

ADANI ISSUE TO HEAT UP WINTER SESSION

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA NEW DELHI

political storm massive erupted in India soon after Billionaire industrialist Gautam Adani was charged by United States prosecutors over his role in an alleged scheme to pay USD 250 million bribe to Indian officials in exchange for favourable terms for solar power contracts. It may be a coincidence that some of the major controversies, including the latest one, and the ones that came before it such as 'Hindenburg, Pegasus, Soros' have

surfaced just before the beginning of a Parliament session. This time, the Winter Session begins on Monday, with the Opposition announcing to raise the issue during the session while ruling

Bharatiya Janata Party calling it preparation for another 'drama' to stall proceedings of yet another important Session.

While the BJP said all the states mentioned in the indictment were at that time ruled by Opposition parties, Congress led INDIA Bloc partners have demanded immediate arrest of Adani.

The Adani group has denied charges of paying bribes to secure favourable terms for solar power contracts, saying the allegations by US prosecutors are baseless and the conglomerate is compliant with all laws. It said all possible legal recourse will be sought.

According to agency reports from New York, United States prosecutors charged Adani and his Sagar and other nephew defendants for paying over USD



Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and Congress leader Jairam Ramesh address a press conference in New Delhi Photo: Ranjan Dimri/The Pioneer

250 million in bribes between 2020 and 2024 to Indian government officials to win solar energy contracts on terms that could

potentially bring in more than USD 2 billion in profit. This, they alleged, was concealed from the US banks and investors

from whom the Adani group raised billions of dollars for the project. US law allows pursuing foreign corruption allegations if they involve certain links to American investors or markets.

The indictment has thrown Adani Group in yet another financial trouble after it suffered a jolt by US short seller Hindenburg Research's damning fraud allegations.

Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi demanded immediate arrest of Gautam Adani. Addressing a Press conference Rahul said it is now pretty clear and established in the US that the businessman has broken Indian as well as American laws. Rahul also demanded Adani's "protector" and SEBI chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch be removed from her post and a probe should be initiated

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From 'severe' to 'very poor

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

New Delhi's air quality saw a slight improvement on Thursday, moving from the 'severe' category to 'very poor'. The city had been experiencing hazardous air quality for several days. The Centre has announced staggered working timings for its employees in view of the severe air pollution here.

Meanwhile, the restrictions imposed under the Stage IV of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) by the The attack comes two days Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a revised nuclear doctrine that Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) which bans BS-3 and BS-4 diesel the threshold for the country's use of nuclear weapons. vehicles, has disrupted travel Ukraine on Tuesday fired and transportation, particularly for those engaged several American-supplied longer-range missiles and reportedly fired UK-made in the wedding business. The National Capital emerged as the most polluted city in Wednesday into Russia. The India, recording an average PM2.5 level of 243.3 Russian Defence Ministry said in a statement Thursday micrograms per cubic metre that its air defence systems air (μ g/m), with pollution surging by 19.5 per cent in shot down two British-made Storm Shadow missiles, six week-on-week increase. HIMARS rockets, and 67 The Department of Personnel drones. The announcement

(DoPT), and Training employees have also been came in the ministry's daily roundup regarding the military actions in Ukraine. asked to pool vehicles and use public transport to minimise vehicular pollution." These

ministries/departments/ organisations as per their functional requirements ensuring that it should not have an adverse impact on efficiency and productivity in any manner," the order read. The order said offices can be open from 9 am to 5.30 pm and 10 am to 6.30 pm. The move assumes significance as a body

measures may be adopted by

representing the Central Secretariat Service (CSS) officers had, on November 18, demanded work-from-home, staggered working hours and air purifiers in all office buildings to mitigate the health impact of the severe pollution levels.

A thin blanket of smog continued to envelop the National Capital Region (NCR), including Delhi, Ghaziabad, and Noida, Gurugram. According to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the Air Quality Index (AQI) in Delhi was recorded at 371. A data from AQICN.Org showed AQI of 569 at Delhi Institute of Tool Engineering and 479 Satyawati College

at monitoring stations.

Set up courtroom in Tihar:

SC on Yasin Malik case

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Dointing out that "how can cross examination be done online," the Supreme Court on Thursday indicated that it may set up a courtroom inside Tihar Jail for the trial of Jammu and Kashmir separatist leader Yasin Malik in a kidnapping case. A Bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih was hearing a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) plea against the September 20, 2022 order of a Jammu trial court that directed Malik, serving life term in Tihar jail, to be produced before it physically to cross-examine the prosecution witnesses in the kidnapping case of

Mehta said Malik was not an ordinary criminal and showed purported photograph of Malik sharing the dais with terrorist Hafiz Saeed. The Supreme Court said it could order a trial to take place inside the jail besides

asking the judge to come to the national capital for the proceedings. The Bench, however, noted all the accused had to be heard before it passes an order. Mehta said Malik physically appearing in the Supreme Court had raised security concerns previously. Later many jail officials faced suspension and notice for this

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is "fishing" in the Congress and Bharatiya goof up. The Bench said Malik could Janata Party (BJP) waters for be allowed to appear virtually in the apex court proceedings and posted the matter on 2025 Delhi election. The AAP er 28 on Thursday released its first serving life sentence in a terrorfunding case, was brought to the high-security apex court premises in a prison van escorted by armed security personnel without the court's permission. The CBI said Malik, the top leader of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front, was a threat to national security and cannot be allowed to be taken outside the Tihar jail premises. On September 20, 2022, a special TADA court in Jammu directed Malik to be physically produced before it on the next hearing for him to case. The CBI challenged the trial court order before the Supreme Court as appeals in TADA cases are only heard by

Ukraine says Russia launched intercontinental missile AP 📕 KYIV escalation.

Russia Tkraine says Ulaunched an ballistic intercontinental missile overnight targeting Dnipro city in the central-

east of the country, which, if confirmed, would be the first time Moscow has used such a missile in the war. In a statement Thursday on the Telegram messaging app, Ukraine's air force did not specify the exact type of

missile, but said it was launched from Russia's Astrakhan region, which borders the Caspian Sea. It said an intercontinental ballistic missile was fired at Dnipro city along with eight other missiles, and that the Ukrainian military shot down six of them.

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Two people were wounded as a result of the attack, and an industrial facility and a rehabilitation centre for people with disabilities were damaged, according to local officials. While the range of an ICBM would seem



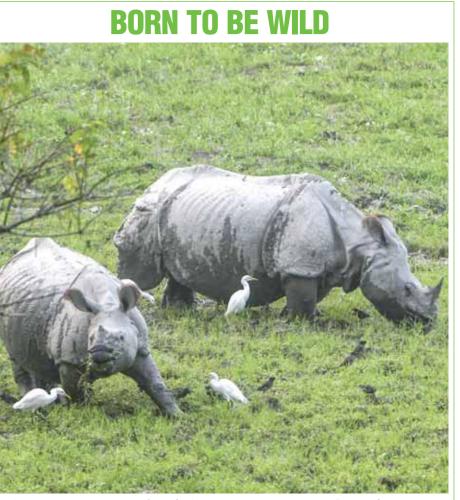
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aughter of politician Mufti Mohammad Sayeed.

Observing that even Ajmal Kasab was given fair trial, the bench, however, remarked, "How will cross-examination be done online? There is hardly any connectivity in Jammu... In our country, a fair trial was given even to Ajmal Kasab and legal assistance was given to him in the high court."

The Bench told Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the CBI, to take instructions on the total number of witnesses in the case. Mehta pointed out security concerns and said Malik couldn't be taken to Jammu for the trial. The law officer accused Malik of "playing tricks" for having asked to appear personally and not engaging a lawyer

list of 11 candidates including six turncoats who joined the party from Congress or the BJP, for the upcoming assembly polls in Delhi scheduled to take place in

February next year. The AAP has denied a poll pass to three sitting Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) and subsequent lists will show if they are accommodated in other seats. They are Kirari MLA Rituraj Jha, Seelampur legislator Abdul Rahman and Matiala MLA Gulab Singh Yadav. The development came after AAP cross-examine prosecution supremo Arvind Kejriwal witnesses in the kidnapping chaired a meeting of the chaired a meeting of the affairs party's political committee (PAC) at his residence in the national capital. While Brahm Singh Tanwar (Chhatarpur), Anil Jha (Kirari), BB Tyagi (Laxmi



Nagar) had recently quit the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and joined the AAP, Zubair Chaudhary (Seelampur), Veer Singh Dhingan (Seemapuri) amd Somesh Shokeen (Matiala) joined the AAP after quitting the Congress. Sharing the list on X (formerly Twitter), the AAP posted: "First list of AAP candidates for Delhi Elections is OUT!! All the best to all the candidates. Phir laayenge Kejriwal (sic)."

With a mix of experienced leaders and newcomers, AAP is preparing for a possible tough battle in the 2025 elections, aiming to retain its stronghold in the national capital.

A Maharashtra, post-poll posturing began in both the ruling MahaYuti and Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) camps on Thursday, even as the both the parties started reaching out to the rebels and independents to rope in and boost their final winning tallies.

While the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders began to clamour for its senior Devendra Fadnavis being chosen as the Chief Minister if the MahaYuti gets a majority in the polls, which many BJP leaders claimed was a certainty. The Shinde Sena began pushing for the nomination of its president Eknath Shinde as the Chief Minister, a post he is currently holding.

Two Indian Rhinoceroses, also known as Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros, seen with flocks of Egrets and Common Mynas at the Kaziranga National Park, in Golaghat district

Patiala House Court puts Bikaner House in the dock

the top court.

RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

A^{Patiala} House Court in Delhi has directed the attachment of the Iconic Bikaner House after the Nokha municipal council in Rajasthan which owns the historic building failed to pay an arbitral award of Rs 50.31 lakh to Enviro Infra Engineers Private Limited. The court passed the order on an application seeking enforcement of the arbitral award passed by the arbitral tribunal in January 2020 Bikaner House was designed as the residence of the Rajput rulers of the princely state of Bikaner.

Bikaner House was built during the rule of Maharaja Ganga Singh, Maharaja of princely state of Bikaner (1887 2015.to 1943 AD). Categorised as a Grade II heritage building by the property by sale, gift or



Bikaner House, in New Delhi, Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024. A Delhi court has directed the attachment of Bikaner House, which is owned by Nokha municipal council in Rajasthan, after it failed to pay arbitral award of ₹50.31 lakh to a company PT

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the Archeological Survey of otherwise. The court has India, Bikaner House has directed the representative of been meticulously restored to the Nokha Nagar Palika to appear before the court on its original form. It opened to November 29, the next date of the public on November 18, hearing.The After the attachment order, government, meanwhile, said it will take immediate action the Nagar Palika of Nokha cannot transfer or liquidate in the matter.

Band, baaja, baaraat, aur chor

SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW DELHI

You might have heard about wedding crashers, but those pale in comparison t30 this variation of unwanted guests: the infamous 'Band, Baaja, Baarat' gang is back. Gangmembers gate crash into usually high-profile wedding ceremonies in the city, not to eat free food but rather to steal valuables from unsuspecting guests. Recently this gang looted two lavish weddings in Delhi's Alipur and Chhatarpur's Maidan Garhi on November 12, and 17, respectively. Located about 800 km from Delhi, a specialized gang of wedding looters recruit from two villages: Kadiya and Gulkhedi in Rajgarh district of Madhya Pradesh where families send their young members to the gang on 'rent'. They are then trained to loot valuables from wedding parties without being noticed. According to police, 50-yearold Raj Kumar alias Raju, who is the 'gang coordinator', manages his operations remotely, sitting in a taxi outside the wedding venue, directing his band of thieves. "Known for the practice of 'renting' out

families to criminal gangs, the residents functions, and are used to carry out



of Kadiya and Gulkhedi villages often enter into agreements known as 'Anubandh', where families receive financial compensation for sending their families to participate in theft operations," a senior police official said. The gang gives a 'crash course' to the young people so they can lift bags and steal valuables from the big fat weddings. "They use young recruits, trained to blend in at wedding

crimes without drawing any attention towards them. The practice is seen as a form of a social contract, where families from impoverished backgrounds are exploited by criminal elements for thefts at weddings, typically targeting the wealthy," he added.

The officer also said that in previous instances, once an accused gets bail, they never turn up before the court for trial. "Thus, they have been declared proclaimed offenders throughout India," he stated.

However, the Delhi Police's Crime Branch finally busted the syndicate by arresting four members of the gang including Kumar, 30-year-old Mohit, 19-year-old Sumit, and 30-year-old Karan, near Ghitorni Metro Station, who were the primary perpetrators, executing the bag-lifting operations and stealing valuables from wedding guests. "After the thefts, Raj Kumar would distribute the stolen items among the gang members," another officer added.

On the night of November 12, Sumit and Karan stole cash and valuables from two wedding ceremonies in Alipur, and on the night of November 17, they also stole a bag filled with cash and valuables from a wedding ceremony at a farmhouse in Maidan Garhi in Chhatarpur. "While they entered the ceremonies to commit the thefts, Raj Kumar and Mohit waited outside in a private taxi, keeping watch and giving them directions over mobile phones," the officer said, adding that they recovered five mobile phones along with 13 SIM cards being used for fake identity.



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Counting exercise: Three-tier security system in place

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joint briefing was conducted at the Cooperative College campus on Saturday by District Election Officer (DEO) Ananya Mittal and Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kishore Kaushal to provide crucial guidelines regarding counting day, scheduled for November 23, 2024. The DEO emphasized that entry into the campus without a valid pass is strictly prohibited. This applies to candidates, election agents, counting agents, election officials, press representatives, and personnel involved in essential services.

In addition to the pass, counting agents must present Form 18 to gain access to the counting hall. The officials also outlined traffic and

parking arrangements to ensure smooth operations on counting day.

will need to park their vehi-The DEO clarified that cles outside Sacred Heart vehicles belonging to candi-Convent School. Beyond the dates, election agents, count-Russi ing agents, observers, district Excellence, no vehicles officials, supervisor assisbelonging to workers will be tants, and press representapermitted. Workers will need tives will be allowed to park to proceed on foot up to the District Mining Office and will not be allowed inside the campus premises

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Kaushal outlined a SSP robust three-tier security system for the Cooperative College campus. The first layer will be manned by district police forces, the second by Jharkhand Armed Police (JAP) jawans, and the third by paramilitary forces.

Electronic gadgets, including mobile phones, will be prohibited inside the campus. However, certain district officials will be granted access with phones as per Election Commission guidelines. Press representatives will be allowed to carry cameras and phones, but only within the media cell located in the campus library.

The DEO and SSP reiterated that no exceptions would be made regarding

entry protocols to maintain fairness and order. All stakeholders, including political representatives, media personnel, and election staff, must strictly adhere to the guidelines to avoid disruptions during the counting process

The briefing was attended by senior officials, including Director Project ITDA Deepak Chaudhary, ADM Law and Order Aniket Sachan, SDM Dhalbhum Mrs. Shatabdi Majumdar, Rural SP Rishabh Garg, City SP Kumar Shivashish, and Deputy Municipal Commissioner JNAC Krishna Kumar, among others.

These measures aim to ensure a transparent and secure counting process, contributing to the smooth conclusion of the election exercise.

NML transfers waste PCB recycling technology to Novasensa Ltd.

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CSIR-National Metallurgical Laboratory (CSIR-NML), Laboratory (CSIR-NML), Jamshedpur, has transferred its advanced technology for recycling waste printed cir-cuit boards (PCBs) to Novasensa Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, on Thursday. This marks a significant step in addressing the growing ewaste crisis with an ecofriendly approach. The technology enables the recovery of valuable metals like gold, copper, and aluminum from PCBs while adhering to zerowaste principles, contribut-ing to sustainable development and environmental conservation. The process involves mechanical pretreatment of waste PCBs followed by hydrometallurgical and electro-metallurgical techniques to extract high-purity metals and salts, with purity levels exceeding 99.99% for metals and 98.5% for salts. Developed by CSIR-NML's research team, the technology is cost-effective, environmentally friendly, and aligns with the principles of a circular economy.

The event was attended by CSIR-NML's Director, Dr. Sandip Ghosh Chowdhury, and a team of leading scien-

tists, including Dr. Manis materials Dr. Chowdhury highlight-

Kumar Jha, Dr. Sanjay Kumar, and Dr. Jhumki Hait, among among others. Aseem Trivedi, Founder and CEO of Novasensa Pvt. Ltd. expressed enthusiasm for implementing this groundbreaking technology, emphasizing its potential to revolutionize e-waste management in India while conserving natural resources for future generations.

The growing volume of ewaste presents environmental and health challenges, often resulting in the loss of valuable metals and contamination of soil and water. CSIR-NML's technology addresses these issues by providing a sustainable recycling solution, reducing pollution, and recovering critical ed the importance of such initiatives, stating that the transfer reinforces CSIR-NML's commitment to making India an e-waste-free society The collaboration is expected to generate employment, foster startups, and encourage entrepreneurial ventures in the recycling sector. The scalable technology can also be adapted for small-scale and cottage industries, furthering its impact on economic and social development.

This partnership between CSIR-NML and Novasensa Pvt. Ltd. symbolizes a shared commitment to sustainability and innovation, offering a viable solution to the e-waste crisis while contributing to a greener and cleaner future

Loyola School celebrates 74th Annual Sports Day



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The grounds of Loyola School came alive with energy and excitement as the institution celebrated its 74th Annual Sports Day for the junior section. Themed "To Infinity and Beyond" as a tribute to ISRO scientists, the event aimed to ignite awareness and enthusiasm about space exploration among the students.

The Chief Guest for the occasion was Padma Shri and Dronacharya Awardee

Purnima Mahato, who was joined by dignitaries including Rector Father K. M. Joseph, Principal Father Vinod Fernandes, and Vice Principal (Junior Section) Vineeta F. Ekka Parents and alumni also graced the vibrant event.

Students captivated the audience with mesmerizing drill performances. Nursery and LKG students charmed as stars and comets, while UKG and Class 1 students amazed as rockets soaring into the sky. Class 2 and 3 students delighted spectators as playful aliens in Return of the Aliens. Classes 4 and 5 showcased Moonwalk Madness with a tribute to Michael Jackson, depicting his iconic dance moves on the lunar surface.

The event concluded with the lowering of the flag by the games teachers, which was handed over to Vice Principal Vineeta Ekka. Principal Father Vinod Fernandes delivered a heartfelt vote of thanks, appreciating the spirited participation of students and the tireless efforts of the teachers and staff.

Anup Kumar takes charge as ED, SSO, Ranchi PNS : RANCHI

generating a profit of Rs. 450 crores in Burnpur.

At Bokaro ĥe was instrumental in implementing the prestigious GOI program UDAN-II by comprehensive renovation of Bokaro Airport. implemented cost control by obviating the Propane plant for high calorific value. As the Head of Personnel he introduced a novel Insurance plan for contractual workers, which was adopted by other private Sector companies. SAIL Ranchi Units employees wished him the very best in his pursuits in his new assignment.

Harish Bhatt to deliver 32nd Annual JRD Tata Oration the Boards of some Tata com-

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XLRI - Xavier School of Management is all set to host the 32nd Annual JRD Tata Oration on Business Ethics on November 22. The event will take place at 6:30 PM at Tata Auditorium, continuing its legacy of fostering thought leadership in ethical business practices.

This year's oration will be delivered by Harish Bhat, an advisor and director at the Tata Group. Known for his insightful perspectives on business integrity and leadership, Bhat's address is highly anticipated by the academic and corporate communities. The topic of his address is the Legacy of Ratan Tata.

The Annual JRD Tata Oration on Business Ethics, named after the visionary industrialist and former chairman of Tata Group, JRD panies, including Trent, Tata, has been a flagship event of XLRI for over three decades. It seeks to uphold and propagate the principles of ethical business conduct, aligning with XLRI's mission to shape leaders who embody values-driven decision-mak-

ing. Harish Bhat has worked with the Tata group for 37 years. Over this long period he has held many senior roles in the Group, including as Brand Custodian at Tata Sons, Managing Director & CEO at Tata Global Beverages and Chief Operating Officer of the watches and jewellery businesses at Titan Čompany.

After his superannuation last year, Harish is now serving as an Advisor at Tata Sons. He is also a Director on

Infiniti Retail (Croma) and Tata Starbucks. An avid marketer, Harish has helped nurture and grow many iconic brands of the Tata group, such as Tanishq, Titan, Fastrack, Tata Tea and Chakra Gold Tea. In his most

recent role, he led the development and growth of TATA, which is India's most valuable brand. in 2022 and 2023, Forbes listed him as one of the top 10 most influ-Chief Marketing ential Officers in the world.

Harish has also played a key role in strategic initiatives such as the acquisition of Tetley Tea by the Tata group, and the turnaround of the jewellery business at Titan

Harish is a graduate of

Smriti Irani inspires women academicians at IIM Bodh Gaya

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IIM Bodh Gaya successfully organized a 5-day residential Nurturing Future Leadership Program (NFLP) for Women Academic Leaders under the aegis of the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme from 11th Nov to 15th Nov 2024. Funded by the Ministry of Education, the program aims to inculcate leadership development in higher educational institutions (HEI). The programme brought together esteemed faculty



Prof. Vinita S. Sahay, Director Sharma, IIT-Delhi. hlighter Smriti Zubin Irani, with an experience of over two decades, imparted knowledge on creating an impact through public speaking wherein she stated, 'You speak as you live, speak as you engage, and speak as you behave.' In the era of digital transformation, Smt Irani discussed how storytelling across media can be used

effectively for developing var-ious skills. The participants got the opportunity to visit Mahabodhi Temple and Nalanda as part of their experiential learning along with institutional members.

