firsthand observations clashed with distant analyses in the newsroom. The violence, stirred by political agendas, was ultimately controllable when authorities chose to act.

The takeaway? For both politicians and journalists, a disconnect from on-theground realities can obscure clear judgment, leaving critical forces unrecognised. Staying rooted is essential to understanding and addressing the true dynamics at play in any situation.

(The wrier is a senior journalist; views expressed

Trump taps Rubio as Secretary of State | Developing countries must not leave Baku

Americans for years. By picking Rubio and Waltz as his top diplomat and NSA guarantees a continuation of bi-partisan

ing of India-US relationship under the second Trump administration. The news of these two major

appointments came as the Republican party won a majority in the House of Representatives, thus giving Trump control over both the wings of the US Congress. The role of NSA does not require Senate confirmation.

There has been no official statement from the Trump Transition

'I'm thrilled for my friend, Florida colleague, and our next Secretary of State Marco Rubio. He will restore American leadership around the world, especially in Latin America, as he represents the United States with dignity and courage!" Florida Senator Rick Scott said.

Scott is seeking to be the Senate

Majority Leader, which is currently being held by Democratic Senator Chuck Schumer. "I am thrilled that President Trump has chosen Rep. Mike

Waltz to serve as his National Security Adviser. There is no one more capable or qualified for this crucial role," said Congressman Mike Rogers, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee,

'As a Green Beret, Rep. Waltz bravely fought to defend our nation. As a leader on the House

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Armed Services Committee, Rep. Waltz has continued to work around the clock to bolster US national security. Our national security is in good hands with Rep. Waltz at the helm," Rogers

Waltz, a Trump loyalist, is a combat-decorated Green Beret who served in Afghanistan, the Middle East and Africa. He would be the first former Green Beret to hold the role.

Waltz has served in Congress since 2019. He has called for Europe to do more to support Ukraine and for the US to be more stringent with its support aligning with a key foreign policy goal of the president-elect.

PUBLIC NOTICE

M/s Elite Design Pvt. Ltd. claims to be Vinod and Subhash Chand Yadav S/O the absolute owner and in possession amchandra is owner in Property having of Flat No.767 on Second Floor having its plinth / covered area lear Geeta Gali, Gandhi Nagar, East Delhi -110031. Purchased this property vide Sale Deed Reg no - 8015, Book Vol no measuring 98 sq. meters, Pocket-E, Situated at Mayur Vihar Phase-II, New Delhi (said property) on the basis surviving Member Certificate in the name. of Sale Deed dated 30.05.2022 executed by Sh. Anil Kumar Sachdeva are the absolute owner. In anyone has (S/o Late Sh. Raj Kumar Sachdeva & Late Smt. Lajwanti Sachdeva)

> Now, M/s Elite Design Pvt. Ltd. proposes to mortgage the aforesaid property with our client HDFC Bank

Any person(s) claiming any rights, title or interests whatsoever, in and over the aforesaid property or any part thereof through sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, bequest, possession, lease, lien, easement or otherwise may lodge his claims/ objections with documentary proof thereof, to the undersigned, within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice, as otherwise our client bank shall proceed towards the mortgage transaction with good faith, as if there are no subsisting claims/ objections, and all such claims/ objections not filed in time shall be deemed to have been waived & given up and shall not be binding on M/s Elite Design Pvt. Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my client Azad Khokher is in process to purchase the Ground Floor of Property bearing No. F-6/55 without Roof Rights area measuring 50 Sq. Yards. i.e. 41.80 Sq. Mitrs out of Klasra No. 47 & 48 situated in the Abadi of F-Block, Pandav Nagar in the area of Village Gharonda, Neem Ka Banger alias Patpar Ganj, Illaqa, Shahdara, Celhi-110091 (availing loan from PCHFL) from Kavita Sharma, having acquired the said property vide Sale Deed dated 29/6/2019 (Document No. 4320) executed by Smt. Neeru Chopra, He confirmed that his seller i.e. Kavita Sharma is not having the below documents pertaining to the property in question. Original Sale Deed dated 25.05.2017 executed by Mr. Shankar Mulwanti in favour of Mrs. Neeru Chopra Doc no. 2558
All person/s having any claim against or in respect of the said Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitableregistered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, family arrangement, maintenance, bequest, partnership, possession, lease, sublease, tenancy, license, lien, charge, pledge, easement or otherwise howsoever, are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned below within 7 days from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned.

Kamal Kant Gupta (Advocate)
Unit No. FF-2, First floor, Mahaluxmi Mettr Tower and our client HDFC Bank Ltd. Mohd. Raees (Advocate) D/4458/2015 R&P Legal Advocates & Legal Consultants I-1693, Chittaranian Park New Delhi -110019. Mobile No: 9654708907 Ph. 011-46063838, 41018803 Extn. 106

empty-handed: UN Secretary-General

I JN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres Tuesday urged world leaders to ensure that COP29 must tear down the walls of climate finance, warning that "developing countries must not leave Baku empty-handed".

Addressing the opening ceremony of the World Leaders Climate Action Summit at COP29 here, Guterres sought urgent measures to support developing nations, which are bearing the brunt of climatefuelled catastrophes despite contributing relatively little to global emissions.

The rich cause the problem, the poor pay the highest price," Guterres said, pointing out that developing nations face disproportionate impacts from climate change, such as food insecurity, infrastructure damage, and biodiversity loss.

"Developing countries must not leave Baku empty-handed. A deal is a must and I'm confident it will be reached," he

With 2024 on track to be the hottest year on record, he described climate change as a "masterclass" in destruction, devastating communities and driving up global food and energy prices. In his address, Guterres out-

lined three priorities essential reach \$359 billion annually by to achieving climate goals, par-2030, and urged developed ticularly stressing the role of countries to fulfil promises to developed nations in ensuring double adaptation funding by that developing countries have 2025.

adapt and transition to cleaner energy. He called for developed countries to lead emissions reductions by providing emerging economies with technology and financial aid to enable clinerable nations.

Guterres highlighted the staggering financial gap in adaptation financing, which could

'These missing dollars are not the necessary resources to

abstractions on a balance sheet: they are lives taken, harvests lost, and development denied," he said, advocating for rapid progress in establishing effective finance solutions for vul-

The UN Secretary-General further advocated a new climate finance structure to ensure developing countries receive adequate support. He proposed a five-point finance plan that includes boosting concessional public finance, tapping into innovative revenue sources, and transforming multilateral banks to channel greater investment into these regions.

significant support, COP29 risks ending without meaningful results for developing coun-He also emphasised that cli-

Guterres warned that without

mate finance is an essential investment in global stability and resilience.

PROTECTING INVESTING FINANCING ADVISING ADITYA BIRLA FINANCE LIMITED

APPENDEX IV Rule 8(1) POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) Whereas, The undersigned being the authorized officer of **M/S ADITYA BIRLA FINANCE LIMITED.** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of

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the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice Dated 19-06-2024 calling upon the borrower M/s. Empire Furniture Co, Through Proprietor, Mr. Gurpreet Singh Bhatia,
M/s. B J Corporation, Through Proprietor, Mrs. Sonia Bhatia, Loan Account Nos
ABND_LAP00000604092 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 6,56,29,368/-Rupees Six Crore Fifty Six Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Eight Only) as or 14-06-2024 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the publi

n general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this the 11th day of November of the year 2024. the borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of M/S ADITYA BIRLA FINANCE LIMITED. for an amount of Rs. 6,56,29,368/- (Rupees Six Crore Fifty Six Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand

Three Hundred Sixty Eight Only) as on 14-06-2024 and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub – section (8) of the section 13 of the Act, i respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. Description of the Immovable Property

Northern Side Portion of First Floor, Second Floor and Third Floor with roof rights, Part of Property bearing No 59, Motia Khan Dump Scheme, M.M. Road, Rani Jhasi Road, Delhi- 110055 PLACE: New Delhi, DATE: 11.11.2024 Authorised Officer, (Aditya Birla Finance Limite

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EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30.09.2024

KOVALAM INVESTMENT AND TRADING CO. LIMITED Regd. Office: Premises Oswal Woollen Mills Limited G.T. Road, Sherpur, Ludhiana-141003 PE CIN:L65910PB1981PLC023058, Ph.: +91-161-5066605,

Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter/Half Year Ended 30/09/2024

No.		30.09.2024 (Unaudited)	30.06.2024 (Unaudited)	30.09.2023 (Unaudited)	30.09.2024 (Unaudited)	30.09.2023 (Unaudited)	31.03.202 (Audited	
1	Total Income from operations (net)	177.97	109.02	86.82	286.99	177.87	361.00	
2	Net profit/(Loss) for the period (before tax)	175.14	106.63	83.07	281.77	171.11	349.30	
3	Net profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax)	161.92	101.83	75.31	263.75	155.35	305.1	
4	Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the period {Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income/(Loss) (after tax))	864.98	1,231.32	932.11	2,096.30	3,134.10	1,546.64	
5	Equity equity share capital (Face value : Rs.10/- per share)	222.39	222.39	222.39	222.39	222.39	222.39	
6	Reserves (excluding revaluation reserve as shown in the per audited balance sheet of previous year)	-	-	-	-	-	8,568.4	
7	Earning per share (EPS) (Rs.) Basic and Diluted EPS	7.28	4.58	3.39	11.86	6.99	13.72	

year ended September 30, 2024 filed with the Stock Exchanges under regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing and other disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2024 are available on the Stock Exchange website i.e. www.bseindia.com and Company's website: http://www.owmnahar.com/kovalam/investor.php For Kovalam Investment & Trading Co. Ltd.

Extract of Statement of Standalone Un-audited Financial Result For The Quarter And Half Year Ended 30th September, 2024

Ended 30/09/2024)

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September, 2024 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by the Boar of Directors in their meeting held on November 12, 2024. The financial results have been subjected to Limited Review by Statutory Auditors of the Company. 2. The above is the extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial Results for the guarter and ha

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The above results duly reviewed by the Audit Committee, were approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 11.11.2024.

