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TOMATO PRICES LEAVE BITTER TASTE ON FESTIVE PLATES

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The price of tomato, a crucial kitchen staple, has skyrocketed to ₹100 per kg and In some colonies prices have touched ₹120 a kg. The surge in tomato prices is not the only concern for Delhi and NCR residents, prices of other vegetables including onion and potato have also increased. Onions are being sold at ₹80 per kg while potato prices range between ₹30 to 40 per kg. The retail rate of tomato was ₹50 per kg till the third week of September.

This has increased the cost of a home-cooked vegetarian meal by up to 11 per cent in September. The average cost of a vegetarian meal was ₹31.3 in September. While vegetables account for about 37 per

cent of a vegetarian meal cost, pulses, which constitute 9 per cent, also saw a 14 per cent rise in prices last month.

There are reports that the retail price of tomatoes, onions and potatoes across the country has almost doubled in a month. The reasons for the increase are said to be adverse weather conditions such as high humidity in producing states such as Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra, and crop loss due to prolonged monsoon. Traders attributed this to a supply shortage from Karnataka and Maharashtra as the second crop cultivation ended.

The rates of tomatoes have also gone up in the major wholesale vegetable markets of Delhi, including Azadpur Mandi,

Ghazipur Mandi, and Okhla Sabzi Mandi. According to tomato traders at Azadpur Mandi, presently 30 to 35 trucks arrive daily now, as against 50 to 60 trucks per day.

The wholesale market sells the tomatoes at ₹70-80 a kg and traders anticipate that the price might touch 150 a kg in the coming days. The wholesale price of onion was at ₹45 a kg, and Potatoes at ₹30 a kg. It will take at least five to six weeks or more for the supply to normalise.

This is the third time since July when retail tomato prices have crossed ₹100 a kg in Delhi and NCR. Similar trends were seen in July and August this year, due to the supply disruption from the producing centres owing to rains.



the Ministry of Agriculture estimated an increase of tomato production by 4.38 percent to 21.32 million tonnes, driven by last year's price surge. As per Price Monitoring Division

of the Department of Consumer Affairs, average price of tomato was at ₹90 a kg in Delhi on Monday. Similarly, onions were being sold at ₹58 a kg and potatoes at ₹40 a kg.In the past three months, the wholesale price of tomatoes surged by 73.24 per cent. In a bid to address rising tomato

prices, the National Cooperative Consumers Federation (NCCF) on Monday initiated a market intervention by directly procuring tomatoes from mandis and selling them at a subsidised rate of ₹65 per kilogram at 50 locations of Delhi-NCR. Consumer Affairs Secretary Nidhi Khare initiated the retail sale of tomatoes through mobile vans and NCCF retail shops at Krishi

Bhawan. Other vegetables have also seen price increases. Beans are now selling for ₹120 a kg, Capsicum between ₹80 to ₹100 a kg, Bitter Gourd at ₹60 a kg, Bottle Gourd at ₹50 a kg, Cabbage at ₹80 a kg, Drumstick at ₹70 a kg, Cucumber

at ₹60 a kg, Brinjal at ₹60 a kg and elephant foot yam at ₹80 a kg. Coriander Leaves have prices ranging from ₹100 to ₹120 a kg. Rajeev Parmar, a Saket resident, said, "We have to reduce consumption to manage expenses." According to Ministry of Agriculture's estimates, onion production is likely to drop by 19.76 per cent to 24.24 million tonnes due to lower yields in key regions. Other vegetables such as brinjal, elephant foot yam, and capsicum may also see reduced output. Potato production is also set to decline by 5.13 per cent to 57.05 million tonnes. These drops could pose challenges in controlling prices of two essential items, which play a crucial role in food inflation.

RG Kar case not gangrape: CBI chargesheet suggests

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medicine department of the

RGKMCH. Roy was arrested

a day after the body of the

31-year-old postgraduate

trainee doctor was recovered

at the place of crime on

protests by the fraternity that

Roy, a civic volunteer

working with the Kolkata

Police, was also subjected to

investigating officials that he

had gone to the fourth floor

on the fateful morning where

the lady doctor was sleeping

A Bluetooth device found

near the victim's body led to

the arrest of Roy who was

also captured in CCTV

footage while he was going to the third floor of the

Claims made in the CBI

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A chart shows medical parameters of some junior doctors protesting against the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital rape and murder incident, in Kolkata

SAUGAR SENGUPTA

RG Kar Medical College and Hospital rape and murder case does not indicate gang-rape, the August 9. The incident had filed on Monday by the Bureau

Investigation suggests. Though other possibilities are not ruled out as there are still some missing links, "as of now Sanjoy Roy is the prime accused who perpetrated the crime," sources said.

In the 45-page charge-sheet Roy has been quoted as telling his interrogators that he first strangulated the victim because she was resisting and then raped without realising that she had died. "If that be so then he had raped the victim when she was dead," lawyers at Sealdah Court said.

The charge-sheet was filed on the 58th day of the rape murder

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Suspicion got stronger when the hospital authorities upon the orders of the then college Principal Sandip Ghosh started renovation in the area where the crime had taken place. Ghosh has since been arrested along with the officer in-charge of the local Tala Police Station which has jurisdiction over the area on charges of tampering of evidence.

Apart from Roy, four persons have been arrested in the RG Kar rape and murder case, on charges of tampering evidence and carrying out a corruption racket inside the Health Department.

the junior Meanwhile, doctor's indefinite fast in demand of justice for the victim entered its second day on Monday with the senior doctors too joining them in a symbolic fast.

Apart from demanding justice for the victim, the loctors have placed a tenpoint demand before the government that includes centralised referral system for patients so as to save the harassment of shuttling between hospitals in search of beds, total CCTV coverage, adequate security deployment inside hospitals, restrooms and washrooms for the doctors, end of the "threat syndicate" perpetrated by doctors loyal to the ruling party and not least the removal of Principal Health Secretary NS Nigam

from his post. Elsewhere a team of doctors from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences on Monday conducted the postmortem of the 11-yearold girl who was on Saturday evening raped and murdered at Mahishmari village in Joynagar block of South 24



Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan during

Will implement NRC in Jharkhand: Shivraj

PNS RANCHI/NEW DELHI

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan Centre on Monday said the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will implement the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Jharkhand if voted to power. Chouhan who announced NRC for the State accused the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha-led government of "patronising" Bangladeshi infiltrators. He claimed that 'mati' (land), 'beti' (daughter) and 'roti' (bread) in Jharkhand are in danger.

Chouhan said a citizen register will be drafted and the NRC will

implemented. infiltrators will be chased out of the state." Chouhan said. The National Register of Citizens (NRC) has been created to contain names of all genuine Indian citizens, and at present, only Assam has such a register. The NRC in Assam is a list of Indian citizens living in the state. The citizens' register sets out to identify foreign nationals in that borders the state

Bangladesh. The Centre has been planning to exercise NRC to other states as well. Nagaland is already creating a similar database known as the Register of Indigenous Inhabitants. The Centre is also planning to create a National Population Register (NPR), which will contain demographic and biometric details of citizens.

"The BJP is not concerned about coming to power only. In Jharkhand 'maati', 'beti', 'roti' are in danger because of infiltration. It is our pledge to them," Agriculture minister said at Ranchi's Birsa Munda Airport while leaving for Delhi. Chouhan, who is also election

in-charge for Jharkhand,

alleged there has been

infiltration from foreign land

and the Hemant Soren-led government patronising them by making their Aadhaar and identity cards. "Infiltrators are coming to Iharkhand, marrying daughters here, purchasing and influence in local bodies. This is very dangerous and it is ruining Jharkhand," he said. The BJP on Saturday released five key points of its manifesto for the assembly polls in Jharkhand, promising financial assistance of Rs 2,100 to women every month, five lakh jobs to youths, LPG cylinders at Rs 500 to every household and housing for all

if the party came to power. Speaking about a proposed meeting with farmers' bodies in Delhi on Monday, he said, "I meet farmers and their organisations every week. I am meeting them today as well. We decide about their welfare after talking to them." Chouhan on Sunday attended the BJP's election committee meeting in Ranchi where strategies for the upcoming assembly polls

No China-made decorations for Diwali: Ram Janmabhoomi trust

adornment.

member.

BISWAJEET BANERJEE LUCKNOW

The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra has taken a step toward supporting the "Make in India" initiative by banning the use of Chinese decorative items, including lights, for this year's Diwali celebrations at the Ram Janmabhoomi campus and proposed custom designed outfit for Ram Lalla by fashion designer Manish Malohtra.

'The Trust will make all arrangements for the Diwali celebrations, ensuring that no Chinese items, including lights, are used on the campus," announced Champat Rai, general secretary of the Trust.

In keeping with this vision, the Diwali festivities at the Ram Mandir will focus on promoting local artisans and traditional crafts. This celebration, the first since the grand opening of the temple on January 22, 2024, will highlight India's rich cultural heritage. The temple will be illuminated with two lakh

diyas, handcrafted by local artisans, to honour India's traditional craftsmanship. The Trust has carefully planned the diya placements to preserve the beauty of the temple. A standout feature of this year's celebrations is

sourced flowers and traditional decorations, further emphasizing the focus on Indian artisanship. The Uttar Pradesh tourism department is

contributing to the celebrations by lighting diyas along the Sarayu River and organising cultural events to recreate the joyous return of Lord Rama to Ayodhya. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has also set an ambitious goal of lighting 25 lakh diyas during the Deepotsav, aiming to set a new Guinness World Record.

the custom-designed outfits for Ram Lalla and

his brothers, created by renowned Indian

fashion designer Manish Malhotra. Known for his intricate craftsmanship and blend of

tradition and modernity, Malhotra's designs

will add a special charm to the deity's

"Manish Malhotra is preparing these special outfits for the deities, aligning with the Make

in India' spirit of the celebrations," said a Trust

The festivities will also include special

offerings and four artis throughout the day

Acharya Satyendra Das, the head priest, will

lead the Vedic rituals, while the temple

complex will be decorated with locally



Prime Minister Narendra Modi shakes hands with Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu prior to a meeting at Hyderabad

New Rohtak Road is the worst: Chief Minister Atishi Traffic jams, potholes, broken patches make it dangerous for two wheeler commuters

BY RAJESH KUMAR

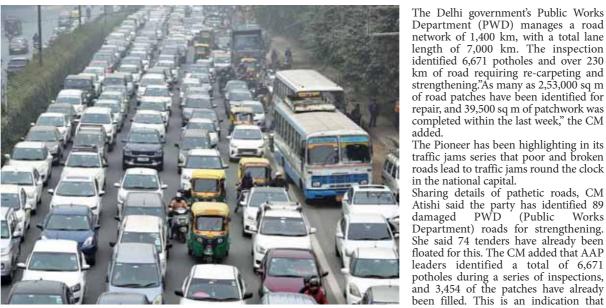
New Rohtak Road, one of the most densely populated areas connecting Mundka and Tikri Border is arguably the worst road in the National Capital. It has huge traffic jams round the clock and is also dangerous for two wheeler commuters due to potholes and broken roads. A major arterial road that links north, northwest, west Delhi to Central and New Delhi, heavy traffic and consequent snarls are common here with stoppage sometimes extending over two to three hours.

Addressing a press conference along with Aam Aadmi Party national convener and former chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, Delhi Chief Minister Atishi on Monday admitted that New Rohtak Road is the worst road in the capital city. "One of the most problematic roads identified during the inspection is New Rohtak Road, which passes through Nangloi and Mundka, leading to Tikri Border. This

road is possibly the worst in Delhi today. The population in its surrounding unauthorised colonies has increased and the drainage system needs upgrading," Atishi said, adding "work on the new drain and road will begin within four

In this traffic jams series, we have been highlighting that poor traffic management, and broken roads lead to traffic jams round the clock in the national capital. Be it Wazirabad road to Vikas Marg, Mehrauli Badarpur road to New Rohtak Road and all ISBT's,1 and surroundings of metro stations, commuters face traffic jams on a daily

Real time data from TomTom showed that it took 25 minutes to cover 10 kilometres at 1 pm. Experts say poor planning, broken roads, high volume of traffic and illegal parking are reasons behind jams, making Delhi one of the worst cities when it comes to daily



The Delhi government's Public Works Department (PWD) manages a road network of 1,400 km, with a total lane length of 7,000 km. The inspection identified 6,671 potholes and over 230 km of road requiring re-carpeting and strengthening."As many as 2,53,000 sq m of road patches have been identified for repair, and 39,500 sq m of patchwork was completed within the last week," the CM

The Pioneer has been highlighting in its traffic jams series that poor and broken roads lead to traffic jams round the clock

in the national capital. Sharing details of pathetic roads, CM Atishi said the party has identified 89 damaged PWD (Public Works Department) roads for strengthening. She said 74 tenders have already been floated for this. The CM added that AAP leaders identified a total of 6,671

potholes during a series of inspections,

broken roads cause traffic jams, Meanwhile, residents of New Rohtak Road say they are now used to roundthe-clock traffic jams. Traffic bound to Central and New Delhi from areas like Punjabi Bagh, Model Town, PitampurA to Punjabi Bagh, Rohini and Najafgarh use this road during morning peak hours. Following this the 'shopping crowd' descends on Karol Bagh and other major markets. In the evening home bound traffic chokes the stretch. After 9.30 pm, trucks are allowed to py, so there are hardly any quiet moments along this stretch.

Using Zebra crossings, staying behind stop lines at red lights, and usage of pavements seem to be alien concepts here. Pedestrians walk on the traffic carriageway, and two wheelers zoom on the pavements. Many commuters say they avoid the stretch even if it means taking a long detour. Residentals enclaves on both sides of the road also generate substantial pedestrian traffic.

Inculcate the importance of wildlife among children: Guv

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overnor Mangubhai Patel said that the Patel said that the importance of forests, wildlife, and biodiversity, should be taught since childhood. Parents should make children aware of and sensitize them to the importance and necessity of bio-conservation. Governor Patel was addressing the closing and prize distribution ceremony of the state-level Wildlife Week in Bhopal today. He presented prizes to the winners of various competitions of Wildlife Week organized from 1st to 7th October 2024. He congratulated the officers and employees of the Forest Department and awarded them under various categories. Governor Patel also administered the oath of

present in the programme. Governor Mangubhai Patel said that our Constitution provides the responsibility of conservation of the environment and protection of forests and wild animals. Under fundamental duties, every citizen is expected to contribute to keeping the environment safe. He said that Madhya Pradesh has the pride of having the largest forest area in the country in terms of total geographical area. Apart from tigers, the state is also known for the highest number of leopards, crocodiles, leopards, wolves, and vultures. It is the primary responsibility of every resident of the state to contribute to preserving the invaluable heritage of forests and wildlife and handing it over to future generations.

Covid gave us lesson of respect

biggest pandemic of the century, has taught us all that we have to live with respect and harmony towards the diversity of nature for a secure future. Our seers and sages had also given the message of goodwill among living beings for the conservation of the ecological system thousands of years ago through their penance and sacrifice. Governor Patel said that forests and wildlife have a special place in Indian culture. Our wild animals are vehicles of various Gods and Goddesses in the Indian culture. Trees and plants are also worshiped in many rit-Incorporate the oath into your

work and behavior

Governor Mangubhai Patel administered the oath of wildlife conservation, promoand harmony towards nature tion and protection to the peo-

ple present at the closing ceremony of the state-level Wildlife Week. He said that all of us should follow the oath 24 hours and 365 days in our work and behavior. This resolution will contribute in making efforts for the conservation, promotion, and protection of forests and wildlife a mass movement. We must consider it our duty.

Minister of State for Forest, Dilip Ahirwar said that Wildlife Week has an important role in creating awareness about wildlife conservation and laws. He gave detailed information about the efforts of the state government regarding wildlife conservation, rehabilitation, crime control, etc.

Governor Patel was welcomed and presented with a Tulsi sapling. He was felicitated with a memento. He released posters based on the Madhya Pradesh State Biodiversity Board, Madhya Pradesh Common Butterflies Poster, Kanha's Bird Book, and Annual Report of Madhya Pradesh Tiger Foundation besides a publication on wildlife conservation. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests VK Ambade presented a report on the Wildlife Week organized from 1st to 7th October.

Director Van Vihar, Meena Awadhesh Kumar Shivkumar proposed the vote of thanks. Additional Chief Secretary of Forest Department, Shri Ashok Varnwal, Chief Conservator of Forest, Chief of Forest Force Shri Aseem Srivastava and Forest department officers and employees, people associated with wildlife conservation, school children, and their parents were present in the pro-



National Student Union of India (NSUI) activists during a demonstration against the local police failure after Gujarat, Delhi Anti Terrorist Squad and Narcotics Control Bureau conduct a joint raid and seized drugs worth in crores from a factory, in Bhopal

Sports facilities for students in distts with 110 centres

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wildlife conservation to those

¬o provide high level sports facilities to the students studying in government schools in the state, the School Education Department has established 110 nodal sports centres in government schools of every district. Through these centres, high level sports material and sports training facilities are being provided to the students along with sports infra-

structure. This arrangement has significantly improved the sports performance of the students in government schools. Along with this, the participation of students in school sports competitions organised at various levels has also

ticipated in the state level school sports competition and won 80 medals in various sports.

National School Sports Competition

Players of the state participated in various disciplines in the National School Sports Competition.

Last year, in the 67th National School Sports Competition, players of Madhya Pradesh won a total of 53 medals including 26 gold, 13 silver and 14 bronze medals in 7 sports in the age group of 14, 17 and

To encourage students who perform well in sports in schools, a residential sports institute is being run in Sehore from class 9th to 12th. There are 200 seats in

About 200 players from this residential institute. Students here are getting Students here are getting training in the sports of their interest along with studying in school for 4 years. The students of this residential institute have performed well in various sports competitions.

Activities in Fit India Movement

Under the Fit India Movement, the School Education Department organised the 'Fitness Ka Dose-Aadha Ghanta Roz' (Dose of Fitness-Half Hour Daily) programme in government schools.

Under this, students, teachers and parents also participated enthusiastically in various sports activities. Under the Fit India Movement, the 5th 'Fit India Week' was celebrated in all the districts last year.

BJP strongly replies to the allegations of Congress over drug haul

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esponding to Congress allegations, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) state unit chief Vishnudutt Sharma on Monday accused the opposition of attempting to tarnish the image of Madhya Pradesh by casting aspersions over the drug haul in the state capital.

Amid heavy politicking over the discovery of a massive cache of the synthetic MD drug in the state capital on Sunday, Sharma said that the Congress is unable to digest the success of the antidrug operation.

He underlined that the joint operation by the Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad and Narcotics Control Bureau was supported by the Madhya Pradesh police and the state intelligence



unit.Sharma alleged that the success of the operation would not have been possible if the state government had let the information slip in front of Congress leaders. In a direct attack on his counterpart in the state Congress, Sharma said that the opposition party leader was attempting to malign the image of Madhya Pradesh just as his leader Rahul Gandhi defames India at global fora.

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armers of over 100 vil-

the state capital have

lages of Berasia-Huzur in

demanded crop survey for compensation, due to exces-

sive rains, soybean crops were

destroyed in about 100 vil-

lages of Berasia-Huzur in

In such a situation, farmers

are demanding a crop survey.

On Monday, many farmers met MLA Rameshwar

Collector Kaushlendra

Vikram Singh reached many

villages and took information

bean have been damaged due

to excessive rains. Due to

Earlier, the farmers reached

Yuva Sadan and discussed

Sharma.

about the crop.