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Ahmedabad. in 1987, he won

the IIM Ahmedabad Gold

Medal for scholastic excel-

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the Distinguished Alumnus

Award from BITS Pilani.

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The National Economic Policy 2020 has placed a significant emphasis on the importance of capacity building among educators. NFLP aims to equip faculty members, particularly women, with the essential technical, managerial, and interpersonal skills needed for effective in hig tion institutions. The program seeks to bridge the gap and create a more balanced and diverse leadership landscape in Indian higher education. Through this initiative, the Ministry of Education and IIM Bodh Gaya inspire a new generation of women leaders, enabling them to drive change and innovation in the academic world.

'BJP to form **Government** in **Jharkhand**

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dence in the BJP's policies and Amarpreet development of with patience and optimism. "We are confident that the results will mark a significant step toward a brighter future

tions concludes in Jharkhand, recent survey reports suggest strong public support for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The surveys indicate that the citizens of the state have once again expressed their confi-

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development agenda. According to BJP State Spokesperson Amarpreet Singh Kale, this trust and affection from the people serve as a motivating force for the party. "This public trust inspires us to take on our responsibilities with greater determination. The BJP remains committed to working honestly and diligently for the Jharkhand, focusing on making the state a leader in education, health, employment, and infrastructure," Kale stated. Kale emphasized that the people of Jharkhand have recognized and appreciated the party's public welfare initiatives and promises of develop-ment. "The blessings and affection of the people further strengthen our resolve. We express our heartfelt gratitude to every citizen of Jharkhand for their unwavering sup-port," he added. With the election results scheduled to be announced on November 23, Kale urged everyone to wait

plines to delve into the critical aspects of grooming the leaders of tomorrow. The programme saw the participation of 33 senior faculty from around 20 Central/State Universities, IIM, IIT, and NITs, such as IIT Patna, Banaras Hindu University, and the University of Delhi.

The 5-day event encompassed various sessions on

the importance of 'Sakhiwaad' in higher education. The participants also gained insights on developing leadership and challenges faced by women leaders in academia from Prof Indira Parikh, ex-Director IIM-Ahmedabad and founding member of Flame University, Prof Sangita Srivastava, Vice-Chancellor, University of

and prosperity of the state's citizens

for Jharkhand," he concluded.

reiterating the BJP's dedica-

tion to ensuring the welfare



College, Ranchi and BIT Sindri Kumar joined SAIL in 1991 at ISP, Burnpur Steel Plant. By dint of his unflinching services to SAIL, he became the Head of Personnel at ISP in 2022 and subsequently became ED (Collieries & CCSO Division) at Chasnala.

Anup Kumar took the charge

of Executive Director (ED),

SAIL safety Organisation

(SSO), at Ispat Bhawan,

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His contributions to SAIL been immense at

Burnpur, Bokaro and Chasnala. He started with Iron Making and served in Blast Furnaces of Burnpur for 20 years. Later he contributed to Rolling Mills and instrumental in rolling of Bulb Bar used by the Indian Navy which was hitherto imported. He led the Waste to Wealth Journey by gainfully clearing the fines and thus

IMD predicts foggy weather in morning of Counting Day

PNS : DALTONGANJ

As it is a counting day on November 23, it will be warm for 5 and cold to 81 as 86 contestants are in the poll fray of the 5 assembly constituencies in Palamu.

India Meteorological Department has in a forecast for November 23rd weather in Daltonganj said fog to prevail in the morning but clear sky later in the day.

Again the wind is expected to be 8 kmph here in Daltonganj on the day of counting.

About the minimum temperature here in Daltonganj on the day of counting the forecast is 11 degree Celsius while it is 28 degree Celsius maximum temperature.

The counting hall is all weather proof. It's strong and robust. Again it will be most heavily guarded by the CRPF. There will be 700 cops and officers manning the in and out of the counting hall and the vast expanse.

A full dress rehearsal for the counting of votes in each of the 5 assembly constituencies will be held on Friday wherein the counting assistants, counting supervisor and micro observers will have a simulation to the actual performance condition of the counting of votes.

Nodal officer of the Karmik Koushang Md Jawed Hussain a 2018 batch IAS officer said final touches are being given to arrange everything well in order for the November 23rd counting of votes. He said the entire team is working tirelessly to have a very smooth, fair and transparent counting



SP Reeshma Ramesan, DDC Shabbir Ahmad and nodal officer of the Karmik Koushang Md Jawed Hussain at the counting venue photo by PNS

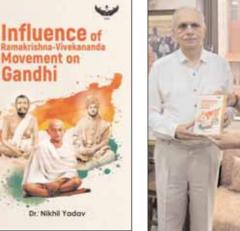
-THE UNTOLD INFLUENCE Dr. Nikhil Yadav explores Gandhi's adherence to Ramakrishna and Vivekananda

PNS : RANCHI

A new scholarly work shedding light on the profound and often overlooked influence of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa and Swami Vivekananda on Mahatma Gandhi was launched today by Dr. Nikhil Yadav, a prominent scholar of the Ramakrishna-Vivekananda movement. The book, titled "Influence of Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Movement on Gandhi", was formally introduced at an event attended by spiritual leaders, academics, and enthusiasts of India's rich philosophical heritage at Vivekananda Kendra Delhi Centre

The booklet delves into how Gandhiji, despite never meeting these two spiritual titans, was deeply inspired by their teachings, which he often cited in speeches, letters, and discussions on various issues. Through this work the author, Dr. Nikhil Yadav explores the spiritual underpinnings of Gandhi's philosophy and how the ideas of Ramakrishna and Vivekananda played a critical role in shaping his moral and political convictions

Dr. Yadav's research draws primarily from the Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi, offering a fresh perspective on the intersections between Gandhi's thought and the Ramakrishna-



Vivekananda movement. He highlights numerous instances where Gandhi referenced the teachings of Swami Vivekananda and Sri Ramakrishna, showcasing their significant impact on his worldview.

Several distinguished figures expressed their support for Dr. Nikhil Yadav's work and praised the book's timely relevance in today's world.

"Ďr. Nikhil Yadav, a keen student of the Ramakrishna Vivekananda movement, has penned a scholarly booklet that focuses on the profound influence of Sri Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda on the life and phi-

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losophy of Mahatma Gandhi. I do hope that this booklet will inspire one and all, especially our younger generation, to build a strong and vibrant India. My heartiest congratulations to Dr. Yadav for his labour of love," said Swami Sarvalokananda, Secretary of the Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi. Sushri Nivedita Raghunath Bhide, Vice-President of the Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari, added, "Anyone interested in understanding how Sri Ramakrishna, Swami Vivekananda, Ma Sarada Devi,

and Sister Nivedita influenced the

should read this book. Dr. Nikhil

thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi,

Yadav has provided the context for every reference to them by Gandhiji. His thoughtful organization makes it accessible for scholars and readers alike.

Dr. Arvind Gupta, Director of the Vivekananda International Foundation, commended the author's unique approach: "The author connects the three giants of modern India brilliantly. The young generation will benefit immensely from this book."

In "Influence of Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Movement on Gandhi", Dr. Nikhil Yadav meticulously documents how Gandhi not only read the works of Swami Vivekananda and Sri Ramakrishna but also internalized their core philosophies, which shaped his approach to truth, nonviolence, and social reform The book offers a systematic examination of the references made by Gandhi to these spiritual leaders across various media, emphasizing how their teachings influenced his personal and public life.

Gandhi's deep respect for Swami Vivekananda, in particular, is evident through the numerous instances where people writing to him would quote the Swami's words. The book highlights the cultural and spiritual resonance Vivekananda's messages held, even among ordinary people who

shared his ideas with Gandhi.

Dr. Yadav's exploration of these influences provides a nuanced understanding of Gandhi's thought and invites readers to reimagine the interconnectedness of spirituality, social action, and national identity that formed the foundation of modern India.

Dr. Nikhil Yadav currently serves as the Youth Head for the Vivekananda Kendra North Zone, overseeing regions including Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand. Dr. Nikhil Yadav holds a Ph.D. from the School of Social Science at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), and has previously completed a Master's in Ancient Indian History from the University of Delhi.

The launch of "The Influence of Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Movement on Gandhi" marks an important contribution to contemporary scholarship on Gandhi and the spiritual movements that shaped his life. It serves as a valuable resource for students, scholars, and anyone interested in understanding the deeper philosophical currents that influenced the father of the nation. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE BOOK, PLEASE CONTACT:

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Jharkhand 03

State registers overall 67.74 % voting in all 81 constituencies All EVMs sealed in strong rooms under two-tier security system: CEO

PNS : RANCHI

Chief Electoral Officer, Jharkhand K Ravi Kumar today said that all EVMs have been sealed in strong rooms after scrutiny in a two-tier security system. The first level of security is the responsibility of the central paramilitary forces. The second level of security is being handled by the state armed forces.

He said that on the day of counting, the two-tier security system will become threetier. The third level of security will be the responsibility of the state police. He was addressing a press conference at Nirvachan Sadan,

Dhurwa on Thursday. He said that a total of 68.95 per cent voting took place in the second phase. The voting percentage will increase further after counting of postal ballots. He said that the voting percentage in both the phases was 67.74. In the elections, more women voters have voted than men. Rural voters have been ahead in voting compared to

urban voters. He said that this time the focus of the Election Commission of India was on making the marginalized



CEO K Ravi Kumar addresses media persons at his office in Ranchi on Thursday. Pix by Vinay Murmu

people a part of the voting. Under this, people living in forests and mountains in remote areas and leprosy patients living in isolation were motivated to vote in a planned manner.

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In the second phase of Jharkhand assembly elections, all 57 voters cast their votes in the special polling station set up for leprosy affected voters in Snehpur located in Hansipahari of Jamtara. The polling station of the community building (362 "A") Snehpur Leprosy Ashram located in Mihijam was constituted as an auxiliary polling station.

He said that counting centers have been set up in all the 24 district headquarters of the state. Counting of votes will start from 8 am on November 23. First of all, the postal ballots will be count-

ed. Counting of EVM votes will start from 8.30 am. The result of the first round of counting is expected at 9.30 am. He said that since the implementation of the Model Code of Conduct in the state, illegal material and cash worth Rs 207 crore has been seized so far. A total of 100 cases have been registered for violating the Model Code of Conduct.



Chief Minister Hemant Soren addresses party workers through video conferencing at his official residence in Ranchi on Thursday. PNS

CMPDI should accelerate **R&D** spending: **CIL** Chairman 50th CIL Foundation Day celebrated at CMPDI Nagpur for Underground

PNS : RANCHI

CMPDI. a Mini-Ratna Company, celebrated the 50th Coal India Foundation Day Celebrations with full fervour on Thursday at Rabindra Bhawan, CMPDI, Ranchi. The Chief Guest of the occasion, Dr. Sharad Singh Negi, Ex. IFS Officer Chairman, Expert Appraisal Committee for Environmental Impact Assessments of thermal power and coal mining projects in his address praised the role of CMPDI in ensuring energy security of the nation and said that CMPDI should take environment issues into consideration, including environment perspectives and environment Dept. employees while preparing mine planning and designing reports.

P.M. Prasad, Chairman, CIL the guest of honour appreciated CMPDI and briefed about the achievements of Coal India Limited and CMPDI in various fields and said that CMPDI should accelerate R&D spending, should explore in critical minerals, solar sector, underground Coal gasification and Surface Coal gasification areas. Prasad further said, CMPDI is the backbone of Coal India Limited and

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CIL Chairman PM Prasad addresses a gathering during the CIL Foundation Day at CMPDI Ranchi on Thursday. PNS

the private sector is also operation. On this occasion, based on drill productivity looking towards CMPDI due to its expertise. (Hvdroststic).

Manoj Kumar, CMD, CMPDI in his address, highlighted major achievement of CMPDI in the last one year and especially establishment of National Centre for Coal and Energy Research (NaCCER) (Phase-I)" at CMPDI; Demonstration of 5G use cases at India

Report Preparation, awards were given GYP Reddy, Mobile Congress 2024 etc. Awards in different cate-General gories were given to the employees of CMPDI for CMPDI, RI-IV, Nagpur for **Opencast Projects Reports** and S Jayakumar, Ch. Mgr.(Mining), CMPDI, RI-IV, excellent performance in their respective area of

Reports; Project Lakshmideep G., Manager (Env.) and Amul Patwal, Dy. Manager (Env.) of RI-III, Ranchi for EIA/EMP Reports Preparation. Team of i Susobhan Kundu, General Manager (Civil); Sujib Chatteriee. General (Civil) Manager Farah Nawaz, Manager (Civil); Deputy Navin Kumar, Manager (Civil) D Ūday Kumar, Asst. Manager (Civil) of CMPDI (HQ) received awards for Infrastructural Planning. Team of Trishit Ghosh, Sr. Manager, Shri Apurba Das, Manager, Subhabrata Bera, Dy. Manager, Sourav Ganguly, Dy. Manager, Noneehal P Ghatowar, Dy. Manager received the award for GR Preparation. Singrauli Camp, RI-VI Singrauli got In Outstanding performthe first prize and Rajnagar

ance category, Environment Lab, RI-IV, Nagpur for Environment Lab services; Environment Dept., RI-VII, Bhubaneswar (other than EIA/EMP &Lab services) & Singrauli, RI-VI, for Geomatics services; P K Somani, RI -- V, Bilaspur for Financial Services; Shri Md. Noor Uddin, Sr. Manager, Dilip Kumar Kisku, Dy. Manager, Nitish Kumar, Dy. Manager Exploration Services other than drilling & GR including Geo-physical & Hydrogeology. OC Division, HQ and Geomatics Division, HQ bags for outside consultancy jobs in 2023-24

Awards for 'Innovation' for 5G Technology Rollout to Dr. Tarique Sajjad, GM (ME); Sri Dhiraj Kumar, GM(Mining) /TS, CMPDI Hq; J. Tiwary, CM(E&T), TE HQ, Ranchi; and for Software Development to Dr Thinesh Kumar

Under CSR, CMPDI(HQ) got the award for maximum utilization of CSR Budget in 2023-24 and Regional Institute-VII, Bhubaneswar got the award for growth in expenditure in amongst all the RIs in the FY 2023-24.

On this occasion, Nilendu Kumar Singh, CMD, CCL; Mahipal Singh, Chief (TPPD)-Cum-Engineer Member Secretary Electricity Central Authority; Shankar Nagachari, Director (T/CRD); Ajay Kumar, Director (P&D); Satish Jha, Director (T/ES); Achyut Ghatak (T/RD&T); Sumeet Kumar Sinha, CVO, CMPDI; Ex CMDs, Ex-Directors, Ex-GMs of CMPDI, CIL & its subsidiaries, All Regional Directors; GMs/HoDs, representatives of CMOAI were also present.

INDIA winning 59 seats, battle on 22, claims JMM He specifically mentioned



JMM General Secretary Suprivo Bhattacharya during a press conference at the party office in Ranchi on Thursday. PNS

PNS : RANCHI

The Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) unveiled its own version of an exit poll today, calling it the "people's view," and confidently projected a comfortable victory in the 2024 Jharkhand Assembly elections.

At a press conference held in Ranchi on Thursday, JMM General Secretary and Spokesperson Supriyo Bhattacharya shared constituency-wise details, identifying 59 seats where the INDIA alliance candidates

are certain to secure wins. In addition to these 59 constituencies, Bhattacharya noted a fierce contest in 22 other seats, adding that the alliance is likely to clinch victories in several more con-

stituencies as well. Commenting on surveys circulating post-elections, Bhattacharya dismissed them as "sponsored" and claimed that, based on his own analysis, the BJP is unlikely to secure a single seat in 11 districts. He further stated that

betting market rather than reflect voter sentiment. The JMM leader expressed disappointment with urban voters, highlighting a decline in voter turnout in cities compared to rural areas

"Urban voters have higher expectations than their rural counterparts, but when it comes time to vote, they vanish. This is concerning. Intellectuals, who often engage in political discussions, are ironically the ones the remaining districts would who fail to cast their votes, he remarked.

constituencies such

Dumri,

Ghatshila,

Rajmahal, Sarath, Barkatha,

Barhi, Barkagaon, Simaria

Bagodar, Gandey, Giridih,

Chandankiyari, Sindri, Nirsa

Jamshedpur, and Saraikela

as strongholds where INDIA

alliance candidates are expected to emerge victori-

cized the proliferation of sur-

veys, suggesting that some

are designed to influence the

Bhattacharya also criti-

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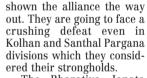
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JMM is living in dream world, says Shahdev

see intense competition.

PNS : RANCHI

BJP's state spokesperson Pratul Shahdev on Thursday said that Jharkhand Mukti Morcha can live in a dream world until the results are declared on the evening of November. Pratul said that it can make any claims, boast about it. But after the election results are declared, it is preparing to blame the EVMs for its defeat. The BJP leader was reacting to JMM spokesperson Supriyo Bhattacharaya's claim that the JMM led alliance in State is going to win 59 seats in



The Bharativa Janata Party is going to win many of those seats where it had never won since independence. There was a strong atmosphere in favor of the BJP and people were determined to oust the ruling party. Its result will be seen on 23 November when the NDA alliance will win with a two-thirds majority. The Jharkhand Mukti Morchaled alliance will be reduced to the lowest number of seats in its history. The claim and counterclaim of both the alliance have come at the time when exit polls have not given a clear picture of the results. Dainik Bhaskar, Times Now-JVC and P-Marg predicted a assembly hung Jharkhand, three exit polls Chanakya

Tiger kills cow, spotted in Garhwa

Camp, RI-V, Ranchi bags

2nd Prize. In Mechanical

category, Gopalpur Camp,

RI-VII bags first prize and

Barkakana Camp, RI-III

For best performance in

Mgr.(Mining),

bags second prize.

NITYANAND DUBEY : GARHWA

A tiger that recently hunted a cow has crossed the Koel River into the Palamu Tiger Reserve from the

ing has intensified the atmosphere of fear. To mitigate the risk of humantiger conflict, the forest department has been actively informing villagers in Bhandaria via loudspeakers, urg-

forests of the Bhandaria area, sparking concern among local villagers. Reports indicate that the tiger was spotted in the Kurun forest of the Bhandaria police station late last night.

The presence of the tiger has heightened fear in the already trouregions of Ramakanda, bled Bhandaria, and Bargarh, which have been grappling with incidents of elephant and bear attacks. On the night of November 13, the tiger reportedly killed a cow owned by Shivkumar Singh of Baherakhand. Villagers found some remains of the carcass in the forest the following morning, leading them to alert the forest department. Officials from the Bhandaria forest area confirmed that the cow had indeed fallen prey to the tiger. Following instructions from Garhwa DFO Ibin Beni Abraham, a compensation of five thousand rupees was promptly issued to Singh.

In the last three months, residents have already been on edge due to incessant elephant disturbances, and now the addition of a tiger sighting them to exercise caution and avoid venturing into the forests.

This is the second consecutive year a tiger has reportedly entered the Bhandaria area, recalling incidents from March of last year when a similar event led to the deaths of three people in just two days. A disturbing video of a tiger hunting and consuming its prey in the Kutuku forest also surfaced at that time. Despite the current fears, officials note that the recent tiger has not shown tendencies towards becoming a man-eater thus far. It is worth noting that this marks the second instance in four years a tiger has roamed into this region, which is connected to the northern forest terrain of Balrampur in Chhattisgarh via the Kanhar River.

In addition to the danger posed by the tiger, a herd of elephants migrating from Chhattisgarh has also wreaked havoc in the southern forest area of Ramakanda, resulting in six fatalities over a span of three months. A bear attack in Bijka of Bhandaria recently left one villager injured. The fatalities from the ele-



phant incursions include Nageshwar Singh of Baligarh, Subhash Singh of Parro, Mahru Dealer, Ramshakal Singh from Chutia in Jonhikhand, Swati Minj of Bairia, and Sitaram Mochi from Upartola in Ramkanda.

Following reports of a tiger entering the Palamu Tiger Reserve (PTR) from the Garhwa Southern Forest Area, paw marks of a male tiger have been discovered within the PTR range. Prajesh Kant Jena, the North

Union Minister and

Jharkhand Election In-

Chouhan has been planting

a sapling every day for the

last more than 3 years. He

plants saplings with the

public on the occasion of

people's birthdays, death

anniversaries, memorial

or any special purpose.

days, special achievements

charge Shivraj Singh

Deputy Director of PTR, confirmed the sighting of these paw prints. He mentioned that a photograph of the male tiger, which arrived from the Kanhar River in Chhattisgarh, has not yet been released. As a result, it remains unclear whether this tiger is the same as the one spotted last year or if it is a different individual. Jena stated that monitoring efforts are underway, including the installation of camera traps.

Jharkhand. Pratul said that this is the first time that a party is issuing a document stating how many seats it will win and how many seats its rivals will lose. Pratul said that it is ridiculous that even in this document, wherever JMM is showing a tough fight, all those seats are Congress's share. That means they do not trust their alliance.

Pratul said that even though they are making big claims of victory on paper, in reality, the people of

Jharkhand have completely rejected the most corrupt Hemant government in the history of Jharkhand. This government has only done looting, extortion and corruption in the last 5 years. Corruption has become a norm and has taken institutional form. The public was completely fed up with their breaking of promises. On 23 November, they are going to show them the way out. Pratul said that they are claiming victory on paper. The ground reality is that

the public has completely

Matrize, Strategies and Peoples Pulse · gave an edge to the NDA alliance while Axis My INDIA and Electoral Edge predicted a clear win for ÎNDIA bloc in Jharkhand.