For SAR Televenture Limited Pankaj Nagpal

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(Formerly SAR Televenture Private Limited) CIN: L45202HR2019PLC080514 Regd. Off.: Plot No. 346 A, 2nd Floor, Udyog Vihar, Phase-4, Gurugram-122016 Haryana Contact: +91-8587050050, Email: info@sarteleventure.com

SAR Televenture Limited

EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30.09.2024

		6 M	onths Ended	Year Ended		
Sr. No.	Particulars -	30.09.2024 Unaudited		31.03.2024 Audited	31.03.2024 Audited	31.03.2023 Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	538.46	321.94	320.74	640.97	642.99
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or extraordinary Items#)	178.72	54.23	92.81	147.04	117.73
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or extraordinary Items#)	178.72	54.23	92.81	147.04	117.73
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or extraordinary Items#)	142.09	41.08	60.17	106.61	78.78
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	142.09	41.08	60.17	106.61	78.78
6	Equity Share capital	742.85	210	300	300	65.29
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	49795.67	2673.14	5128.89	5128.89	823.13
8	Earning per Share (face Value of Rs. 10/- each) (not annualised)					
	1. Basic	0.38	0.52	0.41	0.73	18.47
	2. Diluted	0.38	0.52	0.41	0.73	18.47

The above is an extract of the detailed format of half year financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the half year financial Results are available or

The above results duly reviewed by the Audit Committee, were approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 11.11.2024 For SAR Televenture Limited

The above results were reviewed by the Audit Commmittee and reviewed by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 11th Novermber, 2024. These financial results have been prepared in accordance with recognition and measurement principles laid down in the Indian Accounting Standards 34 Interim Financial Reporting (Ind AS-34) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with relevant rules issued thereunder and other accounting principles generally accepted in India.

The Statutory Auditors have carried out a Limited Review of the unaudited standalone Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30th September, 2024. The company is principally engaged in Single Business segment Viz. Trading, there is no other reportable segment in terms of Ind AS-108 'Operating Segments'.

Previous period figures have been regrouped/ reclassified wherever necessary, to conform to this period s classification.

For and on behalf of Board of Directors o

Sd/ Pankaj Nagpal

the Stock Exchange website www.nseindia.com. The same is also available on the Company's website www.sarteleventure.com.

Director

DIN - 07534810

US President-elect Donald Trump has tapped Florida Senator Marco Rubio as his Secretary of State and Congressman Mike Waltz as his National Security Advisor.

Rubio, 53, is considered to be a friend of India and has been an advocate of the India-US relationship, while Waltz, 50, is an old-India hand and has been cochair of the Congressional Caucus for India and Indian

support and further strengthen-

U GRO U GRO Capital Limited 4th Floor, Tower 3, Equinox Business Park, LBS Road, Kurla, Mumbai 400070

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES BY PRIVATE TREATY SALE NOTICE OF 15 DAYS FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSET(S) ["SECURED ASSET(S)"] BY PRIVATE TREATY UNDER THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8 AND OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RILLES 2002 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s that the below described Secured Asset(s) mortgaged / charged to U GRO Capital Limited ("Secured Creditor"), the possession of which has been taken by the authorised officer of Secured Creditor, wil be sold on "As is what is" and "As is where is" and "Whatever there is" basis, by way of private treaty

after 15 days from this notice, for recovery of Rs. 43,31,174/- as on 11.01.2023 and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of realization of amount, due to Secured Creditor from the rrower(s) and Guarantor(s) namely 1) Shajl Industries 2) Mr. Akash Atri 3) Mrs. Laxmi Dev the Reserve Price will be Rs. 76,00,000/- and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 7,60,000/-.

"All the piece and parcel of the immovable property being Land area measuring 65 Sq. Yds. an construction thereon, Situated at Khata No. 164, Khasra No. 501 & 500K, Main Dadri Surajpur Road (Noid

Dadri Road), Village Devla, Pargana & Tehsil Dadri, District Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201306." For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in U GRO Capita ted/Secured Creditor's website. i.e. <u>www.ugrocapital.com</u> or contact the undersigned

Authorised Officer, UGRO Capital Limite

Authorized Office

Manibhavnam Home Finance India Private Limited

Office No. 02, Jawahar Nagar, A.B. Road, Dewas, M.P.-455001

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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whatsoever is caused to the Company's customers during the process of closing. The loan accounts of

Emaar India Limited

CIN - U4520IDL200PLC133161

Email ID - bharat.garg@emaar.ae Website -www.in.emaar.com

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20th February, 2025



Date : 13-11-2024. Place : Uttar Pradesh

CAN FIN HOMES LTD

CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699, Above Canara Bank Building, First Floor, Plot No C – 3, Sector – 1, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, Pin Code : 201301, E-mail : noida@canfinhomes.com, Ph No : 0120 – 2970164/65/67, 7625079126 APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 9 (1)] 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 9 (1) 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/charged 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 eauction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 03-12-2024, for recovery of Rs. 32,07,344/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Seven Thousand Three Hundred Forty Four Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from Mr. Vinod Kumar and Mrs. Soniya (Borrowers) and Mr. Dalbir Singh (Guarantors), as on 11-11-2024, together with further interest and other charges thereon. The reserve price will be Rs. 8,10,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Ten Thousand Only) and the

earnest money deposit will be Rs. 81,000/- (Rupees Eighty One Thousand Only) (Description of the immovable property) Residential Flat No. FF-4, Back Side, First Floor (L.I.G. Type, Without Roof Right) Plot No. G-52 & 53, Khasra No. 1458, Balaji Enclave Colony Hadbast Village

Raispur, Pargana-Dasna, Tehsil and District Ghaziabad Boundaries G-52 and 53: East- Plot No. G-48 and 49, West – Road 20 FT Wide North-Plot No. G-54.South-Plot No. G-51 Known Encumbrance-Nil

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website o

Can Fin Homes Ltd., (https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx). Link for participating in e-auction: https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net

MANIBHAVNAM HOME FINANCE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED REGISTERED OFFICE:- Farm No. 10, Tropical Drive, Ghitorni, M.G Road, New Delhi -110030

This is to inform the public in general, and the customers in particular, that the management of the Name

Current Address Contact Details of Closing Branch

Tentative Date of Closing It is clarified that due care is being taken by the Company to ensure that no inconvenience

all the valued customers shall continue with another branch from new address (i.e., Office no-309, Horizon Anartment, Nath Mandir Road, South Tuko Gani, Indore-452003) Customers are $hereby\ requested\ to\ kindly\ take\ note\ of\ the\ aforesaid\ change, which\ will\ be\ effective\ tentatively\ from$

In case any further clarification is required and/or in case of any difficulty, the customer may contact the officials of Manibhavnam Home Finance India Private Limited (+919910705878, Mr. Vipin Gupta).

Date: 13.11.2024

Regd. Office: 306-308, Square One, C-2, District Centre, Saket, New Delhi - 110017

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 (Rs. in million Total Income from Operations

Particulars

Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax

Exceptional and /or Extraordinary Items)

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and Disclosures Requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full formats of financial results are available on the website of the stock exchange www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website www.in.emaar.com. For the other line items referred in regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulation, 2015, pertiner disclosures have been made to the Stock Exchange and can be accessed on the website of stock exchange www.bseindia.com

meeting held on November 11, 2024.

Place: Gurugran

The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with stock exchange under regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations

3. The above financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at the

For ROTOGRAPHICS (INDIA) LIMITED Jamal Majed Khalfan Bin Theniyah Date: 11.11.2024 Manish Kumar Kori Date: 11.11.2024 Whole Time Director Cum CEO DIN: 10426839 Place: Haryana

Amsterdam police warn of fresh unrest | UK supports India for a day after rioters torch tram

AP ■ THE HAGUE

senior police officer Awarned Tuesday of calls for more rioting in Amsterdam, after dozens of people armed with sticks and firecrackers set a tram on fire Monday night as the city faces tensions following violence last week targeting fans of an Israeli soccer club. Olivier Dutilh, of the Amsterdam police force, told a court hearing that "we have signals that there are calls for similar" unrest in the west of the

Police said the fire Monday was quickly extinguished and riot officers cleared the square. Images online showed people damaging property and setting firecrackers. There were no reports of any injuries.

Police said it was not clear who started the unrest and whether it was related to what happened last week. Some rioters could be heard on video shared on social media using slurs against Jewish people.

Police noted the tense atmosphere since five people were treated in the hospital and dozens detained Thursday following a Maccabi Tel Aviv-Ajax match. Youths on scooters and on foot went in search of Israeli fans, punching and kicking them and then fleeing to evade



In this image taken from video, police officers patrol in riot gear on the streets of Amsterdam as the city is facing tensions following violence last week

according Amsterdam's mayor.

were banned by local authorities from gathering outside the stadium. Before the match, Maccabi fans also tore a Palestinian flag off a building

to in Amsterdam and chanted anti-Arab slogans on their way Pro-Palestinian demonstrators to the stadium. There were also reports of Maccabi fans starting fights.

Dutch police announced five new arrests Monday in their investigation into that earlier

remains a suspect. Earlier, police said that four other men who had been

violence. The suspects are men

aged 18 to 37 and are from

Amsterdam or surrounding

cities. Four are still in custody

the fifth has been released but

arrested last week would remain in custody while the investigation continues. Two of those are minors, a 16-year old and a 17-year old from Amsterdam. The other two men are from Amsterdam and a nearby city. Police said they have identified

over 170 witnesses and have taken forensics evidence from dozens. Prime Minister Dick Schoof said they were also examining videos posted to social media. Schoof was meeting with community leaders Tuesday afternoon to discuss antisemitism.

Reports of antisemitic speech, vandalism and violence have been on the rise in Europe since the start of the war in Gaza, and tensions mounted in Amsterdam ahead of Thursday night's match.

The mayor has banned all demonstrations in the city and declared several parts of Amsterdam risk zones where police can stop and check anyone. Dozens were detained on Sunday for taking part in a pro-Palestinian demonstration in central Amsterdam that had been outlawed. A small demonstration was ended by police Tuesday outside Amsterdam City Hall during a debate about the unrest, Dutch broadcaster NOS reported.

permanent UNSC seat

The UK has reiterated its I support for permanent membership for India in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) as part of an expansion of the international panel to ensure it can continue to rise to the pressing challenges faced by the world. In an address to a UN General

Assembly plenary in New York on Monday, UK Ambassador to the General Assembly Archie Young reflected upon Prime Minister Keir Starmer's statement at the UNGA back in September calling for UNSC reforms to ensure the global multilateral system is "more representative and more responsive".

Besides India, Young stressed that the UK wants permanent representation for Africa,

Brazil, Germany and Japan. The UK believes that a reformed Council, coupled with a collective, renewed commitment to the UN Charter, would strengthen the Council, so it can continue to rise to the challenges the world is facing; that is why we remain a strong supporter of UN Security Council Reform. The Council must be expanded, to better reflect the world today," said

"We continue to support an expansion in both the permanent and non-permanent categories of membership to a total in the mid-twenties. We want to see permanent African representation, and permanent seats for Brazil, Germany, India and Japan," he said.