Accusing the Congress of the kingpin of the Rs 5,600 attempting to undermine the morale of the state police and intelligence agencies, the BJP leader asked if law enforcement agencies need to seek permission from the Congress before initiating

Responding to Congress allegations following the surfacing of one of the accused with BJP leaders, Sharma quoted former Haryana Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda, who had said that a picture with a political leader does not amount to culpability, as anyone can take pictures with a public figure. Touching a soft spot for the Congress, the Khajuraho MP questioned the opposition party's silence over the involvement of its Delhi unit RTI cell chief Vishnu Goyal, who has been identified as

crore drug case. Sharma claimed that Rahul

Gandhi has been meeting with anti-national elements while traveling abroad. He noted that former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has met with Yasin Malik, who had been involved in disruptive activities in Kashmir.Responding to what he termed as demonization of the law enforcement apparatus in the state, Sharma said that Patwari was indulging in politics by tweeting false and fabricated claims.Sharma said that it was impossible for another state's police to carry out successful operations in Bhopal without the knowledge of the Madhya Pradesh police. The state police and intelligence are fully involved in preparing for such actions, he concluded.

booked a man for sexually assaulting a woman by threatening to make her personal video viral and also snatched her jewellery. Police said that the accused raped the victim several times by

Man booked for

woman

sexually assaulting

Bhopal: Misrod police have

threatening her and when the woman would protest and talk about complaining to police, the accused lured her by promising of marrying her. Now, after the refusal of marriage, the woman has lodged a complaint with the police but the accused has not been arrested yet. According to the police, the 37-

year-old woman lives in the Misrod area. In January, when the painting work was going on in her house. In the month of January, the painting work was going on in her house. Roshanlal Mewada had taken the contract

During this time, the accused made an obscene video of the woman bathing, after which the accused started blackmailing the woman by threatening to make the video viral on social media. First he demanded money from the woman, and when she refused to give the money, the accused physically

Even after blackmailing using the video, the accused continued to harass the woman. He also took away the gold jewelry from the woman by threatening her. The accused continuously blackmailed the victim and raped her

exploited her.

several times Disturbed by his harassment, the victim talked about registering an FIR. Then the accused marry her and keep her with

Now the accused refused to marry after which the victim complained to the police at Misrod police station. A case was registered on the woman's complaint. Police said that efforts are being made to arrest



minors, under the 'Beti Bachao campaign' in Bhopal on Monday.

this, Collector Singh reached the villages of Ratibad Road and Sehore Road.

with MLA Sharma. On which MLA Sharma discussed with the collector about the survey.

Naxal-hit States to launch a joint campaign to eliminate problem

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hief Minister Mohan Yadav pointed out that Ithe steps taken by the Madhya Pradesh government against Naxalism in the last two years were not taken in the last three decades.

States including Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana are determined to eliminate Naxalites in a joint campaign. In a meeting of chief ministers of Naxal-affected states held in New Delhi on Monday under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, it was told that the states are working in full coordination.

Naxalism will be eliminated by coordinating development issues like telecommunications, increasing road connectivity, security, and other facilities. Emphasizing increasing the joint task force, Union Home Minister Shah said that anti-Naxal operations should be increased. He said that there would be no shortage in the efforts of the Madhya Pradesh government.

Yadav was discussing with media representatives after the meeting on Left Wing Extremism and Naxalism held in New Delhi. He said that Union Home Minister

Shah is working actively and strategically on the same lines as the Central Govt which is working under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Shah

has made a concrete strategy against Naxalism and leftist extremism. This is the reason that now there is no need to wait for action and concrete action is taken. Such actions also have consequences. Naxalite activities have reached the last stage in different states of the country. Yadav said that as Shah has said in today's meeting, we have to establish the rule of law and end bad governance. I am satisfied that the Central Government has accepted that our policy is of zero tolerance. Based on this goal, we would say that Naxalism should be eliminated and all types of dimensions of development should be established, espe-

cially security, road connectivity, environment, telecommunication, and the operation of other activities which increase confidence in normal life. Yadav said that it was also emphasized in the meeting that along with strict action, action should also be taken from the point of view of rehabilitation so

that Naxalites leave their activi-

ties and move towards develop-

ment step by step.

6-year-old girl raped in Dindori district

Bhopal: Six-year-old girl was raped allegedly by a man residing in her neighbourhood in Dindori district on

Sunday. The girl's condition was serious and she was referred to a hospital in Jabalpur, they said, adding the 21-year-old accused has been arrested. The incident took place on Sunday under Shahpura police station area, an official said. The victim was staying with her maternal grandparents. While she was alone at home, the accused entered the house and raped her, Shahpura police station in-charge Shivlal Markam said.

The victim's grandmother was working in the backyard and her grandfather was also not at home, he said.

A girl in the neighbourhood saw the victim lying injured and informed her grand-mother, the official said. The victim was bleeding from her private parts when her

grandmother reached there,

he said. The woman subse-

quently approached police.

The victim was immediately taken to the district hospital from where she was referred to a medical facility in Jabalpur due to her serious condition, the official said.

Daylong National workshop on 'Cornea Diagnostic' organized at Sewa Sadan

Bhopal: National level workshop under Prayogshala connect programme was organized on the topic 'Cornea Diagnostic-2024' at Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital yesterday. This workshop was organized in collaboration of all India Ophthalmic society and Bhopal Division Ophthalmic Society.

Total 72 practicing and budding ophthalmologists of Bhopal participated in it. Dr. Sushmita Shah, Cornea and Refractive Surgeon of Eye Life Hospital, Mumbai was present as the keynote speaker in the workshop. On this occasion, Medical Director of Sewa Sadan Dr. Prerna Upadhyay, Cornea Specialist Dr. Shubha Rai, Bhopal Division Ophthalmic Society officials Dr. Vasudha Damle, Dr Gajendra Chawla, Dr Mrs. Swarana Bisaria, Dr. Rahul Agarwal, Dr. KL Gupta, Dr. Vijay Nichlani, Managing Trustee of Sewa Sadan A.C. Sadhwani, Trustees Mahesh Dayaramani, Hero Gyanchandani, Suresh Awatramani and Tulsi Adwani, Sant Sewak L.C. Janiyani, Hero Keswani and staff of the hospital

were mainly present. Dr. Sushmita Shah in her key note address said that in medical science, modern equipments have big role in the errorless treatment of cornea. She said that

with the help of new equipment such as anterior segment OCT, Sirius Topography, Specular Microscopy, accurate treatment of cornea is now become possible. Dr. Sushmita explained the methods of accurate treatment of corneal ulcers and dry eyes through microbiological assess-

ment method. Dr Prerna Upadhyay welcomed the guest eye specialists present in the workshop and expressed gratitude to the All India Ophthalmic Society for selecting Sewa Sadan for organizing the workshop. Dr. Prerna further hoped that eye surgeons will now be able to know about innovative methods of this field and thus the skill of the cornea surgeons will be developed for the betterment of cornea patients. Managing Trustee AC Sadhwani informed that Sewa Sadan Hospital will very soon be shifted to the new hospital building which is under construction on Airport Road.

On getting this additional facility, Sewa Sadan will be able to serve the more people effectively in the field of blindness control. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Shubha Rai. Senior manager Kushal Dharmani expressed his gratitude; hospital officials Bharti Janiyani and Anusha Tiwari were also present.

District Collector Kaushlendra **Vikram Singh** reached many villages and took information about the crop

Farmers demand survey of their crops in Bhopal

After the discussion, Collector Singh and SDM Huzur Vinod Sonkia reached Mundla village where he sat in the Chaupal and openly discussed with the villagers about the crop and other problems. Collector Singh assured that ers will be resolved soon.

On Monday, farmers of many villages also showed their ruined soybean crop to MLA Rameshwar Sharma.

This time, more than 51 inches of rainfall has been recorded in Bhopal district. In the Berasia area, the figure has gone up to more than 60

Farmers are demanding a survey which could help in providing compensation. MLA Vishnu Khatri, Zilla Parishad member Vinay Mehar have written a letter to the collector to conduct a survey. On Monday, Huzur MLA Sharma also made this demand. Zilla Panchayat member Vinay Mehar said there has been good rain in Berasia. Due

inches. Due to this, the crops

have been affected here.

to this, the soybean crop has been damaged. Several farms are still water-logged due to which crop has been destroyed up to 70%. The grain has get the appropriate price for it. have personally visited the fields and seen the condition of the crops. Khitwas, Juna Pani, Bagapura, Nidanpur, Chataheri Babchia, Talaiya Shah, Barkheda Yakub, Dungaria, Dhaturia, Dohaya, Sohaya etc. villages are more affected by the heavy rains.



Students take part in a face painting competition under wildlife week celebrations, at Van Vihar National Park in Bhopal on

Rs 14,700 cr allocated for development of railways in MP

Gwalior: Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has said Rs 14,700 crore have been allocated for the development of railways in Madhya Pradesh.

The railway minister on Sunday virtually flagged off a train service from Jaura to Kailaras in Morena district of MP after the route was converted from narrow gauge to broad gauge.

Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and MP assembly speaker Narendra Singh

Tomar also showed green flags when the train departed from Jaura station. "Rs 14700 cr have been allocated

for the development of railways in MP. Right now, five Vande Bharat trains are running in MP. In the last 10 years, 222 kilometres of new rail lines, 1,200 kilometres of multi-tracking and 707 kilometres of gauge conversion projects have been completed in MP," Vaishnaw said in his virtual address at the "The Gwalior-

Sheopurkalan (188 km) narrow gauge track is being converted into broad gauge at a cost of Rs 2,355 crore. The 61 kilometre route between Jaura to Kailaras has been converted. The gauge conversion work will be accomplished by July 2025," he said. The gauge conversion project will help boost socio-economic development of Morena, speed up industrial growth, generate employment as well as reduce transportation costs and time, he said

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Hectic politicking over seizure of MD drug in Bhopal

GIRISH SHARMA BHOPAL

n no mood to let the opportunity pass by, the Congress Llaunched a massive attack on the state government on Monday after pictures of one of the accused—in the MD drug haul with top ruling party leaders went viral on the internet.

A day after the Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) and Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) raided a factory on the outskirts of Bhopal, leading to the discovery of the largest-ever Mephedrone lab in the country, the Opposition Congress accused the BJP of connivance.

The Congress attack came after pictures of one of the accused in the case, Harish Aanjana, with Deputy Chief Minister Jagdish Deora and BJP MP Sudhir Ğupta went viral on the internet. Aanjana was arrested from his

native Mandsaur a few hours after the conclusion of the raids in Bhopal, which shocked enforcement agencies due to the sheer size of the operation.

Cornering the BJP, Congress

claims that Aanjana is a member of the ruling party; the BJP, however, was quick in its dismissal of the charge, with state unit chief Vishnudutt Sharma categorically rebutting the Congress allegations."Not everybody with a party stole around the neck is a member of the BJP." said Sharma while talking to mediapersons, responding to queries put forth by the press. Sharma's statement was surprising, considering the party tradition of welcoming members into its fold by placing the saffron stole around their necks.

With both political parties caught in a slugfest and exchanging allegations, the recent drug haul, leading to the discovery of over 900 kg of the synthetic MD drug, estimated to carry a value of a staggering Rs 1,814 crore in the international market, leaves several pertinent questions unan-

The BJP has ruled the state since 2003, but no major crackdown on the drug mafia has been launched by the state government despite repeated discoveries of small quantities of the synthetic substance on peddlers, which suggested that the state had either emerged as a market for MD or was being used as an ideally located logistics center.

In his counterattack on the Congress, Sharma was quick to bring up Delhi Pradesh Congress IT Cell chief Tushar Goyal, whose name had come up since the discovery of MD at several locations in the country. Sharma questioned the Congress's silence over Goyal's involvement in the drug racket.

He said that getting pictures clicked with a political leader does not mean that the person is associated with that leader, adding that those in public life should avoid such situations as they often lead to controversies. Issuing an official statement to the media, the state government had said that the Bhopal Police Commissioner has launched a special anti-drug campaign, 'Operation Ankush,' under directives from Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, and arrested 22 people engaged in the illegal business of However, factually, the campaign

in question was started in May 2023 when Shivraj Singh Chouhan was the chief minister of Madhya Pradesh.

Retired Superintendent of Police GK Pathak told The Pioneer

that the main issue that surfaces in this illegal activity is the withholding of information by landlords. There are hundreds of plots in industrial areas of the city allotted by the Department of Industries that are being rented out, and unless it is made mandatory for landlords to furnish information regarding tenants or face financial penalties, it is highly unlikely that the situation will change, warned the former police officer.He informed that in a similar incident in 2008, a factory of illegal firearms was unearthed in the Govindpura Industrial area. In that case too, the factory owner had rented out the premises where naxalites were found manufacturing firearms.He also said that besides making the factory owner an accused in the case, the personnel of the local police station should also be taken to task.



Congress State President Jitu Patwari during the launch of 'Parchai' a number on whats app to keep in touch with college and school students, at PCC headquarters in Bhopal on Monday.

A crowd of consumers to get their property registered during the ongoing Navratri festival at the district Registrar office in

Veena Sinha to head Vanmali

Bhopal: The formation of

Vanmali Srujan Kendra,

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MP becomes role model of women's empowerment

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hief Minister Mohan Yadav has said that education, health, safety, and self-reliance of women and daughters are on top priority of the state government. For the empowerment of women, many schemes have been implemented effectively in the state and women have been made self-reliant.

The 'Madhya Pradesh Model' of women empowerment is unique in the country, inspired by which other states have also followed the women's welfare schemes of Madhya Pradesh and implemented them in their

Chief Minister Yadav said that whether it is about providing a permanent roof to every fam-

ily through the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana or providing freedom from open defecation by building toilets in every house, be it providing pure drinking water to people through Nal-Jal

that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, our government is working diligently to fulfill every resolve of women's empowerment. The state government has increased the budget of the Women and Child Development Department by 81 percent and made a provision of Rs 26 thousand 560 crore in the current financial

vear 2024-25. In this, a provision of more than Rs 18 thousand 984 crore has been made for Ladli Behena Yojana. He said that more than one crore 25 lakh Ladli Behnas of the state are benefiting from this scheme. The state governunturned to protect their honor and self-respect.

ment will leave no stone

Dhrupad performance

Bhopal: SPIC MACAY's Dhrupad performance by the famous classical vocalist, Pt. Uday Bhawalkar was organised under the banner of SPIC MACAY (Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth) Bhopal Chapter at SISTec Ratibad Campus. SISTec students and faculty members witnessed the Dhrupad vocal



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Two minor vehicle lifters nabbed

MP04SY4269 from Good Bhopal: Kolar police have detained two minors who Shepherd Colony. In the further investigation the have stolen two scooters worth Rs 1 lakh, accused were two confessed stealing another scooter bearing registration nabbed from Dussehra Maidan Banjari slum in Kolar. number MP09SV8094 from DK-2 Danish Kunj Kolar and Acting on a tip off police team reached the spot to which was kept near Banskhedi crematorium. search for the miscreant and Later, the vehicle was recovon the spot found a boy who was standing with a scooter. In the initial investigation when ered from the place. The two seized vehicles were worth Rs he was questioned he provided the address and age and it Police suspect that the two are was found that he was minor. accomplices of others who have helped and guided Regarding the scooter, he conthem. It is possible that the two have also stolen vehicles fessed to the crime and revealed that on October 4 at and disposed with the help of about 2 pm, he and his friend

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The Borrowers have neglected and failed to make due repayments, therefore, Bank in exercise of its rights under the loan agreement as a pledgee has decided to sell / dispose off the Securities on or after 15th October, 2024 for recovering the dues owed by the Borrowers to the Bank. The Borrowers are, also, notified that, if at any time, the value of the oledged securities falls further due to volatility in the stock market to create further eficiency in the margin requirement then Bank shall at its discretion sell the pledged ecurity within one (1) calendar day, without any further notice in this regard. The forrower(s) shall remain liable to the Bank for repayment of any remaining outstanding mount, post adjustment of the proceeds from sale of pledged securities.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Borrower's Name	Amount as on 3rd Oct., 2024	Date of Sale Notice	
1	XXXX0058	BHUSHAN PANDIT	91,113.09	21-09-2024	
2	XXXX6291	DINESHAG	1,77,702.82	07-10-2024	
3	XXXX7797	SAMIL RAM CHANDRAN	4,58,814.35	07-10-2024	
4	XXXX2721	ANITA CHOURASIYA	5,11,255.00	07-10-2024	

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MKVVCL to update list of defaulters

Bhopal: Renewing its appeal to both government departments and private consumers to clear their electricity dues on time, the central region power distributor on Monday made public the names of defaulters who owe tens of lakhs to the electricity supplier.The Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitran Company (MKVVCL) stated that the list of defaulters, publicized on its website, will be updated each Monday, and names of those who have cleared their dues will be removed from the list. Topping the list this week are three government agencies that owe between Rs 15 lakhs and Rs 45 lakhs to the company. Private parties on the list include both commercial establishments and domestic consumers who owe and Rs 11 lakhs. The MKVVCL is the central region power distributor responsible for the supply of electricity in 16 districts of the Bhopal, Narmadapuram, Gwalior, and Chambal divisions of Madhya Pradesh.The company also publicizes the list of top defaulters on its social media channels and advises people to be prompt in depositing their electricity dues to

avoid embarrassment.

of pilgrims for Hajj journey 2025 **STAFF REPORTER** BHOPAL

cenes of jubilation Swere witnessed as the Madhya Pradesh Hajj Committee announced the names of pilgrims undertaking the annual visit to the holy twin cities of Mecca and Medina this

vear. A total of 7,107 pilgrims from the state have been confirmed to participate in the journey during the Haj 2025 season, while another 2,784 have been placed on the waiting list. The names of the pilgrims are selected through a draw of lots conducted by the committee at its office in announcement comes close on the heels of the fresh Haj guidelines issued by the central government a few days ago.

As per the guidelines, the selected pilgrims will now be required to submit their documents and the advance pilgrimage expenses to the Haj

Committee by October 21,

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Yojana or resolving to make the kitchen smoke-free through the Ujjwala Yojana, all these schemes have been effectively implemented in the state. Apart from this, we have not only promoted the self-employment of women but also made them Lakhpati Didis to make them self-reliant, by providing financial support to self-help groups. Today the products manufactured by the women of the group are being sold in the markets. Besides, they are also being sold through online marketing. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said MP Hajj Committee declares names

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2024.

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A number of religious and political leaders have extended congratulatory messages to those under-taking the journey. The Haj is one of the five obligatory tenets of Islam.The Haj is mandatory for all community members of d mental and phy health who can afford to bear the expenses.

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Amit Shah celebrates PM Modi's India, Maldives strengthen ties 23 years of political journey

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Monday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's long journey of public service is a symbol of "unique dedication" of how a person can devote his entire life to national interest and welfare of the peo-

As Modi completed 23 years in public life, first as chief minister of Gujarat and then as prime minister, Shah said the long journey is a living inspiration for those who are in public life.

Today Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji has completed 23 years in his public life as Chief Minister and Prime Minister.

This 23-year long journey of public service is a symbol of the unique dedication of how a person can devote his entire life to the national interest and welfare of people," he said in a post on 'X' in Hindi.

The home minister, who has been a constant companion of Modi in his political journey, said it was a matter of good fortune for him that he has been a



"Modi showed how to carry out the work for the welfare of the poor, country's development, security and strengthen India's global identity at the

Instead of looking at the problems in pieces, Modi presented the vision of holistic solution to the country, Shah said. prime minister for the third consecutive "I congratulate Modi, the nation term in June this year.

builder, who is dedicated to the service of the nation and its people for 23 years uninterrupted, without getting tired, without caring for himself," he said. Modi took oath as the chief minister of

Gujarat for the first time on October 7 2001 and continued in that post for 13 years before becoming the prime minister in 2014. He has taken charge as

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Strengthening their bilateral ties, India and the Maldives on Monday inked a currency swap agreement to the tune of USD 400 million, a move that would help the archipelago nation overcome foreign exchange reserve issues. Prime Minister Modi described India as the "first responder" for Maldives, in times of crisis from the pandemic to drinking water shortage.

Prime Minister Modi and visiting Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu also launched Rupay card in the Maldives, inaugurated the new runway at the Hanimadhoo International airport and agreed to further strengthen bilateral relations that had hit a rocky patch last year. Muizzu, who is on a four-day state visit, held talks with Prime Minister Modi at the Hyderabad House here. After the talks, India also

handed over 700 social housing units to the Maldives built under the EXIM Bank's buyer's credit facilities.



"Today, we have inaugurated redeveloped Hanimaadhoo Airport. Now, the Greater Male Connectivity Project will also be expedited. We will also support the development of a new commercial Modi told Thilafushi," reporters here with Muizzu by

Modi said India and Maldives have decided to initiate discussion on the Free Trade Agreement to further strengthen economic ties.

The prime minister described Maldives as a "close friend" which had an important position India's neighbourhood policy and SAĞAR vision. "India has always fulfilled the neighbour. Today, we have taken up the vision of a comprehensive economic and maritime security partnership to give our mutual cooperation a strategic

direction," Modi said Earlier, Muizzu was accorded a ceremonial welcome at the Rashtrapati Bhawan by President Droupadi Murmu. Prime Minister Modi was also present on the occasion.

Muizzu was given a tri-services guard of honour before he drove down the Rajghat to offer his respects at the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. The ties between India and

the Maldives came under severe strain since Muizzu, known for his pro-China leanings, took charge of the top office in November.