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ROSHAN KUMAR : RANCHI

Union Agriculture Minister and Jharkhand Assembly **Election Incharge Shivra** Singh Chouhan on Thursday invited State President Babulal Marandi, Organization Minister and other BJP officials to his residence, held an informal meeting and discussed various topics in detail. Shivraj Singh Chouhan expressed his happiness by offering sweets to all the officials.

After this, Shivraj Singh Chouhan reached the BJP office and thanked all the employees working in the office including sweepers, liftmen, cooks, and other employees of BJP office for their tireless hard work and cooperation in the elections. During this, all the workers and employees shared their experiences with Chouhan.



Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan offers sweets to State BJP President Babulal Marandi after a meeting at BJP office in Ranchi on Thursday. Pix by Vinay Murmu

Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that, Bharatiya Janata Party is a family, in the family there is a minister, in the family there is a Chief Minister, but all the workers are a family who are

am taking very sweet memories from Jharkhand. This is a very wonderful state, there are many possibilities here. The people here have given engaged in the mission of a lot of affection and love. nation revival. They have also worked hard day and night in the elections. Today I have discussed with all of

"Yesterday was the last day of the election campaign, today I am leaving from here as in-charge but as a Union them in a friendly meeting. Minister I will keep coming Shivraj Singh said that, I to Jharkhand and will keep

He has planted more than 4000 saplings so far under this campaign. During his stay in Jharkhand, the Union Minister planted saplings with the people here in various cities of Jharkhand including Ranchi, Jamshedpur, Netarhat, Deoghar, Bokaro, Dhanbad. There were many such occasions when

Chouhan plants 50 saplings during his stay in Jharkhand

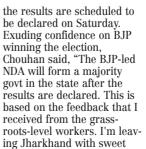
making every possible effort for the development of Jharkhand and welfare of the people through my ministries," said Chouhan. Chouhan camped in

Jharkhand for more than 90 days working as BJP's election in-charge for the assembly elections.

for the two-phase polling ended on Wednesday and

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even after coming back from Bhopal or Delhi, he planted saplings with the public in Jharkhand. Chouhan planted a total of 50 saplings during his stay of the last three months in Jharkhand. Today, while leaving Jharkhand, Chouhan planted saplings with the people in Nivaranpur, Ranchi.





Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan and State BJP President Babulal Marandi hold a meeting with party officials at the party office in Ranchi on Thursday. Pix by Vinay Murmu

memories. The state and its people are wonderful. Everyone has shown great affection towards me. Earlier in the day, he expressed his gratitude to the party members at the

BJP office and spent time with his staff at the temporary residence over breakfast. "Party workers are our real strength. They had put in a lot of hard work for the past few months," he added.

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Rajnath Singh holds bilateral talks with US Secretary of Defence

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

India and US on Thursday reviewed the entire spectrum of their bilateral defence ties during talks between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and US Secretary of Defense Lloyd J Austin on the sidelines of 11th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM)-Plus at Vientiane, Laos.

The two leaders commended the progress achieved by the India-US defence partnership, based on increased operational coordination, information-sharing, and industrial innovation, defence ministry said here.

Both sides recognised the remarkable progress made under the US-India Defence Industrial Cooperation Roadmap, including ongoing collaboration to advance priority co-production arrangements for jet engines, munitions, and ground mobility systems.

Rajnath Singh recalled his recent productive and successful visit to the US in August 2024, wherein two important documents were concluded - the Security of Supplies Agreement (SOSA) and the Memorandum of Agreement regarding the deployment of Liaison Officers. Both sides welcomed ongoing efforts to deepen the



military partnership and interoperability to maintain a free and open Indo-Pacific. Drawing attention to the successful QUAD Summit attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 21, 2024, Rajnath Singh emphasised the need for both sides to work together on the agreed deliverables including agreed deliverables including the new regional Maritime Initiative for Training in the Indo-Pacific (MAITRI), the first-ever Quad-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission, and the launch of a Quad Indo-Pacific Logistics Network pilot project, to support civilian response to natural disasters more rapidly and efficiently across the Indo-Pacific region.

Both sides affirmed support to the growing defence innovation collaboration between the two governments, businesses, and academic institutions fostered by India-US Defense Acceleration Ecosystem, by providing them with more joint challenges, funding opportunities and visibility. Both leaders agreed to continue the momentum achieved in the last two and a half years through growing convergence to strategic interests and enhanced India-US defence cooperation. Rajnath Singh expressed gratitude to Secretary Austin for his enriching and lasting contribution for deepening and expanding India-US defence

partnership. În a social media post, Rajnath Singh termed Secretary Lloyd Austin as a great friend to India, whose contribution towards strengthening India-US defence partnership has been exemplary. He wished him very best in all his future

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endeavours. In addition to his meeting with US Secretary of Defense, Rajnath Singh met Minister of National Defence, Republic of Korea Kim Yong Hyun, Minister for Defence Industry and Capability Delivery of Australia Pat Conroy and Defence Minister of New Zealand Judith Collins on the sidelines of the ADMM-Plus on Thursday.

Number of hoax bomb threats to airlines | Powergrid to revive crematoriums, graveyards in 658 villages under CSR scheme have reduced: Civil Aviation Secretary

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Authorities have successful-ly handled the menace of hoax bomb calls to airlines and such calls have reduced. To a query about hoax bomb calls, Civil Aviation Secretary Vumlunmang Vualnam also said that authorities have tackled them successfully. He fur-ther said that procedures being adopted to deal with fog-relat-ed disruptions have been streamlined.

A few weeks back, hundreds of flights had received bomb threat calls that later turned out to be hoaxes. These threats had significantly impacted flight operations of various domestic carriers. "Our security have tackled this (hoax bomb calls) and we have seen also that we have been successful. The numbers have now gone down and from the airport threat assessment committee also, the consultation process has been streamlined. They have been made more responsive, (for) quick response ..

"We have successfully handled the hoax cases so that passengers and flights are not disrupted by hoax calls," Vualnam said.

As part of preparations for the



fog season during which generally there are flight disruptions due to low visibility conditions, the secretary said airlines have been instructed to timely inform passengers about delays or cancellations. "We will be issuing fresh instructions to remind airlines and airports for the arrangements for passengers "If there is any unavoidable

delay in flights or cancellations, the procedures being adopted have been streamlined... BCAS has issued the circular and the drills are taking place. With this, there will be a better handling of fog season this year," he said.

Other steps include allowing passengers to exit from an aircraft through an airport depar-

ture gate in case there is a long delay in operating the flight after boarding. In this regard, the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) had issued a circular earlier this year.

"Now, with the drills and the space being earmarked, it has been activated. It requires holding areas to be earmarked and those things... It will be applicable everywhere (airports) but Delhi is the top pri-

ority because of the weather and the volume of people," the secretary said on the sidelines of an event in the national capital On Wednesday, Civil Aviation

Minister K Rammohan Naidu held a review meeting with various stakeholders on fog preparedness.



PARVESH SHARMA GURUGRAN

Under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) scheme, Powergrid will revive crematoriums and graveyards in 658 villages of four districts of Haryana, Karnal, Panipat, Rewari and Kurukshetra, with an amount of about Rs 50 crore.

For this, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Powergrid and the Development and Panchayat Department in the presence of the Haryana Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini in Gurugram on Thursday.

The Chief Minister said that under the CSR scheme, corporate companies are making incomparable contributions in the reconstruction of crema-

the field of rural development, which is a commendable step towards social upliftment. Commerce, Industry, Forest and Environment Minister Rao Narbir Singh and

Minister Dr Arvind Sharma were also present on this occasion. Chairman of Powergrid R.K. Tyagi said that an amount of

for the revival of these crematoriums and graveyards. Under the MoU, boundary walls and paved roads will be constructed for all these 658 crematoriums and graveyards. Dr Jai Kishan Abir said that the population of these 658 villages is around 40 lakh. Rs 10.97 crore will be spent on toriums and graveyards in 198 villages of Karnal district, Rs 18.46 crore will be spent 237 villages in on Kurukshetra district, Rs 5.15 core in 106 villages of Panipat

and Rs 15.37 crore in 117 villages of Rewari district. In Haryana, a CSR Board was constituted in November 2018, which was made Haryana State CSR Trust under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister in March 2021. Development works worth Rs 750 crore have been done in the state under the Social Participation Program from November 2018 to March 2024. In the current financial year, development works worth Rs 350 crore will be done under this scheme," CM Saini said.

Opposition members demand tenure extension of Parliamentary Panel on Waqf

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Opposition members on Thursday demanded extension of the tenure of the Joint Committee on Waqf Amendment Bill, contending that they need more time to study the changes to the draft legislation.

At a meeting of the commit-tee, Chairman and BJP member Jagdambika Pal announced that Thursday's meeting would be the last sitting of the panel and a draft report would be circulated to

the members shortly. This led to protests by the Opposition members who resorted to sloganeering and some of them called Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and sought his intervention in the matter.

The committee has been asked by the Lok Sabha to submit its report on the last day of the first week of the winter session of Parliament beginning Monday. The government has already

listed the Waqf (Amendment) Bill for consideration and

too approached Speaker Birla against Pal. New Tidel Park at Pattabiram to ensure IT development in northern TN

passage in the Winter session

'after the report of the joint

committee is presented to the

In the past too, opposition

members on the panel have

accused Pal, a BJP MP, of

doing the government's bid-

ding. They had earlier even

threatened to disassociate

themselves with the panel's

Their main concern was the

frequent day-long meetings of

the panel which did not allow

them to prepare adequately

and had accused Pal of "bulldozing proceedings" by not

consulting them in picking on

whom to call to depose.

Several opposition members

of the committee had earlier

Lok Sabha".

work.

Peaceful environment necessary for growth: Dhankhar

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m ice\ President\ Jagdeep}$ asserted that India's foreign bolicy emphasises re sovereignty, territorial integri ty of nations and the primacy of dialogue over conflict and said as wars intensify, the world can learn from the country's age-old principles of harmony and coexistence. He also stressed the need for nations to focus on strategic security through strong defence capabilities and underlined that a peaceful environment is necessary for growth.



said a robust national securi-ty architecture based on a clear national security strategy is a precondition for achieving our developmental goals. lecture National Defence College here on 'India's Core Values, Interests and Objectives', Dhankhar underlined that inclusive development, peace, and universal well-being, while nurturing the environment, is at the heart of Indian philosophy. He said India's core values for ages are the foundation of its identity and are premised on its civilisational ethos. In the present times, they are a blend of ancient wisdom and modernity aimed at fructify people's aspirations. As the world's largest democ-

racy, the vice president said, India celebrates its diversity with several official languages, multiple religions, and varied ethnicities canvassed under one constitution ensuring free-

PTI CHENNAI

Pattabiram here to foster development of information technology in northern Tamil Nadu, the state government said on Thursday.

PTI ■ CHENNAI November 22 by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu (M K Stalin)," a release here said. The building has all the neces- The building has all the neces- the socioacilities for IT companies

tricts will improve, the release

The chief minister will also

issue orders for the allotment

of sites in the park to various

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Also, Stalin would inaugurate

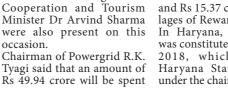
the Precision Engineering and

Technology Centre at SIDCO

Thirumudivakkam,

Estate,

the opening ceremony.



Noting that peace disruption or conflagration in any part of the globe has the potential to upset and unsettle growth, he In his address, Dhankhar said India's interests are driven by the welfare of its people and global peace while emphasising that the menace of terrorism and fundamentalism need to be combated in tandem and togetherness. Highlighting the nation's

commitment to gender justice he said, "India is committed to gender justice, this being vital to economy and societal values, as also harmony. This has resulted in not only the empowerment of women, it has graduated to the next level of women-led growth." | of 5.57 lakh square feet and 21 floors, will be inaugurated on

The project established on an area of 11.41 acres in neighbouring Thiruvallur district will employ 5,000 to 6,000 people in the initial phase in the IT/ITeS sector.

"The project aims to bring information technology development to the cities in the northern part of Tamil Nadu. The complex with a floor area of 5.57 lakh square feet and 21

to function such as modern telecommunication facilities, uninterrupted high-voltage three-phase power connections and electrical drive facilities, elevators, sanitary facilities, fire safety, and building management facilities, CCTV cameras, 24X7 security, a restaurant, and a gymnasium. The building will house 6,000 IT professionals and has been built according to green build-ing_guidelines," the release

said With the establishment of this new Tidel Park, the educated youth of the northern part of

Congress Committee (AICC)

General Secretary and in-

charge of Madhya Pradesh

Bhanwar Jitendra Singh was

present and he addressed the

Notably, former chief minis-

ter Kamal Nath had remained

absent from the campaigning in the Budhni and Vijaypur

assembly by-elections in the

State stating that he was sick.

However, soon after the

polling on November 13,

new member of the body.

Kancheepuram district, which has been set up at an estimated cost of Rs 18.18 crore. Young engineers and college students would benefit from this project.

Industrial

added.

India's first indigenous antibiotic drug Nafithromycin for resistant infections launched

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

In a ground breaking step for India's biotechnology sector, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh has formally launched the first indigenous antibiotic 'Nafithromycin' for resistant infections at an event here.

The drug is now awaiting final approval from the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) for manufacturing and public use, marking a major leap forward in India's fight against AMR. The antibiotic has been developed with the support of "Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council" (BIRAC), a unit of the Department of Biotechnology and has been brought to market under the trade name "Miqnaf" by pharma company "Wolkardt".

It is the country's first indigenously developed antibiotic aimed at tackling tackling Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR).

This innovation is designed to treat Community-Acquired Bacterial Pneumonia (CABP), a



severe illness caused by drugworld's community pneumo-nia burden, faces challenges resistant bacteria, which disproportionately affects vulnerwith existing treatments, including widespread resisable populations, including children and the elderly as well as immune compromised hosts tance to drugs like azithromycin. The new antibilike Patients with Diabetes, otic is said to be ten times Cancers etc, said the Minister, more effective than current options and offers a safer, as per a statement here. Dr. Singh described the threefaster, and more tolerable solution for patients.

day treatment regimen of Nafithromycin as a game-Nafithromycin's efficacy stands changer in addressing drugout as it targets both typical resistant pneumonia, a condiand atypical pathogens, offertion responsible for over two ing a potent solution where no million deaths globally each new antibiotic in this class has been developed worldwide for Índia, which bears 23% of the over three decades.

Beyond its efficacy. Nafithromycin boasts superior safety and tolerability. The antibiotic has minimal gastrointestinal side effects, no significant drug interactions, and remains unaffected by food, making it a versatile option for patients.

The antibiotics marks a historic breakthrough as the first new antibiotic in its class to be developed globally in over 30 years. "This significant milestone comes at a time when antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a growing global health crisis, with few new drugs entering the pipeline," said the Minister.

development The of Nafithromycin is a testament to India's scientific advancement, offering a much-needed solution to combat multidrug-resistant pathogens. Its innovative design, targeting both typical and atypical organisms and its ability to overcome existing resistance mechanisms, positions it as a beacon of hope in the fight against AMR, with the potential to save countless lives worldwide.

GIRISH SHARMA BHOPAL The red carpet was to but the tent wallah was take away the summoned to take away the carpet that was brought in to greet senior Congress leaders invited for the MPCC executive meet, as none of them turned up.

Madhya Pradesh Congress committee president Jitu Patwari continues to face the ire from senior party leaders and their camps after the State executive body was declared in first week of November.

At least six leaders have already expressed their annoyance over inclusion if their names at lower posts and submitted resignations. After the announcement of a iumbo executive body, the first meeting of the new body was convened on Thursday, which met in the absence of all senior party leaders from Madhya Pradesh. Former chief ministers Kamal Nath and Digvijay Singh did not attend the meeting claiming that they had to attend a meeting in New Delhi, while



MP Congress committee president faces ire from

leaders after declaration of State executive body

Leader of the Opposition on the State Assembly Umang Singhar cited the reason of being sick.

Other senior leaders Jay Singh, Arun Yadav and Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly Hemant Katare maintained distance with an excuse that it is a marriage season. Besides, Congress legislator from Bhopal Central also remained absent. Since, it was the first State

Nath celebrated his birthday at Bhopal and Chhindwara with a show of strength. When he was in Bhopal, Leader if the Opposition &mang Singhar had reached Chhindwara and thus he failed to meet Nath. Just the next day, on November 19, Jitu Patwari celebrated his birthday in Bhopal, but both Nath and Sighar maintained a distance from them, they did not even post their message on social media.

While talking to media persons, Bhanwar Jitendra Singh said that those could not reach would attend the meeting through video conferencing. On the other hand, a local leader said that they have been informed that those senior leaders remained absent would attend the meet on second day, on Friday.

Furthermore, two-term Congress legislator and son of senior party leaders Digvijay Singh, Jaivardhan Singh attended the Hindu yatra being taken out by Pandit Dheerendra Shastri at Bageshwar Dham in Chhatarpur district.



2024 on November 22 Organised by Prajna Pravah, an organisation of 'nation-

academicians, the event will

feature debates on various

topics as well as cultural

Union Finance Minister

Nirmala Sitharaman, RSS

chief Mohan Bhagwat, and

other dignitaries are also

expected to attend the event

to be held till November 24.

Delegates from foreign

countries, including groups

that follow pre-Abrahamic

participate and perform cultural dances and other

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Centre deploys additional forces VP M Venkaiah Naidu calls for to quell Manipur violence

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mid an escalation in vio-Allence in Manipur, eight companies of the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) have reached the state capital Imphal, and these forces will be deployed in sensitive and fringe areas, an official said.

These forces arrived in Imphal on Wednesday, a day after another batch of 11 companies of CAPF reached the state.

"Four companies each of CRPF and BSF will be deployed in sensitive and fringe areas of the state," the official said.

Of the CRPF companies, one belongs to the Mahila Battalion. Centre The recently

announced that 50 fresh companies of CAPF would be deployed in Manipur. Violence has escalated in the

Gujarat government declares 'The

Sabarmati Report' film tax-free

state as offices of the Congress mobs set fire to the residences and the BJP have been ransacked in the hill district of three BJP legislators, one of whom is a senior minister, and a Congress MLA in of Jiribam last week. The incidents occurred after various districts of Imphal

Valley where an indefinite curfew has been clamped. Security forces also foiled the attempt of the agitators to storm the ancestral residence of Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh on Saturday evening.

The violence escalated after three women and three children belonging to the Meitei community had gone missing from a relief camp in Jiribam district after a gunfight between security forces and suspected Kuki-Zo militants that resulted in the deaths of 10 insurgents on November 11.

Bodies of those six were later found over the past few days. More than 220 people have been killed and thousands rendered homeless in ethnic violence between Imphal Valley-based Meiteis and adjoining hills-based Kuki-Zo groups since May last year.

revival of Indian roots and languages

PTI HYDERABAD

Former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on Thursday stressed the need for going back to the roots of Indian culture and encouraging its languages.

Speaking after inaugurating an exhibition here organised as part of LokManthan-2024, a colloquium of "nationalist thinkers", Naidu said there is a necessity that everyone should again start following "our traditions, culture and

dressing". Asserting that 'Sanatana Dharma' is superior, Naidu said Hindu Dharma is so sacred that the people feed ants, snakes and worship trees and cattle also. "Please observe where we are

going from there. The Englishmen came and

invaded us. They not only looted us but took away our diamonds and other valuables. Not only that, they also

"robbed" some of our people's minds. That's the reason there are

changes in us (with respect to practising culture and traditions) today," he said. He advised the youngsters to be friendly with nature.

Naidu further emphasised the importance of practising yoga to become physically fit and mentally alert and pointed out that the ancient practice has no religion. On LokManthan, Naidu said

the underlying idea of this event is to decolonise the minds of Indians and to foster a sense of pride and commitment to Bharatiya intellectual discourse, culture, heritage, music and dance. "That is the purpose of this programme.

It's a noble idea behind the programme," he said. Union Minister G Kishan Reddy was also present. President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate LokManthan-

The Yazidis, who faced attacks by ISIS, are also expected to attend the conference, the organisers said. LokManthan, a biennial event, was previously held in Bhopal, Ranchi, and Guwahati, starting in 2016.

Mizoram Police

seize banned

tablets, heroin

Mob loots ₹ 1.68 Crore from Manipur MLA Kh Joykishan Singh's residence Assam Rifles,

PTI AHMEDABAD

The Gujarat BJP govern-ment has declared 'The Sabarmati Report' Hindi film, based on the Godhra train burning incident of 2002, as tax-free in the state, officials said on Thursday.

Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel took the decision after was set afire near Godhra watching the movie at a station in Gujarat, triggering multiplex here on Wednesday widespread riots in the state. Notably, Prime Minister night, an official release said. Narendra Modi and Union Patel watched the film along with its producer Ekta Home Minister Amit Shah were among the leaders who had praised the movie. Kapoor, veteran Bollywood star Jitendra, movie's actress

Riddhi Dogra and Gujarat Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi, it said. 'The chief minister has praised the movie and made it tax-free in Gujarat," the release said. Gujarat is the fifth BJP-ruled

state to give tax-free status to the Vikrant Massey-starrer film, which released in theatres last week. Earlier this week, Rajasthan, Haryana, Chhattisgarh and

 $T_{\text{MLA Kh Joykishan}}^{\text{he mother of JD}(U)}$ lodged a complaint, alleging that Rs 18 lakh in cash and jewellery items worth Rs 1.5 crore

PTI 📕 IMPHAL

were looted by a mob that vandalised the legislator's residence on November 16, police said on Thursday

Several items kept at the MLA's residence in Madhya Pradesh declared the West Imphal's Thangmeiband area for movie as tax-free, which will internally displaced effectively reduce its ticket prices. On February 27, 2002, 59 persons, mostly kar sevaks, people were also destroyed during the attack, a senior officer

were killed when a coach of said. the Sabarmati Express train mother 'The of Thangmeiband constituency legislator Joykishan Singh Kh filed a complaint with the Imphal Police Station that Rs 18 lakh in cash and several valuable items worth Rs



16 evening, he said. Notably, the MLA was 1.5 crore were looted and destroyed during a in Delhi due to medical An FIR has been registered," the police treatment for one of his family members when officer told PTI. the mob attacked his The mob vandalised the of

residence last week. An internally displaced the legislator for about two person, staying in a hours on the November

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Tombisana Higher Secondary School in Thangmeiband, a few meters away from the residence of Joykishan, said, "Vegetables like potatoes and onions. and other items such as winter clothes were relief camp set up at kept for people like us.