Reflecting on the 2023 Security Council reform agenda at the UN General Assembly, Britain's UN representative recalled the perilous and dangerous state of the world at the time and the challenge this posed to the

multilateral system. He noted: "A year later, the situation is even more acute, and the need to strengthen our multilateral system through reform, ever more pressing."
"During his address to the UN

General Assembly September, my Prime Minister reflected on the increasingly complex and interconnected challenges the world, and our multilateral system, are facing," he said. "Conflict touches more countries now than at any time in the history of the United Nations, exacting a terrible human toll in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, and elsewhere in the world. The Security Council's role - and its responsibility for international peace and security – is as important now as it has ever been," he added.

Young admitted that agreeing on a model of reform for the Security Council will be "difficult" but asserted the importance of tackling the issue.

"It is incumbent on all of us to work together, in the spirit of compromise, to deliver the change we know is needed. The UK is committed to doing just that, and we look forward to detailed and constructive discussions in the intergovernmental negotiations, which we hope will move us forward towards text-based negotia-

tions," he added. The UK's intervention came as Permanent India's Representative to the UN Parvathaneni Harish also focussed his address at the plenary session on urgent UNSC reform

"As we begin this year's deliberations, we note that the reform of the UN Security Council was once again identified as a critical and immediate priority at the summit of the future discussions by our leaders. However, in spite of several decades of collective reiteration of this sentiment, it is disheartening that we have had no results to show in this regard since 1965 when the Council was last expanded in the nonpermanent category alone," he

Haiti's main airport shuts down as gang violence surges

AP PORT-AU-PRINCE

Haiti's international airport shut down on Monday after gangs opened fire at a commercial flight landing in Port-Au-Prince, prompting some airlines to temporarily suspend operations as the country swore in a new interim prime minister who promised to restore peace.

The Spirit Airlines flight headed from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to Port-Au-Prince was just hundreds of feet from landing in Haiti's capital when gangs shot at the plane striking a flight attendant, who suffered minor injuries, according to the airline, the U.S Embassy and flight tracking data. The flight was diverted and landed in the Dominican Republic.

Photos and videos obtained by The Associated Press show bullet holes dotting the interior of a plane.

part of what the US Embassy called "gang-led efforts to block travel to and from Portau-Prince which may include armed violence, and disruptions to roads, ports, and air-Spirit, JetBlue and American Airlines said Monday they were cancelling flights to and from Haiti.

In other parts of Haiti's capital, firefights between gangs and police broke out. Rounds of gunfire echoed through the streets as heavily armed officers ducked behind walls and civilians ran in terror. In other upper-class areas, gangs set fire to homes. Schools closed as panic spread in a number of

The turmoil comes a day after a council meant to reestablish democratic order in the Caribbean nation fired the interim prime minister Garry Conille, replacing him with businessman Alix Didier Fils-Aimé. The council has been marked by infighting and three members were recently accused of corruption. As he was sworn in, Fils-Aimé said restore peace to the crisis-

stricken nation and hold elections, which haven't been held in Haiti since 2016.

There is a lot to be done to bring back hope," he said before a room of suit-clad diplomats and security officials. "I'm deeply sorry for the people ... that have been victimized, forced to leave everything they own.

The country has seen weeks of political chaos, which observers warned could result in even more violence in a place where bloodshed has become the new normal. The country's slate of gangs has long capitalized on political turmoil to make power grabs, shutting down airports, and shipping ports and stirring

The United Nations estimates that gangs control 85% of the capital of Port-au-Prince. while a UN-backed mission led by Kenyan police to quell gang violence struggles with a lack of funding and personnel, peacekeeping mission.

35 killed as man rams car into crowd in China

PTI ■ BEIJING

Thirty-five people were killed and 43 others injured when a 62-year old man rammed his car into a crowd in China's Zhuhai City on Monday, official media reported on Tuesday. Zhuhai is currently hosting China's presti-gious airshow. The 62-year-old driver, a divorced man identified as Fan, rammed his car at around 7:48 pm Monday, when citizens were exercising at the sports centre in Zhuhai City, about 2,200 kms south of Beijing, state-run Xinhua news agency quoted Zhuhai public security bureau as saying.

He was detained soon after the incident, Xinhua said. It was, however, not imme-

diately clear whether it was an accident or an attack

Chinese President Xi Jinping has urged all-out efforts to treat the people injured in the car ramming case and also demanded punishing the perlaw, the Xinhua added

Mauritius Opposition gets landslide win in polls before all results were ment faced corruption allegaa total of 70 parliamentary

 $M_{\rm coalition}^{\rm auritius'}$ opposition has won the country's election by a landslide, taking all seats in the country's parliament in a major rejection of the current government.

According to results released at various constituencies across the country throughout Monday, the governing coalition led by Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth failed to get any of the 62 seats available for voters to directly decide on. Jagnauth conceded defeat

announced, saying his Militant Socialist Movement coalition was headed for a huge defeat as it became clear that the opposition was winning in all of the country's 21 constituencies. The Alliance for Change coalition's win will see the return of Navin Ramgoolam as the coun-

try's prime minister. He served

as prime minister from 1995 to

2000 and again from 2005 to 2014. Jugnauth, in office since 2017, had been seeking another fiveyear term in the Indian Ocean

island nation, but his govern-

tions after recordings of politicians and business people were leaked online.

"The population has decided to choose another team. I wish good luck to the country," Jugnauth said on Monday.
Official results that will include

two seats from Rodrigues Island are expected to be released Tuesday, but the opposition has already won all 60 seats that have been announced.

Another eight lawmakers will be nominated by the Electoral Supervisory Council to make it At least 1 million people were

registered to vote on Sunday in the 12th election since Mauritius gained independence from the United Kingdom in 1968.

Mauritius, which sits about 2,000 kilometers (1,240 miles) off Africa's east coast, is recognized as one of the continent's most stable democracies and has developed a successful economy underpinned by its finance, tourism and agricultural sectors since gaining inde-

सार्वजनिक सूचना सर्वसाधरण को सूचित किया जाता है कि मेरा नाम आध कार्ड नं 991010259338 पर राजेंद्र प्रसाद वर्मा पुत्र ४ त्रिवनी सहारा - पता ए- २०३ अन्तरिश्च गीन अपार्टमेंट्स प्ल त्रवना सहार्थ पता ए- 203 अन्तारक्ष ग्रान अपाटमटस प्त नं एफ -7 सेक्टर 50 नोएडा गौतमबुध्द नगर उत्तर प्रदे 201301 जन्म तिथि 07.08.1949 ॲकित है जबकि गे पासपोर्ट नं **L** 9542337 (13.06.2014 से 12.06.202 तक) में मेरा नाम राजेंट प्रसाद । पत्र श्री त्रिवनी सहारा ज तिथि 07.08.1949 पता A-203 Antriksh Gre Nagar Pin 201301, Uttar Pradesh, India ऑकित है इस नोट पर ऑकित राजेंद्र प्रसाद एंव राजेंद्र प्रस

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सावजानक र्रसाधरण को सूचित किया जाका है कि मेरा नाम आधा कार्ड नं 658847853000 पर राजेश्वरी देवी पत्नि श्री आर प्र वर्मा पता ए- 203 अन्तरिक्ष ग्रीन अपार्टमेंटस प्लाट नं एफ क्टर 50 नोएडा गौतमबुध्द नगर उत्तर प्रदेश 201301 जन तिथि 01.01.1955 ॲकित है जबकि मेरे पासपोर्ट नं M 1427043 (27.8.2024 से 26.8.2024 तक) में 142/043 (27.8.2024 स 25.8.2024 तक) भ भेरा नाम राजेश्वरी देवी वर्मा पत्नि राजेन्द्र प्रसाद वर्मा जन्म तिथि 01.01.1955 पता A-203 Antriksh Green Appt Sector 50 Noida GautamBudh Pin 201301, Uttar Pradesh, India र्गेकित है इस नोट पर ऑकित राजेश्वरी देवी एंव राजेश्वरी देवी वर्माएक ही व्यक्ति का नाम है. भविष्य में मुझे राजेश्वरी देवी वर्मा के नाम से जाना जाये

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed tha I/We SH. DHEERAJ TANDON am/ard filing application in L&DO for substitution mutation of the property no.231 From side Bharat Nagar, Ashok Vihar, North West Delhi-110052 in the name of **LATE** SH.DARSHAN LAL TANDON on the grounds of LEGAL HEIR If there are an phiections / claims from the general public on this application, the be communicated to L&DO with upporting documents through regi post or by visiting L&DO at Nirmai Bhawan, New Delhi or through an email at Ido@nic.in, within 30 days of oublication of this notice. DHEERAJ TANDON

ENGINEERING WORKS

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 34 of 2024 Date: 08-11-2024. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the follow works: Tender No.: DCESTMLG-24 2024. Name of work & Location: A NFRSA- AMC for 70 mtr cricket ground maintenance as per BCCI standard for 22.5 months.Tender Value: ₹1.43.53.200/-Earnest Money: ₹2,21,800/-; E-tender will be closed at 13:00 hrs. or 02-12-2024 and will be opened at 13:00 hrs. on 02-12-2024. For details please visit www.ireps.gov.in.

Dy. Chief Engineer/Estate Maligaon
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

is hereby notified for general public that i ent Shri Anshul Goel S/o Chander Moh ioel, has severed all her relations with his wife iamely Divisha Apparwal @ Divisha Goel and has debarred her from inheriting an and neglecting their duties owing towards my lient. If anybody deals with her shall do so a his/her own risks and my client shall not be responsible for any act of above named Divisha Aggarwal @ Divisha Goel in any manner ANIIPAM SNGH (Advocate

Chamber No. 433, Rohini Court Delhi-110085

PUBLIC NOTICE is to inform to the public at large that M

nankar Mishra had acquired Plot no. 105/B. neasuring 37.5 Sq. yds, out of Khasra no. 24/20, ituated at Village Dabri, Block C, Dabri Ext. New Delhi vide GPA Dt. 28.01.1983 along with ATS executed by Mr Kanwar Lal and Now Mr. Prem Shankar Mishra is the undisputed owner of the said property.