Muizzu won the presidential election last year on the 'India out' campaign and asked New Delhi to withdraw its military personnel posted in the archipelago nation by May this year.

The bilateral ties also hit a rocky patch when Maldivian ministers were critical of Modi. However, Muizzu has since toned down his anti-India stance and even sacked ministers who were critical of the Indian prime minister.

As the Maldives was grappling with a serious economic downturn, India has decided to extend vital budgetary support to the Maldives government with the rollover of a USD 50 million Treasury Bill for another year. Muizzu said, "The Maldives

will remain a friend committed to our shared vision of peace and development in our countries and our region." He also invited Modi to visit Maldives next year to celebrate the 60th anniversary of diplomatic ties. On the economic help for the Maldives, Muizzu said, "I would like to thank Prime government and the people of India for generous assistance and cooperation extended to the Maldives over the years,

Minister Modi, including the budgetary support in the form of rollover of the T (treasury)

Very few people know about Dalit kitchens: Rahul Gandhi

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The Congress will protect that Constitution that gives Bahujans their rights but true inclusion and equality for all in the society will be possible only when every Indian strives with the spirit of brotherhood in their hearts, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said on Monday.

Rahul Gandhi shared a video on his social media handles of his recent interaction at a Dalit household where he helped out in cooking a meal in their kitchen.

"Even today, very few people know about Dalit kitchens. As Shahu Patole said, 'Nobody what Dalits eat.' Intrigued by what they eat, how they cook, and its social and political significance, I spent an afternoon with Ajay Tukaram Sanade and Anjana Tukaram Sanade," Rahul Gandhi said in his post in Hindi along with the

Modi pens down a garba

song for Goddess Durga



"They honored me by inviting me to their home in Kolhapur, 'chane ke saag ki sabzi',

Aavati Kalay, a Garba I wrote

as a tribute to Her power and

grace. May Her blessings always remain upon us," he

said in the social media post.

He thanked Purva Mantri,

whom he lauded as a talented

upcoming singer, for singing

the garba song and presenting

such a melodious rendition of

Gujarati dance which is

especially performed during

the Navaratri festival.

Garba is a traditional

Maharashtra to help out in the

 $A^{\rm "googly"}\,{\rm bowled}\,{\rm by}\,{\rm Chief}\,$ Minister Pinarayi Vijayan

on Monday morning shocked the Congress-led UDF and

they staged a walk out from

the House, the reason for

which the latter is reluctant to

commenced sitting on the

first day of the session, the

Congress MLA Sunny Joseph

submitted an adjournment

notice seeking discussion on

the statement made by the

Malappuram topped the

table in the seizure of smuggled gold and hawala

money and his subsequent retraction following the

resentment among the

The decision of the Speaker

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Muslim community.

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Chief

'harbharyachi bhaji', and 'tuvar dal' with brinjal," the former

Congress president said.
"Drawing on Patole and the Sanade family's personal experiences with caste and discrimination, we discussed the lack of awareness about Dalit cuisine and the importance of documenting this culture," he said.

Constitution Bahujans a share and rights, and we will protect that Constitution, he asserted. But true inclusion and equality for all in the society will be possible only when every Indian strives with the spirit of brotherhood in their hearts, Gandhi said.

In the video, Rahul Gandhi is seen helping out in the kitchen and then having a meal with the family at their home. Shahu Patolé informed Rahul Gandhi that he had written a book in Marathi and now translated into English 'Dalit Kitchens of Marathwada, to highlight foods

permission for a discussion turned furious over certain

on the adjournment notice took the Opposition by

surprise as they were hoping

that the government would

not allow the same. The

submission of adjournment

notice and its refusal

followed by the walk out by

Opposition benches is a

routine affair in the Kerala

legislative assembly. But

Monday's decision by the

Speaker literally shocked the

Opposition and they trooped

into the podium of the

former with banners and

Despite the Speaker's plea to

go back to their seats, the

Opposition members stayed

put in front of the podium

and shouted slogans against the LDF Government. Chief

unleashed a verbal attack on

Leader of the Opposition V

D Satheeshan and the latter

Pinarayi

comments made by the

"Pinarayi Vijayan is trying to

become Narendra Modi. God

alone would be able to save

the people from him,

charged Satheeshan to which

the chief minister retorted

that one has to be careful in

the words used in the

Legislative Assembly. What

surprised political Kerala was

the action of the Opposition

in walking out of the House

despite the Chair agreeing to

the adjournment notice served by the, "This is the

first time in the history of

Kerala the movers of

adjournment notice running away from the battlefield

without furnishing a reason for their action," P Rajeeve,

minister for industry and a

strong contender for the chair of the Chief Minister

told reporters.

Ramraje Naik Nimbalkar dithches Ajit, joins Sharad Pawar's NCP

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

A fter the entry of former minister and senior BJP leader Harshvardhan Patil, it is now the turn of senior leader from the Ajit Pawar-led NCP Ramraje Naik-Nimbalkar to join the Sharad Pawar-led NCP on October 14.

On Monday when Harshvardhan Patil and his daughter Ankita Patil joined his party, NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar himself indicated that Ramraje - who is the 29th descendant of the royal family from Phaltan -would soon join his party.

'As I was coming for this function at Indapur, I received a call...I will go to Phaltan on October 14 for a similar function...Hope you understand what I am saying," Sr Pawar said at a function organised at Indapur near Pune to welcome Patil, his daughter Ankita and their supporters into his

Informed sources in the NCP (SP) said that Ramraje met Sr Pawar and expressed his desire to return the party led by the by the latter.

A political heavy weight from Satara in western Maharashtra, 75-year-old was a minister in the Democratic Front Ramraje

government and a former Chairperson of the Maharashtra Legislative Council. Speaking at a rally held on Sunday, Ramraje had himself indicated that he would return to the NCP (SP). "I feel guilty about deserting Pawar

Saheb, who made me a minister in 2009, when I was not even a legislator. I joined Ajit Pawar so to ensure the security of my workers. But that doesn't seem to be happening," Ramraje said.

"Many of my supporters have told me to join Sharad Pawar's NCP (SP)...they have asked me something for the first time," Ramraje said. Earlier in the day, speaking at a function organised at Indapur to

welcome him to the NCP (SP), Harvardhan Patil said: "This is the wish of the people and the workers of Indapur...All the people of all castes and religions wanted to join the NCP (SP) and we are bowing to

their wishes". At the function, Patil, his daughter Ankita and their supporters were welcomed formally to the NCP (SP) party by Sharad Pawar, its national working President Supriya Sule, MPs, MLAs and other party leaders.

Sanjeev Kumar Singla appointed India's ambassador to France



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Senior diplomat Sanjeev Kumar Singla has been appointed as the country's next ambassador to France, the Ministry of External Affairs(MEA)said on Monday. He is currently India's envoy to Israel.

"Sanjeev Kumar Singla (IFS:1997), presently Israel, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to France," the MEA said in a statement.

He is expected to take up the assignment shortly, it said. In another appointment, senior diplomat Ajit Vinayak Gupte has been appointed India's next ambassador to

He is currently India's envoy

in Egypt. "Ajit Vinayak Gupte (IFS: 1991), presently Ambassador

of India to Egypt, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Federal Republic

He is expected to take up the assignment shortly," the MEA said in a statement. The appointment comes ahead of German Chancellor Olaf Scholz's scheduled visit

Opposition walks out after CM's unexpected statement | Lalu and sons granted bail in case

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The fast track court on Monday granted bail to former Union Minister Lalu Prasad Yadav and his sons Tejaswi Yadav and Tej Pratap Yadav in the land-for-jobs in Railways case. The Rouse Avenue Court granted bail to all three on a condition that they each furnish a bail bond of Rs One lakh. The matter will be heard next on October 25. Earlier, the Court had directed them to appear before it on October 7. While summoning Yadav and his sons, the Court had prima facie observed that Yadav had been in a position of power to facilitate public employment when he was Union Railway



Minister from 2004 to 2009. The case pertains to alleged appointments made in the Railways in exchange for land transferred to Yadav's family when he was a Minister. The Central Bureau of

Investigation (CBI) has that claimed appointments were not in consonance with the hiring standards and guidelines established by the Indian Railways. The Delhi court had granted bail to Lalu Yadav, his wife Rabri Devi and daughter Misa Bharti in the case in March 2023.

Germany, MEA said.

Germany.

to India later this month.

DESW launches campaign to streamline Ex-Servicemen services

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday shared on

social media a 'garba' song he

wrote as a tribute to Goddess

"It is the auspicious time of Navratri and people are celebrating in different ways,

united by their devotion to

Maa Durga. In this spirit of

reverence and joy, here is

NEW DELHI

Durga.

Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare (DESW), Ministry of Defence is undertaking a number of initiatives under the 'Special campaign for Disposal of Pending matters' (SCDPM 4.0) between October two-31, officials said here on Monday. Giving details, they said the

department is carrying out the pan Indian campaign, identifying various sites including the remotest offices having the highest public interface such as various Zila Sainik Boards, Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) Polyclinics and Zonal Resettlement Offices.

It has identified more than 250 files to be reviewed for the purpose of weeding out. ecognised Ex-Servicemen Associations are



through various honoured during activities like swachhata rally, campaign. minimising single use plastic, Preparatory common area campaign cleaning etc. at various

phase of the

started with Ex-Servicemen Welfare Niten Chandra Those making significant administering the 'Swachhata Pledge' to head of all the attached offices along with the department officials on September 17. He urged them to avoid using

single-use plastic and create awareness about segregation of waste at source itself in their offices as well as their communities.

The focus areas of Special 4.0 include campaign removing pendency and improving cleanliness, better record management, improvement in efficiencies. enhancement

transparency. Steps are being taken for optimal maintenance of documents and files and getting rid of the obsolete documents.

The Campaign seeks to institutionalize Swachata as a matter of habit in the day to day functioning of the

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NEW DELHI

Older adults experiencing abnormal bleeding and fatigue should be assessed for scurvy, a disease linked to vitamin C deficiency, according to a recent study.

Vitamin C is crucial for maintaining overall health, offering significant antioxidant properties that protect cells from free radical damage.

Chronic deficiency of this essential nutrient can lead to which scurvy, impairs immune function and collagen production. The condition primarily arises inadequate consumption of vitamin C-rich fruits and vegetables.

Detailing a case study of a 65year-old woman with mobility issues and social isolation, the study published in CMAJ Medical



Association Journal) showed that scurvy, or vitamin C deficiency, is not just an 18thcentury seafarers' disease.

Researchers from the University of Toronto in Canada implored clinicians to consider scurvy in patients with abnormal bleeding and nonspecific symptoms.

The elderly patient visited the emergency department at a downtown Toronto hospital for leg pain and weakness, skin lesions, and discoloration. She also had several chronic health

Mobility issues restricted her ability to go grocery shopping, cook, and perform other daily activities. She lived largely on canned soup and fish, with no fresh produce. "This case presents a complex

example of food insecurity manifesting as an uncommon diagnosis," said Dr. Sarah Engelhart, a general internist at Mount Sinai Hospital and

the University of Toronto. The researchers noted that vitamin C deficiency is more common than expected in the 21st century. However, its

diagnosis is often challenging as symptoms are often nonspecific, such as fatigue, weakness, and shortness of

The patient also smoked, which further contributes to vitamin C deficiency.

Her symptoms improved once she started on vitamin C treatment, and a blood test for vitamin C deficiency eventually confirmed the diagnosis, said the doctors.

"Clinicians should be alert to vitamin C deficiency when assessing patients, including children and isolated older adults," the doctors said.

The team noted that people who follow restrictive eating patterns (for example, those with autism spectrum disorder or those on a tea and toast diet), who smoke cigarettes, who have a substance use disorder, or who have malabsorption syndrome, can also be at risk of scurvy.

Political parties jittery ahead of Jammu and Kashmir counting day

MOHIT KANDHARI JAMMU

head of the counting day, Athe leaders from different political parties appeared jittery as they anticipated the hung verdict may further delay the process of stable government formation in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

National Conference Vice-President Omar Abdullah on Monday alleged the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) would like nothing more than to extend central rule if they are not in a position to form a government in Jammu and Kashmir.

The NC leader was reacting to the statement made by the Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) Chief Abdul Rashid Sheikh who during a press conference during the day had said whoever will get the majority should not form government until the restored in statehood is Jammu and Kashmir.

The man goes to Delhi for 24 hours and comes back to play straight into the hands of the BJP," Omar posted on X

Rashid during the press conference also revealed that he had been to Delhi for two

"The BJP would like nothing more than to extend central rule in J&K if they aren't in a position form government," Omar said. However, the mood in the Bharatiya Janta Party camp was upbeat despite adverse projections by the different

exit polls. J&K BJP Assembly election in-charge Ram Madhav Monday took stock of the ground situation before addressing a meeting of the Election Management committee here

at the party headquarters. In his brief address, Ram Madhay conveyed gratitude to the party workers who worked hard during the month-long campaign to realize the dream of forming a BJP-led government in Jammu and Kashmir.

Jammu and Kashmir BJP chief Ravinder Raina also asserted his position claiming that the BJP will emerge as the single



largest party in the region by securing 35 seats and will form Government with the help of like-minded and independent candidates.

He also said that the nomination of five MLAs by the Lieutenant Governor is being carried out as per the Reorganisation Act.

We are confident of winning 35 seats in Jammu and Kashmir, and with the support of independents and likeminded groups, who will secure around 15 seats, we will

cross the majority mark of 50 to form the Government," Raina told reporters here. "The people have voted for us,

endorsing our vision for

development and peace", he On the other hand, PDP leader Iltija Mufti Monday said giving power to the Lieutenant Governor to Lieutenant

nominate five members to the Jammu and Kashmir assembly was a "brazen pre-result rigging" of the polls. "All of the fiv of the five MLAs

nominated by LG are BJP members or associated with the party. Brazen pre result rigging & shameful manipulation," Iltija Mufti posted on X.

She said it seems no lessons were learned from the rigging of 1987 elections in Jammu and Kashmir. Jammu and Kashmir Congress President Tariq Hameed Karra also termed the power to nominate five members in the new Assembly by the Lieutenant Governor "unconstitutional"

"undemocratic." Karra said, "If the Centre has implemented and given powers to the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir to nominate five members for the new Assembly, it is in my view unconstitutional undemocratic'

"How could it happen where a President of India could not have the arbitrary powers and a Lieutenant Governor would be given such powers," Karra questioned.

Srinagar,

Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Monday said his party was open to the idea of taking support of Mehbooba Mufti's PDP to form a government in the Union territory.

He also flayed the move to give powers to the Lieutenant Governor for nominating members to the five reserved seats in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly, and said his party would approach the Supreme Court if the BJP-led Centre went ahead with it. Abdullah, while ruling himself

out of the race for chief minister's post, said statehood should be restored to Jammu and Kashmir so that the new government has powers to address the people's problems. The NC president said he was not averse to taking support of the independents as well but he would not go begging for it.
"I will not go to beg before them. If they feel they can strengthen the state, most welcome. It should be their initiative. They should want to do good for the people," he



Yogi warns against derogatory remarks on faith

BISWAJEET BANERJEE

response to Controversy surrounding priest Yati Narsinghanand's recent remarks Prophet Muhammad, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath issued a stern warning against derogatory comments directed at religious figures, saints, or deities of any faith. Addressing a law and order review meeting on Monday, Adityanath emphasised that while peaceful expression of faith is essential, any disrespectful comments will not be tolerated, and offenders will face legal

"Offensive comments against deities, revered figures, or saints-regardless of caste, religion, or community-are unacceptable. Lawlessness under the guise of protest will not be accepted either," the Chief Minister said.

action.

During the meeting, which took place ahead of the festivals upcoming Sharadiya Navratri and Vijayadashami, Adityanath held discussions with the Chief Secretary, Director General of Police, Additional Chief Secretary (Home), and other senior officials. He urged them to maintain peace and ensure that the faith of all communities is respected, while calling for action against anyone attempting to disrupt harmony.

'Gratitude towards great personalities should come from the heart of every citizen, but no one can be forced express

Adityanath said, emphasizing that respect for religious figures cannot be imposed. The Chief Minister's remarks come amid growing tension after Yati Narsinghanand, a priest based in Ghaziabad, controversial made comments against Prophet Muhammad. An FIR has been filed against the priest, and

his aides claim he has been detained in Ghaziabad, though police have not confirmed his detention. Adityanath made it clear that mutual respect among communities is paramount, and that anyone found tampering with faith or making offensive remarks would be dealt with under the law. He further warned that protests involving violence, vandalism, or arson would

not be tolerated, and that

offenders would face severe

consequences. The Chief Minister also instructed law enforcement to ensure that upcoming festival celebrations remain peaceful "Each district and police station must ensure that festivals are celebrated in a manner that does not disturb public order. Identify and take strict action against those attempting to disrupt peace," he directed.

addition, Adityanath highlighted the importance of women's safety, calling for enhanced foot patrols and increased PRV 112 patrolling in crowded areas during the festival season. "The safety and convenience of women and girls must be prioritized. departments should collaborate to ensure this," he

Security forces achieving success against naxals, says Amit Shah

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said security forces have been carrying out operations" i "offensive instead defensive against Naxals and have achieved big successes in recent times. Addressing Chief Ministers and top officials of the Naxal-affected States, Shah said due to the improved security situation, high voter turnout up to 70 per cent was witnessed in the Maoist-hit region in the last Lok Sabha polls. There was zero polling in the region earlier, he said.

rucial me discussed anti-Naxal operations and development initiatives carried out in the affected areas, came days after the security forces killed 31 ultras in the forests of Chhattisgarh in one of the most successful operations against them in recent times. "Security forces are now carrying out offensive operations instead defensive operations earlier,"

Shah said. Describing Naxals as the biggest hurdle to development, Home Minister said they are the biggest

human rights violators who have been depriving over eight crore people development and basic welfare opportunities. The Naxal-affected states include Chhattisgarh, Odisha. Maharashtra, Telangana, Jharkhand, Bihar, Andhra Dradesh and Madhya

The Left Wing Extremism (LWE) violence has come down by 72 per cent while there was an 86 per cent decline in deaths in 2023 as compared to 2010. Naxals are fighting their last battle now. officials said.

More than 230 LWE cadres have been eliminated so far have surrendered and 812 have been arrested. The number of LWE-affected districts is just 38 now.

The Central Government has taken many steps, including giving impetus to road and mobile connectivity, to take development schemes to the remotest areas of the affected

A total of 14,400 km of road length has been constructed and nearly 6,000 mobile towers have been installed in LWE-affected areas so far, said Home Ministry in a

AB-PMJAY expansion to benefit million families: JP

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

With the expansion of the Ayushman Bharat v v Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri - Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPM-JAY) bringing all cities bringing all citizens aged 70 years and above under its ambit, around 45 million families, including 60 million elderly population are expected to get the medical benefits, by ensuring them free health insurance coverage. "This initiative covers over

million families. providing an annual hospitalisation benefit of USD 6,000 per family," JP Nadda. Union Health Minister said on Monday during his inaugural address to the 77th session of WHO Region Southeast Asia

This expansion will benefit

(SEARO), here.

around 45 million families, including 60 million elderly population, by providing them free health insurance coverage. It underscores the government's commitment to ensuring universal and inclusive healthcare growing elderly phic", he said, India's demographic", he said, pointing out the program's potential to alleviate financial burdens associated with healthcare.

Nadda said that India as a lighthouse country in the digital health arena, is poised to share its Digital Public Infrastructure (DPIs) such as Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, e-Sanjeevani, Health Integrated Information Platform (IHIP),

SAKSHAM etc. by providing

technical and financial support through the Global Initiative on Digital Health a WHO-managed network, launched during India's G20 Presidency.

He also stated that "following the remarkable success of the CoWIN digital platform during the COVID-19 pandemic, India has conceptualised the online digital platform-UWIN, for the Universal Immunisation Programme. The portal will register, track and monitor all vaccination events."

"India's said that experience in integrating this system with the conventional system of medicine has led to the provision of holistic healthcare, promoting overall well-being and expanding the range of healthcare services". Highlighting the significant

progress health made in global since particularly in reducing infant mortality rates, Saima Wazed, Regional Director, WHO SEARO said, however emphasised the emerging challenge of antimicrobial resistance. when the first 'In 1948,

Regional Committee for South-East Asia was formed, the infant mortality rate globally was around 147. Today it is 25. Then, the antibiotic age had just begun. Today, we are faced with antimicrobial resistance". "And so, as we conquer old threats, we are faced with

new ones. It is upon us to confront the perils of today, with the collective wisdom of all who came before us - and with the tools of the 21st century," she added.