All these materials were looted."

"We urged the mob not vandalise the residence of the MLA as several items meant for distribution among displaced people were kept there," Sanayai, a volunteer who manages the relief camp under the supervision of Joykishan, said.

Lockers, electronics goods and furniture were vandalised, she claimed, adding that the mob attempted to take three away air conditioners but failed. Seven gas cylinders were also taken away by the mob, she claimed. Documents of displaced internally

people were also destroyed during the attack, Sanayai said. The mob also pushed internally displaced people and one of the volunteers there was

Tragic bus accident in Jharkhand, seven killed

and many injured as Patna-bound bus overturns

injured after being beaten up, she claimed. Houses of several legislators in Manipur were vandalised as violence escalated last week after three women and three children belonging to the Meitei

community had gone missing from a relief camp in Jiribam district following a gunfight between security forces and suspected Kuki-Zo militants that resulted in the deaths of 10 insurgents or November 11.

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PTI 📕 AIZAWL

A ssam Rifles in collabora-tion with Mizoram Police seized banned Methamphetamine tablets and heroin worth over Rs 86 crore in two separate operations in Champhai district and two Myanmar nationals were arrested in one of these connections, an official statement said on Thursday. A joint team of Assam Rifles and state police launched an operation in a village on Wednesday after security forces received information about the movement of a suspicious consignment ross the ' ian riv the India-Myanmar border. During the operation, the traffickers escaped from the spot but the consignment was seized, the Assam Rifles statement said. During the search, 28.52 kilograms Methamphetamine tablets worth Rs 85.56 crore were

Haryana chief secretary oversees ₹ 58,274 Crore infrastructure projects



meeting here, Joshi held the Bharatmala Pariyojana in Infrastructure Development detailed discussions with the Harvana, the statement said. Corporation (HSIDC) and find a suitable piece of land at the earliest.

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PIONEER NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Secretary Vivek Joshi on Thursday reviewed the progress of nine infrastructure projects currently underway in the state with an anticipated invest-ment of Rs 58,274.05 crore. Reviewing the projects listed in the Project Monitoring Group (PMG) at a state-level

concerned deputy commissioners via video conferencing along with senior officials of NHAI, power, public works, health, and medical education departments.

Expressing satisfaction over the progress of work, the chief secretary directed the concerned deputy commissioners to resolve the pending issues within the stipulated time frame, an official statement said.

Reviewing the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway project, Joshi directed the Kaithal district administration to complete the possession of a 30-metre strip at Kharak Pandwa village in Kalayat by December-end. The fourlane greenfield project is being implemented under Haryana State Industrial and

Joshi also reviewed the construction of greenfield connectivity to the Jewar Airport from the DND-Faridabad-Ballabhgarh Bypass KMP Link and district the directed

administration of Faridabad "to remove the bottlenecks" within a month so that the project is completed expeditiously. Travel time will be reduced

significantly for the traffic originating from south Delhi, Faridabad and Delhi, Gurugram to Agra and beyond on completion of the project, the statement said. On land allotment for a 150bed ESIC Hospital in Sonipat, the chief secretary directed the district administration to hold discussions with the

Regarding the construction of a 100-bed ESI Hospital in Hisar, officials informed Joshi that the letter for allotment of land for the hospital has been sent to the concerned authority.

Citing encroachment on the land allotted for the construction an AIIMS at Majra in Rewari district, the concerned deputy commissioner informed the meeting that the Indian Railways has assured to clear the encroachment within 15 days.

On the status of the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor, the Yamunanagar deputy commissioner assured that the issue of land will compensation be resolved at the earliest.

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Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on

Thursday said it has signed

Agreement (IA) with

Australian Space Agency

(ASA) for further strength-

ening of cooperation in space

activities between the two

The IA enables cooperation

on crew and crew module

crewed spaceflight program,

Manager, Space Capability

Branch, on ASA's side at

Canberra on November 20,

Implementation

t least seven people were Akilled and several others injured on Thursday after a Patna-bound bus with passengers on board overturned in Jharkhand's Hazaribag district, police said.

HAZARIBAG/JHARKHAND

The accident occurred near Gorhar Police Station area, around 50 km away from district headquarters, when the bus overturned while negotiating a sharp bend, a

senior officer said. "Seven deaths have been confirmed so far.

Some more people may be trapped in the bus," Hazaribag SP Arvind Kumar Singh told PTI. There were about 50 passengers on the bus which was going to Patna from

Kolkata when the accident took place, another officer

Motichand Prasad, said that the accident took passenger of the bus, said his wife Rajkumari Prasad place around 6 AM. "There were around was killed in the accident. passengers on the bus. "We were asleep when the As the driver negotiated a sharp bend, he lost control accident occurred in the morning. We boarded the over the bus and the vehicle bus in Kolkata on Wednesday for Bihar," overturned," Kumar said. A police official on the spot Prasad, a resident of Bihar's said that around 10 people of those injured in the Gopalganj, said.

Another passenger from Bihar Sharif Ganesh Kumar accident are in critical condition.

recovered, it said. Methamphetamine tablets, also called 'crazy drug', have been banned in India.

In another operation in the district, a woman and a man, both residents of Myanmar, were arrested after 52-gram heroin worth Rs 39 lakh was seized from their possession, the statement said.

One motorcycle used for transporting the narcotics substance was also seized, it added.

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ISRO and ASA strengthen Kuki MLAs demand extension of AFSPA Punjab by-elections see impressive 63.91 per cent voter turnout, Gidderbaha leads with 81.90 per cent across Manipur to recover looted arms ties with landmark agreement

said

PTI CHANDIGARH

Avoter turnout of around 63.91 per cent was recorded in the by-elections to Punjab's four assembly with segments the Gidderbaha segment recording the highest polling at 81.90 per cent, officials said on Thursday. Polling for the bypolls to the

Gidderbaha, Dera Baba Nanak, Chabbewal (SC) and Barnala assembly segments took place on Wednesday. by-elections The were

necessitated after the incumbent legislators were elected to the Lok Sabha. Of the 6.96 lakh eligible voters in these four assembly segments, 4.45 lakh voters, including 2.15 lakh women,

cast their votes, according to officials. The Gidderbaha segment recorded 81.90 percent polling, Dera Baba 64.01 percent, Barnala 56.34



percent and Chabbewal 53.43 percent, they said. In the 2022 assembly polls,

Gidderbaha had recorded 84.93 voter turnout, Dera Baba Nanak 73.70 percent, Barnala 71.45 percent and Chabbewal 71.19 percent. The main contesting political outfits in the The bypolls were the Aam Aadmi Party, Congress and BJP. The Shiromani Akali Dal did not fight the elections.

Among the key contestants in the fray were former Punjab finance minister Manpreet Singh Badal, Kewal Singh Dhillon, Sohan Singh Thandal and Singh Ravikaran Singh Kahlon (BJP), Amrita Warring and Jatinder Kaur (Congress), and Hardeep Singh Dimpy Dhillon and Ishank Kumar Chabbewal (AAP). Amrita Warring is the wife Amrita Warring is the made of the Congress' Punjab chief and Ludhiana MP Amrinder Singh Raja

Warring. Jatinder Kaur is the spouse of Gurdaspur MP and former deputy chief minister Sukhjinder Singh

Randhawa. The AAP currently has 91 MLAs in the 117-member Punjab Assembly, while the Congress has 15. The Shiromani Akali Dal has three MLAs, BJP two and the Bahujan Samaj Party

one

PTI IMPHAL/GUWAHATI

ISRO has embarked on the Spaceflight Human

"Gaganyaan" programme with an objective of demonstrating capability to carryout Low Earth Orbit in an Indian Crew Module with up to three crew members onboard, for up to three days and to safely recover the module. IA enables the The Australian authorities to

between both space agencies Indian work with authorities to ensure support for search and recovery for Gaganyaan missions, the country's first rescue of crew and recovery of crew module as part of a contingency plan for ascent The IA was signed by D K Singh, Director, Human phase that aborts near Australian waters, ISRO Space Flight Centre (HSFC) on ISRO's side at Bengaluru and Jarrod Powell, General said. India and Australia are enduring strategic partners and both space agencies are working closely and are committed to explore and current future collaboration activities, it the space agency said in a said.

 $M_{\rm Kuki\ MLAs,\ including}^{\rm anipur\ Assembly's\ 10}$ seven of the state's ruling BJP-led alliance, have demanded that AFSPA be extended to the entire state to recover looted arms.

The Centre on November 14 reimposed the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) in Manipur's six police station areas, including the violence-hit Jiribam, with the Union Home Ministry asserting that the decision was taken given the "continuous volatile situation" there due to ethnic strife.

In a joint statement, the 10 Kuki MLAs said, "The imposition of AFSPA as per orders dated 14 November, indeed 2024 needs immediate review to extend the Act in the remaining 13 police jurisdictions."

They asserted that AFSPA should be imposed in the entire state in order to facilitate the recovery of the than 6,000 "more sophisticated weapons" looted by Meiteis since May 3 last year as it is a long overdue action required to contain the violence. Ethnic violence between Meities and Kukis began on May 3, 2023, after a 'Tribal Solidarity March' was organised in the state's hill

districts to protest the Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status. More than 220 people have been killed in the violence since then.

The central and state governments must take all necessary steps to restore peace and normalcy in Manipur by initiating political dialogue to bring lasting peace to the troubled region according to the added. region, according to the

statement of the Kuki legislators including five of the BJP and two of JD(U). The 10 tribal legislators also

that the resolution was "divisive, one-sided and communal".

They also claimed that the resolution seeking the handing over of cases relating to the death of six civilians to NIA "smacks of a

communalised state". 'We recommend that all civilian killings from the 3rd of May, 2023, both in the valley and hills be handed over to the NIA," they

criticised the resolution adopted by the MLAs of the ruling BJP-led NDA in Manipur, calling for a "mass operation" against the Kuki militants responsible for killing three women and three children in Jiribam district within seven days. The Kuki legislators alleged

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Mending fences with China

Faced with a slowing economy and increasing geopolitical challenges, Beijing seems eager to seek a thaw with India

n a notable shift, the Chinese government has signalled its intent to recalibrate its ties with India following a series of disengagement measures along their disputed border. The thaw reflects both strategic considerations and economic imperatives as Beijing grapples with slowing economic growth and rising geopolitical challenges. After years of strained relations exacerbated by the 2020 Galwan Valley clash, which resulted in casualties on both sides, the disengagement at friction points offers a moment to 'look into the future.' Chinese officials and business leaders have expressed optimism about a potential reset in ties, framing peace and stability as prerequisites for deeper bilateral engagement. China's economy has been under pressure from multiple fronts: sluggish growth, weakening consumer demand and the looming threat of escalating tariffs from the United States under Donald Trump's proposed policies. Beijing has already announced two rounds of monetary and fiscal stimulus packages, with a third expect-



ed soon, aiming to rejuvenate its domestic economy and strengthen trade ties with key partners like India. India, with its vast middle-class market and growing manufacturing sector, represents an attractive prospect for Chinese businesses.

Despite a persistent trade imbalance—India's imports from China stood at \$99.59 billion in 2023, dwarfing its exports of \$16.23 billion-there is scope for collaboration. Chinese businesses see opportunities in India's pharmaceuticals, services and burgeoning electric vehicle market. China's business leaders and scholars have called for a pragmatic approach that separates border issues from economic and cultural ties.

Influential figures in China's economic hubs—Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen—have emphasised the benefits of collaboration. Companies like Shanghai Pharmaceuticals and carmaker BYD have expressed interest in leveraging the Indian market, highlighting areas like healthcare and electric vehicles as promising fields for cooperation. While Beijing appears eager to reset relations, New Delhi's emphasis on resolving border disputes as a precondition for normalisation remains a sticking point. India is likely to continue leveraging its trade policies to address the trade deficit and ensure balanced economic ties. Additionally, mutual trust needs rebuilding after years of diplomatic and military standoffs. Indeed, the disengagement along the border is a significant step toward restoring confidence between the two nations. If both sides prioritise dialogue and economic cooperation, the thaw could lead to a more stable and mutually beneficial relationship. China's acknowledgment of India's potential as a key trade and investment partner, coupled with India's focus on reducing its trade deficit and securing fair access to Chinese markets, could lay the foundation for a new era in Sino-Indian relations. Whatever the reasons behind China's willingness to engage in dialogue, this is an opportunity that must be fully seized.



Congress party's political opportunism SYED ZAFAR ISLAM



The glaring contradiction between Congress party's diatribes against Adani and its actions underscores a deeper issue of political expediency eroding its trust

he relationship between the Congress Party and the Adani Group is a masterclass in political hypocrisy. For all its vocal criticisms of the Adani-BJP nexus, Congress's historical and current actions tell a different story-one of close collaboration and mutual benefit. While Rahul Gandhi and his party present themselves as crusaders against crony capitalism, the truth is that Congress has been instrumental in the growth of the Adani empire. If anything, Congress's attacks on Adani only serve to highlight its duplicity.

Adani's early growth can be traced back to the 1990s when the Congress Party was in power. In 1993, under the Chimanbhai Patel-led Congress government in Gujarat, Adani was granted land at just 10 paise per square meter for his Mundra Port project. Further land allocations were made by Shanker Singh Vaghela, who was supported by the Congress Party. Interestingly, only about a third of Adani's total land acquisitions in Gujarat occurred during Modi's tenure as Chief Minister.

Despite Rahul Gandhi's relentless attacks on Adani, Congress-ruled states continue to roll out the red carpet for the conglomerate. In Rajasthan, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's government has signed agreements with Adani for a massive 10,000 MW solar power project and handed over operational control of Jaipur International Airport.

In Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel's administration has approved Adani's role as a Mine Developer and Operator for coal blocks, while Himachal Pradesh's Congress Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu brokered a deal to reopen Adani-owned cement plants. These are not isolated incidents but part of a broader trend where Congress governments actively court the same group their leaders lam-

bast at the national level. This two-faced approach isn't

just political theatre—it's deeply

cynical. The group's ability to

deliver large-scale infrastructure projects, attract investments, and create jobs makes it indispensable to state governments, including those led by Congress. Yet, instead of owning this reality, Congress chooses to vilify Adani on the national stage, using him as a convenient punching bag to score political points against the RIP

It's a strategy designed to mask its complicity while hoping voters don't notice the glaring contradictions. Rahul Gandhi, in particular, has made Adani the centerpiece of his attacks on Modi, framing the group as a beneficiary of crony capitalism. But his rhetoric collapses under scrutiny. Congress's historical and ongoing engagement with Adani exposes its attacks as hollow. If Congress truly believes Adani is emblematic of THE REAL ISSUES OF everything wrong with India's economic system, why does it continue to facilitate his projects in Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and



falls his group enjoyed during UPA rule?

The answer lies in political expediency. Adani Group's growth and expansion have not been limited to any single political party or government. The conglomerate has secured projects, investments, and approvals from governments led by Congress, regional parties, and other opposition parties across various states. But at the state level, where governance realities take prece-THIS DUPLICITY dence over rhetoric, the result is a schizophrenic ISN'T JUST BAD approach that undermines POLITICS; IT'S BAD whatever credibility Congress hopes to claim in its critique of crony capital-FOR INDIA. CONGRESS'S ism.

This duplicity isn't just bad politics; it's bad for India. SELECTIVE OUTRAGE Congress's selective outrage **OVER ADANI** over Adani distracts from the real issues of economic concentration and regulatory capture. While concerns about corporate influence ECONOMIC on politics are valid and must be addressed, it is cru-CONCENTRATION cial to have a balanced and

tending to stand against it. For Congress, the cost of this hypocrisy is more than just bad optics-it's a loss of trust. Voters are not blind to the contradictions between what Congress says and what it does. Rahul Gandhi's crusade against Adani might make for compelling headlines, but it rings hollow when Congress-ruled states continue to partner with the group. This gap between rhetoric and reality exposes Congress as a party more interested in political opportunism than principled opposition.

The people of India are wise enough to see through the opposition's double standards and political opportunism. They understand that the BJP government has always prioritised the nation's interests and has worked tirelessly to promote inclusive growth and development. We will continue to focus on our agenda of good governance, economic reforms, and social welfare, regardless of the position's daseless attacks

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Are taxpayers getting their money's worth?



RACHNA LAKHPATI

require urgent focus.

The key takeaway is the

importance of civic engage-

ment. People must insist on

are personal)

From understaffed schools and ill-equipped hospitals to failing sanitation systems, taxpayers are left wondering: where is their money really going?

ach month, countless individuals contribute a significant portion of their earnings to the government, with the expectation that it will deliver essential services and build a nation worthy of our pride. Despite decades of commitments and the collection of hundreds of billions in taxes, numerous regions still suffer from shockingly inadequate basic infrastructure. Educational institutions lack adequate teaching personnel, public healthcare facilities consistently face shortages in supplies, and the sanitation system remains in its early developmental phase. What is the reason for this recurring issue? Is the hard-earned money of taxpayers truly being utilised efficiently, or is it time for citizens to demand more accountability? The irony lies in the fact that

the middle-class sector shoulders the weight of taxes, yet they find themselves unable to reap the rewards of the services those taxes are intended to provide. Government schools are supposed to deliver affordable and quality education; however, many lack essential facilities like toilets,



adequate classrooms and dedicated teachers. Instead, middle-class families find themselves having to extend their budgets to enrol their children in private schools. Government hospitals, which are meant to provide free health care, are often overcrowded, dirty and severely lacking in staff. The middle class has ultimately turned away from these facilities, leading them to seek costly private care-where once more, their taxes and the expected refunds were meant to support them. Each year, governments amass billions in tax revenue, yet a significant portion frequently gets redirected to

non-essential projects, bureaucratic inefficiencies,

or, even more troubling, cor-

ruption. Extravagant government offices, regular overseas travel for officials and inadequately planned infrastructure initiatives consume resources that ought to be allocated to enhancing public services. Systemic leakages in public sector spending result in a significant portion of the allocated budget failing to reach those it was meant to benefit. It is not merely a

matter of inefficiency; it represents a profound betrayal of public trust.

Taxpayers deserve clarity and results. Therefore, it is essential for governments to create detailed spending breakdowns that enable citizens to follow the flow of their funds. It is essential for governments to reassess their spending priorities. Rather than focussing on grand symbolic infrastructure projects, efforts will be directed towards grassroots enhancements—cleaning hospitals, recruiting skilled teachers, and ensuring proper sanitation in every school. Technology can play a crucial role in monitoring advancements on extensive spread-

highlighting areas that

greater accountability from those they elect. Advocacy, community assessments, and exerting influence can indeed compel a government to establish fundamental infrastructure for the public. If the government disregards the opinions of the taxpayer, the collective voting strength and lobbying activities can convey a different kind of message. Public funds should serve as a means for advancing the nation, rather than being squandered on wasteful expenditures or corrupt practices. The true measure of a nation's greatness lies not in its towering skyscrapers or grand monuments, but in the care and support it provides to its people. Quality education, hygienic healthcare facilities, and essential sanitation are not privilegesthey are basic entitlements. Now is the moment to hold the influential responsible for fulfilling their commitments. (The author is a motivator sheets and digital platforms, and a freelance writer; views

Himachal Pradesh? why does it refuse to acknowledge its role in Adani's rise, from land allocations in the 1990s to the financial wind-

AND REGULATORY CAPTURE

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fact-based perspective on opposition's base the issue. Worse, it perpet-uates the very system it (*The writer is E* claims to oppose, enabling Adani's expansion while pre-

(The writer is BJP national spokesperson; views are personal)

THE EDITOR

GANGA UNSAFE FOR BATHING

Madam — The National Green Tribunal has ordered Varanasi DM to put up a board as the Ganga is not fit for bathing. It is unfortunate. Ganga is a lifeline to tens of millions of people who live in its basin and depend on it for their daily life. But in the recent years, the Ganga has become not suitable for drinking purposes and more pathetically for bathing too since it is severely polluted with human waste and industrial contaminants. Three quarters of sewage from the northern plains is discharged into the Ganga without treatment. The Central Pollution Control Board states that BOD levels should be less than 3 mg per litre for bathing, but in the Ganges, BOD levels can be up to 6.4 mg per litre.

Therefore, swimming in the river, which has high levels of harmful bacteria and toxic chemicals, can increase the chance of developing diseases like viral fever, nausea, typhoid, hepatitis, gastroenteritis and so on. The Ganga Action Plan was launched in 1985 with the aim of improving water quality through interception, diversion and treatment of domestic sewage and to prevent toxic and industrial chemical wastes from identified polluting units from entering the Ganga should be strictly implemented. The Namami Ganga project was launched in 2014 with the objective of effective abatement of pollution, conservation and rejuvenation of the Ganga should be given life. P Victor Selvaraj | *Tirunelveli*

BENGAL'S MISSED OPPORTUNITIES

Madam — The article 'West Bengal's lost opportunity' (November 20), rehashes the genesis of Bengal's apathy for industry for decades and its doomed economy. The militancy of trade unionism under CPI(M) and TMC regimes has left Bengal de-industrialised for over five decades. CPI(M) and TMC are synonyms as the leftist cadre of CPI(M) has shifted enmasse to TMC. Besides Tata Nano and Haringhata Dairy, the successive govern-

Winter smog chokes Delhi



he recurrent worsening of air quality in North India, particularly New Delhi, in the winter season is the cause for concern, which needs a comprehensive and long-lasting solution. This year the air quality index there reached 500 points, a severe plus range. Despite

Haripur through violent agitations. In fact, the state governments and leadership of CPI(M) and TMC have been confrontational with Union Governments on setting up industries. The leftist agenda aims to weaken India and is subservient to the interests of China. The vote bank politics of CPI(M) and TMC have failed the state. Lakhs of youth have migrated to the other states for jobs.