Any person / firm / institution / company having a claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license nift possession legal heirs partners encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereb required to intimate in writing to the undersigne within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and als eated as waived and not binding on our client Ajay Kumar Giri (Advocate) H No. 26/161, Basemei

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Manoj Kumar Singla S/o Suresh Chand and F/o Sameer Singla R/o 137/3 Patparganj, Village Ghronda Neem Ka Bangar Delhi-110091, solemnly affirm and declare that Manoj Kumar Singla and Manoj Kumar is one and same person.

PD(915)C I, Manoj Kumar Singla S/o Suresh Chand and F/o Harshita Singla R/o 137/3 Patparganj, Village Ghronda Neem Ka Bangar Delhi-110091, solemnly affirm and declare that Manoi Kumar Singla and Manoj Kumar is one and same person.

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THROUGH SLEEPER **RENEWAL WORKS**

E-Tender Notice No. 88/W-2/APDJ Dated: 06-11-2024, E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: Tender No. 39-AP-I-2024. Name of work: Raninagar Jalpaiguri-New Coochbehar-TSR (P)-12.800 TKM. Tender Value: ₹5,14,80,005.25/-. **Earnest Money:** ₹4,07,400/-. Date & Time of Closing of Tender: 13.00 hrs. of 28-11-2024 & opening at 15.00 hrs. of 28-11-2024. The complete information with tender documents of above e-tender will be available in website www.ireps.gov.in.

DRM (W), Alipurduar Jn. NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

EXECUTION, USING

MACHINE E-Tender Notice No. 98/W-2/APDJ Dated: 08-11-2024. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: Tender No. 45-AP I-2024. Name of work: Execution using Contractor's PQRS machine of new Coochbehar-Fakiragram Jn.-TSR (P)-48.160 Tkm. Tender Value: ₹21,73,02,131.11/-. Earnest Money: ₹12,36,500/-. Date & Time of Closing of Tender: 13.00 hrs. of 29-11-2024 & opening at 15.00 hrs. of 29-11-2024. The complete information with tender documents of above e-tender will be available in website

DRM (W), Alipurduar Jn NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

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Advertising Detailing Petition BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENCH-II NEW DELHI In the matter of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016

FORM NO. NCLT 3A

In the Matter of Section 7 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 read with rule 4 of the insolvency and Bankruptcy Rules, 2016

Jeevan Tara Building, 5, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001 ۷s M/s. Indian Technometal Co. Ltd. CIN- U27205DL2009PLC192248

In the Matter of

Central Bank of India

Stressed Assets Management Branch

Registered Office: 1107, Vikrant Tower 4, Rajendra Place, New Delhi-110008, India Company Petition / No.(1B) 676 of 2024 **NOTICE OF PETITION**

A petition/application /reference (Case Title: Central Bank of India Vs. M/s. Indiar Technometal Co. Ltd.) under section 7 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 read with rule 4 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Application to Adjudicatin Authority) Rules, 2016 for initiating a insolvency proceedings, was presented by BKM & Associate on the 10th Day of June 2024, and the said petition is fixed for hearing pefore Bench-II of National Company Law Tribunal, New Delhi on 09.12.2024 Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition application/reference should send to the petitioner's advocate, notice of his intentior signed by him or his advocate, with his name and address, so as to reach the petitioner's advocate not later than two days before the date fixed for the hearing of the petition / application /reference. Where he seeks to oppose the petitio application / reference, the grounds of opposition or a copy of his affidavit shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the petition / application / reference will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same (Sd/-) BKM & ASSOCIATES

Advocates, Solicitors & Consultants Counsel for the Financial Creditors 206, AJ, Chambers, Naiwala Bank Street, Karolbagh, New Delhi-110005 Mobile: 9868113796, E-mail: bkmdelhi@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE In terms of the Order dated 07-11-2024, passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No 7777/2023, it is stated that M/s Manyata Pristine

Partnership Firm owns following unencumbered lands in which Respondent No. 7 namely Reddy Veeranna has 90% share and the partnership fire has passed a resolution that the land show inder will be furnished as security in terms o the Order dated 03.10.2024 passed by the n'ble Supreme Court of India; SI. WILLIAGE NAME Sy. EXTENT

SI. No.	VILLAGE NAME	Sy. No.	EXTENT (in Guntas)			
1.	Valagere Kallahalli	185	30			
2.	Valagere Kallahalli	170	30			
3.	Valagere Kallahalli	92/1	87			
4.	Valagere Kallahalli	130/1	60			
5.	Valagere Kallahalli	162/4	20.25			
6.	Valagere Kallahalli	134/2	58			
7.	Valagere Kallahalli	135/1	15			
8.	Valagere Kallahalli	144/4	10			
9.	Valagere Kallahalli	136/27	38.25			
10.	Valagere Kallahalli	132/1	10			
11.	Valagere Kallahalli	99	50			
12.	Valagere Kallahalli	171	30			
13.	Valagere Kallahalli	90	20			
14.	Valagere Kallahalli	92/7	8.75			
15.	Valagere Kallahalli	92/3	6.25			
16.	Valagere Kallahalli	89/1	13.25			
17.	Valagere Kallahalli	89/2	9.75			
18.	Valagere Kallahalli	139	21			
19.	Valagere Kallahalli	180	40			
20.	Valagere Kallahalli	181	30			
21.	Valagere Kallahalli	186	30			
22.	Valagere Kallahalli	187	40			
23.	Valagere Kallahalli	132/1	50			
24.	Valagere Kallahalli	136/40	98			
25.	Valagere Kallahalli	129/1	55			
26.	Valagere Kallahalli	91/2	38			
27.	Valagere Kallahalli	91/2	36			
28.	Valagere Kallahalli	90	20			
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31.	Neriga Neriga	193/2	80			
33.	Neriga	195	40			
34.	Neriga	192	81			
35.	Neriga	191	72			
36.	Neriga	194	20			
37.	Neriga	194	40			
38.	Neriga	108/p10	80			
39.	Neriga	108/p36	80			
40.	Neriga	108/p46	100			
41.	Neriga	108	40			
42.	Neriga	195	40			
43.	Neriga	108/p37	80			
44.	Neriga	108/p44	80			
45.	Neriga	108/p46	100			
46.	Chambenahalli	39/17	26			
47.	Chambenahalli	39/p50	17.75			
48.	Chambenahalli	135p	40			
49.	Chambenahalli	34/3	72.5			
50.	Chambenahalli	39/p50	13			
51.	Chambenahalli	39/p50	18			
52.	Yamare	93/2	31			
53.	Yamare	108/2	33.5			
54.	Yamare	90/3	50			
55.	Yamare	91	71			
56.	Yamare	93/3	32			
57.	Yamare	93/4	25			
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they may file their objections/claims before the Registrar (Judicial), Supreme Court of India

Place : Gurugram

Date: 12 November, 2024

CIN No. U40106DL2012PTC242743 Regd. Office: 138, Ansal Chambers II, Bikaji Cama Place, Delhi-110066 India

Corporate Office: ReNew Hub, Commercial Block-1, Zone-6, Golf Course Road, DLF City Phase-V, Gurugram 122009, Haryana, India Phone No.: 124 489 6670/80 Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2024 (Amounts in INR millions, except share and per share data, unless other

Total Income from Operations Net Profit for the year (before Tax Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) 113 (49)72 Net Profit for the year before tax (after 72 (35)(14)113 (49)Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) Net Profit for the year after tax (after (29)Total Comprehensive Income for the year [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax) and Other Comprehensive (29)Income (after tax)] (10)112 (39)Paid up Equity Share Capital Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) (1,286)(1,108)(1,148)6,087 (1,148)(1,286)Secuirties premium (618) 184 (628)(788)Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt 5.096 197 937 937 5.096 Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares Debt Equity Ratio (7.74)0.03 (1.18)(7.74)(1.18)(0.30)Earnings Per Share (face value of per sahre INR 10/-) (for continuing and discontinued operations) (2,886.93)1,038.37) 11,211.10 (3,855.30)7,082.13 24,078.28 I. Basic . Diluted (2,886.93)1,038.37) 11,211.10 (3,855.30)7,082.13 24,078.28 Capital Redemption Reserve NΑ NA Debenture Redemption Reserve 0.83 0.83 (1.73) (1.73) 4.98 4.98 0.77 0.77 1.96 1.96 1.09 Debt Service Coverage Ratio* Interest Service Coverage Ratio' 0.87 0.93 0.87 Long Term Debt to Working Capital (6.89) 0.99 (0.09) 0.96 (0.09) 0.96 0.03 0.98 (0.11) (6.89)Current Liability Ratio 0.02 0.47 Total Debts to Total Assets Ratio 0.48 0.01 0.01 0.01 0.48 Debtors Turnover Ratio* 0.07 0.30 Inventory Turnover Ratio 0.96 4.57 NA NA 51% 11% Operating margin (%) Net profit margin (%)

*not annualized for quarterly values Disclosures pursuant to Regulations 52(4) and 52(8) Securites and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015

. Ratios have been computed as follows

Net worth: Issued subscribed and paid up capital + instrument entirely equity in nature + reserves and surplus Reserves and Surplus includes General reserve, Debenture redemption reserve, Securities premium account and Profit and loss account balance

- Debt Equity Ratio = Total Debt (Long-term borrowings + Short-term borrowings) / Shareholder's Equity - Earning per share = Profit after Tax / Weighted average number of equity shares

Debt Service Coverage Ratio = (Net Profit after taxes + non-cash operating expenses + interest + tax expense)

(Interest payment + Long Term Debt Principal repayments) - Interest Service Coverage Ratio = Profit before interest, tax, depreciation / Total Interest Expense

- Current Ratio = Current Assets / Current Liabilities Long Term Debt to Working Capital = Non- Current borrowing including current maturities of Non-current borrowings

(Current Assets - Current Liabilities excluding current ...maturities of Non-Current borrowings)

Current Liability Ratio = Current Liabilities/ Total Liabilities - Total Debts to Total Assets = Total long term outstanding debts/ Total Assets

- Debtors Turnover = Revenue from operation/ Average trade receivables Inventory Turnover- The Company does not generate revenue from selling of inventory, hence this ratio is not applicable

Operating margin(%) = (Profit before tax + Finance costs - Other income)/ Revenue from operations

- Net Profit Margin (%) = Net profit after Tax/ Revenue from Operations

The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly financial results filed with the Stock Exchange under regulation 52 of the Listing Regulations. The full format of the quarterly financial results is available on the website of BSE Limited (URL: https://www.bseindia.com)

For the other line items referred in Regulation 52(4) of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to the BSE Limited and can be accessed on the URL: https://www.bseindia.com The Statement has been prepared in accordance with recognition and measurement principles laid down in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standard 34 " Interim Financial Repporting" ("IND AS 34") as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 ('the Act') read with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015

and relevant rules issued thereunder and other recognized accounting practices and policies The financial results of the Company have been approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held The Company is carrying out business activities relating to generation of power through non-conventional and renewable energy sources and allied services in the state of Telangana. There is only one segment (business and/or geographical)

in accordance with the requirements of Ind AS - 108 "Operating Segments".