Rajnath Singh urges private sector to innovate for defence needs

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday here exhorted the private sector to move ahead from imitative to to futuristic needs of the Armed Forces

He made this appeal while launching the second edition of Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX (ADITI 2.0) challenges and the 12th edition of Defence India Start-up Challenges (DISC 12) during DefConnect 4.0. ADITI 2.0 features 19

challenges from the Armed Forces and allied agencies in the domains of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Quantum Technology, military communication, anti-drone

customised systems platforms military adaptive camouflage, etc. This scheme offers a grant of

up to Rs 25 crore to Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) winners, technological areas crucial for strengthening the defence ecosystem of the country. DISC 12 presents 41

challenges across technology domains, including Unmanned Aerial (UAVs), Vehicles Networking and

Communication, with grants up to Rs 1.50 crore. Notably, it introduces the Medical Innovations and Research Advancement (MIRA) initiative, featuring nine challenges aimed at fostering the development of medical technologies to meet the



Armed Forces. To provide momentum to the iDEX initiative, DISC was launched in partnership with Atal Innovation Mission, aimed at supporting Start-Ups/MSMEs/Innovators to create prototypes and/or commercialise products/ solutions in the area of

national defence and security.

In his address, the defence

medical demands of the

minister commended DefConnect for playing a crucial role in developing the culture of innovation in the country. He stated that the platform is bringing a new energy to the defence industrial ecosystem, and making the nation's talent a partner in strengthening the security apparatus.

highlighted the Rainath vibrant and dynamic

ecosystem of innovators, entrepreneurs, scientists and start-ups in the country, stating that the world is acknowledging the strength and talent of India's youth. He reiterated the Government's enhance the role of the private sector in the defence ecosystem. Their involvement is necessary to achieve selfreliance, he said

He pointed out that as soon as the Government, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, came to power in 2014, it identified 'lack of private sector participation in the defence sector' as a major hurdle in attaining self-reliance, and strived to increase their contribution in nation building.

On the new technologies being incorporated in wars and conflicts, the defence minister said apart from conventional arms and ammunition, many dual use or purely civilian tech is being weaponised. He called for an in-depth understanding of the innovators to make imaginative use of the advancements for the defence

of the nation. Stressing on the need to move forward from imitative to innovative and distinctive technologies, Rajnath called upon the private sector to think beyond the solutions to challenges being provided through ADITI & DISC.

He urged them to bring forth the technology which is far ahead of the requirements of the Armed Forces and would be beneficial to deal with future threats.

Officials responsible for Marina beach stampede: Ex CM

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN CHENNAI

espite the "best" efforts Government of Tamil Nadu and its 'friendly' media houses to put the blame on the Indian Air Force for Sunday's stampede at Chennai's Marina Beach which resulted in the death of five persons, intelligence officials blamed the state administration for the mishap and hospitalisation of hundreds of people due to suffocation and poor medical facilities.

The Air Show held in connection with the 92nd anniversary of the IAF had drawn a crowd of more than 1. 2 million to Marina Beach and surrounding areas to watch the adventurous pilots of the IAF in action with their state-of-the-art flying machines

The IAF in its communique issued days before the event had said that nearly 1.5 million people are expected to converge in Marina Beach, the longest sea shore in South Asia, to watch the action. While the air show featuring

the pilots

towards the exit gates in large numbers and many fell down and died due to suffocation. "Administrative arrangements and crowds were not managed properly and the police force was

inadequate. People were stuck in heavy displaying traffic with no drinking mishap. It seems someone in

breathtaking feats was about water available, and many the hierarchy failed in his

to conclude, there was chaos were hospitalized due to heatstroke," said former people were moving Chief Minister and AIADMK leader Edappadi Palaniswamy.

A senior intelligence officer said that the administration, especially the Police failed in taking effective crowd ement measures resulted in this management which

duty. I give full credit to the IAF

for the steps it had taken to organize such a mammoth show," said the officer. He also pointed out that

Chennai had hosted such an in 2003 when event Jayalalithaa was the chief minister. "Crowd management at that

time was of high quality," said

the officer who did not want his name to be quoted. Tamil Nadu's Minister for Health, M Subramanian issued a statement on Monday claiming that the

government has done a good

"We had extended all help to the IAF for Sunday's Air Show.

Several rounds of meetings were held with the IAF authorities and we had met all their demands to manage the crowd.

Two health teams, with adequate number of doctors and nurses, had been deployed by the state government at the venue. We had provided all the

facilities and arrangements beyond what they had requested," had Subramanian. Kanimozhi MP, who is the daughter of M Karunanidhi, who is engaged in a fight

with chief minister M K

Stalin for control of the party,

blamed the huge crowd for the disaster. should "We should avoid unmanageable crowds," said Kanimozhi indirectly hinting that people should have stayed at their homes.

Six dead in coal mine blast



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA

At least 6 people died and as many injured when dynamite being unloaded from a truck went off blowing up the vehicle. The accident occurred Gangaramchak Mining Private Limited colliery, located near Badulia in Birbhum district.

Some sources put the toll to seven or eight as some bodies had been hurriedly transported management, villagers said. "Six bodies have been recovered. One is severely injured, his condition is serious, and two are out of danger," Bengal Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Pant

The truck full of explosives was being unloaded when things exploded tearing the bodies of the labourers unloading truck smithereens, sources said adding the body of the driver of the truck was found about 500 feet away. The intensity of the blast was such that the bodies of the victims had to be identified by their clothes. Alleging illegal mining in the are not allowed to come near the open cast coalmine. The police rushed to the area

area the locals said that they

upon hearing about the incident and started rescue work, Bolpur ASP Rana Mukherjee said. "We found six bodies, three people were injured who are undergoing treatment in the hospital," the ASP said adding the Government had announced jobs to the next of kin of those killed in the explosion. The company would also give compensation to the family of those killed and those injured, he said.

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Strategic balancing act

Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu assures India that he would never jeopardise India's security interests

The first state visit of Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu to India marks a milestone in the evolving diplomatic relationship between the two neighbouring countries. President Muizzu's visit, represents not only a continuation of the historically strong India-Maldives ties but also signals a renewed commitment to fostering regional stability and cooperation. To put it in perspective, China has made inroads into Maldives much to the consternation of India. Chinese presence in its backyard is a clear security threat. But now things are looking better. President Muizzu has emphasised that while the Maldives follows a 'Maldives First' policy, it remains committed to ensuring that its actions would never undermine India's security interests. The Maldives occupies a key strategic position in the Indian Ocean, making its foreign policy decisions crucial to India's security and regional aspirations. India has long viewed the Maldives as an important ally in maintaining stability in the Indo-Pacific region. This visit, following a period of

political transition in the Maldives, underscores the importance of maintaining a strong bilateral relationship, especially amid concerns over the growing influence of China in the region.

President Muizzu has reaffirmed that its engagements would never compromise India's security which indeed is music to Indian ears. This statement comes at a time when concerns have arisen regarding the Maldives' expanding ties with China, especially in defence and trade. President Muizzu sought to allay these fears, stressing that the relationship with India, built on 'mutual respect and shared interests,' remains a priority. One of the key aspects of the India-Maldives relationship

has always been defence cooperation. Earlier President Muizzu's decision to expel Indian military personnel was seen as a clear sign of Maldives acting on Chinese advice. Though on his part he explained that this move, though sensitive, was aligned with the will of the Maldivian people and aimed at ensuring the sovereignty of the Maldives. But that is diplomacy for you. Historically, defence and economic cooperation has long been a cornerstone of India-Maldives relations. But things changed after President Muizzu took over last year in November. President Muizzu has expressed satisfaction with the progress of key Indian initiatives, including the Greater Male Connectivity Project, which is expected to significantly boost the country's infrastructure and local economy. India has also restructured a line of credit arrangement to facilitate smoother execution of developmental projects, which President Muizzu acknowledged as a positive step. The visit is expected to further strengthen economic ties between the two countries, with discussions centered on boosting trade, tourism and investment. Perhaps shift in Maldives' stance comes with the realisation of perils of aligning with China as many countries like Sri Lanka have paid a heavy price for their dependence on Chinese investments and



An artisan gives finishing touches to effigies of Ravana and Meghanad ahead of the Dussehra festival, in Nagpur

BRICS: Dealing with emerging challenges



As geopolitical tensions escalate and new security challenges emerge, the upcoming 16th BRICS Summit in Kazan promises to be a critical turning point

Summit, set to take place from October 22-24, 2024, in Kazan under Russia's chairmanship, comes at a critical juncture for global affairs. The summit will address pressing issues like the geopolitical tensions caused by escalating regional conflicts worldwide, the need for effective governance in emerging societies, and the evolving challenges of environmental degradation.

With these multifaceted threats becoming more severe, there is a growing urgency for BRICS nations—Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, along with newly inducted members Egypt, Iran, the UAE, Saudi Arabia and Ethiopia—to mod-ernise and diversify their security and economic frameworks. A recent BRICS National Security Advisors' (NSA) conclave in St Petersburg underscored the urgency of these challenges. India's National Security Advisor highlighted the critical role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in tackling modern security concerns, particularly the evolving threat of transnational terrorism.

ICT will likely remain a focal point during the Kazan summit as BRICS nations look to leverage advanced technology to mitigate security risks and ensure more effective regional and global cooperation. Russia has expressed its intention to prioritise five key areas of partnership at the summit: politics, security, the economy, finance and cultural and humanitarian ties. In light of the rising number of security threats confronting the BRICS nations, this broad-ranging focus is timely. The inclusion of the five new BRICS members adds to the group's strategic importance. Their cooperation will be vital in addressing the sudden and unpredictable threats that arise from both state and non-state actors. This includes real-time sharing of geospatial data, which will be instrumentai in improving border security and countering transna- could encompass several key tional terrorism. The Kazan sum-



These developments would further strengthen ties between India and BRICS, especially Russia, while fostering a new era of defense cooperation. Given the rise of security challenges across the BRICS countries, particularly concerning border disputes and terrorism, the summit presents an opportunity to improve international coordination on these matters. Satellite data sharing, military intelligence cooperation, and logistical support are expected to be central components of future BRICS security strategies.

For instance, one significant point of discussion could be China's expansionist policies, which have raised concerns about regional stability. Additionally, the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war is another issue that could dominate the agenda, with hopes for a possible resolution. The summit holds great potential for strengthening global cooperation in fighting transnationai terrorism. This cooperation areas, including the financing mit will likely focus on enhanc- of terrorist activities, enhancing cooperation in areas such as ing police cooperation, and



THE SUMMIT MAY **EXPLORE STRATEGIES** FOR ANTICIPATING

NEUTRALISING THESE THREATS, FOCUSING ON **COOPERATION** BETWEEN THE **SECURITY AND** DEFENCE **ESTABLISHMENTS** OF BRICS **MEMBERS** addressing cyber threats. The summit may also discuss

tightening security measures at borders and maritime zones, alongside the development of advanced communication networks and security management systems. One of the key challenges in counter-terrorism will be dealing with groups motivated by religious ideologies. The summit may explore strategies for anticipating and neutralising these threats, focusing on cooperation between the security and defense establishments of BRICS members. As nations adopt a more pragmatic and bilateral approach to foreign policy, there is less concern that enhanced BRICS cooperation would adversely affect relations with other major powers, such as the United States. Another area requiring immediate attention is the threat posed by chemical weapons in the hands of terrorists.

These weapons, often difficult to detect and transport, pose a significant risk. International collaboration in formulating stricter regulations and preventing the acquisition of such weapons could be vital in managing this growing concern. Furthermore, the BRICS nations could work together to establish a robust mechanism to limit the accessibility of danerous materiais like KDA, Erythritol Tetranitrate (Penta), and advanced weapons such as AK-47s.

Efforts to curb drug traffick-

IAF celebrates 92nd anniversary

ing are also expected to feature prominently at the summit, particularly in light of the strong nexus between drug cartels and terrorist groups in regions like Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Southeast Asia.

Enhanced policing cooperation among BRICS members could lead to more effective crackdowns on these criminal networks. India's leadership approach, as demonstrated by Prime Minister Modi in recent international forums like the UN Summit on September 23, 2024, emphasises a humancentric focus.

At the BRICS summit, India is expected to push for policies that address economic, technological, and social gaps, thereby advancing the interests of the Global South. India's growing influence on the global stage is also reflected in its strong relationships with both the United States, the world's largest democracy, and Russia, one of its closest strategic

These ties place India in a unique position to play a leading role at the BRICS summit. The meeting in Kazan is likely to provide a framework for enhanced security-related information sharing and greater confidence-building measures among BRICS

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Mitigating heatwaves and floods in rural India



Only by engaging in comprehensive dialogue can India hope to counter the growing threats of climate change and protect its rural population

ndia is currently facing the severe consequences of Lclimate change. At the very onset of summer, a severe heatwave gripped vast regions of the country. More recently, heavy rainfall and floods have disrupted numerous lives and livelihoods in many states. Owing to a lack of infrastructure and resources, communities in rural areas are the worst impacted. In the face of this crisis, the power of dialogue emerges not just as a tool but as a necessity to formulate effective policies and mitigate the impact of climate change on vulnerable populations.

Rural Impact on Communities

The recent heatwave in India was relentless, with temperatures soaring well above 40 degrees Celsius in many regions. This is now succeeded by an onslaught of floods in various regions, especially in Assam. Rural communities, often more exposed and less equipped to cope with extreme weather events, bear the brunt of these conditions. Agriculture, the backbone of rural livelihoods, suffers as crops wither under scorching tempera-

tures or are submerged during floods, leading to reduced yields and income losses.

Many states have implemented State Climate Change Programmes (SCCCs) and Heat Action Plans (HAPs) to deal with the situation. Effective as many of these initiatives are the severity of the problem leaves scope for much more to be done.

Dialogue as a Way Forward Dialogic processes and methods often serve as useful mechanisms to address various complex social challenges and can be potentially valuable in addressing extreme weather conditions, both in the short and long run. Dialogue as an idea and a rigorous academic discipline that has found its place across multiple domains ranging

from conflict resolution to

policy making and even business and management, involves more than just conversation. Dialogue is essentially an approach that weaves together multiple elements to craft effective and long-lasting solutions.

Dialogic Approach for Climate Crisis

From its various applications across problem-solving, community mobilization, building policy narratives, and engaging with diverse stakeholders, a dialogic approach may be integral to addressing the challenges posed by heat waves, particularly in rural India. First, by engaging stakeholders-from policymakers and scientists to community leaders and affected populations—dialogue facilitates a comprehensive understanding of the issues at hand and fosters consensus on actionable solutions. It encourages the exchange of knowledge, expertise, and local insights necessary to tailor policies that are responsive to the needs of vulnerable communities

Next, putting dialogic methods into place can also help uncover local solutions and adaptation strategies that can be built into nationwide policy. Farmers, for instance, possess invaluable traditional knowledge and practices that can complement scientific interventions.

Through dialogue, these insights can be integrated into agricultural policies aimed at promoting climateresilient farming practices, improving water management, and enhancing crop diversity to withstand extreme weather events. Finally, dialogue can enhance community mobilization and self-governance, which can lead to community-driven initiatives to counter the current crisis - from community heat shelters, and water management practices, to creating awareness of related health risks such as heat strokes and increase in vector and waterborne diseases.

From Discussion to

Collaborative Action Dialogue-driven policies ensure that interventions are inclusive, transparent, and accountable, thereby fostering trust and cooperation among stakeholders.

(The writer is CEO of Kshetra Foundation; views are personal)

ESCALATING CONFLICT IN WEST ASIA

Madam - After Iran supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's penchant claim that the "Zionist nation would not last long" and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's vow of retaliation, "Whoever attacks, we will attack them," the two countries are closer to a destructive all-out war. West Asia is being pushed into a nuclear firestorm by the challengers in conflict and the proxy groups. Israel is allied with the United States of America and NATO nations, while the Islamic militant groups, Hamas, Hezbollah and Houthis, are proxies of Iran.

Hamas' failed missile attack gave Israel an opportunity to bomb Gaza indiscriminately. Since then, Israel Defence Force has killed and injured thousands of innocent Palestinians. The mass annihilation of women and children served as a reminder of the genocide committed against European Jews during World War II. The United States seamlessly provides Israel with strategic support, advanced weaponry and manpower. Their occasional counsel for sanity is for the world to hear and not for Israel to heed. Neither side-Israel, America and other NATO nations, or Iran and the proxy groups-is seeking a lasting peace. This war threatens to wreck world peace and economies, with the chance of more countries being sucked into it. India is stuck between two stools.

Haridasan Rajan | Kozhikode

RESERVATION POLICY CRITICISED

Madam- The news report titled 'Removing 50 per cent cap on reservation necessary to protect Constitution: Rahul Gandhi' (October 6) hardly evokes surprise as Rahul Gandhi constantly chants the ridiculous statement "Rights and benefits in proportion to share of population" since several months! What a criminal wastage of time, energy and resource to determine which caste group will receive what quantum of share in job openings, higher education and other rights and benefits in this heterogeneous country-that too through the yardstick of numerical strength only!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

he clear blue skies over Chennai were incandescent with adventurous excitement last Sunday, as the Indian Air Force (IAF) staged a stunning air show at the famous Marina Beach in celebration of its 92nd anniversary. Much to the pride of the city, the event, which was reportedly attended by 15

When demands should have been raised to treat all downtrodden and economicaly weak Indians equally in terms of opening the door of opportunities to prosper and flourish by providing food, shelter, education and medical services for free or through nominal service cost and thereafter allowing the best to enter the field of higher education, service and all sectors of the country by according eligibility and merit the sole yardstick, Indians are being continuously fragmented through all sorts of demographic equations, that too by relegating all norms of quality and efficiency to oblivion! Nothing can be more tragic than this mindset.

Already the caste-based reservation policy has posed a severe threat to the country as absolutely ineligible candidates are often attaining "pride of place" in government offices and educational institutions with innumerable candidates of merit quality getting scandalously deprived of their rightful seats and jobs despite scoring high marks! Now even private universities are being coaxed to go such a fatal way!

Kajal chatterjee | Kolkata

lakh people, set a new world record, earning a place in the Limca Book of Records for the largest-ever gathering at an air show. Spectators were treated to a breathtaking display of aerial astronautics. The highlight of the show was the Rafale fighter jets demonstrated their skills in mid-air refuelling, a sight that added an extra layer of wonder to the spec-

Saddeningly, however, the event saw five people have died and many reportedly suffered from dizziness and fainting due to searing heat. Though the air show displayed its pageantry, and the event was a proud reminder of India's growing self-reliance in defence, it raises an important question over the need for IAF aggressively pushing the occasion to set a new world record by aiming to mobilise a crowd much beyond the manageable level.

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

FINANCIAL AID FOR FARMERS

Madam — The release of the 18th installment of the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme is a significant achievement, benefiting over nine crore farmers across the country. Both the central and state governments deserve recognition for their collaborative efforts in supporting the agricultural sector. The Central government's direct financial aid to farmers, particularly the inclusion of 31,51,700 beneficiaries from Odisha, highlights a continued commitment to rural develop-

At the state level, the Odisha government's CM Kisan scheme, complementing the PM Kisan Yojana, is another positive step towards ensuring that small and marginal farmers receive much-needed financial assistance. This dual support, reaching farmers through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system, is a model for efficient governance.

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FIRST COLUMN THE GIFT OF **ATTENTION**

Offering our full attention not only strengthens bonds but also gives us clarity and wellbeing



RACHNA LAKHPATI

t's paradoxical that in a world where distractions never stop and sincere appreciation of attention is as precious as it is a type of most valuable coin. Notifications echo from every direction, screens compete for our attention, and in our quest to be "present," I fear we have lost sight of who we truly are. Amidst the chaos, there exists a profound reality: the act of giving one's attention may indeed be the most precious gift one can bestow. Think about it. When was the last occasion you experienced someone's full focus—no devices, no interruptions, just an authentic, human connection? If that moment is hard to remember, you're not the only one. The fast pace of modern life has taught us to multitask, to balance discussions with brief looks at our devices, and to believe that speed equals efficiency.