The infrastructure of the state is in the worst condition and the political ecosystem thrives on violence. Therefore, alternative leadership outside CPI(M) and TMC has not emerged. Mamata Banerjee's leadership is more leftist than the Communist leadership of CPI(M) and CPI. Bengal is badly bruised on economy and GST and income tax collections are some of the poorest in the country with the size and population of the state. The successive governments of CPI and TMC have been oppressive, as evident from the recurrent violence in all Lok Sabha, Assembly, and Panchayat elections. A poor state with potential to be the most ments had opposed the Nuclear plant in developed is very unfortunate for the

the stubble burning being restricted, it has been frightening for one and all. The stubble burning in the fields of adjacent states has been considered a major contributing factor for the worsening of air quality there.

Apart from discouraging stubble burning, other measures like restricting the number of constructions, putting a cap on industrial emissions, and encouraging public transport should be implemented. Instead of passing the buck to the next, the centre and states should work in tandem to chalk out a comprehensive plan and implement it effectively. The authorities should involve the scientific community and include the people for better results. The public health, schools, transport, work and livelihood getting a halt with regularity every winter for decades in the capital region of India augurs no good at

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country. Bengali people deserve a better life and opportunity to grow.

Vinod Johri | Delhi

CASH CONTROVERSY

Madam — As Maharashtra hurtles toward a critical election, a political firestorm has engulfed the state, with BJP veteran Vinod Tawde and Bahujan Vikas Aghadi (BVA) leader Hitendra Thakur locked in

a battle of accusations and counterclaims. Tawde, long embroiled in controversies and estranged from BJP heavyweight Devendra Fadnavis, has found himself at the epicentre of fresh allegations of voter bribery. In Virar, BVA workers alleged that Tawde was caught red-handed with Rs 9.93 lakh in cash, sparking chaos. Thakur, claiming Tawde also possessed Rs 5 crore in cash and incriminating diaries listing names for monetary distribution, led the charge, insisting the BJP was attempting to buy its way to victory. Dorai Ramani Suresh | Mumbai

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FIRSTCOLUMN

THE FRAGILE MIND **AND OVERCOMING FEAR**

understanding the causes of mental fragility and embracing methods of healing can help us fight fear



RAVI VALLURI

he cell rang and dropped from her hands. There was an agonising silence across continents. Her only son in the US, a brilliant student, committed suicide. Bill Maher writes, "Suicide is man's way of telling God: You can't fire me, I quit." But do brave men commit suicide? It appears to be a permanent solution to a transitory problem. Marcus Trescothick and Chetan Sharma come to mind. The former suffered from xenophobia in the subcontinent and Chetan Sharma after being hit for that last ball six at Sharjah by Javed Miandad lost his mojo and rhythm.

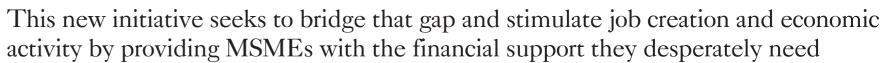
Fear, anxiety, emotional upheavals, unpleasant feelings, panic attacks and phobias are all symptomatic of a fragile and delicate mind. A fragmented mind is invariably a victim of irrational fear. Such an individual is unable to distinguish between what is logical and what is not. People harbouring fear suffer from panic attacks, sweaty palms, disturbed sleep, palpitation, shortness of breath, inability to remain calm, dry mouth and numbness of the feet and hands. A contributor to the magnification of fear is our pent-up emotions. These emotions are not based on a rational or scientific thinking pattern. We end up violently or irrationally reacting rather than responding in a coherent and clear-sighted manner. Humans should be prudent to ponder, that if left untreated this situation can become mourning regalia. A person can suffer from psychosomatic illnesses, loss of appetite, self-deprecatory behaviour or even schizophrenia. An element of fear is perhaps required, because then we can patrol our fences. Perhaps the only fearless people are sages and mentally deranged personalities! They are insulated from fear! The



brain is an organ and the mind is our intellect. It makes us aware and enhances the quality of consciousness. The mind is a movie theatre where the soap opera of our life is enacted. We play, rewind, and rerun an enormous number of movies. Thoughts are impacted by the kind of food we partake in (Tamasik, Rajasik, Sattvik), the company we keep and the amount of rest we take. The quality (guna) of food has a bearing on our disposition and approach to life.

Tamasik food makes us sluggish, Rajasik food makes us feverish or anxious in disposition and Sattvik food makes us feel calm. The first

Dedicated bank for MSMEs to boost credit access



he government plans to estab-lish a dedicated bank to lend directly to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to enhance credit availability in this crucial sector. The industry has called for increased financial support, as current institutions like the Small Industries Development Bank of India

(SIDBI) primarily focus on refinancing loans rather than providing direct funding. In contrast, state financial and industrial development corporations do lend directly to MSMEs.

However, many, such as the Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation (PSIDC) and Punjab Finance Corporation (PFC), are experiencing funds crunch and have stopped credit flow. PSIDC gathered liabilities worth Rs 4700 crore, therefore, has not given any fresh loans to any company for the last 16 years. According to an Ernst&Young(EY) report, MSME credit penetration in India is only 14 per cent, significantly lower than in larger economies like the US and China, where the figures are 50 per cent and 37 per cent, respectively. Indian MSMEs face a critical credit shortage of? 25 trillion, indicating a substantial untapped credit market. Increasing lending to MSMEs can stimulate economic activity and create jobs. The proposed establishment of a separate bank dedicated to the MSME sector would help address these direct credit shortages. However, the government needs to finalise various details, such as the bank's ownership structure, which may adopt a hybrid public-private partnership model. Although large banks operate in the sec-tor, they often struggle to meet the unique needs of MSMEs.

Countries in Europe provide valuable lessons by grouping MSMEs with home loan customers, both considered small borrowers. If the government does not establish a new bank, SIDBI could be transformed into a full-fledged bank focused on direct lending to MSMEs instead of merely refinancing. SIDBI plays a vital role in financing India's MSMEs and is owned by a consortium that includes the government and major financial institutions. In 2023-24, the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABĂRD) supported the agricultural sector with a loan portfolio of Rs 6.68 lakh crore, with the agriculture CREATE JOBS.THE sector contributing 18 per cent to the country's GDP. On the other hand, SIDBI had a refinancing loan portfolio of? 84,000 crore in FY 2023-24, with the MSME sector contributing 30 per cent to the GDP.For micro and small enterprises to grow, obtaining capital remains one of their most significant challenges. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has designated MSMEs as a priority sector and directed banks to allocate 40 per cent of the Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC) to priority sectors, including MSMEs. However, a study by the RBI has found that most banks do not exceed 25 per cent for MSME credit. SIDBI's future growth depends on how effectively commercial banks fulfil their priority sector lending targets. A report by ICRA warns that if banks successfully meet their quotas, there could be a reduced need for SIDBI's refinancing services.Challenges: Despite the vital role MSMEs play in the country's economy, access to adequate, timely, and low-cost finance poses a significant hurdle to the sector's growth prospects. Limited credit history, insuf-



ficient collateral, lack of knowledge about government support, and high borrowing costs complicate access to funding for MSMEs. Unlike large corporations, MSMEs often lack an established track record, making it challenging to secure loans from banks and other financial institutions. There are 64 million MSMEs in India, with 99 per cent classified as micro-enterprises. Despite global adversities, the sector has helped cushion the economy from shocks. In a nation marked by sig-nificant disparities between urban and rural areas, MSMEs contribute to the upliftment of less developed regions, thereby reducing regional imbalances and inequality. The sector provides over 110 million jobs, accounting for 23 per cent of the country's labour force, making it the sec-ond-largest employer in India after agriculture. The importance of MSMEs to the

ECONOMIC Indian economy cannot be overstated. They drive innovation, ACTIVITY AND generate employment, and contribute significantly to exports and GDP. By fostering entrepreneur-PROPOSED ship and supporting large-scale industrialisation, MSMEs play a pivotal role in reducing regional ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPARATE imbalances, uplifting economically weaker sections, and stimulat-BANK DEDICATED ing socio-economic development. Their adaptability and resilience make them indispensable in the TO THE MSME SECTOR WOULD face of economic adversities, ensuring the continuous **HELP ADDRESS** dynamism of the Indian economy. With a contribution of 27 per cent THESE DIRECT to India's GDP, 38.4 per cent of CREDIT total manufacturing output, and 45 per cent of the country's total SHORTAGE exports, the MSME sector serves as the backbone of the economy. **Global Models to Emulate:** However, the government has launched several initiatives to promote financing for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), including the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), Pradhan Mantri

Mudra Yojana (PMMY), and Stand-Up India. While these efforts are commendable, the government must ensure awareness of and effective disbursement for these schemes so that more enterprises can benefit. Additionally, the private sector needs to step up and promote MSME financing. Without public-private partner-

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ships, alliances, and collaborations, MSME financing will continue to face challenges. One pressing issue is the introduction of interest subvention to address high borrowing costs, which range from 10 to 12 per cent. This creates an uneven playing field when compared to countries like China, where the borrowing rate is 3.1 per cent, the US at 4.37 per cent, and the European Union, which averages 5.1 per cent for **MSMEs**

In the US, MSMEs can access funding through various federal and state programmes. The Small Business Administration (SBA) plays a vital role by offering loan guarantees and encouraging banks and other financial institutions to lend to small businesses. The Microloan Programmes pro-vide capital for various business needs, including working capital, equipment purchases, and real estate acquisitions. Furthermore, the US government supports MSMEs through grants, venture capital initiatives, and state-specific funding programs tailored to local business environments. This diverse range of financial products ensures that MSMEs can find suitable funding options for their specific requirements. In European Union countries, MSMEs benefit from robust financial support frameworks facilitated by institutions such as the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Investment Fund (EIF). These entities provide funding through intermediaries like banks and microfinance institutions, offering loans, guarantees, and equity

financing. The EU also promotes MSME funding through programs focused on the competitiveness of enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises, which emphasise innovation and competitiveness.In China, the government has implemented several measures to enhance MSMEs' access to finance through dedicated banks, such as the China Development Bank, which offers targeted lending. Local governments have established credit guarantee funds as well. Moreover, China's financial technology sector has significantly grown, with online lending platforms and digital financial services providing alternative fund-ing sources for MSMEs.

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Way Forward: The inherent challenges faced by MSMEs cannot be overlooked. It is essential to address the issues within the MSME sector that hinder financial accessibility. As recommend-ed by the Parliamentary Committee on Finance, the comprehensive approaches in the US, EU, and China serve as valuable models for India to enhance its financing landscape for MSMEs, improve credit access, and make these enterprises globally competitive. The government also proposed establishing a Merchant Credit Card (MCC) Scheme for traders and a Vyapar Credit Card (VCC) for micro-units, similar to the Kisan Credit Card (KCC). Under the Credit Guarantee Fund, a scheme to provide short-term loans with interest subvention is still awaited. There is still much work to be done to ensure that all MSMEs can access affordable and timely financing. (The Author is vice-chairman of Sonalika ITL Group, vice-chair-man of the Punjab Economic

two lead us to fearful situations. If we are closeted with individuals who have a negative thought process, we imbibe such attributes and evince such a behavioural pattern. "Man is known by the company he keeps" is a very old adage and so is "man is born free but always is in chains". It is cardinal to have adequate physical and mental rest. If we are rested, then we are at peace and do not complain or quibble.

Then we are physically and mentally alert and high-yielding. In our minds, we need to keep space to just dump the garbage which disappears into the recycle bin, NEVER to APPEAR again. We need to pursue passions, and hobbies, indulge in sports, participate in extracurricular activities, avoid negative company, take up initiatives, practice meditation, keep the mind occupied, footslog on the treadmill, go for long walks, go for treks and read autobiographies of entrepreneurs and achievers. There are others who adopt the spiritual path by practising pranayama, learning yoga, undertaking the Art of Living course, or observing the breath through the Vipassana technique. To conquer fear, we need to log out of our comfort zone so that the virus of fear does not enter our operating system. And if nothing works out, the magic is to surrender to the Divine and feel grateful.

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India's gender gap in labour force participation: A missed opportunity India must act swiftly to secure its digital future in an era where technological prowess is now essential for national security

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recent International Labour Organisation A and Niti Aayog report shows that less than 50 per cent of women are in the labour force in India, compared to 80 per cent of men, and this proportion has not increased since 1990

India is presently realising a demographic dividend, with the largest number of the young working population in the age group of 15-34. The above trend in women's labour market participation has serious implications for the economy, indicating a need for transition. The Periodic Labour Force

Survey (PLFS) conducted by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI),



KAJLEEN KAUR

picture, where women's participation in the labour force has notably increased to 37 per cent from 23.3 per cent in 2017-18. Although growing, these figures are disgracefully low compared to 69 per cent in China and 57 per cent in nomic growth has not gen-Bangladesh. A similar comparison of female literacy rate in India with Sri Lanka, China, South Africa and

shows a remarkable growth from 59.28 per cent to 69 per cent for India, but it is way below all other countries where the figure is greater than 90 per cent, due to their dedicated efforts to female literacy. The female labour supply

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According to the OECD report (2019), women in

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minutes a day on unpaid work as against 52 minutes by men. The division emphasises that a woman's "appropriate" role may be dominated by patriarchal structures, societal expectations, and traditional bias, and are restricted to caregivers and homemakers.

There is also a considerable gender-based wage gap of about INR 4,014. On average, men earn INR 12,048 per month while women earn INR 8,034, or about 33 per cent less than men.

This illustrates the stereotypes and gender biases that affect employment decisions, promotions, and wage negotiations. Recently, Indian policymakers and government have undertaken sevpresents a slightly optimistic Russia between 2011-2021 India spend on average 352 eral initiatives and schemes



Programmes like Sarva

Shiksha Abhiyan, Beti

Bachao-Beti Padhao, and

the National Programme for

to raise the status of women with better access, eliminating barriers, and gender parity in the educational system.

Elementary Level (NPEGEL) aim to combat gender bias, guarantee inclusive education, and improve access to education for all.

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) also introduced the "Udaan Scheme" in 2022 to encourage and facilitate female students to pursue higher education in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields.

This is relevant as the Indian global compatibility centres (GCCs) show only 6.7 per cent of women in executive roles and 5.1 per cent in deep tech organisations. According to the World Economic Forum's annual Gender Gap Report 2023, Education of Girls at India ranks 127 out of 146

countries in terms of gender parity, an improvement of eight places from 2022. The underutilised talents and unrealised potential and skills of women are crucial for redeeming the benefits

of demographic dividend. A comprehensive strategy including education beyond secondary schooling with a focus on skill development can design a long-term

employment-oriented development strategy, acting as a catalyst in achieving goals as set under United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals

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Israel-Hamas war death toll passes 44k ICC issues arrest warrants for Netanyahu

AP DEIR-AL-BALAH

The death toll in the Gaza Strip from the 13-month-old war between Israel and Hamas has surpassed 44,000, local health officials said Thursday.

The Gaza Health Ministry does not distinguish between civilians and combatants in its count, but it has said that more than half of the fatalities are women and children. The Israeli military says it has killed over 17,000 militants, without providing evidence.

The Health Ministry said 44,056 people have been killed and 104,268 wounded since the start of the war. It has said the real toll is higher because thousands of bodies are buried under rubble or in areas that medics cannot access.

The war began when Hamasled militants stormed into southern Israel on Oct 7, 2023, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting another 250. Around 100 hostages are still inside Gaza, at least a third of whom are believed to be dead. Most of the rest were released during a cease-fire last year.

officials have been subsequently killed in the conflict. Netanyahu and other Israeli leaders have condemned ICC Chief Prosecutor Karim Khan's

territory.

request for warrants as disgraceful and antisemitic.

"This is every parent's very

worst fear and a nightmare

that no one should have to endure," Albanese said. "We

also take this moment to say

that we're thinking of

Bianca's friend Holly Bowles

who is fighting for her life." They are believed to have consumed drinks tainted

with methanol, which is sometimes added to mixed-

The Hague (AP): The International Criminal Court US President Joe Biden also blasted the prosecutor and expressed support for Israel's right to defend itself against issued arrest warrants on Thursday for Israeli Prime Hamas. Hamas also slammed the request. "The Chamber Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, his former defence minister considered that there are reaand Hamas officials, accusing sonable grounds to believe them of war crimes and crimes that both individuals inten-tionally and knowingly against humanity over the war in Gaza and the October 2023 deprived the civilian popula-tion in Gaza of objects indisattacks that triggered Israel's offensive in the Palestinian pensable to their survival, The decision turns Netanyahu including food, water, and medicine and medical supand the others into internationally wanted suspects and is plies, as well as fuel and electricity," the three-judge panel likely to further isolate them and complicate efforts to negowrote in its unanimous decision to issue warrants for Netanyahu and his former tiate a cease-fire to end the 13-

month conflict. But its practical implications defence minister Yoav Gallant. could be limited since Israel The court also issued a warrant and its major ally, the United for the arrest of Mohammed States, are not members of the Deif, one of the leaders of Hamas. The ICC chief prosecourt and several of the Hamas cutor had also sought warrants for two other senior Hamas figures, Yahya Sinwar and Ismail Haniyeh, but they were both killed in the conflict.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry said in September that it had

submitted two legal briefs chal-lenging the ICC's jurisdiction and arguing that the court did not provide Israel the opportunity to investigate the allegations itself before requesting the warrants.

"No other democracy with an independent and respected legal system like that which exists in Israel has been treat-ed in this prejudicial manner by the Prosecutor," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Oren Marmorstein wrote on X. He said Israel remained "steadfast in its commitment to the rule of law and justice" and would continue to protect its citizens against militancy. The ICC is a court of last resort

that only prosecutes cases when domestic law enforcement authorities cannot or will not investigate. Israel is not a member state of the court. The country has struggled to investigate itself in the past, rights groups say. Despite the warrants, none of the suspects is likely to face judges in The Hague any time soon

The court itself has no police to enforce warrants, instead relying on cooperation from its member states

Even so, the threat of arrest could make it difficult for Netanyahu and Gallant to travel abroad, although Russian President Vladimir Putin, who is wanted on an ICC warrant for alleged war crimes in Ukraine, recently showed he could still visit an ally when he traveled to Mongolia, one of the court's member states, and was not arrested.

Khan sought warrants in May, accusing Netanyahu and Gallant of crimes including murder, intentionally attacking civilians, and persecution. In a statement at the time, Khan alleged that Israel "has intentionally and systematically deprived the civilian pop-ulation in all parts of Gaza of objects indispensable to human survival" by closing border crossings into the territory and restricting essential supplies including food and



Smoke rises after an Israeli airstrike on Dahiyeh, in the southern suburb of Beirut, Lebanon, Thursday

COP29 produces streamlined climate

finance draft, but key issues remain

Aus tourist dies after drinking tainted alcohol in Laos, raising toll to four

AP VIENTAINE

n Australian teenager Ahas died after drinking tainted alcohol in Laos in what Australia's prime minister on Thursday called every parent's nightmare. An American and two Danish tourists also died, officials said after reports that multiple people had been sickened in town popular with backpackers.

Australian Prime Minister drinks at disreputable bars as Anthony Albanese told Parliament that 19-year-old a cheaper alternative to ethanol, but can cause severe Bianca Jones had died after poisoning or death. Telephone numbers listed being evacuated from Vang for Laos' Health Ministry did Vieng, Laos for treatment in

a Thai hospital. Her friend, not work and police refused also 19, remains hospitalised in neighbouring Thailand. to comment on the inci-

dent. Australia said "several foreign nationals" had also been victims of methanol poison-ing. The US State ing. Department confirmed that an American had also died in Vang Vieng, and Denmark's Foreign Ministry said two of its citizens had also died in "the incident in Laos," but neither would comment directly on a link to the methanol poisoning that killed Jones. Shaun Bowles told reporters outside Bangkok Hospital on Wednesday that his daughter remained in critical condi

tion and on life support. "We just like to thank every-one from back home for all of the support and love that we're receiving," he said. "But we'd also like the people to appreciate right now, we just need privacy so we can spend as much time as we

can with Holly." In a statement to the Melbourne Herald Sun newspaper, Jones' family asked for privacy in their grief.

She was surrounded by love, and we are comforted by the knowledge that her incredible spirit touched so many lives during her time with us," the family wrote.

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fter an all-nighter, a draft text on After an all-nigner, a usar usa on age for the developing world finally dropped Thursday morning — shrunk from 25 pages to 10, but the major sticking points remain. With less than two days left for the UN climate conference to close, negotiators face a gargantuan task to hammer it out.

A quick glance at the text shows developed countries are still dodg-ing a key question: How much climate finance are they ready to give developing countries every year starting in 2025?

This has led to significant frustration among developing countries, who have repeatedly said they need at least USD 1.3 trillion to tackle the escalating challenges. "The revised draft text, while more streamlined, presents a spectrum of options some good, some bad, and some outright ugly," said Harjeet Singh, a climate activist and Global Engagement Director for the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative. He said it acknowledges the need for public funds from developed countries but dodges the key question of how much finance is

(Brajesh Mohan)

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needed, shifting the burden onto developing countries to raise more domestic funds. The veteran COP watcher also said the text fails to set Environment and Water said it is great that the structure is stream lined, but there is no high-level number from the developed world.