NCD's of the Company has been rated "CARE A+ (CE)/Stable by CARE Limited wide letter dated 11 August 2023 Previous period/ year figures have been re-grouped/ re-classified wherever necessary, to conform to current period's classification. The impact of such reclassification/ regrouping is not material to the standalone financial results.

For and on behalf of the ReNew Wind Energy (JAMB) Private Limited

Director, DIN: 06902711

Vistara flies final journey as it merges with Air India

After operating for nearly years, full service carrier Vistara flew into the sunset on Tuesday early morning operating its last flight from the national capital to Singapore.

Vistara a joint venture between Tatas and Singapore Airlines has now merged with Air India, creating an enlarged entity that is now the country's largest international carrier and second-largest domestic

UK115 flight from Delhi to Singapore was the last flight of Vistara with the code 'UK' while UK986 from Mumbai to Delhi was the carrier's last domestic flight.

Starting a new chapter in India's fast-growing civil aviation space, the merged entity operated its first flight with the code 'AI2286' from



Doha to Mumbai.

In the domestic sector, the integrated entity's first flight AI2984 took off from Mumbai to Delhi.

All the four flights landed at their respective destinations early in the morning on Tuesday, according information available on the tracking website Flightradar24.Com.

According to an official, the two airlines have been merged, passengers are being issued Air India boarding passes and check-in counters of Vistara at airports have become that of Air India.

The code 'AI2XXX' is being used for Vistara flights that are being operated by Air

India post the merger to help passengers identify the Vistara flight at the time of booking.

On Monday, an official said

the integrated entity will be operating services on 103 domestic and international routes. With the merger, first announced in November 2022, Singapore

Airlines will have a 25.1 per cent stake in the integrated entity, which will operate more than 5,500 weekly on local and flights international routes.

A formal announcement about the merger is expected

later in the day.

ata Group has led the consolidation wave in Indian aviation with two major mergers in less than two months AIX Connect was integrated with Air India Express on October 1 and now the merger of Vistara with Air India.

Air India, Vistara and AIX

Connect together had a domestic market share of little over 29 per cent in September, as per latest official data. Together, the Air India group has an operational fleet of 298 aircraft around 208 with Air India and about 90 with Air India Express.

Nirmala Sitharaman to meet state FMs for pre-Budget

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is likely to meet her state counterparts on December 21-22 for pre-budget consultations and meeting of the GST Council, an official

meeting assumes significance as states finance ministers would present their recommendations for 2025-26 Budget to be unveiled on February 1, 2025.

The 55th GST Council meeting would be held during one of these two days in which the much awaited decision on exemption or lower GST rate on health and life insurance would be taken.

The Council may also take up some rationalisation exercise and reduce tax rates on a host

of common items from 12 per The GST Council in its 54th cent to 5 per cent as per the recommendations of a panel of state ministers.

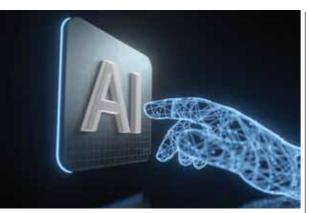
The two-day meeting is slated to take place in Rajasthan, either in Jaisalmer or Jodhpur, the official added.

Last month, the group of ministers (GoM) on health and life insurance GST broadly agreed on exempting insurance premiums paid for term life insurance policies, and senior citizens' health insurance from GST.

Also, GST on premiums paid by individuals, other than senior citizens, for health insurance with coverage of up to Rs 5 lakh is proposed to be exempted. However, 18 per cent GST will continue on premiums paid for policies with health insurance cover of

meeting on September 9 had tasked the GoM to finalise the report on GST levy on insurance by October-end. Separately, the GoM on GST rate rationalisation has also suggested that the GST Council rejig tax rates on a host of goods, including packaged drinking water, bicycles, exercise notebooks, luxury wrist watches, and

shoes. This rate rejig is expect to result in revenue gain of about Rs 22,000 crore. The GoM on rate rationalisation proposed reducing GST on packaged drinking water of 20 litre and above to 5 per cent from 18 per cent. If the GoM's recommendation is accepted by the GST Council, GST on bicycles costing less than Rs 10,000 will be reduced to 5 per cent from 12 per cent.



Majority of Indian businesses invest in Al but only 39 per cent ready to fight ransomware attacks: Report

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $S_{vulnerability}^{potlighting} \ \ {}^{a} \ \ {}^{critical}_{the}$ cybersecurity landscape, a recent report has said while Indian businesses actively looking to capitalise on AI and investments are rising, only 39 per cent of them are prepared to survive a prolonged ransomware

Cybersecurity firm Sophos on unveiled "Cybersecurity Playbook for Partners in Asia Pacific and Japan", which stressed the urgent need for enhanced measures organisations increasingly face sophisticated cyber threats, especially those augmented by artificial

The findings revealed that while 70 per cent of Indian organisations have implemented cloud security strategies and over half of the respondents surveyed are in AI-driven investing measures,

significant gap remains in

overall preparedness.

"Only 49 per cent have established security maturity frameworks and 44 per cent report meeting security standards. Additionally, just 39 per cent feel prepared to withstand a prolonged ransomware underscoring the ongoing need for robust cybersecurity advancements," the report

While Indian businesses are embracing AI to enhance they recognise its dual nature both as an asset and as a potential security risk, it added.

The research, conducted in 2024, surveyed 900 companies across India, Australia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Singapore, of which 200 were from India.

Commenting on the dual nature of AI in cybersecurity, Sunil Sharma, Vice President of Sales for Sophos in India, said enterprises are taking AI seriously, both as a powerful ally and a potential threat.

"The fact that organisations are significantly boosting their cybersecurity budgets is a great sign that the country is committed to protecting its digital infrastructure. growing investment in key areas such as threat detection, incident recovery, and data protection not only reflects businesses but also highlights their readiness to tackle the complex challenges posed by AI-driven cyber risks," he

Further, the survey revealed that only 5 per cent of Indian firms depend on a single security vendor, while 71 per cent utilise three or more to handle their cybersecurity demands.

Multi-vendor setups are anticipated to increase as businesses look specialised, adaptable solutions.

The increasing investments in cybersecurity and the preference towards multiple expert vendors present a significant opportunity for MSPs to help enterprises improve their customers' defences with a customised approach, Sharma said.

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Union Finance Minister IndiGo is working with the civil aviation ministry to explore the possibility of extending the wet lease of wide-body Boeing 777 planes from Turkish Airlines, as the existing lease period is ending this week.

IndiGo Currently, operating two wet-leased Boeing 777 planes for flights from Delhi and Mumbai to Istanbul. These are also the only two wide-body aircraft that are in the fleet of the airline, which is India's largest carrier with a domestic market share of over 62 per

These aircraft were wet-leased to cater to the rising demand for international travel from

IndiGo started operating its first wide-body Boeing 777 aircraft on the Delhi-Istanbul route from February 1, 2023 and began operating the Boeing 777 plane on the Mumbai-Istanbul route from May 17, 2023. Sources in the know said the

airline has not received an

extension for continuing with the wet lease of the aircraft. When contacted, an IndiGo spokesperson on Monday told PTI that the airline is "working with the ministry to explore solutions to extend the wet lease as our AOG (Aircraft On Ground) related capacity constraints, while improving, are not entirely behind us'

The two Boeing 777 planes will be operated by IndiGo till



IndiGo seeks extension of Boeing 777 lease amid rising international demand

November 14 for the flights from Delhi and Mumbai to Istanbul.

From November 15, the airline will be deploying A321 aircraft for operating these flights, according information available

flight tracking Flightradar24.Com.

Wet lease of an aircraft by an Indian carrier involves the leasing of foreign aircraft, along with crew, maintenance and insurance. The plane is also under the

operational control of the foreign operator (lessor) and subject to regulatory requirements of the foreign civil aviation authority concerned.

The safety oversight of such operations is also under the purview of the foreign authority concerned, and the role of Indian carriers is limited to commercial aspects of operations.

While announcing the induction of the second Boeing 777 plane into its fleet in May 2023, IndiGo CEO Pictor, Elboro soid the new Pieter Elbers said the new aircraft will not only increase planes. capacity on the route but also help keep the fares affordable. The Boeing 777 aircraft has a seating capacity of 400 passengers in a dual-class

with

business and 376 economy class seats, the airline said. In the wake of Pratt & Whitney engine issues, the airline has grounded many impacting its aircraft, capacity.

Last month, IndiGo, which also became India's first airline to have more than 400 aircraft, said the number of grounded aircraft has reduced to the high 60s from the mid-70s and will further come down to the sub-60 level by the year-end.

At the end of September, the carrier had a fleet of 410

As part of expanding its international network to long-haul destinations, IndiGo, in May this year, placed a firm order for 30 Airbus A350-900 aircraft.

NSE inks pact with Zomato to empower delivery partners with financial literacy

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 $T^{he}_{\text{Exchange of India}} \xrightarrow{\text{Stock}} \\ \text{on Tuesday said it has inked a}$ pact with online food delivery platform Zomato to promote financial literacy and investor awareness programmes among the gig economy

This partnership aims to launch an extensive financial literacy and investor awareness drive, specifically designed for Zomato's delivery partners, impacting the lives of over 50,000 gig workers across the country, NSE said in a statement.

As a part of the pact, fundamental aspects of personal finance management and the basics of investing will be covered. Topics will include budgeting, saving, investing, debt management, and insurance, among others. To ensure accessibility and inclusivity, the programme will be conducted in multiple regional languages, catering to a diverse audience among the gig workforce.

partnership Zomato is a significant step in expanding our outreach to a



critical segment of the workforce that drives the digital economy. equipping delivery partners with financial skills, we aim to contribute to their financial independence and overall financial well-being," Sriram Krishnan, Chief Business Development Officer, NSE,

Rakesh Ranjan, CEO, Food Delivery, Zomato, said, this programme has been curated to suit delivery partners' needs to equip them with the right knowledge and skill-set become financially independent.