Yet in this pursuit, we have sacrificed something invaluable: the capacity to truly engage with the moment. When we focus on someone, we absorb more than just their words. We are expressing, "I acknowledge your presence." Your existence is significant. In this manner, attention serves as a guiet endorsement of an individual's value—it transcends superficial exchanges and paves the way for a more profound comprehension, fostering empathy, compassion, and genuine connection. Engagement serves as the foundation of confidence in connections.

By focusing our attention on our partners, friends, or family members, we convey a powerful message regarding the significance of their thoughts, feelings and experiences. It's no surprise that the depth of our connections often reflects the level of attention we invest in them—the stronger



our bond with those who truly listen and comprehend us. And personal connections are the final aspect of it. Focus holds immense power in the professional realm. Think about a manager who listens to his team or a leader who takes the time to interact with employees, rather than rushing through meetings.

These individuals foster loyalty, ignite creativity and guide collaborative environments. What is the reason behind this? People naturally feel invigorated when they believe their actions hold significance and are appreciated. Focus fosters involvement, and involvement leads to achievement. Yet, perhaps the most significant impact attention has lies in how we relate to ourselves. In our rush to achieve and accumulate, we often overlook the importance of self-care. Mindfulness—the practice of immersing ourselves in the present moment—reveals that genuine wellbeing is at the heart of our experiences: pursuing goals, dedicating time to others and even engaging with our feelings.

By taking a moment to observe, we can discover a profound clarity and tranquillity that has the potential to transform our lives. In a realm where time is an actual finite commodity, the gesture of dedicating our complete focus is truly transformative. It requires no expense yet holds immense significance.

As we navigate our daily lives, constantly facing new demands on our time and energy, it's important to remember that the most valuable gift we can offer is not material wealth, but rather our full presence. Next time you're engaged in a conversation, set your phone aside. Pay close attention. Offer your focus willingly and without interruption. It might surprise you that by focussing your attention, you receive something far more valuable in return—a profound and significant bond that enhances the lives of both individuals.

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Will the three farm laws be revived?



Were the laws a missed opportunity to address the deep-seated issues faced by millions of India's struggling farmers and consumers?

ecently, a BJP Member of Parliament talked of resurrecting the three national Farm Laws. Faced with criticism from the opposition parties, a spokesperson of the BJP clarified that 'her statement does not represent the party view'. Modi - The government doesn't intend to bring back these laws.

What were those laws?

Enacted in September 2020, the most far-reaching of these laws was the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020. It allowed the Centre to regulate inter-State trade and intra-State trade, providing for freedom of choice to the farmer or trader to conduct trade and commerce while allowing traders to purchase specified farm commodities directly from farmers anywhere in the country, even outside the designated State APMCs (Agricultural Produce Market Committee).
The second law was the Farmers

(Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020. It provided a legal framework for farmers to engage with processors, aggregators, large retailers etc in a 'fair' and 'transparent'

The third law was the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020. It took off pulses, cereals, edible oil, oil seeds, onions and potatoes from the purview of this archaic law. The enactment of these laws triggered prolonged protests - mostly confined to Punjab, Haryana and Delhi. In January 2021, the Supreme Court stayed their implementation and set up a committee to undertake a thorough review. The report of the committee submitted within the set deadline of three months was never made public. Meanwhile, the farmers continued with their stir. On November 19, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced their repeal.

Was there anything wrong with them? But, first, we need to ask as to how the subsisting laws on the marketing of farm produce are treating farmers. The widely reported plight of a farmer from Maharashtra's Solapur says it all. Last year, he got a measly Rs 2.49 from the sale of 512 kg of onions to a trader at Rs 1 per kg on sale at the Solapur market yard, the total sale value was Rs 512; after deducting labour, weighing, transportation and other charges adding to Rs 509.5, the net back was Rs 2.5. Let's be clear, it isn't a profit. To arrive at it, we need to deduct from this the cost of producing 512 kg onions which includes the expenses on seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, irrigation, etc.

This would result in a colossal loss. This leads to a mounting debt burden as the farmer is forced to take a loan (often at a high interest rate) to finance the loss. The condition of tens of millions of poor farmers with small land holding sizes of fewer than 2 hectares (they are about 86 per cent of the total number of land-owning farmers) is no different.

Why does the farmer get a low price? This is because she can sell her produce only in the 'designated' mandi under the State APMC Act. In the mandi,





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arthritis - the local term for commission agents (they arrange for auction and delivery of the produce) - and the licensed trader/buyer rule the roost. The duo exploit her to the hilt by giving a low price, rejections, weighing less, delaying payment, etc. Levies such as market fees, anthias commission, rural development cess (RDC) etc further erode her net-

The APMC mandis can handle only a fraction of the quantity farmers bring to sell. So, most of them are forced to come to private local markets, where sales are legally barred.

At these markets, they end up selling their produce to traders at throwaway prices. The latter have the blessings of corrupt bureaucrats and politicians (in many cases, they or their kin also masquerade as traders) and hence, won't face any action for violating the law.

True, the state agencies such as The Food Corporation of India (FCI), National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Cooperative Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) etc purchase in the mandis specified crops needed for running welfare Schemes such as the distribution of free food under the National Food Security Act (NFSA). They make purchases at the minimum support price (MSP) notified by the Centre. But, their purchases are limited. Except for paddy and wheat where the agencies buy only 30 per cent of farmers' produce, for all other crops their purchase is minuscule. Even so only 6 per larger land holdings - get the ben-

efit of government procurement. In short, under the existing State APMC laws, most poor farmers have no hope of getting a better price. They are forced to live in abject poverty and run high debt leading to even suicides that have become a national phenomenon.

The millions of consumers too are at the receiving end. They pay high prices for the foodstuff they buy from the market. People getting free food under NFSA 820 million, but that leaves out a mammoth number who buy their needs from the market; even NFSA beneficiaries depend on the market for buying their needs other than wheat/rice. The extra money they pay fills the coffers of the commission agents, traders and middlemen. Retail inflation very often gets out of control primarily because food inflation (it has a share of 40 per cent in the retail basket) remains sticky most of the time. It remains so even when there is a normal monsoon enabling surplus production. This, in turn, has a lot to do with the cartelization of the supply chain by a few middlemen working in collaboration with the political brass in states – abetted by the State APMC laws.

High inflation doesn't let the RBI reduce interest rates and that imposes an additional burden on millions of borrowers whose EMIs remain high; small businesses getting crippled due to the high cost of servicing their loans. Even the government's budget comes under stress due to higher interest payments on its debt. cent of farmers - mostly rich with The solution lies in liberating all such stakeholders from the stran-

glehold of the big sharks. The way forward is to give more options to the farmers to sell and more options to consumers to buy. This is precisely what the three laws sought to do. The laws legitimized sales on all non-APMC platforms such as private traders, processors, aggregators, exporters etc without disturbing APMC mandis. These opened up unlimited opportunities for farmers to sell their produce, thereby helping them get higher prices, which could even exceed MSP depending on the demand-supply. They don't have to pay any levies for selling at non-APMC platforms. These enabled the farmers to enter into contracts with enterprises (private companies, cooperatives etc) that would not only give them an assured market a pre-set good prices but also the timely supply of quality inputs viz. fertilizers, seeds, pesticides etc and good agronomic practices for securing higher yield and quality foodstuff. In short, the laws gave a fair deal to millions of poor farmers on one hand and millions of consumers on the other. This would have reined in the unjust enrichment of a few and left more money to the farmers and consumers. Resulting lower inflation would prompt RBI to reduce interest rates helping millions of borrowers at one level and improving the Centre's fiscal health. ALAS! Their withdrawal has restored the status quo. Thanks to the political compulsion of the BJP, it is unable to even talk about those laws; forget resurrection. (The writer is a policy analyst;

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India and UNICEF: Celebrating 75 years of transformative partnership for child welfare

India and UNICEF have worked hand in hand, advancing the health, safety and rights of millions of children across India

or 75 years, India and UNICEF have worked together advantage. together, advancing the rights and well-being of millions of children. The longstanding trusted and multifaceted partnership is deeply rooted in shared values and a commitment to children's wellbeing in India and around the world, encompassing child health, safety, protection, equality, rights and wellbeing.

An important, but lesserknown aspect of India's partnership with UNICEF is India's role as a key source of procurement of lifesaving supplies around the world. From 2016 to 2023, India supplied to UNICEF, commodities worth \$3 billion, including vaccines, and



UNICEF's humanitarian and development response to children's health and nutrition needs, globally. In 2023 alone, India ranked as the third-largest source of essential supplies for UNICEF, with procurements totalling \$483 million. Of this expenditure, approximately 74 per cent was allocated to vaccines, underscoring India's

global immunisation efforts. India's collaboration with UNICEF in advancing global health was best exemplified during the COVID-19 pandemic. Demonstrating exceptional leadership, resilience, and innovation, India, as the world's largest vaccine producer, played a key role in providing COVID-19 vaccines globally. During 2021 and 2022 in partnership with UNICEF, Îndia supplied 292 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines under the COVAX initiative to 47 countries, all of which were delivered to low and middle-income coun-

Efficiently managed supply chains that allow children, adolescents, and mothers

table, and affordable healthcare and essential services are critical. UNICEF supports the government in establishing and managing these agile, cost-effective, and sustainable end-to-end supply chains.

These have also strengthened UNICEF's ability to respond swiftly to emergencies and ensure the sustained availability of essential supplies. During COVD-19, UNICEF supported the government address critical challenges by installing oxygen plants, providing medical equipment, and distributing PPE equipment, strengthening the country's pandemic response.

In fact, over the past decades, UNICEF supporthealth supplies essential for integral role in supporting access to quality, safe, equi- ed the government's efforts



systems by investing in the capacity building of health workers, upgrading and expanding cold chain capacity, and introducing electronic management information systems to track

the system's resilience, preparing the country for future public health emergencies. Supplies are essential to fulfil children's rights and innovations with sustainable supply chains are important considerations.

By partnering with the private sector, UNICEF promotes product innovation, digital transformation, and sustainable procurement, aligning with national priorities and SDG-12 on responsible consumption. In India, UNICEF works with suppliers to adopt eco-friendly business practices, ensuring essential supplies are sourced ethically, supporting both environmental goals and child welfare. Both India and UNICEF recognise that the well-being of children is inextricably linked to the prosperity of future genera-

India has made significant progress in reducing child mortality, increasing immunisation coverage, achieving high enrolment in primary

education, and improving access to sanitation and clean water. The 75th anniversary of the collaboration between UNICEF and the Government of India this year is a historic milestone that bears evidence of the legacy of progress. India's collaboration with UNICEF has remained steadfast which has accomplished millions of children having been vaccinated, educated, and lifted out of poverty. UNICEF remains committed to supporting India, for every child in the country to have equal access and opportunities that help them realize their dreams and aspira-

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Pak suicide attack kills two Chinese nationals, suspected militant

PTI KARACHI

Two Chinese nationals were killed and 17 people injured in a suicide attack by a Baloch insurgent group late at night that targeted a convoy of Chinese workers near Pakistan's busiest airport here, authorities said on Monday.

The explosion near the Jinnah International Airport on Sunday night also killed a suspected assistant and a suspected assistant and a suspected assistant and a suspected assistant assist pected suicide bomber. The attack is the latest in a string of violence against Chinese workers in Pakistan. It comes less than two weeks before the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's summit to be

held in the national capital. The banned Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) claimed responsibility for the attack, saying the blast was a suicide attack targeting a convoy of Chinese engineers and investors leaving the Jinnah International Airport.

The attack occurred less than a mile from the airport's main terminal. Authorities briefly suspended all traffic going to the airport

It targeted a convoy carrying

Chinese staff of an electric power company.

"Initial investigations show that a small vehicle was used to carry out the suicide attack when the vehicle carrying the Chinese nationals reached the main signal near the Karachi Airport," Deputy Inspector General of Police Asif Sheikh

He said that it appeared the vehicle used by the suicide bomber had explosives and as soon as it hit the target it exploded.

The Chinese embassy confirmed that two of its nationals had died and another was injured, along with "some local casualties".

'Three bodies were brought to the hospital and two of them are Chinese nationals," surgeon Dr Summaiya at the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical College (JPMC) said.

A senior police official at the Counter Terrorism Department said the third body could be that of the suicide Another police official said

that the explosion was heard far and wide in the city and an oil

suspended mobile services.

By Monday morning, life

returned to normal in twin

cities of Islamabad and

Rawalpindi. Public transporta-

tion resumed its regular routes,

although the Islamabad Metro

Bus service remains partially

Roads and thoroughfares in

Islamabad have reopened. Containers obstructing major

arteries in Islamabad and Rawalpindi have been

removed. Government offices,

police accused that Khan has

nary privileges inside prison,

which allowed him to commu-

nicate with his party leaders

and incite them to engage in

Additionally, several cases have

been registered against PTI

workers for violating Section

144 by holding protest in the

city. The protest was prohibit-

ed under the emergency law,

which was in effect at the time.

Meanwhile, a case was regis-

tered at Naseerabad Police

Station in Rawalpindi against

Khan and 300 party workers under the Anti-Terrorism Act.

So far, 16 protesters have been

arrested. On Monday, the

Punjab government banned

Imran Khan from meeting his

family members, lawyers and party leaders till October 18,

citing "security concerns".Khan

has been lodged in Rawalpindi's

Adiala Jail in multiple cases

since August 2023.

violent actions.

suspended.

tanker which was at the signal had also caught fire and exploded.

'It was the tanker explosion which caused so many injuries and damage to at least a dozen vehicles in the close range," he

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif called the attack a "heinous act" and offered his condolences to the Chinese people. "Pakistan stands committed to safeguard-ing our Chinese friends," he wrote on X. Pakistan's Foreign Office (FO)

on Monday said last night's terror attack near the Karachi airport would not "go unpunished". "This deplorable act of terrorism is an attack not only on Pakistan but also on the enduring friendship between Pakistan and China. We remain resolute in bringing to justice those responsible for this cowardly attack, including the Majeed Brigade," the FO said in a statement. "Pakistan's security and law enforcement agencies will spare no effort in apprehending the perpetrators and their facilitators. This barbaric act will not go unpunished," the FO said.

It said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was in close contact with the Chinese embassy for coordination and facilitation.

"Pakistan and China are close partners and iron brothers, united by a bond of mutual respect and shared destiny. Pakistan reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the safety and security of Chinese nationals, projects, and institutions in Pakistan, and will continue to work hand in hand with our Chinese brothers to defeat the

forces of terror," it said. Thousands of Chinese personnel are working in Pakistan on several projects under the aegis of the USD 60 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

The Chinese embassy on Monday asked its citizens and Chinese enterprises in Pakistan to be vigilant and to "do their best to take safety precautions". It also asked Pakistan to thoroughly investigate the incident and "severely punish the murderer".

In a statement, the Pakistan Airport Authority (PAA) said that airport buildings and assets remained safe in the

commentary around my position

risked becoming a distraction to the

She was referring to weeks of media

revelations and controversies sur-

rounding her role, including her salary package of GBP 170,000 being

GBP 3,000 more than the Prime

"It is for that reason I have chosen to

stand aside, and I look forward to con-

tinuing to support the prime minis-

ter in my new role," said Gray, who has

been demoted to a part-time role as

Starmer's envoy for nations and

Minister being leaked to the BBC.

government's vital work of change".

incident. Flight schedules at the airport are continuing as nor-

Balochistan, bordering Iran and Afghanistan, is home to a long-running violent insurgency. Baloch insurgent groups have previously carried out several attacks targeting CPEC

The BLA accuses China and Islamabad of exploitation of the resource-rich province, a charge rejected by the authorities. It has fought a long-running insurgency for a separate homeland

The group in the last two years carried out similar suicide bomb attacks in Karachi targeting foreign nationals.

The BLA in March this year claimed responsibility for an attack on a Pakistani naval air base near China-run Gwadar port. In April 2022, the group killed three Chinese tutors and a Pakistani driver in a suicide bombing near Karachi University's Confucius Institute.

In November 2018, gunmen killed at least four people in an attack on the Chinese consulate in Karachi



Security officials examine the site of an explosion that caused injures and destroyed vehicles outside the Karachi airpo

Life returns to normal in Pakistan's capital, Imran Khan's party ends protest

PTI ISLAMABAD

ife was returning to normal Lin the Pakistani capital on Monday after the violent protest by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf supporters subsided in the wake of high drama involving the mysterious disappearance of the party leader Ali Amin Gandapur. Gandapur, the chief minister of

restive Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province in the northwest, is a mercurial PTI leader and confidante of jailed party founder Imran Khan. With shoulder-length flowing

hair, a thick moustache, a broad chest and considerable height, he boasts a towering personal-

Following Imran Khan's directives, he announced that the party will stage a protest at the famous D-Chowk of Islamabad in the heart of the city on Friday - the same venue where the PTI had organised a sit-in for 126 days in 2014.

Leading a caravan of dozens of vehicles and overcoming road blockades and resistance by police, he finally managed to reach the capital on Saturday

After arriving in the national capital, he left his supporters and went to the KP House, the property of his government in Islamabad, for refreshments,

but disappeared from there. After remaining incommunicado for more than 24 hours, he suddenly appeared Sunday evening at the provincial assembly building in Peshawar. He made a fiery speech to the assembly but failed to give exact details about his where-

abouts when he was not acces-

sible to his family or party. As the media frenzy focused on his disappearance, hundreds of protestors whom he had led to Islamabad silently melted away and probably went back to their homes, except those

arrested by police. As the protestors went away, the authorities began to lift the siege of the city, clearing most

of the roads and restoring the

Pak's Punjab govt bans Imran from meeting wife

Lahore (PTI): Pakistan's Punjab government on Monday banned jailed former premier Imran Khan from meeting his family members, lawyers and party leaders till October 18 due to "security concerns", amidst his party staging anti-govern-ment protests in several cities. The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Khan has been lodged in Rawalpindi's Adiala Jail in multiple cases since August 2023.

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi private businesses, and schools has accused PTI of trying to dishave reopened. Civic bodies were busy at several places in Islamabad repairing and renovating sidewalks, rupt the upcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit scheduled to be roads and bridges ahead of the Shanghai Cooperation held on Oct 15 and 16 in Islamabad and emphasised that Organization summit to be the government will ensure that these plans do not succeed. "Incarcerated PTI founder held here next week.

Meanwhile, Pakistan authorities registered new cases under Imran Khan and his wife Bushra terrorism laws against Imran Bibi have been banned from Khan and dozens of his supmeeting their family, lawyers and party leaders at Adiala Jail, Rawalpindi, till Oct 18," a Punjab government official said. porters for violence and vandalism in Lahore and Rawalpindi. The Express Tribune newspa-The government has taken the per reported that according to decision in view of "security the FIR lodged in Lahore, concerns", he said.

According to sources, the govin anticipation of the upcoming SCO summit.

The coalition government led by PML-N's Shehbaz Sharif has alleged that PTI is staging protests in Islamabad to sabotage the summit. The Pakistan Army has been called in to provide security for the SCO summit. Earlier, security agencies arrested six Adiala jail staff for

aiding the PTI founder. Meanwhile, a PTI spokesperson said its legal team of Khan will file a petition in court, requesting the lifting of a ban on meetings with Imran Khan and Bushra Bibi. "Justice Sardar Ijaz of Islamabad High Court had ordered the authorities not too long ago to arrange meetings via video link, if not possible physically, given the number of cases Imran Khan has to deal with, legal consultation is given and, therefore should be provid-



Morgan McSweeney, the Labour Party's former campaign director who masterminded July's general election landslide for the party, will replace Gray as the new chief of staff. His appointment comes alongside political director Vidhya Alakeson and director of government relations Jill Cuthbertson being promoted to deputy chiefs of staff. Nin Pandit, the director of the Downing Street poli-cy unit until now, has been appoint-

ed principal private secretary to Starmer, while former journalist James Lyons will join to head up a new strategic communications team. "I'm really pleased to be able to bring in such talented and experienced individuals into my team. This shows my absolute determination to deliver the change the country voted for," said Starmer in a statement. He thanked his outgoing chief for "all

the support", both in Opposition and government and her work to prepare Labour for government. "Sue has played a vital role in strengthening our relations with the regions and nations. I am delighted that she will continue to support that work," he added. According to media reports, junior

staff at Downing Street were disgruntled and some had resorted to leaks to the media at a time when Starmer and the Cabinet were battling allegations of accepting "freebies" of clothes and hospitality from wealthy party

"In fewer than 100 days Sir Keir Starmer's Labour government has been thrown into chaos - he has lost his chief of staff who has been at the centre of the scandal the Labour Party has been engulfed by,"

Conservative Party spokesperson reacted. Meanwhile, in a statement to mark the anniversary of the October 7 Hamas attacks in Israel, Starmer said the UK must "unequivocally stand with the Jewish community and unite as a country'

"As a father, a husband, a son, a brother – meeting the families of those who lost their loved ones last week was unimaginable. Their grief and pain are ours, and it

is shared in homes across the land. A year on, that collective grief has not diminished or waned," he said. He added: "We must never look the other way in the face of hate.