David Waskow, the Director of WRI's International Climate Initiative, said the text leaves a lot of work to be done.

'Time is very tight, and to get to bridging texts, even bridging texts with options, is going to take quite a lot of work, and the presidency and the ministerial pair and parties above all, are going to need to really work hard over the next 48 to 72 hours to reach a conclusion," he said Developing countries' perspective in the text is that the new climate finance package should be in trillions and be given by developed countries every year from 2025.

'Failure is not an option'

Baku (PTI): UN climate chief Simon Stiell on Thursday issued a strong call for global unity and ambition to secure a groundbreaking finance goal to support climate action in the developing world, saying, "Failure is not an option."

As negotiators raced against time to resolve outstanding issues related to the critical objective of COP29, Stiell said a major push was needed to bring discussions to the finishing line.

"It might jeopardise both nearterm action, and ambition in the preparation of the new national climate action plans, with potential devastating impacts as irreversible tipping points are getting closer," he said. On draft climate finance text released earlier in the morning, the UN climate chief said that despite areas of convergence, significant differ-ences remain. "A surge in finance is essential: To ensure all parties can deliver new national plans aligned with 1.5

degrees – as they must," he said. Stiell warned that delays at COP29 could complicate the road to COP30 in Brazil next year. "This COP must deliver justice in the face of climate catastrophe," he urged. Stiell asked countries to come together, soften hard lines, and navigate a path through their differences. "Keep your eyes on the bigger picture. Never forget what is at stake," he said. The COP29 presidency issued a draft text on the new climate finance package for the developing world on Thursday morning. It has shrunk from 25 pages to 10, but the major stick-

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ing points remain. With less than one and a half days left for the UN climate conference to close, negotiators face a gargantuan task to hammer out a deal. The text shows developed countries are still dodging a key question: how much climate finance they are ready to provide developing countries every year starting in

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clear financial targets for mitigation, adaptation, and losses and damages from climate impacts — areas with growing needs and limited resources. A real, just transition from fossil fuels requires strong public finance, not empty promises," Singh said. Vaibhav Chaturvedi from Delhibased think tank Council on Energy,

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- Consequent upon the defaults committed by you, your loan account has been classified as non-performing asset on 01-02-2023 in accordance with Reserve Bank of India directives and guidelines. In spite of our repeated re demands you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon.
- Having regard to your inability to meet your liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned in para 1 above, and classification of your account as a non-performing asset, we hereby give you notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the Bank aggregating Rs. 8.63,75,062⁽⁻⁾ (Rupee Eight Crores Sixty Three Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Sixty Two Only) as on 26/10/2024 plus Future Interest and Charges incurred thereon, as stated in para 1 above, within 60 days from the date of this notice. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest till date of payment, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of the section 13 of the said Act, which please
- Please note that, interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in para 1 above for each credit facility until payment in full.
- We invite your attention to sub-section 13 of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are barred from transferring any of the secured assets referred to in para 1 above by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business), without obtaining our prior written consent. We may add that non-compliance with the above provision contained in section 13 (13) of the said Act, is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act.
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ustralia's communications minis-A ter introduced a world-first law into Parliament on Thursday that would ban children under 16 from social media, saying online safety was one of parents' toughest challenges. Michelle Rowland said TikTok, Facebook, Snapchat, Reddit, X and Instagram were among the platforms that would face fines of up to 50 million Australian dollars (\$33 million) for systemic failures to prevent young children from holding accounts.

"This bill seeks to set a new norr

tive value in society that accessing social media is not the defining feature of growing up in Australia," Rowland told Parliament.

"There is wide acknowledgement that something must be done in the immediate term to help prevent young teens and children from being exposed to streams of content unfiltered and infinite," she added.

X owner Elon Musk warned that Australia intended to go further, posting on his platform: "Seems like a backdoor way to control access to the

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Internet by all Australians." The bill has wide political support. After it becomes law, the platforms would have one year to work out how to implement the age restriction.

"For too many young Australians, social media can be harmful," Rowland said. "Almost two-thirds of 14- to 17years-old Australians have viewed extremely harmful content online including drug abuse, suicide or selfharm as well as violent material. One quarter have been exposed to content promoting unsafe eating habits."

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Khan, while imprisoned in Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi, had

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North Korea and Russia reached a new agreement

for expanding economic coop-

eration following high-level

talks in Pyongyang this week,

the North's state media said

Thursday, as they continue to

align in the face of their confrontations with Washington.

North Korea's official Korean

Central News Agency didn't elaborate on the details of the

agreement signed Wednesday

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Dawn newspaper quoted a

50 killed, 20 injured in Pak's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa ambush Pak court grants 5-day physical remand of Imran Khan PTI PESHAWAR

A t least 50 people were killed and 20 others injured when several vehicles carrying passengers were targeted by mili tants in northwest Pakistan on

Thursday, officials said. The militants ambushed the vehicles in the Kurram district of restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province bordering Afghanistan. The vehicles were travelling in

a convoy from Parachinar to Peshawar, the capital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa when gunmen opened fire, the officials said. Rescue authorities said 50 people, including eight women and five children, and 20 others were killed in the attack. Most of the victims belonged to the Shia community, they said

The vehicles were ambushed in areas dominated by the Taliban, a local journalist said.

According to local media, there were over 200 vehicles in the investigation inside the jail. PTI lawyer Salman Safdar's convoy Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief plea to discharge his client

Minister Ali Amin Khan Gandapur strongly condemned the attack and directed a delegation comprising the provincial law minister, lawmakers from the region, and the chief secretary to immediately visit Kurram to assess the situation and submit a report. He also instructed relevant authorities to work on establishing a Provincial Highways Police unit to secure all roads in the province

Gandapur extended condolences to the bereaved families and announced financial assistance for the families of the victims

"Targeting innocent civilians is extremely tragic and con-demnable. Those involved in this incident will not escape the grip of the law," he said.

Sri Lanka Prez backs IMF package despite pre-poll rhetoric

PTI COLOMBO

Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake Thursday backedan International Monetary Fund bailout package despite prepresidential election rhetoric to renegotiate with the global lender to water down tough conditions laid down for the recovery.

In his inaugural address to the between its senior trade offinewly convened parliament cials and a Russian delegation after his party's landslide vicled by Alexandr Kozlov, the tory last week, President e also pledged Dissanavak

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and a team has been tasked to probe the charges.

The charges include viola-An anti-terrorism court in Pakistan on Thursday tions of the Anti-Terrorism granted a five-day physical Act, defying the government remand of former prime minban on public gatherings, ister Imran Khan, who was arrested formally by police obstructing police duty, dam-aging police vehicles and hours after his bail in a corrupendangering public safety.

Even before the formal arrest in the case, federal infor-Khan, 72, was arrested by Rawalpindi police in the New mation minister Atta Tarar doused the idea of his release, Town police station case on Wednesday night after securing saying Khan was wanted in eight cases related to May 9, bail in the second Toshakhana 2023 violence and should case and was produced before the Anti-Terrorism Court in secure bail before being set free from jail.

The police prosecution team sought a 15-day physical Dawn reported that Khan needs to secure bail in nearly remand but the court granted two dozen other cases registhe five-day physical remand tered across Lahore, Rawalpindi and Islamabad and ordered to continue the before being released. The court also rejected the

According to Islamabad police, at least 62 cases were registered against Khan in various police stations of the cap The Islamabad High Court ital, while his PTI party said (IHC) on Wednesday granted that another 54 cases were Khan bail in the second Punjab registered in province.Meanwhile, an Toshakhana case related to the accountability court on Wednesday held a hearing on purchase of an expensive away price, igniting hopes of the GBP 190 million case at the Adiala Jail and was informed However, hours later, that Khan and Bushra Bibi Rawalpindi police arrested him have yet to submit responses to late at night in connection the questionnaires issued to with a case registered at New Town Police Station on terror-

them. The court granted Bibi's request for an exemption from court appearance on medical grounds and adjourned the hearing till November 22. Separately, the Lahore High Court dismissed a plea by Khan's sister, Noreen Niazi, seeking bail for her brother in all cases against him in Punjab and Islamabad.An assistant

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report to the court, stating that 62 cases had been registered against Khan by the Islamabad police. After going through the report, Justice Farooq Haider turned down the request, observing that bail petitions must be filed personally by the suspect.Dozens of cases have been registered against Khan since losing power in April 2022. His party maintained that all cases were politically motivated.

PAK GOVT BRACES FOR IMRAN'S PARTY PROTEST

Pakistan's government has given a nod to the deployment of paramilitary forces in the national capital from Friday to spruce up security ahead of a planned protest by jailed former prime minister Imran

Khan's party on Sunday. Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) gave a call last week for a long march to press for three demands: the release of the incarcerated party founder, against the alleged "stolen mandate" during February 8 elections and restoration of the judiciary by revoking the recent 26th amendment to the Constitution that granted legislators more power in appointing top judges.

The government has decided to deploy the Pakistan Rangers and Frontier Constabulary (FC) personnel in Islamabad from Friday onwards under Sections 4 and 5 of the Anti-Terrorism Act.

According to a notification by the Interior Ministry on Wednesday, the exact number of personnel and the date and area of their deployment would

Jong Un and his top econom-

ic official, Premier Kim Tok

attorney general presented a be "worked out in consultation with concerned stakeholders", while the date of de-requisitioning of troops would be decided after mutually consulting all relevant stakeholders. Earlier, the Islamabad police, in a letter dated November 14, had asked for the deployment of Rangers and FC personnel ahead of the PTI rally.

According to the letter, the Islamabad police chief request-ed 5,000 Rangers personnel and 4,000 FC personnel "in addition to the 1,000 FC personnel already provided to ICT police."

The federal government already imposed Section 144 in the capital and banned all kinds of rallies for two months. Similarly, the Punjab government. which also exercises jurisdiction over Rawalpindi near Islamabad, placed police on high alert throughout the

province. Meanwhile, PTI Information Secretary Sheikh Waqas Akram, briefing reporters at Peshawar, said that protest was a fundamental right. "Nobody can take it away from us," he said, adding that governments do not threaten or bully their citizens like thugs. He also warned to bring a sea

of people to the capital on November 24 from across the country for the proposed long march to Islamabad.

Mobile and internet services are likely to remain suspended in various parts of Pakistan, particularly in Islamabad and Punjab, during the protest, ARÝ News reported, citing sources.

According to sources, the suspension may affect some dis-

mals, including lions, bears and several species of birds,

Kim has yet to directly

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National Intelligence Service told lawmakers in a closeddoor briefing on Wednesday

that an estimated 11,000 North Korean soldiers in late October were moved to Russia's Kursk region, where Ukrainian troops seized parts of its territory this year, following their training in Russia's northeast.

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testing as independents as the

party was denied an election symbol and the PTI chief has

already alleged that the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-

Nawaz (PML-N) and its coali-

tion partners, including

Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP)

had "stolen the mandate" to

grab power at the federal level.

Relations between the PTI and

the PML-N-led coalition gov-

ernment —already tense since

Khan's ouster in 2022 — have

strained even more in recent

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Gen Munir urges people to prioritise nation over 'personal interests'

Karachi (PTI): Pakistan's Army Chief General Asim Munir has said that "nothing, including politics," was above the country and urged people to prioritise the nation over "personal inter-ests". "People must prioritise Pakistan over everything else, including politics and person-al interests," he said while visiting an ongoing defence exhibition in Karachi on Wednesday. He also made it clear that "digital terrorism" was a real threat to the country and said social media was being used to spread anarchy and lies about the armed forces.

The protection of a country's digital borders and the digital security of its citizens is the responsibility of the state," he said.

Gen Munir also warned that unrestricted free-dom of speech was "leading to the degrada-

tricts in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab and Islamabad.

Sources within the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) have claimed that mobile internet services will be suspended from November 22. with firewalls activated to slow down internet speeds and impact social media apps.

The authorities may also block internet and mobile services in specific locations, depending on the situation, sources added. In a separate development, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) presented 'conditions' to hold negotiations to withdraw its

November 24 protest call. The PTI demanded immediate relief for the party founder, the sources said. "In exchange for relief to its founder, the PTI is ready to call off the protest," they added.

The party asked the govern-ment to quash all "fabricated" Adiala Jail at Rawalpindi since last year facing, according to his cases against Khan and his immediate release. "If legal party, over 200 cases; got bail in some of them, convicted in proceedings delay his release, some others, and hearings İmran Khan should be transgoing on for some more. Khan's party won the largest ferred to Peshawar Jail," accordnumber of seats in the February ing to one of the conditions set

by PTL The party also demanded the immediate release of other leaders imprisoned in various iails.

Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ali Amin Gandapur said that negotiations on the November 24 protest will only be commenced after the release of PTI founder Imran Khan.

Khan, 72, has been implicated in dozens of cases since his government was dismissed through a no-confidence motion in 2022. He has been in



Samagra Shiksha Axom

President Vladimir Putin's gifted Pyongyang's Central Zoo with more than 70 ani-

Russian news agency Tass on Tuesday said officials follow-PUBLIC NOTICE Ay client Smt. Nazma Naz & Sh. Mohammad alim R/o House No A-53 Opposite Shalima ing an earlier round of talks Garden, garima garden sahibabad ghaziabad up-201005, do hereby disown/debar his son mohd. Mujeeb & his wife reshma and their child namely arsalan from all their movable and of charter flights between the Kozlov, who arrived in North movable properties/articles and severed all Korea on Sunday, met with elations with them, any body dealing with them, vill do at his own cost risk and responsibility. As hey are misbehaving/doing unlawful acts with my

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Hun, before returning home according to Tass, in another on Wednesday, KCNA said. During Kozlov's visit, Russian display of the countries' growing ties. Kim Jong Un in recent months has prioritized relations with

tion of moral values in all societies". Earlier meeting with the business leaders in Karachi, he said everyone needed to understand the importance of putting the country above everything else. "The public must prioritise Pakistan over per-

sonal interests. Remember, we have no identity apart from Pakistan," he said, noting that the state was like a mother and "its value should be asked from the people of Libya, Iraq and Palestine".

The army chief also spoke about Pakistan's economic situation, expressing "complete faith in Pakistan's bright and stable future". "Today, all indicators of Pakistan's economy are

positive, and by next year, God willing, they will further improve," he said.

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fulfil his pre-election promises by ensuring the supremacy of the law and addressing past wrongdoings.

Dissanayake affirmed his administration's commitment to continue the IMF bailout programme initiated by the previous government led by Ranil Wickremesinghe.

"We will enter the staff-level agreement (with IMF) hopefully by November 23," Dissanayake said, expressing optimism about securing the agreement for the next tranche of the nearly USD 3 billion facility.

A staff-level agreement is a preliminary pact reached between the IMF staff and the government of a country on a set of economic policies and reforms that the country must implement in exchange for financial assistance from the global lender. The IMF team on Sunday arrived in Sri Lanka to carry out the third review of the nearly USD 3 billion bailout facility.

The third review should lead to the fourth tranche of the 4year facility. It would be around USD 330 million as was the case in the previous three tranches, according to the Finance Ministry officials. The debt restructuring agreement reached in the last week of the Wickremesinghe presidency is yet to be official lv sealed. Debt restructuring agreement with both bilateral and sovereign bondholders was made compulsory to maintain debt sustainability by the IMF.

Sri Lanka tapped the IMF for a facility at the height of the economic crisis under the presidency of Gotabaya Rajapaksa, the president who was made to flee the country by months-long public protests. Mid April of 2022 Sri Lanka announced its firstever debt default. The negotiations with the

IMF began thereafter and the Wickremesinghe's government clinched the bailout, a year later in March 2023.

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given to the General Public that of Mr. Sudbir Kumar Gupta S/o Lt. Mr. Raghunath Prashad is the owner of Residential Plot No. 54-B/48, Area Measuring 50 Sq. Yards, Out of Khasra No. 204/3. Situated at Sarswati Vihar, Village Dharoti Khurd, Pargana & Tchsil Loni. District Ghaziabad, by virtue of GPA (mother to son) Dated 10.10.2014, executed by Mrs. Gyatri Devi,same to be finance by SMFG India CreditCompany Limited., General public hereby informed that if anybody has any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present. Rahul Raj Pathak, Advocate SG Associates (Law Firm) FF 18, Laus Poad Plaza Yabbat Kand, Idainparma (Advocate SG Associates (Law Firm) E-mail: gassociates/Department. PUBLIC NOTICE

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Kulwant Singh Bhogal S/o-Kirpal Singh, R/o-RZ-84, Radha Swamy Dairy, Indra Park, Uttam Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110059, have

changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kulwant Singh.

No.2897857H Hav Ramkishor, R/o-Vill+Post-Sathin, Teh- Bhopalgarh Dist-Jodhpur, Rajasthan-342601, declare that in my Army records, my mother's name is wrongly written as Sita Devi whereas her correct name is Sita. It should be amended in Army Record.

PD(954)C I, Ruchi Sharma W/o Praveen Kumar Sharma R/o 16/18 Nova Banyan Road, Shipra Suncity, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Ruchi for all future purposes.

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Lost: Perpetual Lease Deed & other documents for Property No. 385, Nimri Colony, Ashok Vihar Phase 4, Delhi. NCR filed, LR No: 2316794/2024. Finder contact Sanjeev Kumar: 9999992570 PD(955)A tost, FIK of the same has been registered with fadagup folice Saiton, same to be finance by Muthooi Homefin ndia Lud, General public hereby informed that in spody has any chargionittersville in the said propert ar any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigne in writing on the below mentioned address within 7/ days of the present. Rahul Raj Pathak, Advocat F 18, Louis Pond Plan, Vabba, Kasociatts (Law Firm F 18, Louis Pond Plan, Vabba, Kasociatts (Law Firm F 18, Louis Pond Plan, Vabba, Kasociatts (Law Firm F 18, Louis Pond Plan, Vabba, Kasociatts (Law Firm F 18, Louis Pond Plan, Vabba, Kasociatts (Law Firm F 18, Louis Pond Plan, Vabba, Kasociatts (Law Firm F 18, Louis Pond Plan, Vabba, Kasociatts (Law Firm F 18, Louis Pond Plan, Vabba, Kasociatts (Law Firm F 18, Louis Pond Plan, Vabba, Kasociatts (Law Firm F 18, Louis Pond Plan, Vabba, Kasociatts (Law Firm F 18, Louis Pond Plan, Vabba, Kasociatts (Law Firm F 18, Law F 10,
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ing documents at below mentioned address. Afte

Zaidi is the undisputed owner of the said property **OR** Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way

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expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treat-ed as waived and not binding on our client. Ajay Kumar Giri (Advocate) H No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi -110024

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL PD(953)C

BENCH-VI NEW DELHI In the matter of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 And In the Matter of Section 7 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 read with rule 4 of the insolvency and Bankruptcy Rules, 2016 And In the Matter of Central Bank of India Stressed Assets Management Branch, Jeevan Tara Building, 5, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001 Vs

FORM NO. NCLT 3A

Advertisement Detailing Petition

M/s. Praneet Softech Pvt. Ltd. CIN- U 72900DL2002 PTC 115139 Registered Office: Having its Registered Office S-384, Panchshila Park, Ground Floor,

South Delhi, Delhi-110017 Company Petition / No.(IB) 518 of 2024 NOTICE OF PETITION

A petition/ application /reference (Case Title: Central Bank of India Vs M/s. Pranee Softech Pvt. Ltd.) under section 7 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 read with rule 4 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Application to Adjudicating Authority) Rules, 2016 for initiating a insolvency proceedings, was presented by BKM & Associate on the 13 day of May 2024 and the said petition is fixed for hearing before Bench-VI of Nationa Company Law Tribunal, New Delhi on 13.12.2024. Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition / application/reference should send to the petitioner's advocate notice of his intention, 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 petition /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. Start and 19/11/2024 (Sd/-) BKM & ASSOCIATES Dated 19/11/2024 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 is given to the public that my clientess Jameeia Begum D/o Tayyab Hussain currently Ro B-1756 A, D. D A Tal, Inderick, New Dehit, Delin-110035 who is aged about 41 years and my clientess is 50% shareholder of the property having property description i.e. Apartment No. 1827, 18th Floor, Block ULIP SKA METROVILLE, Plot No. GH-01(B)(3), Sector ETA 2, Greater Notda, U.P. That it is made ublic that any one is willion to purchase this property Narang & amp;2.5h.Shubham vide sale deed no 9269 dated 12.07.2023 and 1.5h.Anuj Narang & amp;2.Sh.Shubham purchase from Smt. Madhu vide Notarized GPA, ATS and Will dated 26,092.2022.And It is informed that any deal with aid documents by any person except my s lient and said institution regarding s property, shall be deemed as null and void. erty, shall be deemed as null and void.rr a on having any claim,right in said proper he may contact and handover the same a rise his claim to undersigned within 8 days ADICation. AD REM LEGAL SOLUTION 760 - Dwarka Court Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-7 Mobile :- 9899013918