"Over 2,000 delivery partners have already taken a step toward financial literacy, and we're looking forward to scaling this further in the next

Rupee closes all-time low against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee fell 1 paisa to a new lifetime low of 84.39 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday as persistent foreign fund persistent foreign outflows and a strengthening greenback against major dented crosses overseas investor sentiments.

Forex traders said the rupee is likely to trade between 83.80 and 84.50 in the medium term, with the Reserve Bank significant downside, aided by its robust foreign exchange

reserves. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 84.39 against the US dollar. During the session, the local currency touched a high of 84.39 and a low of 84.41. It finally settled at 84.40 (provisional), a decline of just 1 paisa against the US currency, registering a loss for

the fifth straight session. On Monday, the rupee dropped I paisa to hit a new lifetime low of 84.38 against the US dollar.

In the last five sessions, the local unit has lost 32 paise against the greenback. "The rupee traded weaker as

foreign funds continued their selling spree in the Indian market. However, the rupee received some relief from



falling crude and gold prices, as the reduced pace of decline could potentially improve India's import bill in the coming months," said Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst Commodity and Currency, LKP Securities

Despite this, the dollar index's continued strength above 105 is expected to maintain pressure on the rupee, limiting any significant recovery in the near term. With resistance near the 84.25-84.30 zone and support is seen lower at 84.55. This week's focus will be on the US CPI data release, which could dollar's influence the trajectory. Additionally, US Fed Chairperson Jerome Powell's upcoming speech is

expected to provide insights

that may drive price action in the dollar, currently trading at a four-month high of 105.75," Trivedi said.

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Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.06 per cent higher at 105.60. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.60 per cent to USD 72.26 per barrel in futures trade.

In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE 1.03 per cent, to close at 78,675.18 points, while Nifty fell 257.85 points, or 1.07 per cent, to settle at 23,883.45

points. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net sellers in the capital markets on Monday, as they offloaded shares worth Rs 2,306.88 crore, according to exchange

Meanwhile, an SBI research report on Monday said that the rupee may depreciate 8-10 per cent against the US dollar during the Trump 2.0 regime. The report, titled US The report, titled US Presidential Election 2024: How Trump 2.0 Impacts India's and Global Economy, emphasised that the rupee can have a brief spell of depreciation against the US dollar, followed by appreciation.

Sensex, Nifty slump one per cent



PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty slumped 1 per cent each on Tuesday due to widespread selling pressure amid uninterrupted foreign fund outflows and

sluggish global trends. siuggisn global trends. The BSE benchmark Sensex tumbled 820.97 points or 1.03 per cent to settle at 78,675.18. During the day, it plunged 948.31 points or 1.19 per cent to 78,547.84.

Falling for the third day running, the NSE Nifty tanked 257.85 points or 1.07 per cent to 23,883.45.

From the 30-share Sensex pack, NTPC, Asian Paints, HDFC Bank, State Bank of India, Tata Motors, JSW Steel, Maruti and Power Grid were

among the major laggards. On the other hand, Sun Pharma, Infosys and ICICI Bank were the gainers.

Institutional Foreign Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 2,306.88 crore on Monday, while Institutional Domestic Investors (DIIs) infused Rs 2,026.63 crore in shares, according to exchange data.

Two strong factors have been

at play in this consolidating market. One, the relentless selling by FIIs has been favouring the bears and pulling the market down. Two, the sustained buying by DIIs has been supporting the market preventing a crash in the market. How the market will trend in the coming days will depend on the relative strength of these two factors, VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong settled in the negative territory.

Financial Services, said.

European equity markets were also trading in the red. Wall Street ended higher on Monday.

SEBI extends deadline for comments on proposed specified digital platform

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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Markets regulator Sebi on Tuesday extended the deadline for public comments till November 26 on the proposal concerning requirements for recognition as specified digital platforms (SDPs).

Earlier, the comments from the public were sought till November 12.

representations received by Sebi from some of the entities/organisations, it has been decided to extend the timeline to submit the public comments on consultation paper till November 26, 2024," the regulator said in a statement. In its consultation paper, Sebi proposed requirements for recognition as specified digital platforms whereby

such platforms should

proactively prevent fraud,

impersonation, unauthorised

claims, and unregistered



The regulator suggested that specified digital platforms use artificial intelligence or machine learning (AI/ML) tools to identify content or ads related to securities, ensuring the entity is Sebiregistered or permitted, no unauthorised advice, recommendations, performance claims

The platform should ensure genuine investor education content is allowed and content does not redirect users to other media such as WhatsApp or Telegram for unauthorised activities, Sebi

Also, the platform should share data with the regulator when requested and act on its It should provide badges to non-compliant content and

users authorised participants. The regulator proposed that only Sebi-registered entities,

educational platform.

Sebi-registered entities to identify

permitted advertisers, or content providers can post securitiesrelated content on the Additionally, such platforms

can remove fraudulent or

On October 22, Sebi provided a three-month window to entities registered with it, and their agents, to terminate their existing contracts with unregistered

penalise offenders.

financial advisors. This was part of Sebi's move unauthorised curb financial advice and performance claims in the securities market.

The rule restrains intermediaries, their agents, or associated persons from having direct or indirect ties with any entity that provides advice investment recommendations without being registered or permitted or performance or returnrelated claims specifically authorised by the regulator to do so. However, interactions occur through

specified digital platforms,

they will not be subject to

these restrictions.



Industrial output up in September: Government data

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's industrial production expanded by 3.1 per cent in September, mainly due to improvement in the manufacturing sector, according to official data released on Tuesday. The factory output, measured in terms of the Index of

Industrial Production (IIP), witnessed a growth of 6.4 per cent in September 2023. However, it was in the negative territory in August 2024 at (-) 0.1 per cent. "The IIP growth rate for the

month of September 2024 is 3.1 per cent which was (-) 0.1 per cent in the month of August 2024," an official statement said. The data released by the

growth mining, manufacturing electricity for September 2024 stood at 0.2 per cent, 3.9 per cent and 0.5 per cent,

National Statistics Office (NSO) showed that the

respectively.

In April-September this fiscal, the IIP grew 4 per cent against 6.2 per cent in the year-ago period.

Deepika's brace hands India 3-2 win over South Korea

PTI ■ RAJGIR (BIHAR)

Striker Deepika converted a penalty stroke three minutes from the final hooter to lead India to a tense 3-2 win over South Korea in the women's Asian Champions Trophy, here

India raced to a 2-0 lead in the first half through goals from Sangita Kumari (3rd minute) and Deepika (20th, 57th) before Korea mounted a strong comeback in the third quarter and drew parity with goals from Yuri Lee (34th) and skipper Eunbi Cheon (38th).

The match headed for an exciting finish with both teams pushing for that deciding goal and it was Deepika, who scored from the spot to seal India's second consecutive victory in the

India had defeated Malaysia 4-0 in their tournament-opener on Monday. The hosts will next play Thailand on Thursday

In the first match of the day, minnows Thailand held Japan to a 1-1 draw, while reigning Olympic silver medallist China defeated Malaysia 5-0 to register their second consecutive win.

The Indians started from where they left on Monday and continued to play attacking hockey from the onset.

India's dominance can be gauged by the fact that the Koreans didn't have a single shot at the Indian goal in the first two quarters

India, on the other hand, attacked the Korean defence relentlessly and created chances which resulted in two field

It didn't take long for the Indians to surge ahead as they opened the scoring in the third minute through Sangita.



Neha Goyal initiated the move and found Sangita inside the circle. The sidestepped her marker and then found hit.India kept up the pressure on the

passed it on to Navneet Kaur, who striker beautifully received the ball, the back of the net with a fine reverse Korean defence and their efforts bore

fruit in the 20th minute when Deepika slammed one home from close range from Beauty Dung Dung's pass from the right flank.

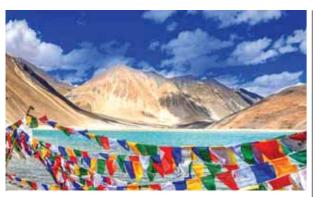
A minute later Preeti Dubey's reverse hit was saved by an outstretched right leg of Korean goalkeeper Seoyeon Lee. In the 24th minute, Sangita came tantalisingly close to scoring her second goal of the day, but her push from a Deepika pass went just wide of

If the first half belonged to India, Korea came out all guns blazing after the change of ends and secured backto-back penalty corners in the 34th minute and Lee pulled one back for her side from a rebound.

Motivated by the goal, the Koreans put pressure on the Indian defence and four minutes later secured a penalty stroke after an Indian defender unnecessarily brought a Korean striker inside the circle. Skipper Cheon stepped up and made no mistake to level the scores. Penalty corner conversion continued to haunt the Indians as they failed to make use of the eight set pieces they secured in the match -- four consecutively in the 39th minute.In the last match also India earned as many as 11 penalty corners but converted just three.

Held to a 2-2 draw, the Indians decided to throw numbers upfront and mounted raids after raids on the Korean citadel and in the process secured penalty corners in quick succession but they lacked variation from the set pieces and the efforts were mostly one dimensional.

But the Indians got a chance in the 57th minute in the form of a penalty stroke, which Deepika converted with



World's first high-altitude parasports centre to come up in Leh ahead of 2028 Paralympics

PTI ■ LEH (LADAKH)

The world's first high-altitude para sports centre will be established in Leh, Ladakh, aiming to counselling and training at advance the skills and their Infinity Parasports Academy and Rehabilitation

AP TURIN (ITALY) of the 2028 Paralympics.

A Memorandum and Understanding (MoU) to this effect was signed by the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh, and the Aditya Mehta Foundation (AMF).

"It is a very proud feeling for us that Leh will be establishing the world's first-ever high-altitude centre for para sports. Indian para-athletes have won 29 medals, including seven gold, in the 2024 Paralympics in Paris and it is a testament of the talent we have in our country, Advocate Tashi Gyalson, Chief Executive (CEC) Councillor

Till the time the centre is getting completed, the AMF

will identify 15 Children with Special Needs (CwSN) from the Leh-Ladakh UT region and they will undergo screening, counselling and training at Centre in Hyderabad. "The opening of Leh Ladakh

as a hub for para sports marks a new era not just for the region, but for India's future in international competitions," said Aditya Mehta, Founder, AMF. List of Sports to be included:

Sports: Archery; Athletics; Badminton; Blind Football; Boccia; Canoeing; Equestrian; Goalball; Judo; Powerlifting; Rowing; Shooting; Volleyball; Swimming; Table Tennis, Taekwondo; Wheelchair Triathlon; Basketball; Wheelchair Fencing; Wheelchair Rugby Wheelchair and Wheelchair Tennis.