We must also not look the other way as civilians bear the ongoing dire consequences of this conflict in the Middle East. I reiterate my call for immediate ceasefires in Gaza and Lebanon, and for the removal of all restrictions on humanitarian aid into We will not falter in our pursuit of

peace and on this day of pain and sorrow, we honour those we lost, and continue in our determination to return those still held hostage, help those who are suffering, and secure a better future for the Middle East."

Ukraine strikes Russian oil hub as Zelenskyy says war is in 'very important phase'

Ukraine's military claimed it struck a major oil terminal Monday in Crimea that provides fuel for Russia's war effort as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the war has entered a key phase.

Both sides are facing the issue of how to sustain their costly war of attrition - a conflict that started with Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and that shows no signs of a resolution.

Ukraine's General Staff said on social media that the oil terminal in Feodosia, on the south coast of the Russiaoccupied Crimea Peninsula, has been supplying the Russian army with fuel and that the strike was part of an ongoing effort to "under-

mine the military and economic potential of the Russian Federation". Russianinstalled authorities in the city of Feodosia on the coast of the Black Sea reported a fire at the terminal on Monday morning but did not say what might have caused

Ukraine has increasingly targeted rear areas that are essential for Russia's onslaught, now deep into its third year. It has developed long-range drones that have hit oil depots and refineries as well as armories.

Ukraine's aim is to impair Russia's ability to support its front-line units, especially in the eastern Donetsk region where the main Russian battlefield effort is stretching weary Ukrainian forces.

Kyiv is still awaiting word Ukraine needs to "put pres-

its repeated requests to use the long-range weapons they provide to hit targets on Russian soil.

Developments on that question could come next weekend at Ramstein Air Base in Germany, when defence leaders from the 50-plus partner nations that coordinate military aid to Ukraine are due to meet.

The conflict has largely been a war of attrition, which requires large amounts of ammunition. Late on Sunday, Zelenskyy said the war is in a very important phase" as the Ukrainian army works hard to hold the bigger Russian forces at bay in the east while also holding ground in Russia's Kursk border region, which it captured two months ago.

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Russian court sentences 72-year-old

that's necessary for Russia to realise that the war will gain them nothing," Zelenskyy said in a video statement.

"We will continue to apply even greater pressure on Russia — because only through strength can we bring peace closer," he added. Meanwhile, Russia fired six missiles of various types and 74 Shahed drones at Ukraine overnight, Ukraine's air force said. Missile debris fell in three districts of Kyiv, causing minor damage to civilian infrastructure and starting a fire, Mayor Vitalii Klitschko

He said nobody was hurt Three missile fragments fell on a kindergarten, he said without elaborating. Russia's Defence Ministry said it shot down almost two dozen Ukrainian drones

Myanmar's ex-ruling party's member dies while serving prison sentence

Bangkok (AP): Zaw Myint Maung, a senior member of Myanmar's former ruling party arrested during the 2021 military takeover, died Monday while serving a prison sentence that was considered politically motivated. He was 72.

He was a close colleague of ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi and spokesperson of her National League for Democracy party. He had been a second vice president and chief minister of the central Mandalay region before the army seized control of the government in 2021, arresting him, Suu Kyi and many top members of her NLD party and government.

Zaw Myint Maung had been jailed at least twice under previous governments for his political activities.

He had had leukemia since 2019. His death was confirmed by Tun Kyi, a party colleague from Mandalay, and another friend, who insisted on anonymity for fear of being punished by the authorities.

In a statement expressing condo-lences, the National Unity Government, the main shadow opposition group organizing against army rule, lauded Zaw Myint Maung for being "unwaveringly committed to the democratic cause, fighting alongside the people and other democratic forces to dismantle military dictatorship."

The NLD won a landslide victory in Myanmar's 2020 election, but the army seized power Feb. 1, 2021, the day it was supposed to begin a second five-year term in office. The country now is enmeshed in civil war between the military and pro-democracy forces allied with armed ethnic minority groups. Zaw Myint Maung was serving a prison sentence of 29 years after being convicted in closed court in 2021 and 2022 on charges of violating coronavirus restrictions.

World's rivers faced driest year in three decades in 2023: UN weather agency

Geneva (AP): The UN weather agency on Monday said that 2023 was the driest year in more than three decades for the world's rivers, as the record-hot year underpinned a drying up of water flows and contributed to prolonged droughts in some

The World Meteorological Organisation in a report also said glaciers that feed rivers in many countries suffered the largest loss of mass in the last five decades, warning that ice melt can threaten long-term water security for millions of

people globally.
"Water is the canary in the coalmine of climate change. We receive distress signals in the form of increasingly extreme rainfall, floods and droughts which wreak a heavy toll on lives, ecosystems and economies," said WMO Secretary-General Celeste Saulo, releasing the report on



Monday She said rising temperatures had in part led the hydrological cycle to become "more erratic and unpredictable" in ways that can produce "either too much or too little water' through both droughts and

The weather agency, citing fig-

ures from UN Water, says some 3.6 billion people face inadequate access to water for at least one month a year — and that figure is expected to rise to 5

billion by 2050. The world faced the hottest year on record in 2023, and the summer of this year was also the hottest summer ever —

raising warning signs for a possible new annual record in 2024. "In the (last) 33 years of data, we had never such a large area around the world which was under such dry conditions," said Stefan Uhlenbrook, director of hydrology, water and cryosphere at WMO. WMO called for improvements in data collection and sharing to help clear up the real picture for water resources and help countries and communities take action in response. The report said the southern United States, Central America and South American countries Argentina, Brazil Peru and Uruguay faced widespread drought conditions and "the lowest water levels ever observed in Amazon and in Lake Titicaca," on the border between Peru and Bolivia. WMO said half of the world faced dry-river-flow conditions last year.

American to nearly seven years in prison **Moscow** (AP): A Russian tial sentence of 15 years, but ed in 2022 for causing a discourt on Monday sentenced prosecutors asked that his turbance while intoxicated court on Monday sentenced age be taken into account

a 72-year-old American in a closed trial to nearly seven years in prison for allegedly fighting as a mercenary in Ukraine. Prosecutors said Stephen Hubbard signed a contract with the Ukrainian military after Russia sent troops into Ukraine in February 2022 and he fought alongside them until being captured two months later.He was sentenced to six years and 10 months in a general-security prison. Prosecutors had called for a sentence of seven years in a maximum-security prison. Hubbard, from the state of Michigan, is the first American known to have been convicted on charges of

along with his admission of guilt, Russian news reports Arrests of Americans have become increasingly com-

mon in Russia in recent

Concern has risen that Russia could be targeting US nationals for arrest to use later as bargaining chips in talks to bring back Russians convicted of crimes in the

US and Europe. Also on Monday, a court in the city of Voronezh sen-tenced American Robert Gilman to seven years and 1 month for allegedly assaulting law enforcement officers while serving a sentence for another assault.

fighting as a mercenary in the Ukrainian conflict.

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According to Russian news reports, Gilman was arrest-

then assaulted a police officer while in custody. He is serving a 3 1/2-year sentence on that charge. Last year, he assaulted a prison inspector during a

cell check, then hit an official of the Investigative Committe, resulting in the new sentence, state news agency RIA-Novosti said. The US and Russia in August completed their

turbance while intoxicated

on a passenger train and

largest prisoner swap in post-Soviet history, a deal involving 24 people, many months of negotiations and concessions from other European countries, which released Russians in their custody as part of the exchange. Several US citizens remain behind bars in Russia following the swap.

'Projectiles launched from Gaza Nobel Prize in medicine honours US set off sirens in Tel Aviv'

sraelis were holding vigils Israelis were moralis on and sombre ceremonies on Monday to mark a year since the Oct 7, 2023 Hamas attack, the deadliest in the country's history, which sparked the war in Gaza and scarred Israelis indelibly. The surprise crossborder attack, which caught Israel unprepared on a major Jewish holiday, shattered Israelis' sense of security and shook their faith in their lead-

ers and their military. Its aftershocks still ripple one year later. The war in Gaza rages on and Israel is fighting a new war against Hezbollah, which began attacking Israel on Oct 8. There is also an escalating conflict with Iran — which backs both Hamas and Hezbollah militant groups that threatens to drag the region into a far more dangerous conflagration.

And on Monday, Hamas showed that it was still putting

up a fight. It launched rockets that set off air raid sirens in Tel Aviv, as well as closer to the Gaza border.

In Gaza, which is still buckling under the weight of the ongoing war, no formal commemorative event is planned. The massive destruction and displacement are a constant reminder of the retaliatory Israeli assault on the territory, which has no end in sight. Israelis were flocking to ceremonies, cemeteries and memorial sites around the country, remembering the hundreds of victims, the dozens of hostages still in captivity and the soldiers wounded or killed trying to save them.

At 6:29 am — the exact minute Hamas launched its attack the families of those killed at the Nova music festival, joined by Israeli President Isaac Herzog, gathered at the site where almost 400 revellers were gunned down and from where many others were taken

After briefly playing the same trance music that was blared during the festival, hundreds of family members and friends of the victims stood for a moment of silence. One woman's piercing wail broke the silence as booms echoed from the fighting in Gaza, just a few kilometres away.

'When we are here, we are near our loved ones. This is the time they danced and fled," said Sigal Bar-On, whose niece, Yuval Bar-On, 25, and her fiancé Moshe Shuva, 34, were supposed to get married in December 2023.

At 6:31 am, four projectiles were launched from Gaza toward the very Israeli communities that came under fierce assault last year, the Israeli military said. The ceremony was not disrupted.

Marking the moment Hamas' attack began a year ago, the families of hostages still held in Gaza — about 100, a third of

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I Shaeed Ahemed (Adhar No.: 9198-0907-9948) S/o Mr. Basheer Ahemed (R/o F-400-A, Gali No. 15, Jawahar Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092, do hereby solemnly affirm and inform that I have disowned my son Mr. Intjiar Ahemed, my Daughter-in-law Mrs. Kaushar and their children Mr. Ayan Ahemed and Ms. Altasha Beebi from my all moveable and immoveable properties due to their misbehave and non co-operative behavior towards me and other family members. I will not be responsible for any liability of my son Mr. Intjiar Ahemed, my daughter-in-law Mrs. kaushar and their children Mr. Ayan Ahemed and Ms. Altasha Beebi.

OUTSOURCING JOB OF ACCEA FOR ESCORTING OF AC COACHES

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of 2024-25: Dated: 01-10-2024. E-

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GH-965. Name of work: Outsourcing job of ACCEA for escorting of LHB &

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23-10-2024. Fur www.ireps.gov.in.
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NOTICE is hereby given that **Sushila Sharma** claims to be owner and in

possession of Ground Floor of Prop No

III-F/927, in Vaishali Ghaziabad, U.P

herein after called the said property) by

virtue of Sale Deed dated 06.06.2009, Doc.

No. 12990 & said Sushila Sharma has

agreed to sell the said Property to Pammi Singh and said Pammi Singh agreed to

create a mortgage in favour of our clients IDFC First Bank Ltd, ITO Branch, any

person/s having claim against the said Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale,

exchange, mortgage (equitable/registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, lien or

otherwise howspever, are hereby intimated.

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supporting documentary evidence at the

address mentioned below within **7days** from the date hereof, failing which the claim or

claims, if any, of such person or persons will

be considered to have been waived and/or

abandoned and our client shall proceed with

the disbursement of loan and subsequent

For Diwan and Company LLP H. No.2 (LGF), NRI Complex New Delhi-19

Vishal Diwan (Advocate)

Mobile No. 9818399999

creation of mortgage in respect thereof.

whom are said to be dead gathered near Prime Minister Beniamin Netanyahu's Jerusalem residence and stood during a two-minute siren, replicating a custom from the the most solemn dates on the Israeli calendar, Holocaust Remembrance and Memorial

We are here to remind (the hostages) that we haven't forgotten them," said Shiri Albag, whose daughter Liri is among the captives. Her message to Netanyahu: "We wont let you rest until all of them are back, every last one of them," she told the crowd, which hoisted posters bearing the faces of the

A group representing the families of hostages announced that another captive was dead. Idan Shtivi, 28, was snatched from the Nova music festival and was believed to be alive. Israeli media reported he was killed during the attack and his body was taken into Gaza.

Be it known to all that my clients Sh. Avinash Chander Vohra S/o Shri Sital Dass Vohra and Smt. Sudesh Vohra

W/o Sh. Avinash Chander Vohra both R/o 4B/13, First Floor, Old Rajender Nagar, New Delhi-110060 have disowned/debarred their son Pankaj Vohra from all their movable & all relations from him due to his nisconduct. Any person dealing with him shall be doing at his/her own risk. PRAVEEN RASTOGI

It is publically notified that the Residential Plot No.100, Block-A, Sector-36, Noida (U.P), has been allotted in the name of Shri Jai Prakash S/o Sh. Faquir Chand R/o 203, Masjid Moth, New Delhi, had sold the said plot on the basis of GPA to the following persons:-A GPA was executed in favour of Smt.

The Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine was

awarded Monday to Americans

Victor Ambros and Gary

Ruvkun for their discovery of

microRNA, tiny pieces of

genetic material that alter how

genes work at the cellular level

and could lead to new ways of

treating cancer. The Nobel

Assembly at the Karolinska

Institute, which awarded the

prize, said the duo's discovery

is "proving to be fundamental-

ly important for how organisms

"Their groundbreaking dis-covery revealed a completely

new principle of gene regula-tion that turned out to be essential for multicellular

organisms, including humans,"

the assembly said in a state-

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develop and function".

Anju Soni W/o Col. B.S. Soni R/o D-186, Sector-27, Noida (U.P), GPA which is duly registered at Sub Registrar office Delhi dt. 27.03.1999 and Agreement to sell is not registered. The said property is going to be transferred in favour of Sh. Vishal Soni objection in the Residential Plot Department of Noida Authority along-with sufficient proofs within 30 days of the publication

S/o Bhim Sen Soni R/o A-100, Sector-36. Noida (U.P), If any one has/have any objection he/she may submit his/her

Smt. Anju Soni

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Harvard University. He is cur-

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Massachusetts Medical School.

Ruvkun's research was per-

General Hospital and the

Harvard Medical School, where

he's a professor of genetics, said

Thomas Perlmann, Secretary-

General of the Nobel

Perlmann said he spoke to

Ruvkun by phone shortly

"It took a long time before he

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happy, when he understood

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PUBLIC NOTICE o be known to all that I/We, Mrs. Ram iumari Kalra Alias Ramesh Arora D/o aswant Ram & W/o Sh. N. K. Arora R/o 4 ilock-Cc, DDA LIG Flats, Hari Nagar, So Vest Delhi, Delhi-110064, We misplaced/ West Delhi, Delhi-110064, We misplaced/i
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Ruvkun, the assembly Ambros performed the explained, were initially interresearch that led to his prize at ested in genes that control the timing of different genetic developments, ensuring that cell types develop at the right time. To do that, they studied two mutant strains of worms formed at Massachusetts commonly used as research models in science. The two scientists set out to identify the mutated genes responsible in

these worms and what their role was. The mechanism they

ultimately identified - the

regulation of genes by

microRNA — has allowed

organisms to evolve for hundreds of millions of years. The Nobel committee said Ambros and Ruvkun's discovery ultimately "revealed a new dimension to gene regulation,

essential for all complex life

cer by helping to regulate how genes work at the cellular level, according to Dr Claire Fletcher, a lecturer in molecular oncology at Imperial College London. Fletcher said microRNA provide genetic instructions to tell cells to make new proteins and that there were two main areas where microRNA could be helpful: in developing drugs to treat diseases and in serving as biomarkers. "MicroRNA alters how genes in the cell work, said Fletcher, who is an outside expert not associated with the Nobel prize. "If we take the example of cancer, we'll have a particular gene working overtime, it might be mutated and working in overdrive," she said.

duo for discovery of microRNA Perlmann said. Ambros and forms". MicroRNA have opened up scientists' approaches to treating diseases like can-

Tunisia's Kais poised to win after cracking down on opp

Tunisia's incumbent president announced late on Sunday that he would wait for official results before declaring victory while acknowledge exit polls showing him winning by a landslide in an election marred by earlier arrests of his opponents. President Kais Saied's supporters jubilantly honked and celebrated after voting ended and public television broadcast images of the president pledging to pursue traitors and those acting against Tunisia, much like he has throughout his tenure.

"We are going to cleanse the country of all the corrupt and schemers," Saied said at his campaign headquarters.

Tunisia's public television broadcast exit polls from Sigma Conseil, an independent firm that has historically published figures not far off official tallies, showing Saied winning more than 89 per cent of the vote over imprisoned businessman Ayachi Zammel and Zouhair Maghzaoui, a leftist who supported Saied before choosing to run against him.

In the North African country known as the birthplace of the Arab Spring, much of the opposition chose to boycott the election. They called it a sham with Saied's leading critics imprisoned alongside journalists, lawyers, activists and leading civil society figures emphasised the low voter turnout in Sunday's election. Official results are expected on Monday. At the time polling stations closed, only 2.7 million (27 lakh) voters, 27.7 per cent of the electorate, had cast ballots — far fewer than the 49 per cent who participated in the first round of the last presiden-

tial race in 2019. Supporters of the president who rode anti-establishment backlash to win a first term five years ago — said his second win would send a clear message to the political class that preceded his ascendance.

"We are tired of the governance we had before. We want a leader who wants to work for Tunisia. This country was on the road to ruin," said Layla Baccouchi, a Saied supporter. The election was Tunisia's third

since the nation became known as the birthplace of the Arab Spring uprisings that toppled dictators throughout the region. Weeks after a fruit vendor set

DISTRICT CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL Commission SAS NAGAR SCO No. -43. NEAR BASSI THEATRE. PHASE-2 SAS NAGAR (MOHALI) PUBLICATION NOTICE Consumer Complaint No. 363/2023 Fixed

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Whereas it has been proved to the satisfaction of this Commission that the Opposite parties above mentioned cannot b served in the ordinary way of the service Hence this proclamation under Order 5 Rule 20 CPC is hereby issued against them an they should appear personally or through their counsel on 05.11.2024 at 10:30 a.m failing which ex-parte proceedings shall b taken against them

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himself ablaze to protest police humiliation and corruption, President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali abdicated and fled the country. In the years that followed Tunisia enshrined a new democratic constitution, created a Truth and Dignity Commission to bring justice to citizens tortured under the former regime and saw its leading civil society groups win the Nobel Peace Prize for brokering political com-



CHANGE OF NAME

I, Lucky Baweja S/o Shri Vikas Baweja R/o E-53 Gali No. 13. Raja Puri, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, hereby declare that my name is mentioned in my old aadhar card as Lucky instead of "Lucky Baweja" that I declare that "Lucky" and "Lucky Baweja" both are the same and one person.

PD(824)C

I, Rekha Negi, M/o Shashwat Negi, H.no. B-39, Chatterpur Enclave, Phase-2, New Delhi-110074, hereby declare that my son's name has been changed from Shashwat Negi to Shashwat Singh Negi. In all future records, he shall be known as Shashwat Singh Negi.

PD(825)A I, Maithli Sharan F/o No-15748731k, Sigmn Atul Pratap R/o-Vill/Post- Khilli, Teh - Moth, Distt-Jhansi, State Uttar Pradesh Pin No-284306 have Changed My Name FM Maithli Sharan to Maithali Sharan and also Changed my date-of-brith Fm -09-06-1970 to 01.01.1969 for all future purpose vide affidavit before Public notary Uttar Pradesh dated 27/08/24

PD(826)C

I, Ram Devi M/o No. 15748731k Sigmn Atul Pratap R/o Villl/Post- Khilli, Teh- Moth, Distt. Jhansi State- Uttar Pradesh Pin No.-284306 have Changed My date-of-brith FM 01-01-1973 to 01.01 1982 for all future purpose vide affi-davit before public notary Uttar Pradesh 27/08/24

PD(827)C I, Ridhima Rao, D/o Mr. Prabhansh Rao, R/o H. No-A-129 Gymkhana Colony, Gautam Puri Phase-2, Badarpur New Delhi-110044 hereby declare that Ridhima and Ridhima Rao is the same and one person. In future i known as Ridhima Rao for all future purposes.