Sector ETA 2, Greater Noida, U.P. That it is 'maie' public that any one is willing to purchase this property in connivence with anybody will be prosecuted as per law as my clientess has apprehension that the husband of my clientess due to strained relationship with my clientess will try his best to sell out this property without the consent of my clientess. Hence anybody dealing with same will do so at their own cost and risk as there is legal question over the same as my clientess is going to daim her 50% share in the same as the property above mentioned is injoint name of my clientess and his husband Mohd. Athar vide Regn. No. 18526 and the date of registration of the same is 19.07.2023. **Mukesh Kumar (Advocate)** Ch. No. R-129, B.G.S. Report, Tis Harzai Court My client Mrs. Sonia Saini w/o Mr. Kapi Saini is the owner of freehold Residential Plot no. 35 area weasuring 50 su v/s. out of total area measuring 100 su, v/s. out of Khasra no. 43/9, 10 & 11 situated in the Waka Mauja Saran, Tehsi & District Fardabad. through Registered Sale Deed Dated 22:08.2024 executed by Mr. Nandu Kumar Gaundi in favour of Mrs. Sonia Saini W/o Mr. Kanij Saini Vide Ree no. 4831 at

19.07.2023. Mukesh Kumar (Advocate) Ch. No. B-129, B.G.S Block, Tis Hazari Court Delhi- 110054. Mob No.: 9810629420

onia Saini W/o Mr. Kapil Saini Vide Reg. no. 3831 a PUBLIC NOTICE SR-BADKHAL Faridabad Haryana "the above-mentioned property is going to be mortgage with fed Bank Financial Services Limited. If any person / bank / financial institution having any claim / right lien, any objection whatsoever in regard to the above property, should notified to the undersigned/Adv. Vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-I10092 along with documentary evidence under address through registered within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which any claim, lien or objection shall be deemed to have been waived. **Adv. Vishal Mehan**, E-713, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-110092, Mobile No. 9811215181 Public notice is given to the public that my clientess Jameela Begum Dio Tayyab Hussain currently K/o B-7/56 A, D.D.A Flat, Inderiok, New Delhi, Delhi-110035 who is aged about 41 years and my clientess has one daughter namely Sumaiya age about 15 years and one son namely Kabri age about 9 years. My clientess by this public notice intimates to the general public that my clientess is absolute owner and title holder of Property located at Bhamola Mafi, Pargana Tehsil-Koli, Aligant, U.P. ad massuring area 173.25 Sq. Yards of Khet No. 41, 42 and the date of registration of the same property in the name of my clientess is 16.11.2011 vide Regn No. 12953. That it is made public that any one is willing to purchase this property in connivence with anybody will be prosecuted as per law as my clientess has apprehension that the husband of my as my clientess has apprehension that the husband of m

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Third floor with roof rights portion of Property No.D-145, area measuring 325 sq. yds. Defence Colony, New Delhi

That our client **Sarthak Nayak**, proposes to purchases the above said property from **Kunal Oberoi & Mayank Gambhir**, who has assured our client that they are absolute owner in possession of the said property vide Sale deed No. 4040 dated 04.09.21 having purchased the same from Paviter Singh Choudhary, Gian Kaur, Surinder Kaur, Sunil Kaur Bakshi, Tejwans Singh Bakshi through SPA Sunil Kaur Bakshi, Sarwans Singh Bakshi through SPA Sunil Kaur Bakshi, Gurbeen Rekhi through SPA Sunil Kaur Bakshi. That 1/5th share of said property previously owned by Amrit Kaur vide Conveyance deed 94831) dated 06.10.17, who died leaving behind a will dated 22.03.18 (lost/misplaced/not traceable) bequeathing the said property to Sunil Kaur Bakshi, Tejwans Singh Bakshi, Sarwans Singh Bakshi & Gurbee Rekhi

Under the circumstances, notice is hereby given to the General Public, Bank/Financial institutions or other person/s, organization/s, company/ies, government authority/ies, having any claim, rights, title, or any interest of any nature whatsoever into or upon the said property, is hereby called upon to make the same known in writing with documentary evidence by registered AD Post to the undersigned at the address mentioned hereinbelow within 7 days of the publication of this notice and in the event no response having been received to the notice, the title of Kunal Oberoi & Mayank Gambhir to the said property shall be deemed to be clear

Advocate

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of any claim, charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever and any subsequent claim shall not bind out client in any manner whatsoever. Kumar Abhishek

132A, Anarkali Complex, Jhandewalan Ext. New Delhi

WE, Rahul Mehra S/o Late Shri Madan Lai Mehra R/o EC-241, Maya Enclave, Hari Nagar, New Delhi-110064 and Rohini Grewal Nagar, New Delhi-110064 and Rohini Grewal W/o Daljit Singh Grewal R/o 06, Second Floor, G-7 Road, Sector-26, Sikanderpur Ghosi (68), DLF, Gurugram, Haryana-122002 have lost the DDA Original Allocation Letter, 5th and Final Demand-cum-Allotment Letter/ Allotment Letter, Possession Letter, NOC for Water and Electricity connection and Site Descenceing Site in the same of Brit Mohon Valer and Electricity connection and Sile Possession Slip in the name of Brij Mohan Vatsa and Orignal GPA executed by Brij Mohn Vats s/o Sh. L. C. Vatsa in favour of Brig. Madan Lal Mehra s/o Late Sh. Manohar Lal Mehra dated 04.07.1989, Will, Agreement to Sell and payment receipt between Brij Mohan Vets and Briv Marba Lal Mehra Mohan Vats and Brig. Madan Lal Mehr Monan Vats and Brig. Madan Lai Menra dated, and other related property documents in respect of the property Flat No. EC-170, on Ground Floor, SFS Category III, G-8 Area, Rajouri Garden, known as Maya Enclave, Hari Nagar, New Delhi-110064. Anybody finds pls contact: 9811138275 within 15 days from the date of publication of this potice.

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Adani Group MCAP plunges by Rs 2.19 Lakh Crore after bribery charges in US

PTI NEW DELH

The combined market valuation of all 10 listed Adani group firms fell by Rs 2.19 lakh crore on Thursday, more than double of what the conglomerate lost when the US short seller Hindenburg brought out a damning report in January 2023.

IN January 2023. Shares of Adani group firms fell sharply as billionaire Gautam Adani was charged by US prosecutors for allegedly being part of a scheme to pay USD 265 million (about Rs 2,200 crore) bribe to Indian officials in bribe to Indian officials in exchange for favourable terms for solar power contracts.

The stock of the group's flagship firm, Adani Enterprises, plunged 22.61 per cent, Adani Energy Solutions tanked 20 per cent, Adani Green Energy plummeted 18.80 per cent,

plummeted 18.80 per cent, Adani Ports dived 13.53 per cent, Ambuja Cements cracked 11.98 per cent, and Adani Total Gas tumbled 10.40 per cent on the BSE. Shares of Adani Wilmar declined 9.98 per cent, Adani Power slumped 9.15 per cent, ACC fell 7.29 per cent, and NDTV dipped 0.06 per cent. Some of the group firms also Some of the group firms also hit their lowest trading permissible limit for the day during the day.

The combined market capitalisation (MCAP) of all 10 listed firms eroded by Rs 2,19,878.35 crore. In the equity market, the BSE benchmark Sensex tanked 422.59 points or 0.54 per cent to 77,155.79, and the NSE Nifty declined 168.60 points or 0.72 per cent to 23,349.90. "While the market is in the including his nephew Sagar, midst of a bear hug for the have been charged with

mentioned

past few weeks, today's fall can also be attributed to the news of Adani group facing bribery charges, which triggered a massive sell-off in its group stocks," Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd. Adani, India's second-richest man, and seven others,

paying bribes to unidentified officials of state governments in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha to buy expensive solar power, earning more than USD 2 billion over 20 years. Adani group on Thursday denied charges of paying bribes to secure favourable terms for power contracts, saying the allegations by US prosecutors are baseless and

the conglomerate is compliant with all laws. It said all possible legal recourse will be sought. "The allegations made by the US Department of Justice and the US Securities and Exchange Commission against directors of Adani Green are baseless and denied," the group denied," the group spokesperson said in a statement.

Domestic fleet to touch 1,400 in five years

PTI NEW DELHI

Vumlunmang Vualnam, civil aviation secretary, on Thursday said the number of planes with domestic airlines will increase to 1,400 in the next five years as he highlighted the growth the growth potential of the country's aviation space.

Currently, the fleet is around 800 aircraft and leading from 11 crore. carriers, IndiGo and Air India, have placed significant the 'Giving Wings to Dreams plane orders. Awards 2024' hosted by

At a function in the national Women in Aviation India in Capital, the secretary also collaboration with the civil aviation ministry. about the According to him, the Rs 120opportunities for women in crore Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme was successful and that the aviation sector, including in the drone segment. In the last 10 years, the number of airports has more successful and successful and that beneficiary companies have seen their overall turnover rose to Rs 1,400 crore. than doubled from 74 to 157, Vualnam said.He also said the number of passengers has doubled to around 22 crore The first PLI scheme for drones, introduced in 2021

with an outlay of Rs 120 crore The secretary was speaking at for three financial years starting from 2021-22, has ended

Belrise Industries files papers to raise Rs 2,150 crore via IPO

PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

Automotive component maker Belrise Industries has filed preliminary papers with markets ator Seb

Steelmakers need to collaborate with IISc and IITs: Minister



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technologically-advanced industry, our need to

Sensex, Nifty tumble amid broad-based selloff

PTI MUMBAI

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty tumbled on Thursday amid a sharp fall in Adani group stocks after billionaire industrialist Gautam Adani was charged in the US for alleged bribery and fraud.

Besides, unabated foreign fund outflows and weak trends in Asian and European peers also dragged

peers also dragged benchmark indices lower. The BSE benchmark Sensex tanked 422.59 points or 0.54 per cent to settle at 77,155.79. During the day, it lost 775.65 points or 0.99 per cent to 76,802.73

The NSE Nifty slumped 168.60 points or 0.72 per cent to 23 349 90 From the 30-share Sensex

pack, Adani Ports tumbled

over 13 per cent after Gautam Adani was charged by US prosecutors over his role in an alleged years-long scheme to pay USD 250 million bribe to Indian officials in exchange for favourable terms for solar power contracts.

All other Adani group stocks, including Adani Enterprises, Adani Energy Solutions, Adani Ports and Adani Green Energy, fell sharply by up to nearly 23 per cent

nearly 23 per cent. State Bank of India, NTPC, ITC, Asian Paints, Bajaj Finance and Bajaj Finserv were also among the major laggards.

In contrast, Power Grid, UltraTech Cement, HCL Technologies and Axis Bank were among the gainers. Institutional

Foreign Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 3,411.73

crore on Tuesday, according to exchange data. The Indian stock markets

were closed on Wednesday due to assembly elections in Maharashtra. In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo and Hong Kong settled lower, while Shanghai ended

higher. European markets were trading in the negative territory. The US markets

ended mostly in the positive zone. Global oil benchmark Brent crude jumped 1.13 per cent to USD 73.71 a barrel.

Snapping its four days of decline, the BSE benchmark Sensex had climbed 239.37 points or 0.31 per cent to

settle at 77,578.38 on Tuesday. The Nifty also bounced back on Tuesday after falling in the past seven trading days

US regulators seek to break up Google, force sale of Chrome browser

AP WASHINGTON

U^S regulators want a federal judge to break up Google to prevent the company from continuing to squash competition through its dominant search engine after a court found it had maintained an abusive monopoly over the past decade.

The proposed breakup floated in a 23-page document filed late Wednesday by the US Department of Justice calls for sweeping punishments that would include a sale of that would include a sale of Google's industry-leading Chrome web browser and impose restrictions to prevent Android from favouring its

A sale of Chrome "will permanently stop Google's control of this critical search access point and allow rival search engines the ability to access the browser that for many users is a gateway to the internet," justice department lawyers argued in their filing. Although regulators stopped short of demanding Google sell Android too, they asserted the judge should make it clear the company could still be required to divest its smartphone versigh committee continues to see evidence of misconduct. The broad scope of the recommended penalties underscores how severely regulators operating under president Biden's Joe administration believe Google should be punished following an August ruling by US District Judge Amit Mehta that branded the company as a monopolist. justice department The decision-makers who will inherit the case after president-elect Donald Trump takes office next year might not be as strident. The Washington, DC court hearings on Google's punishment are scheduled to begin in April and Mehta is

aiming to issue his final decision before the Labour Day

If Mehta embraces the government's recommendations, Google would be forced to sell its 16year-old Chrome browser within six months of the final ruling. But the company certainly would appeal any punishment, potentially prolonging a legal tussle, which has dragged on for more than four years

more than four years. Besides seeking a Chrome spinoff and a corralling of the Android software, the justice department wants the judge to ban Google from forging multibillion-dollar deals to lock in its dominant search engine as the default option on Apple's iPhone and other devices. It would also ban Google from favouring its own services, such as YouTube or its recentlyartificial launched intelligence platform, Gemini. Regulators also want Google to license the search index data it collects from people's queries to its rivals, giving them a better chance at competing with the tech giant. On the commercial side of its search engine, Google would be required to provide operating system if its more transparency into how it sets the prices that advertisers pay to be listed near the top of some targeted search results. Kent Walker, Google's chief legal officer, lashed out at the justice department pursuing "a ra for vears. radical pursuing interventionist agenda that would harm Americans and America's global technology." In a blog post, Walker warned the overly broad proposal would threaten personal privacy while undermining Google's early leadership in artificial intelligence, intelligence, "perhaps the most important innovation of our time. Wary of Google's increasing use of artificial intelligence in its search results, regulators also advised Mehta to ensure websites will be able to shield

AI training techniques. The measures, if they are ordered, threaten to upend a business expected to generate more than \$300 billion in revenue this year.

"The playing field is not level because of Google's conduct, and Google's quality reflects the ill-gotten gains of an advantage illegally acquired," the Justice Department asserted in its recommendations. "The remedy must close this gap and deprive Google of these

advantages." It's still possible that the Justice Department could ease off attempts to break up Google, especially if Trump takes the widely expected step of replacing Assistant Attorney General Jonathan

Kanter, who was appointed by Biden to oversee the agency's antitrust division. Although the case targeting

Google was originally filed during the final months of Trump's first term in office, Kanter oversaw the high-profile trial that culminated in Mehta's ruling against Google. Working in tandem with Federal Trade Commission Chair Lina Khan, Kanter took a get-tough stance against Big Tech that triggered other attempted crac powerhouses such as Apple



to raise Rs 2,150 crore through an initial public offering (IPO). The IPO is entirely a fresh

issue of equity shares with no offer for sale (OFS) component, according to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP).

The company may consider raising up to Rs 430 crore through a pre-IPO placement. If this is carried out, the issue size will be reduced. As per the draft papers filed

on Tuesday, the company intends to utilise proceeds worth Rs 1,618 crore for payment of debt. The company has а

borrowing of Rs 2,463 crore in its books as of June 2024. Belrise Industries is an



Japan and Thailand. automotive component The company has a longmanufacturing company based in India offering a standing relationship with diverse range of safety critical customers, and prominent systems other éngineering solutions for two-wheelers, three-wheelers, OEMs (Original Equipment Manufacturers) such as Bajaj four-wheelers, commercial vehicles and agri-vehicles. Auto, Honda Motorcycle and Scooter As of June 2024, it marketed MotoCorp, Jaguar Land Rover and Royal Enfield its products both domestically and internationally, with operations extending to several markets, including Motors.

It has 15 manufacturing facilities in eight states as of Austria, Slovakia, the UK, June 30, 2024.

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collaborate with leading institutions such as the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) to create a globally-competitive and technologically-advanced

steel industry. He said India's steel sector stands as the backbone of its industrial strength and a including cornerstone of nation-building. "From skyscrapers multinational to highways, railways to defence, steel powers our progress and fuels our ambitions," he said. Hero

Speaking on the occasion of the National Metallurgists Awards ceremony in Bengaluru on Wednesday, he said, "To create a globallycompetitive and

(Indian Institutes of Technology) for research." Specialty steel, Kumaraswamy said, is also a crucial sector where research and innovation is the need of the hour.

The minister said that under the leadership Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country is on a path towards becoming a USD five trillion economy, and steel will remain at the heart of this transformation, showcasing India's resilience and reinforcing its leadership on the global stage.

"Yet, challenges persist volatile markets, sustainability imperatives and the need for innovation," he noted.

and discouraged many business deals from getting done during the past four Trump recently expressed concerns that a breakup might destroy Google but didn't elaborate on alternative penalties he might have in mind. "What you can do without breaking it up is

make sure it's more fair," Trump said last month. Matt Gaetz, the former Republican congressman that Trump nominated to be the next US Attorney General, has previously called for the breakup of Big Tech companies.

Gaetz faces a tough confirmation hearing.

KS Murthy sworn in as new CAG

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Former higher education secretary, K Sanjay Murthy, was sworn in as the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India by President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday. Murthy, a 1989 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Himachal Pradesh cadre, succeeds Girish Chandra Murmu. Murthy was named the new CAG by the Centre on Monday. Girish Chandra Murmu completed his tenure

as the CAG on Wednesday.

KMF enters Delhi-NCR with competitive pricing on Nandini products

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Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday launched the Karnataka Milk Federation's (KMF) Nandini brand milk products in the Delhi-NCR market, pricing them marginally lower than competitors to gain a foothold in the region.

The cooperative will retail four cow milk variants, curd, and buttermilk from Friday, with competitive pricing that undercuts established players like Mother Dairy and Amul. Cow milk will be sold at Rs 56 per litre, full cream milk at Rs 67 per litre, standardised milk

at Rs 61 per litre, toned milk at Rs 55 per litre, and curd at Rs 74 per kg.

"We have surplus milk in the state. KMF along with Mandya Milk Union will market surplus milk of 3-4 lakh litres per day in Delhi-NCR," Siddaramaiah told



products. The federation currently at 60 lakh litres, leaving a markets. reporters after launching the collects 100 lakh litres of milk

daily, with local consumption for expansion into new surplus of 40 lakh litres However, the Chief Minister acknowledged the challenges of transporting milk over 2,500 km, which takes 50-54 hours.

There is a need to find new markets for surplus milk and gradually the KMF should be able to sell 5-6 lakh litres per day in Delhi-NCR, he added. Chairman LBP KMF Bheemanaik assured that milk quality would be maintained during transit. The federation has already partnered with 40 dealers in the Delhi-NCR region to facilitate sales, he added.

With a robust infrastructure of 26.76 lakh milk producers, 15,737 dairy cooperative societies, and 15 district milk unions, KMF has a turnover of Rs 25,000 crore and exports dairy products to over 25 countries.

State Animal Husbandry Minister K Venkatesh and Agriculture Minister N Cheluvarayaswamy were

55TH FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATIONS AT GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY

AMRITSAR: Guru Nanak Dev University is all set to celebrate its 55th Foundation Day on November 24, 2024 (Sunday) with a series of 24, 2024 (Sunday), with a series of events lined up across various venues within the University Campus. Prof. Karanjeet Singh Kahlon, Registrar, said the highlight of the Foundation Day will

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be the Academic Lectures delivered by esteemed scholars, taking place at 11:00 AM in the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Bhawan Auditorium.

GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY RE-POSTPONES EXAM SCHEDULE

AMRITSAR: Guru Nanak Dev University has announced the Repostponement of all annual and semester (theory) examinations. These examinations were postponed on December 01 from November 20. But now due to administrative reasons, again, these examinations will be held on December 28, 2024 (Saturday)

GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY ORGANISED PROF IS GROVER MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP AWARD

AMRAVATI: The Department of Botanical and Environmental Sciences of Guru Nanak Dev University organised Prof IS Grover Memorial Lectureship Award on November 13 which has been instituted under MoU between Guru Nanak Dev University and Dr. Avinash Kaur (Professor Retd.). She apprised that this award was instituted in the name of Late Prof. I.S. Grover, Founder Head, Department of Botany and Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences of the University, to pay tribute to all her teachers.

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EAR OF POLITICAL RESURGENC

In 2024, Donald Trump made a surprising return to the White House, defying expectations after his 2020 loss. His victory, alongside Modi's re-election, marked a pivotal moment in global politics, says KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

remembered by political historians for two major developments: the reelection of Narendra Modi as Prime Minister of India

for a third term and that of Donald Trump as President of the United States. Modi's victory was as expected, but Trump's victory, having lost his re-election bid in 2020, was not so certain. The left-leaning media had written off Trump after his 2020 defeat, and it is rare for a defeated president to stage a comeback. However, Trump, a master at making the impossible possible, won a landslide in the 2024 election, defeating the entire left-liberal establishment. He proved that hard work is often the key to success

You may either love or loathe Trump, depending on your political views, but the truth is, he can never be ignored. He first became President in 2016 when the US economy was struggling, and the country's global image was tarnished.

he year 2024 will be wasteland. "My mission is to make Colombia and Mexico, which had been America great again. We have to retrieve the lost ground and make the people happy and content," *Trump* declared during his campaign speeches.

Despite relentless attacks from Hillary Clinton, Trump held firm and focused on his mission. His dedication earned him significant support from voters. When he was declared the winner by a substantial margin, Washington and other major cities saw rioting by anti-Trump forces. The media quickly pointed the finger at Trump's followers for the unrest.

The period between 2016 and 2020 saw the US recover from economic stagnation and terrorism-related challenges. For Trump, America remained his top priority, and he aimed to keep the US out of foreign conflicts. His main goal was to ensure no more coffins with US soldiers' remains were returned from Asia and Africa. Under Trump, illegal immigration from Mexico and Latin America came to a

a major issue, was also reduced, strengthening the US social security system. Like a soldier guarding his nation's borders, Trump, at the helm of a major business empire, defended the social fabric of America. However, many in the US and abroad resented Trump's patriotism and worked to oust him from the White House. It seemed a foregone conclusion that *Trump* would easily win re-election in 2020.

However, overconfidence led to his defeat by a narrow margin. Bob Woodward, a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, had predicted in his book Rage (2020) that Trump was likely to lose. Despite strong economic performance, record-low unemployment, and the US staying out of international conflicts, Trump lost due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Woodward claimed that Trump was warned about the virus as early as January 2020, but he ignored the threat and paid the price for his inaction.