Winter Games: Para Alpine Skiing; Para Biathlon; Para Cross-Country Skiing; Para Ice Hockey; Para Snowboard and Wheelchair Curling.

Alcaraz struggles with stomach issue in loss to Ruud at ATP Finals PARIS MASTERS TITLE



arlos Alcaraz struggled with a stomach issue and looked far from the player who won two Grand Slams this year while losing to Casper Ruud 6-1, 7-5 at the ATP Finals.

It marked Ruud's first victory over Alcaraz in five career meetings, and the result could make it difficult for Alcaraz to advance from the round-robin stage at the season-ending event for the

top eight players.
"I didn't feel well on court," Alcaraz said. "A few days before coming here, I got sick at home. ... This morning, feel uncomfortable in the stomach.

same group, the Alexander Zverev began his bid for a third ATP Finals by beating Andrey Rublev 6-4, 6-4. each group advance to the semifinals.

On Sunday, top-ranked Jannik Sinner and U.S. Open finalist Taylor Fritz beat Alex de Minaur and Daniil Medvedev, respectively, in the other group.

Alcaraz won the French Open and Wimbledon to boost his career total to four Grand Slam titles. But he also struggled at the Paris Masters recently and dropped behind Zverev to No. 3 in the rankings this

"I have no experience playing on indoor courts," Alcaraz said. "I'll be a really good player on indoor courts, I'm sure about it. But I think it's about time, about getting experience. ... A lot of players are better than me on indoor court."

Ruud reached the 2021 his first two appearances at the finals. But he has struggled recently, too, losing his first or second match in his last seven events.

"I'm not full of confidence,"
Ruud said. "A match like
today might be able to change it.

Alcaraz was broken when he served for the second set at 5-4. Alcaraz led 25-16 in winners but committed 26 unforced errors to Ruud's 10. Ruud converted all four of his break points while Alcaraz was just one of six in that category.
"I'm tired mentally," Alcaraz

said. "Obviously a lot of matches, really tight schedule, really demanding year with not too many days

ZVEREV ROLLING AFTER

Zverev, who won the finals in 2018 in London and 2021 in Turin, extended his winning streak to six matches following a title run at the Paris Masters.

Rublev is making his fifth consecutive appearance at the finals but hasn't won a match at the event since

Zverev served nine aces and dropped only 10 points on his serve in 10 service

"He served wide 220 (kph) on the deuce side," Rublev said. "Normally everybody serves slice and it's 190. He find(s) a way to serve 220 wide on the deuce side. It's not easy.

direction, when the flat serve comes 227, slice serve comes 219, 215, it's tough to just see the ball." SINNER RECEIVES NO. 1

TROPHY

Before the Zverev-Rublev match, Sinnner received the trophy for finishing the year at No. 1 in the rankings.

"There's no place better to celebrate this trophy," Sinner said as his mom, Siglinde, looked on in tears. 'Thanks for all of your support."

Sinner is playing at home for the first time since it was announced before his U.S. Open title that he tested positive in two separate drug tests this year.

A decision to clear Sinner of wrongdoing was appealed by the World Anti-Doping Agency in September.



Sinner awarded trophy for finishing year at No. one in the ATP rankings

AP ■ TURIN (ITALY)

Tannik Sinner was awarded the trophy for finishing the year at No. 1 in the rankings before his home fans at the ATP Finals.

Sinner won the Australian Open and U.S. Open for his first two Grand Slam titles. He mathematically secured the year-end No. 1 a month

"There's no place better to celebrate this trophy," Sinner said as his mom, Siglinde, looked on in tears. "Thanks for all of your support." The 23-year-old Sinner is

the 19th different player to claim the year-end honor and the 29th man overall to

for a long time," said former No. 1 Boris Becker, who took part in the trophy presentation.

. Sinner beat Alex de Minaur in his opening match on Sunday at the year-ending event for the top eight players and meets Taylor Fritz on Tuesday in a rematch of the U.S. Open final.

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Manassero looks to cap career revival in Dubai as McIlroy eyes season-ending title

AP DUBAI

 $M_{
m golf}$ five years ago at the age of 26, tormented by a sport that gave him so many highs but was no longer making him feel happy.

On Sunday, he could punch a ticket to play across the Atlantic on the lucrative PGA Tour and be back in the big time, where so many think his

game belongs.
The 31-year-old Italian will look to cap his career revival this week by becoming one of 10 players from the European tour to be eligible to claim dual membership and a PGA Tour card for the 2025 season. The season-ending World Tour Championship starts on Thursday in Dubai and only an unlikely turn of events will deny Rory McIlroy from being crowned as the European tour's best player for a sixth time, leaving him two off Colin Montgomerie's

record haul.

There will be more suspense elsewhere, though, notably in that race for those PGA Tour cards — a structural tweak created in 2022 in the wake of the so-called strategic alliance between the European tour and PGA Tour in the face of mounting pressure from the breakaway LIV Golf series. The presence of Manassero in

the 10-man list, as it stands, only elevates the interest Blessed with a smooth swing

and a deft touch, Manassero was a golfing prodigy, winning the British Amateur in 2009, the silver medal at the British Open for low amateur the same year, and also becoming the No. 1 amateur in the world.

By 2013, he'd won four events on the European tour — including the BMW PGA Championship, the flagship event on the tour, to move

into the world's top 25. Then came the career dip, which plunged him into self-

and ultimately doubt retirement — albeit for only a few months while he assessed where to go with his life. He eventually decided to give

golf another go, beginning his rebuild on the lowly Nordic Golf League and the Alps Tour, which is on the third tier of European golf. His talent shone through and

last year he sealed a return to the Éuropean tour with a win at the Jonsson Workwear Open in March being universally celebrated in the golf fraternity.

That helped to put him in a strong position to claim the end-of-season bonus of a PGA Tour card, and he headed to Dubai in fifth place among non-exempt players, behind Thriston Lawrence, Hojgaard, Paul Rasmus Waring — the winner in Abu Dhabi last week — and Niklas Norgaard.

Jesper Svensson, Thorbjørn Olesen, Rikuya Hoshino, Sebastian Söderberg and



Jordan Smith make up the list, though the tour says any nonexempt player in the 50-man field can, statistically, break into the top 10.

Robert MacIntyre is living proof of how life-changing that can be. He was one of the 10 to claim a PGA Tour card after last year's World Tour

Championship and he has blossomed, winning two big PGA events — the Canadian Open and the Scottish Open — and rising to a career-high 15th in the world in August. He is No. 16.

100%," "Career-changing, MacIntyre said on Tuesday.
"I've now got to the top level of professional golf, the top 25% of professional golfers.
"You can then pick your schedule and you're in all the

schedule and you're in all the major events and you're in all the top events you can play in and you can pick and choose, and that's where you want to

"I think," MacIntyre added, "the majority of golfers out here have got that dream, as

If Hojgaard secures his PGA Tour card, he will join his twin brother Nicolai in the United States

McIlroy on brink Lawrence leads that list of PGA Tour hopefuls but has other things on his mind. The South African is the only player who can prevent McIlroy from winning the Race to Dubai title formerly the Order of Merit

and join the late Seve Ballesteros on six. Lawrence has to win -

nothing less is good enough — and then needs McIlroy to finish tied for 11th or lower. "Rory has been an idol for me since growing up as a youngster," the 27-year-old Lawrence said, "and being

able to clinch it this week would be the cherry on the cake for myself." The smart money, however, is on McIlroy, who has shown

extraordinary consistency in collecting a win — at the Dubai Desert Classic in January — as well as four runner-up finishes and three more top fives in his 12 European tour events this season.

"Rory is held to a higher standard than pretty much everybody else in the world of golf," Tommy Fleetwood said. But, I think he's shown amazing golf again this year, and he's shown why he's one of the best to ever do it.

3rd T201: India eye batting revival against SA at Centurion

Indian batting line-up needs to get its mojo back against a resurgent South Africa to regain the lost ground on rather the familiary Songe Foot and Park unfamiliar SuperSport Park conditions when the two teams clash the third T20I here Wednesday.

Since 2009, India have played only one T20I at this venue, which they lost by six wickets in 2018 and have only one survivor from that squad in this side --Hardik Pandya.

Along with that unfamiliarity factor, India will also grapple with the ordinary form of their batters, particularly when the pitch here is touted to be similar to the one at Gqeberha – quick and bouncy.

In the second T20I, India batters struggled against South African pacers upfront, getting restricted to 124 for six, and Centurion has similar characteristics

The problem starts from the top more precisely with Abhishek Sharma, whose extended lean run with the bat has now snowballed

desperate need of a good outing here before the management juggling combination.

Even now, they can think of giving the job of partnering Sanju Samson at the top to Tilak Varma and bring in Ramandeep Singh in the middle to add more muscle to the unit.

However, the senior batters like skipper Suryakumar Yadav, Pandya and Rinku Singh too cannot absolve themselves of the entirely for India's struggles.

Both Suryakumar and Rinku have shown only fleeting images of their prowess here while Pandya made 39 in the second match but he consumed 45 balls

In fact, the power-hitter took 28 balls to find his first boundary and, again, could not find the ropes between balls 39 and 45. So, these three batters will have to chip in more to support in the inform Samson or to carry India to a strong total even when the Kerala man has a vapid day.



Similarly, pacers Arshdeep Singh and Avesh Khan had two contrasting games. Arshdeep returned with figures of 1 for 25 at Durban, but in the second game he had stats of 1 for 41.

The left-arm pacer's third and fourth overs which went for 28 runs – including four fours in an over against Tristan Stubbs – made a deep impact on the lowscoring match.

So, they will be eager to change the script here, unless the management looks at other options such as Yash Dayal or

Vysakh Vijaykumar.
However, the efforts of Varun Chakravarthy, who bagged a maiden fifer in the previous match, and Ravi Bishnoi over the last two matches have been outstanding and the spinners will be looking for an encore in the third match to hand back the advantage to India.

The expected bounce and pace on the pitch here will be an encouraging factor as well for the Indian duo.

From a batting perspective, South

Markram, David Miller and Heinrich Klaasen are yet to fire in

this series. They required runs from less-pedigreed batters Tristan Stubbs and Gerald Coetzee to get over the line in the second contest, and the Proteas will certainly cherish a heftier contribution from their veterans, especially

against Indian spinners.