PD(834)C CHANGE OF D.O.B

I, Service No.3188803K Rank Sep Desh Raj S/o Sh. Chanda Singh R/o Village & P.o Alampur, TEH JaiSinghpur, Distt Kangra H.P declare that my father's date-of-birth has been wrongly written in my service record as 01 July 1948. the correct date of birth of my father is 11-02-1949 for all future purposes.

Date:07.10.2024 Place:Paonta Sahib PD(828)CA

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Whereas, undersigned being the Authorised Officer of KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED. under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Securit Interest [Act], 2002(54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with [rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 06.07.2024 calling upon the borrower mortgagor/ guarantors:(1) M/s JMD Elevations Represented by its Proprietor: a) Mr. Anil Kumar Monga S/o Mr. Krishan Lal Monga, (2) Mr. Anil Kumar Monga S/o Mr. Krishan Lal Monga, Both No (1) & (2) are residing at: 8/127, II nd Floor, Ramesh Nagar, Single Storey, New Delhi-110015, (3) Mrs. Mamta Monga W/o Mr. Anii Kumar Monga residing at: House No.23, Block-5 Single Storey, Ramesh Nagar New Delhi-110015, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.11,64,158.79 [Rupees Eleven Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand One Hundred Fifty Eight and Paise Seventy Nine Only] under PSOD Account No. 5547000600013801 along with future interest from 01.07.2024, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers, mortgagors and the guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, mortgagors, guarantors and the public in general tha the undersigned has taken the Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest Enforcement, Rules 2002 on this the 05" Day of October of the year 2024.

The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned herein below and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Limited**, **New Delhi** Paschim Vihar Branch for an amount of Rs.12.10.310.81 [Rupees Twelve Lakhs Ten Thousand Three Hundred Ten and Paise Eighty One Only] under PSOD Account No. 5547000600013801 along with future interest from 01.10.2024, Plus costs.

[The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

no RZ-15, Gali no-2, Bindapur Mithila Road, Subhash Park Extn-II, Uttam Nagar New Delhi, belonging to Mrs.Mamta Monga Boundaries: East: Entry/Road West: Plot No. RZ-16 North: Road 10 Feet Wide South

For Karnataka Bank Ltd Place: New Delhi Chief Manager & Authorised Officer

HIMALAYA FOOD INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

Regd. Office: 118, 1st Floor, 12 Gagandeep Building, Rajendra Place, New Delhi-110008 Tel. +91 11 45108609, Fax: +91 1704 225178

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EXTRACT OF UN-AUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE **QUARTER & HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

-	S.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Half year ended		Year ended
	No.		30.09.2024	30.06.2024	30.09.2023	30.09.2024	30.09.2023	31.03. 2024
			(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Audited)
	1.	Total Income from	1144.26	1082.24	1106.68	2226	2160	4724.73
		Operations						
	2.	Net Profit for the period	204.91	88.16	102.28	293	157	425
		(beforetax & exceptional						
		items)						
3.		Net Profit for the period	204.91	88.16	102.28	293	157	425
		before Tax (after						
		exceptional items)						
- [4.	Net Profit for the	204.91	88.16	102.28	293	157	425
		period after Tax						
		(afterexceptional						
ı		items)						
	5.	Total Comprehensive	204.91	88.16	102.28	293	157	490
		income for the period						
		[Comprising Profit for						
		the period (after tax) and						
		Other Comprehensive						
		Income (after tax)]						
-	6.	Paid-up Equity Share	5787.29	5787.29	5787.29	5787.29	5787.29	5787.29
		Capital						
		(Face Value of Rs. 10/-						
		per share)						
	7.	Earnings Per Share						
		i) Basic in Rs.	0.35	0.15	0.18	0.51	0.27	0.85
		ii) Diluted in Rs.	0.35	0.15	0.18	0. 51	0.27	0.85

(Rs. In Lakhs)

The above unaudited results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and there after approved by the Board of

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial results for the Quarter/ Half year ended

September 30th, 2024 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the aforesaid Unaudited Financial results for the Quarter/ Half year ended September 30th, 2024 are available on BSE Limited (www. bseindia.com) and the Company website (www.himalayafoodcompany.com)

For and on behalf of the Board Sd/

> Man Mohan Malik Managing Directo (DIN: 00696077)

PUBLIC NOTICE BABA FARID UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES. FARIDKOT DMISSION NOTICE (Skill Development Courses-2024) Online applications are invited wef 10.10.24 to 24.10.24 through university

website from eligible candidates who are Punjab Residents only for Skill Development courses (seats-30 each) at Skill Development Centre University Institute of Paramedical Sciences, Faridkot i.e. Certificate Course in Home Health Aide-630 hrs, Certificate Course in General Duty Assistant-630 hrs, Certificate Course in Dental Assistant-510 hrs, Certificate Course in Emergency Medical Technician(Basic)-300 hrs, Certificate Course in Operating Theatre Technician- 1 Yr, Certificate Course in Plaster Techniques-1 Yr. Certificate Course in Orthopaedic Techniques-1 Yr Certificate Course in CT-6 Months, Certificate Course in MRI-6 Months alongwith requisite fee of Rs 1180/- incl. GST (SC -Rs 590/-). For eligibility/ duration/details/updates visit university website www.bfuhs.ac.in REGISTRAF

(QAI, UK Level 4 Diploma in Caregiving and Midwifery) Course-2024)

Online applications are invited wef 10.10.24 to 24.10.24 through university website from eligible candidates for QAI, (Qualification and Assessments International) UK Level 4 Diploma in Caregiving and Midwifewry Course (seats-30) -Total 1200 hrs (collaboration with National Skill Development Commission, India) at University College of Nursing, Faridkot alongwith requisite fee of Rs 1180/- incl. GST (SC-Rs 590/-). For eligibility/duration/details/updates visit

nil/12/240/2023/38214 Dated CHD :- 10/7/2024

REGISTRAR

Indian Overseas Bank

(ADDRESS: SCO 24, HSIIDC INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, PHASE-I, KUNDLI **DIST- SONIPAT, HARYANA - 131028**

PHONE NO: 8733030068 & EMAIL ID: iob2193@iob.in)

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWERS / MORTGAGORS/ GUARANTORS UNDER SUB-SECTION(2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Place : Kundli

Sr. No Borrower

Permanent Address: S/O BALESHAR, C-946 MANGOL PURI, NORTHWEST DELHI, DELHI CANTOMENT Communication Address: S/O BALESHAR, C-946 MANGOL PURI, NORTHWEST DELHI, DELHI

Office Address: S/O BALESHAR, C-946 MANGOL PURI, NORTHWEST DELHI, DELHI CANTOMENT, NCT

nder section 29 of the Act.

Re.: Your Credit facilities with Indian Overseas Bank, KUNDLI BRANCH

SI No.	Nature of Facility	Limit	Rates of interest (including overdue interest & rests)	Last Interest Debit Date (Mandatory)	Total dues* as on 30/09/2024 (in Rs.)
	Home Loan (RSUBH Scheme)	19,80,000.00	11.55%	28.09.2024	2035250.16
	TOTAL	19,80,000.00			2035250.16

With further interest from last interest debit date at contractual rates/rests will become payable from the date mentioned bove till date of payment.

The Above named guarantors referred under St. Nos have executed guarantee and thereby guaranteed payment or demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities then or at any time thereafter owing or incurred to ndian Overseas Bank by the borrowers for the aggregate credit limits of Rs 19,80,000.00 together with agreed interest The credit facilities were secured by the assets mentioned below by way of mortgage/ hypothecation/ hire purchase

sase (as applicable) standing in the name of the borrower Nos. 1, They were also secured by mortgage of properties in the name of borrower / mortgagor mentioned in Sl.No.1,. They were also secured by mortgage of properties in the name f mortgagor / guarantor Nos herein above tors mentioned under St. Nos of you have given personal guarantee for the credit facilities as given above

fou have acknowledged from time to time the liabilities mentioned herein above through various documents executed by

The details of securities in favour of the Bank for the aforesaid credit facilities are:

NATURE OF SECURITY	PARITCULARS OF SECURITIES			
	Residential Flat Situated at Entire Third Floor with Roof Rights, Property Bearing No. 61, Block-A, Pocket-00, Sector-2, Sector-2, Rohini, Delhi-110085. Property Area: 31.69 Sq. Meters			
* The Bank reserves its right to	n proceed against the agricultural land security Nos. 6 above through other available legal			

igreed terms, loan account mentioned above have been classified as Non-Performing Asset on 26/09/2024 (date of sification as NPA) as per Reserve Bank of India guidelines and directives. Despite our reminders for regularization o our account, you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon ce you the above named borrowers referred under St. Nos. 1, have failed to meet the liabilities in respect of the

redit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned above and upon classification of your account as a Nonerforming Asset, we hereby recall our advances to SI. Nos 1, of you and 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 ipon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the bank aggregating to Rs 2035250.16, as detailed in para above, with further interest @ contractual rate + Overdue Interest @ 2% compounded with monthly/ half yearly as greed, from the date mentioned above, within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice.

The above named mortgagor / guarantor Nos have given undertaking for repayment / guarantee for the credit facilities aken by the borrowers and have also mortgaged the properties herein mentioned to secure the above said credit acilities. Since the borrowers have committed defaults in repayment, the mortgagors/guarantors have become liable to to us in terms of the guarantee, the amounts due to the Bank as per the loan / credit facilities aggregating to Rs 20,35,250.16, together with further interest @9.55% compounded with monthly/ half yearly as agreed and we hereby rantee against the mortgagors / guarantors who have given non-agri securities enforceable under the SARFAESI Act namely of you and call upon you to pay the said amount within sixty days from the date of receipt of this

otice. Please be advised that the Guarantors liability is co-extensive with the liability of the borrowers.

5. We further give notice to the borrowers namely 1, and mortgagors / guarantors who have given non-agri securities forceable under the SARFAESI Act namely that failing payment of the above amount in full with interest to till the date of payment, we shall be exercising all or any of the rights vested on us, under sub-section (4) of section 13

of the said Act. Please note that in law the borrowers and guarantors are jointly and severally liable to repay the dues with furthe terest and charges etc Please note that interest will continue to accrue at the rates and rests as agreed for each credit facility until full

. Your attention is also invited to sub-section (13) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are restrained from insferring/allenating/shifting any of the secured assets referred to above by way of sale, lease or otherwise, without btaining our prior written consent. Please also note that non-compliance / contravention of the provisions contained in

10. The guarantors referred under St. Nos have given personal guarantee to secure the loans of the said borrowers and as such we advise you to prevail upon the borrowers to repay the dues as per our demand since we have the right to iltiate action against you simultaneously in accordance with law, for recovery of our dues based on your persona . We also put all of you on notice that if the account is not regularized/ repaid within the stipulated time and in case of the

Bank classifying you as a willful defaulter as per RBI Guidelines, the Bank reserves its rights to publish your photograph n newspaper(s) with your name, address, details of default, dues etc., in accordance with RBI Guidelines besides nitiating all recourses available to the Bank for recovery. 2. We also advise you that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other

ights or remedies which we have for recovery of the above said dues as well as our right to make further demands in

respect of sums due and payable by you.

13. Further, your attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time vailable to you, to redeem the secured assets Yours faithfully

Authorized Officer

India, Maldives strengthen ties; inaugurate new runway, RuPay card

The inauguration of a new runaway in the Maldives built under an airport redevelopment project assisted by India and the official launch of the RuPay card in the island nation on Monday are aimed at boosting economic ties and tourism cooperation between the two

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu jointly virtually inaugurated the runway at the Hanimadhoo International Airport and also witnessed via weblink a live transaction using a RuPay payment service card in the Maldives.

The launch took place after the two leaders held extensive talks which Muizzu in his press statement said were to "chart a new path for the future".

Maldivian The accompanied by First Lady Madam Sajidha Mohamed and a Maldivian

India-assisted projects in the Maldives, a small official video was played in which details about these projects were shared in the presence times of crisis.



of the two leaders at the Hyderabad House.

The bonds between India and Maldives stretch back centuries, woven together through rich trade delegation arrived in India on and cultural exchanges," it was

Sunday evening.

Though the Maldivian president attended PM Modi's swearing-in ceremony in June, it is his first bilateral visit to India.

Prior to the launch of different Prior to the launch of di SAGAR vision, it said.

India has always been the first responder in the Maldives during "Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Mohamed Muizzu, this relationship is to achieve greater heights," it added.

The RuPay card launch today will pave the way for strengthened India-Maldives relations by boosting tourism and economic cooperation, according to the India-Maldives

"It will allow Indian tourists to make cashless transactions easily, reducing cost and enhancing convenience, especially in the Maldives tourism sector," it said.

The inauguration of the new runaway at Hanimadhoo International Airport marks a "significant milestone in the airport's ongoing expansion project".

Its redevelopment, under an "Indian Line of Credit of USD 132 million", aims to provide complete new infrastructure including runaway, ATC tower, ARFF block, hangar, cargo facilities, and passenger terminal building, it added. Prime Minister Modi in his press

statement after the bilateral talks said President Muizzu's visit adds "another chapter to our ties".

DGCA issues advisory on Boeing 737 rudder risks



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Aviation regulator DGCA on Monday issued an advisory to Indian airlines operating Boeing 737 planes regarding the potential risk of a jammed rudder control

The move follows the recent The move follows the recent probe report by the US National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) that highlighted safety concerns involving Boeing 737 aircraft lanes equipped with Collins Aerospace SVO-730 Rudder Pollout Children Actuators Rollout Guidance Actuators. Against the backdrop of the potential risk of a jammed or restricted rudder control system, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued safety recommendations to the Indian carriers.

Currently, Air India Express, Akasa Air and SpiceJet

operate Boeing 737 planes. DGCA said all flight crews are to be informed through a circular/advisory regarding the possibility of a jammed or restricted rudder control system.

"Appropriate mitigations must be communicated to help crews identify and handle such a situation," it added.

Further, all operators have been asked to conduct a safety risk assessment for aircraft to evaluate and mitigate the risk associated with the rudder control system.

The regulator also said that all Category III B approach, landing, and rollout operations, including practice or actual autoland, must be discontinued for these planes until further notice. Category III B pertains to operations in low visibility conditions.

Among other measures,

airlines have been asked to mandatorily include discussion about potential rudder control system issues as a mandatory topic in recurrent training sessions. It will also be included in the I n s t r u m e n t Rating/Proficiency Checks (IR/PPC) during presimulator briefings.

"Operators have instructed to include specific exercises in Recurrent Training and IR/PPC that simulate scenarios involving a jammed or restricted rudder control system, including

rollout procedures.
"Appropriate flight crew responses and mitigations should be practised during these exercises," the regulator said in a release.

DGCA also said the interim measures aim to enhance safety and ensure that flight crews are well-prepared to handle potential rudder control issues effectively. transparency and efficiency in services provided to apple growers," the chief minister said."HPMC has enhanced its processing capacity, with this year's crushing capacity increasing from 21,000 MT to 39,000 MT compared to the previous year. Additionally, the grading and packaging line capacity has been line capacity has been enhanced from 15,900 MT to

33,900 MT.

Automobile sales in India drop 9 per cent amid sluggish demand: FADA

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Automobile retail sales in India declined 9 per cent year-on-year in September amid a massive buildup of passenger vehicle inventory due to sluggish demand, dealer's body FADA said on Monday, urging original equipment manufacturers to take corrective steps.

The overall registrations declined to 17,23,330 units last month from 18,99,192 units in September 2023, as most of the categories including passenger vehicles and two-wheelers witnessed a year-on-year (Y-O-Y) drop. "Despite the onset of festivals

such as Ganesh Chaturthi and Onam, dealers have reported that performance has been largely stagnant," Federation of Automobile Dealers said in a statement

Given the critical festive season around the corner, FADA urges OEMs (Original Equipment Manufacturers) to take immediate corrective measures to avoid a financial setback, he said. This suggests that overall

market sentiment during these festive periods has been underwhelming, with a trend leaning towards flat or negative growth, he added. Passenger vehicle sales declined 19 per cent Y-O-Y to 2,75,681 units last month from 3,39,543 units in the year-ago period.

'Seasonal factors such as Shraddh and Pitrapaksha, coupled with heavy rainfall and a sluggish economy, have exacerbated the situation, dealers historically high inventory levels of 80-85 days' President C S Vigneshwar worth Rs 79,000 crore," due to unsold stock, he



Vigneshwar said.

FADA also calls on the Reserve Bank of India to issue an advisory to banks, mandating stricter channel funding policies based only on dealer consent and on actual collateral, to prevent dealers from facing additional financia

added. This is the final opportunity for PV OEMs to recalibrate and support market recovery before it's

too late, he said. Two-wheeler retail sales saw a dip of 8 per cent Y-O-Y to 12,04,259 units due to low consumer sentiment, poor inquiries and reduced

Shraddh period and heavy rains further impacted demand, resulting in delayed purchases and a subdued environment, it

Commercial vehicle registrations declined 10 per cent year on year last month to 74.324 units.

While there was positive sentiment and marginal growth in regions supported by infrastructure projects, overall demand remained weak due to low government spending, extended monsoon delays and seasonal challenges, the industry body said. Three-wheeler sales retail sales rose marginally to 1,06,524 units last month as compared with 1,05,827 units

in September 2023. Tractor sales rose 15 per cent year on year to 74,324 units last month.

period, this fiscal, overall uncertain

retail sales across segments witnessed a growth of 7 per cent to 1,19,15,963 units against 1,11,83,734 units in $t\bar{h}e$ same period of last fiscal. Passenger vehicle

registrations rose 1 per cent to 18,70,991 units as compared with 18,51,249 units in the year-ago period. Two-wheeler sales increased 9 per cent year on year to 85,66,531 in the first half of the current fiscal.

Commercial registrations, however, fell marginally to 4,77,381 units in the period under review from 4,80,488 units in H1 of last fiscal. On near-term sales outlook, FADA said that while dealers and OEMs are betting on robust festive sales, especially in rural markets where positive cash flow and better agricultural conditions are expected to spur demand,



India's domestic air passenger traffic to touch 300 million by 2030: Naidu

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Tndia's domestic Apassenger traffic is projected to touch 300 million by 2030 and about USD 11 billion is being spent to develop airports, Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu said on Monday.

The minister also said India and France can work together to develop a robust global SAF (Sustainable Aviation Fuel) supply chain.

He was speaking at the conference organised by the French Aerospace Industries Association (GIFAS) in the national capital.

India is one of the world's fastest-growing civil aviation markets and airlines are expanding their fleets well as networks to meet the rising demand. Naidu said the domestic air passenger traffic is projected to touch 300 million by 2030 while 200 more airports are expected to be developed in the next 20-25 years.

Currently, India has 157 airports, heliports and waterdromes.

The number of operational airports is expected to reach 200 by the end of 2025.
The potential for partnership

between India and France is

immense, the minister added.

India to establish 100 food testing labs PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Union Food Processing Minister Chirag Paswan on Monday said the government will build 100 food testing labs and 50 food irradiation centres as part of its efforts to boost processing levels and ensure quality. The minister asked the

industry not to compromise on the quality of products as this will affect not only brands but the country's image as He said the ministry will set

up 100 food testing labs to ensure that products meet standard norms set by regulators. The minister assured the

Addressing a Ficci seminar, to minimise wastage and promote value addition. The minister also exhorted

industry players to make India a global food basket. "Indian food products should become popular globally. Indian food standards should be recognised as global standards," Paswan said.

established.

sector.

Paswan emphasised the need

To boost processing levels, industry that he would try to Paswan said as many as 50 food irradiation units will be address any issues and challenges affecting the

On the sidelines of the event, growth of the food processing

he said the ministry has already invited Expressions of Interest (EoIs) from prospective entrepreneurs to set up multi-product food

irradiation units.
These units will be set up under Integrated Cold Chain & Value Addition Infrastructure (cold chain scheme), a component of Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) with support from the

ministry. Financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid/subsidies will be provided to the eligible projects under the demand-driven cold chain scheme.

Paswan said the food industry has been demanding reduction in GST on some items and he has taken up the issue at the right forum.

IT department invites public suggestions for I-T Act review

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Income Tax department on Monday invited public inputs for review of the six-decade old I-T Act with regard to simplification of language, reduction, litigation compliance reduction, and obsolete provisions.