Other factors also played a role. The



Book: WAR by Bob Woodward Publisher: Simon & Schuster Price ₹999

of fraud, with many believing it was manipulated by Trump's rivals and hostile forces. Shiv Ayyadurai, an Indian-origin computer scientist credited with inventing email, raised concerns about the election's integrity. According to Ayyadurai, the mail-in ballots used in Arizona had mismatched signatures, which were overlooked by election officials. Despite Ayyadurai's efforts to prove these discrepancies, little attention was given to the alleged fraud. In his book War, Woodward examines Joe Biden's presidency and highlights three major failures during his four-year tenure. Biden's inability to deal with Ukraine, Russian President Vladimir Putin, and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is central to the critique. Woodward argues that Biden's handling of the Ukraine crisis, in particular, was ineffective, and his approach to the Jewish state was also disappointing. The brutal 2023 Hamas attack on Israel, which resulted in widespread death and destruction, will

Hamas and Hezbollah have influence, added to the turmoil.

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Woodward also reveals that US intelligence agencies had warned Biden in October 2021 about Putin's plans to attack Ukraine. Yet, Biden seemed reluctant to take decisive action. The cause for his hesitation may lie in his son Hunter Biden's involvement with Burisma, a major Ukrainian energy company, potentially jeopardising his ability to challenge Russia.

As I write this review, TV channels are reporting that President-elect Trump has issued a stern warning for all illegal immigrants to leave the US within two months. This is one of the promises he made during his campaign, and he seems determined to see it through. The Democrats and liberals have already expressed their opposition to this move. The next four years will be filled with action, and it will be fascinating to see how Trump's administration navigates issues like Iran, Hamas, West Asia, Russia, and Ukraine. Woodward will no doubt continue to provide in-depth

The infrastructure was in decline, and halt, as he warned against job theft by the US had become an industrial outsiders. Drug trafficking from 2020 election was marred by allegations

remain a painful memory for humanity. Protests in India, where groups like coverage of these developments.

Alexander Armstrong's 'Evenfall: The Golden Linnet', is a

A Spellbinding Adventure

captivating fantasy adventure that whisks readers away to a world of

magic and mystery. With stunning world-building, unforgettable

fans of fantasy and storytelling alike, says ABHI SINGHAL

characters, and a thrilling plot, Armstrong's novel is a must-read for

N E W R E L E A S E

Discover India Beyond the Metros

The High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam, H.E. Dato Paduka HJ Alaihuddin Mohd Taha. recently launched "India Beyond Metros: Dekho Apna Bharat", a travelogue by Varun Soni. The book highlights India's lesser-known Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, offering readers a fresh perspective on the country's hidden gems beyond the metropolitan hubs. Writes SAKSHI PRIYA

CIndia Beyond Metros: Dekho Apna Bharat", authored by Varun Soni, is a captivating travelogue that takes readers on a journey through the lesser-known cities of India. In this, his fifth book, Soni explores around 50 Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities across the country, offering an in-depth look at small-town India and the vibrant culture that often goes unnoticed by mainstream tourism.

Unlike typical travel guides that focus on major metropolitan destinations such as Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru, Soni's book highlights cities such as Jabalpur, Gorakhpur, Hubballi, Kollam, Rajkot, and others. These places, though not typically featured in popular travel literature, offer a wealth of untapped history, culture, and natural beauty. Each chapter of the book is dedicated to one city, providing practical insights on what to see, where to stay, how to get there, and even what to shop for.

The book fills a significant gap in Indian travel literature by encouraging people to venture beyond the typical tourist hotspots and explore the rich diversity of India's smaller towns and rural areas. It showcases the hidden gems of the Indian hinterland, offering readers a chance to experience



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ABOUT THE BOOK

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the authentic essence of Bharat (India). At the launch event, the High

Commissioner of Brunei

Darussalam, H.E. Dato Paduka HJ Alaihuddin Mohd Taha, expressed his admiration for the book. At the book launch, He expressed his excitement, stating, "I am very glad to be here to launch a book on a topic that is a passion with me. After travelling across various parts of India, I can vouch that the hinterland has much more to offer than just the metropolitan areas. This book will serve as a helpful guide for those keen to explore these lesser-known regions." As an avid traveller, he shared his own experiences of exploring various regions of including India, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Nagaland. He highlighted that these lesserexplored areas of India offer a different, yet equally rich, experience compared to the well-known metropolitan cities. Author Varun Soni added, "It is time to look inward, into Bharat. This book highlights the hidden treasures in our smaller cities and towns, showcasing not only historical monuments but also the natural beauty that often goes unnoticed in mainstream travel guides." Soni, in his address, discussed the book's purpose of shedding light on the lesser-visited cities and towns of India. He spoke about country's ancient the civilisation, its countless monuments and temples, and the natural beauty found in these regions. Soni's aim with "India Beyond Metros: Dekho Apna Bharat" is to inspire readers to look inward and discover the treasures hidden in the smaller cities and villages that often go unnoticed. Soni's literary career spans more

than 15 years, with works that include books on celebrity homes, luxury resorts, and fiction. With this latest offering, he continues his mission to share the lesser-known aspects of India, bringing attention to the often-overlooked parts of the country that are full of untold stories and cultural richness.

n Evenfall: The Golden Linnet, Alexander Armstrong crafts a L mesmerising portal into a world of magic and the enduring power of storytelling. A tale of courage, friendship, and family in his debut novel is destined to become a modern fantasy classic which weaves ancient lore with the challenges of life

The story centres on 13-year-old Sam, a relatable and sympathetic protagonist of the novel whose life has been marked by tragedy. Caring for his grieving, unwell father after his mother's untimely death, Sam grapples with the complexities of loss, love, and responsibility. His life takes a thrilling and dangerous turn when he discovers his hidden heritage as part of The Order of the Evening, a secret society devoted to protecting the world through storytelling. Armstrong's plot is rich, combining

elements of historical mystery with the fantastical quest for magical artefacts that makes it happen and sparks out curiosity. Sam's mission to uncover the truth about his parents and his destiny introduces readers to a lush, danger-laden world where trust is scarce, alliances are fragile, and malevolent forces threaten humanity. The inclusion of supporting characters like Sam's loyal friend Ish and the enigmatic Goz brings depth and warmth to the narrative.

Their camaraderie highlights the strength of friendship amid the gravest of challenges, providing



Book: Evenfall: The Golden Linnet by Alexander Armstrong

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balance to the story's darker themes. The vivid setting of Durham, steeped in British folklore and cultural heritage, serves in perfect for this battle between good and evil. Armstrong's talent for description shines as he immerses readers in both the modern cityscape and the mystical locations that form the heart of the Order's secrets.

As a well-known TV and radio personality, Alexander Armstrong has a knack for storytelling that translates seamlessly into his writing. Widely recognised as a comedian, quiz show host, and singer, Armstrong's foray into children's literature reveals another layer of his creative versatility. With a nod to the timeless appeal of authors like Philip Pullman and J.K. Rowling, Armstrong builds a world that feels both familiar and extraordinary.

At nearly 400 pages, the novel is a longer read, yet its pacing ensures readers remain hooked. Suspense builds steadily as Sam uncovers his latent powers, battles sinister forces, and learns that the fate of the world may rest in his hands. Tom Roberts' striking black-and-white illustrations further elevate the reading experience, giving visual depth to Armstrong's vivid prose.

What sets Evenfall: The Golden Linnet apart is its heart. Beneath the magic and danger lies a story about grief, hope, and the lengths we go to for those we love. The imperfections in Sam's relationships - with his friends, his father, and even himself

- are portrayed with sensitivity, making his journey feel deeply authentic.

This debut novel, brimming with excitement and emotion, is an absolute treat for readers aged 10 and up. Whether you're a lifelong fantasy enthusiast or new to the genre, Evenfall: The Golden Linnet promises a compelling, immersive adventure and with its final pages hinting at more to come, Alexander Armstrong's literary journey is one to watch.



It's going to get more attritional: Pat Cummins

A ustralian captain Pat Cummins expects the Border-Gavaskar Trophy against arch-foes India to be more "attritional" as the two heavyweights of world cricket spar over five Test matches instead of the traditional four games.

And given the enormity of the series, Cummins believes players would not have the time to be distracted by the IPL auction that would take place in Jeddah on Sunday, the third day of the match.

The blockbuster series will be a survival of the fittest as Australia look to avenge successive losses on home soil when they go head-to-head from Friday. Border-Gavaskar "The

Trophy has always been very tight every series, five Testmatch series gets really attritional, it's a big one really," Cummins said at the prematch press conference here on Thursday

Australia will be without their assistant coach Daniel Vettori, who was granted permission to leave the Perth Test and be at the two-day auction with his IPL franchise SunRisers Hyderabad.

'Ýeah, I think he is there in the auction. I don't think so (it the auction. I don't think so (it have been there in the The Australia captain will be a distraction). Dan has auctions before. They know admitted there will be



they can't really do anything. flown over there, but he has been here for the whole prep. Done all the meetings, done all the chats, watching it. We came to know that anyway," Cummins said. So, for the players, I don't

think so. Most of these guys

"You are a sitting duck and seeing whether you get selected or not. It doesn't... Doesn't make a difference to how we go about the first two days. It is not a distraction as far as I can see it," he added.

pressure on the home team. especially after it lost the last four Test series against India, including the two humiliating reverses on own soil. "There will always be pressure

when you are playing at home. India are a very talented side and it will be a good challenge. But we are

not looking too far ahead,"

Cummins said. "It would be great to win the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. India are a great side but we are well prepared." The leading pacer also said

said that newcomer Nathan McSweeney should not try to McSweeney should not try to imitate David Warner, the back-to-back away Test series then also you also start from wins in 2018-19 and 2020-21. zero. We are not carrying any

legendary opener who retired from international cricket earlier this year.

"He should play his natural game. He shouldn't try to imitate David Warner. That's not his game. As long as he makes the bowlers bowl again and again, that's his game," Cummins said of the man who is going to be handed his Test debut at Optus Stadium. Asked about India's talented all-rounder Nitish Reddy, Cummins said they shared the dressing room for IPL franchise SunRisers Hyderabad and praised the

21-year-old. "He is and impressive youngster. Didn't bowl much for SRH. He can swing the ball and is a really talented kid."

Interestingly, both Australia and India will be led by fast bowling captains, a rarity in international cricket. While Cummins will lead Australia, leanrit, Rumenb will be in Jasprit Bumrah will be in charge of the Indian team as regular skipper Rohit Sharma is currently on a paternity leave.

"It should happen more (pacers leading teams)," Cummins said. In the past four series between the two teams, India have won on all four occasions, including



We are not carrying baggage from New Zealand series, says Jasprit Bumrah

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India's stand-in skipper Jasprit Bumrah ~~ Thursday insisted that his team is not carrying any baggage from the unprecedented 0-3 defeat at home against New Zealand as n challenging les t fierce it embarks on a Test series rivals Australia.

The five-match Test series starts here on Friday.

"When you win you start from zero but when you lose,

baggage from India. Yes, we have our learnings from New Zealand series but those were different conditions and our results here have been different," said Bumrah, who is leading in the opening Test in the absence of Rohit Sharma, who is on paternity leave.

Bumrah also said that the team has finalised its playing XI although he will reveal it only at the toss.

We have finalised our playing XI and you will get to know tomorrow morning before the start of the match," the skipper said.

Pujara backs KL Rahul at No. 3, believes Jaiswal can do a Warner



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heteshwar Pujara, who knows a thing Cor two about grinding the Australian attack in their den, on Thursday backed KL Rahul to bat at the vital number three slot in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, and said the swashbuckling Yashasvi Jaiswal is capable of doing what David Warner

did in his prime.

"His role would be one of the most important ones. He can play a role similar to what David Warner used to do for the Australian team.

"Being an opener, he holds the key. He's mentally tough. He loves batting, hits a number of balls. He has a long way to go across the formats?

Pujara said the youngsters must play with self-confidence and without the fear of fail

and play according to the situation. Be in the present moment," he said.

Kohli needs a start

Virat Kohli may be going through a lean patch but Pujara believes his past success in Australia will help him to turn things around

"There is a lot of expectation of him. The number of matches he's playing and the athlete Virat is, he doesn't get enough breaks in between. That is why sometimes, when you're not getting enough breaks, your body and confidence go down a bit. That's normal. "He has got some break. He's at a place where he likes to compete. If someone is having a go at him, he would like to give it back to the bowlers -- that's how he started his journey.

'He has set high standards for himself. He has that awareness. He has been a leader and is probably the best in the circuit. He's aware of what's expected of him and how many runs he has to make." Under Kohli's captaincy on the 2017-18 tour of Australia, Pujara aggregated over 500 runs and played a significant role in India's historic Test series triumph.

'm confident that once needs to spend some time in the game. He's capable of doing all things. Always leading from the front, it's about getting a 50-60-70. If he gets a hundred, then he will have a great series ahead," Pujara said of Kohli. In every match, he is motivated, whatever the format. Definitely, he has worked on it. It's about getting that start and spending time at the crease.

AP SAN DIEGO

Spanish star and World Cup Champion Juan Mata has joined the expansion San Diego FC's ownership group, making him the first active international soccer player to hold an ownership stake in Major League Soccer.

Mata joins David Beckham as only the second international player to be involved in MLS ownership.

"Joining San Diego FC as a an exciting partner is opportunity to help build something truly special in a league that are city and experiencing incredible growth," Mata said in a statement.

that the He added commitment to the community by both the club and the Right to Dream September.



Spanish star Juan Mata joins ownership group

of MLS expansion franchise San Diego FC

Academy "aligns perfectly with my own values. I look forward international soccer for years. to contributing my experience He won club honors in England, Spain, Turkey and and passion for the game and working alongside everyone here to build a club that inspires both on and off the Japan, and was a key player in the golden era of the Spanish pitch. He has been with the Western

men's national team which won the 2010 World Cup and the 2012 UEFA European Sydney Wanderers of the Championship. A product of Real Madrid's youth academy, Australian A-League since Mata began his professional



Mata signed with Chelsea FC in 2011, where he was pivotal in helping the London club capture the UEFA Champions League, FA Cup, and UEFA Europa League titles, earning Chelsea's Player of the Year honors twice in that span.

He joined Manchester United in 2014, winning the FA Cup, Europa League and EFL Cup in nine seasons. He joined Turkish side Galatasaray in 2022, where he celebrated his 2022, where he cerebrated his first league title, before signing with Japan's Vissel Kobe in 2023, where he won the league again. Mata founded the Common Goal initiative, pledging 1 per cent of his salary to social causes.

Friday.

"I don't know the batting order. I would prefer him (Rahul) at No. 3 because he has the experience to bat there," Pujara said in Star Sports press room.

Rahul, however, is expected to open with youngster Yashasvi Jaiswal, while Karnataka's Devdutt Padikkal is being considered for No. 3 to maintain a leftright combination.

"It seems the team is preferring Devdutt (Padikkal) at No. 3 for the left-right combination. He has batted at 5-6 and in the middle order. It will be easier to bat at No. 3 than opening. If he can bat at No. 3, it will be good."

Pujara, currently sidelined from the Test set-up, praised Jaiswal and compared his batting with that of Australian great David Warner.

"One of the most talented cricketers India has produced.... I'm very confident that going forward, he has a lot to prove. I know he will play a key role in this series if we have to win.

"I will tell them the first battle is a mental battle. Self-confidence and belief are needed to make runs in these conditions. When there is pace and bounce, there is a chance of the ball hitting the body. You

have to come out of that fear," Pujara said. On tackling short-pitch deliveries in Australian conditions, Pujara said the batters will have to identify the deliveries they should leave.

"As a batter, you need to understand vour strengths. We often end up playing hook shots we aren't quite capable of. On Indian pitches, most short-pitched deliveries are below shoulder level. But in Australia, they're often above shoulder height.

"As a batter, you need to identify which balls to leave and which to play. Those below the shoulders are the ones you can pull, but you need to be in control of the shot. Sometimes you leave the ball, and sometimes you pull. You can't have a set rule -- you just need to look at the ball

Pant 2.0 a lot smarter

Rishabh Pant has been the architect of their epic triumph in the 2020-21 series, and the wicketkeeper-batter has returned after surviving a horrific car accident two years ago. Pujara feels the left-hander is a lot smarter now and will be one to watch out for

Australian bowlers struggle a bit to bowl to lefties. There's a different kind of enjoyment watching him. He's an attacking player who puts pressure on the bowlers. It becomes easy for me to play my natural game as they try to stop runs.

Liga Deportiva Alajuelense threatens legal action in bid for spot at Club World Cup

AP SAN JOSE

The winningest team in Costa Rica is asking FIFÅ for a spot in next summer's Club World Cup and is willing to take legal action if denied. Liga Deportiva Alajuelense, which has won 30 league titles, wants FIFA to enforce the rule that forbids clubs from the same ownership to participate in the tournament.

The claim is based on the principles of eligibility set in the rules of the tournament," the club said in a press release. Team spokesman Marco Vazquez noted that Mexican clubs Leon and Pachuca belong to the same owner, Jesus Martinez, of Grupo Pachuca.

"Those are the rules that FIFA established there cannot be multi-ownership," Vazquez said Wednesday. "There are two



Mexican clubs from the same owner and the rulebook is clear. What we are asking is to review what FIFA itself established?

The FIFA-run competition has been expanded from seven teams to 32 and will be staged in the United States from June to July next year. "We hired a law firm in Spain, and they have all the details," Vazquez said of potential legal action. FIFA has not publicly reacted to the team's announcement and didn't immediately answer a request for comment.

Alajuelense is the best-ranked team in Central America for the CONCACAF but 40th overall in the region. CONCACAF has four spots in the Club World Cup. The teams that qualified are: the Seattle Sounders, Monterrey, Leon and Pachuca. Lionel Messi's Inter Miami will participate as a guest of the host.

All five clubs were announced for the Dec. 5 draw in Miami. In Mexico, besides Leon and Pachuca, there are another two companies that own two or more clubs in the first division. Grupo Caliente owns Tijuana and Queretaro, while Grupo Orlegi controls Atlas and Santos.

Indian women's hockey team starts 2028 Los Angeles Olympics' qualification journey

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new-look and much-fitter Alndian women's hockey team started its 2028 Los Angeles Olympics' qualification journey in the most perfect manner, producing scintillating, unbeaten performance during its title-defending Asian Champions Trophy campaign here.

It marked a resurrection of sorts for the side that had been left deflated after failing to qualify for the Paris Olympics this year. It marks a fresh beginning for the team and its seasoned coach Harendra Singh. Since taking over in April, Harendra's vision has been crystal clear -- to qualify for the 2028 Games.

He always believed and emphasised that a successful ACT campaign will be the right start for the team's journey towards the 2026 World Cup and the 2028 Olympics. And Harendra couldn't have asked for more from his wards.

"I truly believe this victory will inspire more young girls to take up hockey and further elevate the sport in India. We are thrilled to be able to bring this win to our fans and our nation," said captain Salima Tete after the brilliant campaign.

His primary focus since taking charge has been to improve the team's fitness, and fortitude and the Indian players performance in the just-concluded ACT was a testament to the fact that they have worked tremendously on these core areas and lived upto their coach's expectation.

"While we celebrate this win, our focus remains on long-term goals. We are working hard every day, trusting the process, and staying dedicated to delivering our best in every tournament," Salima said.



"Our ultimate aim is to bring more laurels to India and make the country proud," she added. The Indians were impressive in

most departments of the game and remained unbeaten in seven

matches, including the semifinal and final. What has been heartening for India was their ball transition from the backline to the opposition circle using both the flanks. The resolute show by the defensive

line was also one of the hallmarks of India's performance as they conceded just two goals in seven games, while scoring as many as 29 themselves.

Out of these 29 goals, 15 came from field efforts -- a heartening statistic -12 from penalty corners and two from penalty strokes.

The ACT produced many stars for India, the prominent among them was 20-year-old young striker Deepika, who was the tournament's highest scorer with 11 goals to her name, including four from field play, six from penalty corners and one penalty stroke.

In fact, five Indians were there in the top-10 scorers' list. Besides Deepika, Sangita Kumari (4 goals), Preeti Dubey (3), Navneet Kaur (3) and Lalrmsiami (3) were also impressive.

Harendra worked extensively on the fitness of the players in the run up

to the tournament and it was clearly visible on the turf as the side played fast-paced, one-touch hockey throughout the tournament to trouble opponents, including reigning Olympic silver-medallists China whom they defeated 1-0 in

the final to retain the title. If Deepika was a sensation upfront,

vice-captain Navneet Kaur, Lalremsiami and Neha were the fulcrum of India's midfield. Besides Deepika, young Sangita too was brilliant inside the circle, while Salima and 17-year-old Sunelita

Toppo simply broke down the opposition defence with their dribbling skills and brilliant runs from the flanks.

The defensive line was brilliantly held together by Udita, Sushila Chanu, Jyoti and Ishika Chaudhary. So good was their performance that Indian goalkeepers Savita Punia and Bichu Devi Kharibam were

hardly called into action in the tournament.

But going forward, their is a vital area of concern for Harendra -conversion rate from penalty corners.

The statistics might show India scored 12 from penalty corners but the team's conversion rate was very poor.

The Indians earned penalty corners aplenty in all the matches but lacked in execution and variation despite having as many as four options in the side in the form of Deepika, Udita, Navneet and Manisha Chauhan.

But the future augurs well for the Indian team as the players look to gain much-needed exposure by rubbing shoulders with the best of the world in the first-ever four-team women's Hockey India League, starting in Ranchi on January 12 and finishing on January 26.

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