Teams (from): India: Suryakumar Yadav (c), Abhishek Sharma, Sanju Samson (WK), Rinku Singh, Tilak Varma, Jitesh Sharma (WK), Hardik Pandya. Axar Patel, Ramandeep Singh. Varun Chakaravarthy, Ravi Bishnoi, Arshdeep Singh, Vijaykumar Vyshak, Avesh Khan, Yash Daval Yash Daval.

South África: Aiden Markram (c), Ottneil Baartman, Gerald Coetzee, Donovan Ferreira, Reeza Hendricks, Marco Jansen. Heinrich Klaasen, Patrick Kruger. Keshav Maharaj, David Miller, Mihlali Mpongwana, Nqaba Peter, Ryan Rickelton. Andile Simelane. Lutho Sipamla,

Perth pitch to have really good pace and bounce: Curator cautions India

PTI ■ PERTH

India will be accorded a tough welcome to Australia as the Optus Stadium pitch for the opening Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy has been prepared to offer "good bounce and pace" true to the tradition of the fiery tracks in Perth Perth.

India will enter the Perth Test, beginning from November 22, without playing any practice match as the visitors had cancelled an intra-squad side game that was scheduled to be played behind closed doors from November 15 to

Now, India will focus on centre-wicket training at the nearby WACA stadium, where Australia will also polish their skills.

This is Australia, this is Perth... I'm setting ourselves up for really good pace, really good bounce and really good Western Australia Cricket head curator Isaac

'ESPNcricinfo'. McDonald is trying to prepare a pitch that has similar traits of the one



December last year.

In that match, Pakistan were bundled out for 89 in the second innings as the Aussies celebrated a massive 360-run victory. The pitch too had developed cracks as that match wore on and batters like Marnus Labuschagne copped blows on their hands. Overall, the three Aussie pacers – Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood and Mitchell Starc grabbed 12 of the 20 Pakistan wickets.

More recently, Pakistan pacers Shaheen Shah Afridi, Naseem Shah and Haris Rauf Pakistan

that he readied for the first tore through Australian line-Test against Pakistan in up, bowling the hosts out for up, bowling the hosts out for 140 in the third ODI here.

McDonald said he is looking to leave some grass on the pitch to make it a bit spicier. It's (10 mm) a good starting point. Ten millimetres was pretty comfortable with the conditions that we had (last year) and that held the conditions together nicely for the first few days. Live grass on the pitch is speed.

bowling (Australia and Pakistan) were pretty rapid last year and hoping for much the same this year (for India match)," he added.

Australian opener McSweeney braces for 'unique' Bumrah challenge

Australia opener Nathan McSweeney, who is set to debut against India in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, said he has been preparing for the "unique" challenge of facing star pacer Jasprit Bumrah. McSweeney was drafted into

the Australia squad after a slew of impressive performances in the Sheffield Shield tournament and in the recent 'A' series against India. The 25-year-old South Australian will partner Usman Khawaja at the top in the series opener in Perth and during the upcoming five-Test series. five-Test series.

'There's probably not (much I can do to replicate how Bumrah bowls). Obviously, he's got a unique action. He's one of the best bowlers in the world."So, it's going to be hard to mimic that. I'm just looking forward to all of that and I can't wait," McSweeney told SEN. McSweeney, who captained the Australia A side in the 2-0 series win against India A, said he has been watching the bowling clips of Indian quicks including Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj to be action," he said. mentally ready for the task.
"I'll definitely dive a lot deeper into it when I get to

attack stacks up like. I'm just trying to visualise how I'm going to go about it. Facing a new bowler can be a slight challenge to just pick up their

I've got a whole week before I head off to Perth, so, I can get mentally ready and I Perth. I've looked at a few guess it starts now in clips of what they're bowling preparation to hopefully start prepared to take this opportunity, so hopefully I

No doubt there's plenty of learning and experiences that I haven't experienced yet and I'm looking forward to learning all about the challenges of Test cricket and challenging my game against the very best," he said. McSweeney will step into the shoes of David Warner, who retired from international cricket after the home Test series against Pakistan in January this year, and the Adelaide man realises the

can do that.

enormity of the job. The right-hander has a plan

"Being an opening batter, it's making sure I'm leaving the ball well and making the bowlers are bowling to me. Then being ready and positive to score when they miss is as simple as I want to make it.

"If I'm reacting well and doing those things well, hopefully, it equates to me spending time in the middle and chipping away at the scoreboard," he said.

Blind T20 WC: Indian team eyes clearance from MHA, MEA; Sports Ministry clears travel to Pakistan after 2025 Champions Trophy

PTI NEW DELHI/KARACHI

The Sports Ministry has given NOC, with no cost to the government, to a 17-member Indian cricket team to travel to Pakistan to participate in the T20 World Cup for the Blind, and the side now awaits clearance from Home and External Affairs ministries. The fourth edition of the Blind World

Cup, in which India are the reigning champions, is scheduled to be played at Lahore and Multan from November 22 to December 3.

Upon receiving the clearance from the ministries concerned, the squad is scheduled to travel to Pakistan via the Wagah Border on November 21.

The development came in the backdrop of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) informing its Pakistan counterpart that the Men in Blue will not travel to the neighbouring nation for next year's Champions Trophy. The BCCI sent a mail to the

International Cricket Council to that



effect, leaving the future of the marquee event in limbo.

Meanwhile, Shailender Yadav, General Secretary of the Cricket Association for Blind in India (CABI) said the 17member Indian squad for the T20 WC was picked after 26 players underwent a 12-day selection trials in Gurugram. "The team has been training in Gurugram. The players now await an NOC from the Ministry of External Affairs and remain hopeful for a positive response," said Yadav.

Apart from India and Pakistan, the T20 World Cup features teams from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, South Africa, Nepal and Sri Lanka. India won the three previous events, defeating Pakistan twice and Bangladesh once. Tournament as scheduled: PBCC The Pakistan Blind Cricket Council (PBCC) said the tournament will go ahead on schedule irrespective of

India's participation.
"Pakistan will be hosting the event on schedule and it makes no difference whether the Indian team comes or not," PBCC chairman Syed Sultan Shah said.

Shah said arrangements for hosting the World Cup had been completed by the PBCC.

"All the other teams in the event have also sent confirmation that they have no issues playing in Pakistan," he said. Indian team for T20 Blind WC: Ajay Kumar Reddy, Debaraj Behera, Nareshbhai Tumda, Nilesh Yadav, Sanjay Kumar Shah, Praveen Kumar Sharma, Venkateswara Rao, Pankaj Bhue, Lokesha, Rambir Singh, Irfan Diwan, Durga Rao Tompaki, Sunil Ramesh, Sukhram Majhi, Ravi Amiti, Dineshbhai Rathva, Dhingar Gopu

Mohammad Nabi to retire from ODIs

really well," he added.

However, a quiet confidence

runs through the young

batter ahead of the important

'In the last month or so I

really feel like I'm batting the

best I ever have. I think I'm

the best I've ever been

PTI SHARJAH

Afghanistan all-rounder Mohammad Nabi has announced that he will retire One-Day Internationals after next year's Champions Trophy in Pakistan.

After Afghanistan's 2-1 series win over Bangladesh here on Monday, the 39-year-old said he had been pondering about quitting the format since last year's ODI World

"In my mind, from the last World Cup, I was retired. But then, we qualified for the Champions Trophy, and I felt if I could play that, it would be great," he told the official broadcaster after being adjudged the Player-of-the-



Nabi has featured in 167 ODIs since 2009, scoring 3,600 runs in 147 innings at an average of 27.48 and a strike rate of 86.99, including two centuries and 17 fifties, with a top score of 136. With the ball in hand, he has bagged 172 wickets in 161 innings at an average of 32.47 and an economy of

4.27, including four four-

wicket hauls and a fifer (5/17). Afghanistan qualified for the Champions Trophy, thanks to their sixth-place finish during last year's World Cup.

would also be Afghanistan's first-ever appearance in the eight-team competition scheduled to be held in Pakistan in February next year.

Players believing in our style of play is the key, says Manolo Márquez

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

Indian football team head coach Manolo Márquez on Tuesday said it is critical for his players to follow a synchronised approach while representing the country, in order to start getting results in the international arena.

The Indian senior men's national team began its training camp ahead of the friendly match against Malaysia on November 18 in Hyderabad.

With the Indian Super League going into a break with the start of the November FIFA international window, the Blue Tigers checked into the city on Monday and will have a total of six days of training sessions before the match. "We were supposed to play two

games last month but due to external reasons, Lebanon couldn't come. For people, more games is better. But it's difficult to train the day before and after the match. We need to train tactically as well.

"I feel it's necessary to prepare for not just the game against Malaysia but the official matches which will come in March," Márquez said.

Márquez had a rough start to his coaching stint with the national team as India were held 0-0 by Mauritius in September and beaten 0-3 by Syria in the Intercontinental Cup, also in Hyderabad.

His boys put up an improved showing, especially in the second half, against Vietnam in a 1-1 draw last month in Nam Đ?nh. The Spaniard has continued the

each FIFA window so far. This time, Hmingthanmawia Ralte. Vibin Mohanan, Irfan Yadwad and Thoiba Singh Moirangthem earned their first national team call-ups. The latter was a lastminute arrival after Anirudh Thapa suffered an injury during the match between Mohun Bagan Super Giant and Odisha FC on Sunday.

Since taking charge in July, Márquez's priority has been to utilise the friendly matches and training sessions to find the best group of players for the 2027 AFC Asian Cup Qualifiers, scheduled to start in March 2025.

"It's true that we want to check some new players. But obviously it's impossible to change the whole group and call 40 players in March. trend of calling up new players in



It's true that we are finding the group. It means that we have maybe 14, 15, 16 players who will be there, but we don't know exactly. And there are a lot of players who can get there," the coach said.

"Obviously, it's still four months, and the situation can change with a lot of things unfortunately with injuries and the players' domestic form. But, I repeat again, as a coach you need to find the group which can play the style that we want.
"I am fully focussed on the

Malaysia match at the moment. In a way, it's a dangerous game because the players are in the middle of the fight for the ISL and this is just one friendly game in November, and the next camp will be in four months. "But I am very confident in this group and I feel we will have a good performance next Monday," said Márquez. Still awaiting his first win with India, Márquez remains patient. For now, the key is to find the groove with the right bunch and get results where they matter the most.

"Obviously everyone wants to win every game. But the feeling we got after the draw with Vietnam was completely different from what we got after drawing with Mauritius or losing to Syria.

"In some moments, we played superb. The one key thing is that the players have to believe in our style of play. I want to win every game and even every training session. The Malaysia game is the last friendly window before the official games?

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