Pursuant to the Budget announcement by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for a comprehensive review of the Income-tax Act, 1961, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) had set up an internal committee to oversee the review and make the Act

concise, clear, and easy to understand, which reduce disputes, litigation, and provide greater tax certainty to taxpayers.

"The committee invites public inputs and suggestions four categories: simplification of language, litigation reduction, compliance reduction, and redundant/obsolete provisions," the CBDT said. A webpage on the e-filing

ĥttps://eportal.Incometax.Go v.ln/iec/foservices/#/prelogin/ita-comprehensivereview -- has been launched and the public can access the completed in six months.

page by entering their mobile number and validating it via

Suggestions should specify the relevant provision of the Income-tax Act, 1961 or Income-tax Rules, 1962 (mentioning the specific section, sub-section, clause, rule, sub-rule, or form number), as the case may be, to which the suggestion relates under aforementioned

categories. The Finance Minister in the 2024-25 Budget presented in July had proposed that the Ilaw review will be

INBRIEF

REC LIMITED DISBURSES LOAN IN H1 FY25

GURGAON: REC Limited, a maharatna CPSE under the Ministry of Power and a leading NBFC, has disbursed loans worth ?90.955 crore, up 20.10% yearon-year for the half year ended September 30, 2024. The quantum of renewable energy loans grew 92.68% year-on-year to Rs. 11,297 crore.



INDUCTION PROGRAM HELD FOR LL.B CLASSES AT GNDU



AMRITSAR: Department of laws, GNDU, RC JALANDHAR, organised an induction programme for its new batch of students in LL. B TYC 2024-2027 and BALL.B 2024-2029. The event aimed to welcome and familiarise students with academic environment

EDUCATION COLLEGES ZONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL

AMRITSAR: The Education Colleges Zonal Youth festival of Guru Nanak Dev University will be held on October 9, 2024 in the Dashmesh Auditorium of the University. Students-artists from Education Colleges affiliated to the University are participating in this zone. As many as 00 student-artists are expected to participate in 35 items of Music, Theatre, Dance, Literary & Fine Arts during this festival. Dr. Amandeep Singh, In- charge Youth Welfare said that on the first day ie October 9 the festival begins with the competitions of Costume Parade, Mimicry, Skit, Geet/Gazal & Folk Song will be organized in the Dashmesh

Tata Power-DDL wins the prestigious Deming Prize 2024

PNS NEW DELHI

Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited wins 'Deming Prize 2024' in recognition of its Total Quality (TQM) Management practices. Although, the award ceremony to felicitate the winners will take place in November 2024. The Deming Grand Prize, is one of the longstanding quality awards presented by the Union of Japanese Scientists and Engineers (JUSE). It is awarded to companies that not only achieve the Deming Prize but also consistently maintain and improve their TQM standards for an extended period. Tata Power-DDL has been on the TQM journey for over six years towards

becoming a global benchmark. With this recognition, the company has benchmark of being the First Power Distribution Company in the world to achieve this feat. The TQM practices have enabled the transformation of the processes and elevated the business performance to benchmark levels.

Commenting on the win, Mr. Gajanan S. Kale, Chief Executive Officer, Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited said, "We're deeply honored that Tata Power-DDL has been awarded the Deming Prize. It is a remarkable achievement for us, signifying global recognition of the company's unwavering commitment to management practices."

Exhibition kicks off in Delhi PNS NEW DELHI Zhejiang area, comprising 70

Zhejiang International Trade

The 2024 International Zhejiang Ťrade Exhibition (India) commenced on October 5 at Pragati Maidan Convention and Exhibition Center in New Delhi. Running until October 7, the event is headlined by the 39th MEDICALL exhibition, widely regarded as the premier medical trade show in India and South Asia. The exhibition has attracted medical manufacturers and providers from countries such as Germany, the United States, Japan, South Korea, and Italy. A key feature of the three-day

event is the dedicated

booths representing 41 companies from cities like Hangzhou, Wenzhou, Jinhua Yiwu, Shaoxing, Taizhou, Jiaxing, and Huzhou. Exhibits cover a broad range of products including medical devices, consumables, in vitro diagnostics, disinfectants protective equipment, rehabilitation traditional medicine, home healthcare solutions, and

cutting-edge innovations in smart healthcare and medical industry services.Prominent Zhejiang-based companies showcasing their advanced products and further technologies, cementing the reputation of the "Made in Zhejiang".

wellness programs launched led education with Orane's

UGC-recognized beauty,

PNS NEW DELHI

Medhavi Skills University (MSU), India's largest university, partnered with International, a skilling pioneer, to introduce UGC-recognized programs in the beauty and wellness sector. collaboration aims to address the skills gap in the industry by offering specialized B.Voc (Bachelor of Vocation) courses in Cosmetology and

Orane leading and degree workforce.

Makeup Artistry.
This partnership, formalized through an MoU signed on September 24, combines MSU's expertise in industryqualifications.

extensive network of over 120 skill centers across India and abroad. The initiative will provide hands-on training to professionals in the beauty wellness industry, projected to reach ?5 lakh crore by 2030, and which employs a 70% female

Key highlights of the partnership include industrydriven curricula with a 70% practical component, the use of the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) framework for experienced professionals, and a focus on empowering women through formal

SINDHU, SEN EYE COMEBACK AFTER PARIS SETBACK



PTI ■ VANTAA (FINLAND)

Star shuttlers PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen will lead the Indian contingent at the Arctic Open Super 500 tournament commencing here on Tuesday, as they eagerly to reclaim their

 $P_{\text{narrowly defeated Alpine}}^{\text{BG}} \ \, \text{Alaskan Knights} \\ \text{SG Pipers with a 9-7 score to} \\$

continue their unbeaten run at

the Global Chess League here.

Alaskan Knights won all their

five of encounters after 15

matches, the halfway stage of

Despite the team's top player,

Anish Giri blundering a piece

and losing to Magnus Carlsen

in just 20 minutes, the Alaskan

Knights came out on top

Defending champions Triveni

Continental Kings climbed to

second place after defeating the

Alireza Firouzia, continued his

winning streak by defeating

ton-rated

Though just three game points

behind the leaders, Triveni

recorded three wins and two

losses, earning nine match

points and 55 game points.

Meanwhile, the upGrad Mumba Masters sit in the fifth

place with only three match

An epic encounter between

Carlsen and Nakamura highlighted the final match of

the day between the Alpine SG

Pipers and the American

garnering 58 game points.

upGrad Mumba Masters. Continental Kings' icon,

Maxime Vachier-Lagrave.

Continental Kings

points.

Gambits.

the tournament.

momentum international stage following a medal-less outing at the Paris Olympics.

This tournament marks the first outing for Sindhu and Sen since the Olympic Games, and they are keen to reset their goals. The duo has reassessed

Both the players traded

winning positions in a time

scramble, and the duel

The match came down to the youth board, where Daniel

Darda defeated Jonas Bjerre,

securing a narrow 9-7 victory

for the Alpine SG Pipers, which placed them in third

place with nine match points

With one win and one loss in

American Gambits hold fourth

place with six match points

At the bottom of the standings,

and 43 game points.

and 33 game points.

ultimately ended in a draw.

to remain unbeaten in GCL

their performances and implemented changes to regain their rhythm. Sindhu has roped in Anup Sridhar and Korean legend Lee

Syun Il as her new coaches,

moving on from her previous

coach Indonesia's Agus Dwi

the Ganges Grandmasters

continue to struggle, having

lost their match on Sunday

Former world champion

Vishwanathan Anand lost to

World No. 2 Hikaru Nakamura

after sacrificing a queen for a

drawing fortress, only to lose

Fritz and Dimitrov finally

advance at rain-soaked

Shanghai,(AP) Two days after

starting, seventh-ranked Taylor Fritz and 10th-ranked

Grigor Dimitrov finally got to

complete their second-round

on Saturday

until Monday.

on time.

Shanghai Masters

against American Gambits.

Sen, who narrowly missed a medal in Paris, spent time at the Red Bull Arena in Austria for physical assessment.

In the opening round, Sindhu, who exited in the round of 16 in Paris, will face familiar rival Canada's Michelle Li, while Sen, who lost in the bronze

medal play-off, will compete against Denmark's Rasmus Gemke.

Olympic medallist Double Sindhu is favoured to overcome Li and could face 18-year-old Japanese sensation Tomako Miyazaki, the 2022 junior world champion, in the

against whom she lost at the Swiss Open earlier this year. For Sen, it's a chance for revenge against Gemke, having lost to him at the India Open in 2023. If he overcomes Gemke, he might face seventh-seeded Chou Tien Chen of

Chinese Taipei.
Kidambi Srikanth, returning to action at the Macau Open to action at the Macau Open after a four-month injury layoff, will compete in the qualifiers alongside younger compatriots Kiran George and Sathish Kumar Karunakaran. Former world number one Srikanth is set to face George, while Sathish will battle against France's Arnaud Merkle.

In women's singles, besides Sindhu, in-form Malvika Bansod and Aakarshi Kashyap are also in contention.

Malvika, who reached the quaterfinals at the China Open Super 1000, will open against World No. 24 Sung Shuo Yun of Chinese Taipei, while Aakarshi will be up against World No. 24 Sungan to Germany in the Yvonne Li of Germany in the Ånother first round. promising player, Unnati Hooda, who won the 2022 Odisha Masters, will take on Heli Neiman of Israel in the qualifiers

While there is no Indian representation in men's doubles, Rituparna Panda and Swetaparna Panda compete in women's doubles. and Sathish will partner with Aadya Variyath in mixed

Women's Champions League begins with reinforced Barcelona going for third straight title

Barcelona will go for its third women's Champions League title with a squad boosted by Poland's star striker Ewa Pajor and with Aitana Bonmatí and Alexia Putellas playing on new contracts. The group stage of the European club competition begins Tuesday and the Catalans are trying to become only the second team after Lyon to win three titles in a row or reach five straight finals. Barcelona beat Lyon in last season's final, when Ballon d'Or winners Bonmatí and Putellas scored a goal each. Both had their contracts with the club extended ahead of the new season, and now they will have Pajor as a teammate. Pajor, who joined from

Wolfsburg, was the competition's top scorer in 2022-23 as the German club reached a final that it lost to Barcelona despite a goal by her. In her nine seasons with Wolfsburg, Pajor won 14 titles and scored 136 goals despite a series of injuries. She was not able to win a Champions League crown even though she played in three finals and was part of a run to another. Barcelona has also added Kika

award, has 64 competition goals, while teammate Eugénie

Le Sommer, third on the all-time list, needs two to reach 50. They form the spine of the team along with veteran captain Wendie Renard, the women's Champions League record holder for appearances

Nazareth from Portuguese club

Benfica. The team's first game

in the competition this season will be on Wednesday against Group D rival Manchester City

in a rematch of the 2020-21

quarterfinals, where the

Spaniards triumphed after a 4-

2 first-leg win and a 2-1 second-leg defeat in what was

Barcelona's only loss that

Barcelona's squad also includes

former City players Keira Walsh and Ellie Roebuck.

Lyon's firepower takes on GalatasarayIt could prove a

busy night on Tuesday for Galatasaray's defense and

Group A opponent Lyon boasts the all-time top scorer

in the Women's Champions

League, Ada Hegerberg, who has managed two 50-plus

seasons for goals during her 10-year spell at the club.

The Norway striker, who won

the first women's Ballon d'Or

goalkeeper Gamze Yaman.

campaign.

Alaskan Knights beat SG Pipers | Mohun Bagan considered withdrawn from ACL 2: AF — but their players expressed

Mohun Bagan Super Giant are considered to have withdrawn from the AFC Champions League 2 after the Kolkata side decided against travelling to Iran to face Tractor FC, the continental body AFC said on Monday, pending further decision on the matter. Keeping their players' "safety and security" in mind, Mohun Bagan Super Giant had last month decided against travelling to Iran for the October 2 match owing to the volatile situation that prevailed in the west Asian nation at that time

matches at the Shanghai Masters on Monday. Fritz, the U.S. Open finalist, "In accordance with Article 5.2 of AFC Champions League 2 had led 4-3 in the opening set 2024/25 Competition Regulations, the Asian Football against Frenchman Terence Atmane when rain suspended Confederation confirms that Ir Qizhong Forest Sports City Bagan Super Giant are Arena, and then washed out all considered to have withdrawn from the ACL 2 competition matches on the outside courts after the club failed to report to

Tabriz ... Against Tractor FC on October 2, 2024," the AFC said. 'Consequently, all matches played by Mohun Bagan SG are cancelled and considered null and void in accordance Article 5.6 Competition Regulations. For the avoidance of doubt, no points and goals in the club's matches shall be taken into consideration determining the final rankings

in Group A pursuant to Article 8.3 of the Competition Regulations."

Mohun Bagan SG were to play Tractor FC on October 2 in their Group A match of the ACL 2 — the continent's second tier club competition

unwillingness to play in Iran, which had announced a state of mourning following the death of a prominent general of the Revolutionary Guard in an Israeli air strike. The matter will now be referred to the relevant AFC

Committee(s) as appropriate for their decision(s)," the AFC said in the statement. In their first match of Group A,

Mohun Bagan had played out a goalless goalless draw a Tajikistan's FC Ravshan. against

It was learnt that 35 registered players, including seven foreigners, wrote to the club that they didn't wish to go to Iran at that point in time.

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

"PUBLIC NOTICE"

It is hereby informed that West Central Railway will conduct "Speed Trial" at high speed between Satna - Barethiya Stations of Lalitpur Singrauli New line Project on 09.10.2024 followed by regular running of trains on New line of Satna - Barethiya section. Please note that unauthorised entry in Railway land, except at authorized locations e.g. level crossings when open to road traffic, is criminal offence under section 147 of Indian Railways Act while punishment up to 6 months of confinement or fine up to Rs.1,000.00 or both. Even while crossing the track at level crossings, general public are requested to follow rules of crossing, that too after observing trains on both sides and Cross only when it is safe to cross it.

स्वच्छ भारत अभियान एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर

नाम परिवर्तन

मैं कल्लू समाधिया (Kallu Samadhiya) सर्वसाधारण को सूचित करता हूं कि मेरी दोने पुत्रियों सिद्धि समाधिया और सौम्या समाधिया के शासकीय, अशासकीय एवं शैक्षणिक दस्तावेजों में मेरा नाम कमल समाधिया (Kamal Samadhiya) अंकित हो गया है जे कि गलत है जबकि मेरे सभी दस्तावेजों में मेरा नाम कल्लू समाधिया (Kallu Samadhiya) अंकित है जो कि सही है। इस प्रकाशन के उपरांत मुझे मेरे बच्चों के दस्तावेज में भी कल्लू समाधिया (Kallu Samadhiya) के नाम से ही जाना, पढ़ा लिखा एवं पुकारा जाए। मेरे दोनों बच्चों के शैक्षणिक दस्तावेजे में पिता का नाम कमल समाधिया के स्थान

गलत नाम: कमल समाधिया (Kama Samadhiya) सही नाम: कल्लू समाधिया (Kallu

पर कल्लु समाधिया दर्ज किया जावे।

पता:- ग्राम-हतोड, बासौदा, गंज बासौदा, जिला विदिशा (मध्य प्रदेश) 464221

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ीदा

2002. The content of the notice is as under.

Date: 08.10.2024, Place: Bhopal

BHEL Branch, Bhopal

DEMAND NOTICE Notice issued under section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of

Security Interest Act, 2002 Read with Rule 3(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned has issued notice on dates mentioned below in table (sent by regd. Post) under section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. rw. Rule 3(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to you and to repay the dues mentioned therein within 60 days from the receipt of the said notice, which were returned undelivered and I have reason to believe that you are avoiding service of demand notice on you. Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to you to repay the banks dues within 60 days from this Notice failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules and we, the secured creditor, shall be entitled to exercise all or any of the rights under the Security Interest Act, 2002. r.w. Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The content of the notice is as under

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the	Description of the	Amount Outstanding	
Borrower/ Guarantor	Secured Assets	Demand Notice Date	
Borrower: M/s Shiv Shakti Engineering Works, Proprietor Mr. Rajput Toran Singh S/o Deenanath Guarantor: Mr. Rajput Toran Singh S/o Deenanath Address of All: 58/S.R. G. New Fort Extension Barkhera, Pathani, Bhopal, Distt. Bhopal (M.P.)	Equitable Mortgage of Property situated at Flat No. 203, 2nd floor, Golf park Part of Khasra No 239/5 Narela Shankari Ward No 66, Tehsil - Huzur, Distt Bhopal (MP) in the name of Mr. ToranSingh Rajput S/o Mr. Deenanath Area of flat 85.61 Sq. Mtrs. Boundaries: East: Flat No 205, West: Common Galary, North: Flat No. 204, South: Open	(inc. of int. up to 27.07.2024) ₹ 41,83,754/- interest & other charges 02/08/2024	

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for notice of the general public that a political party is proposed to be registered by the name of HUMAN REPUBLIC PARTY The office of the party is located at 67, Madhuban Colony, Ward-72, Zone-15, Indore, Pin Code-452009. This Party has submitted application to the Election Commission of India. New Delhi for its registration as Political party under Section 29A of the Representation of People Act 1951-Names/address of the office bearers of the Party President: SIDDHARTH SINGH BHATI

General Secretary: EKTARAJE BUNDELA Treasurer: TANMAY BOOB

of HUMAN REPUBLIC PARTY they ma Secretary (Political Party), Election Ashoka Road New Delhi-110001 within 30 days of the publication of the notice.

नाम परिवर्तन

मैं जय हिंद सिंह ठाकुर (Jay Hind Singh Thakur) आत्मज श्री मातादीन कमरिया सर्वसाधारण को सृचित किया करती हं कि मेरा नाम जय सिंह ठाकुर (Jay Singh Thakur) आत्मज श्री मातादीन कमरिया है जो मेरे सभी शासकीय अर्ध शासकीय दस्तावेजों में अंकित है। किंतु मेरे आधार कार्ड में त्रुटि से जय हिंद सिंह (Jay Hind Singh) आत्मज श्री मातादीन कमरिया अंकित हो गया है जो कि गलत है। इस विज्ञप्ति के उपरांत मुझे सभी शासकीय अर्ध शासकीय एवं अन्य दस्तावेजों में जय हिंद सिंह ठाकुर (Jay Hind Singh Thakur) आत्मज श्री मातादीन कमरिया के नाम से ही जाना पहचाना, लिखा पढ़ा जाए।

पुराना नाम: जय हिंद सिंह (Jay Hind Singh) आत्मज श्री मातादीन कमरिया नया नाम: जय हिंद सिंह ठाक्रर (Jay Hind Singh Thakur) आत्मज श्री मातादीन कमरिया

BANK OF MAHARASHTRA

Jabalpur Zonal Office: Wright Town,
Jabalpur 482001, Tele: 0761- 2480065
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said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said rules Name & Address **Details of Immovable Property of** to the bank **Notice Date**

of Borrower & which possession taken by the bank Guarantor 1.All the piece and parcel of land and shed constructed Rs.2,30,21,122/-25/07/2024 thereon situated at CTS/Survey no. Khasra No 36/1, KH Borrower - M/s Sourabh Sethi + Interest & Dairy Farm Proprietor, Mr. Other Charges 04/10/2024 no.32/2, KH no.30 area admeasuring 29866 sq.ft. at Village Imaliya, Tehsil Panagar District Jabalpur butted and Sourabh Sethi S/o Neval Kumar w.e.f. bounded by - North : Godown and Animal Shed of Mr. Sethi, and guarantors Mrs. Nisha 25/07/2024 Mishra, East: Land of Sunil Badariya, West: 20'wide Road,

South: Land of Sunil Badariya

Charanjeet Lal Sethi Owner: Smt. Nisha Sethi W/o Late Neval Kumar Sethi. 2 All the livestock and fodder and feeds available at Sourabh Sethi Dairy Farm Khasra No 30, 32/2 and 36/1 Village Imaliya Maharajpur Jabalpur

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bank Of Maharashtra for an amount hereinabove mentioned. The details of the properties mortgaged to the Bank and taken possession by the Bank are as above. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Place: Jabalpur, Date: 08/10/2024

Sethi W/o Late Neval Kumar Sethi

and Mr. Vipin Kumar Sethi S/o

BANK OF MAHARASHTRA (CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699)

162, Kuber House, Kanchanbagh Road, Indore-452001, Ph.No.: 0731-2521194/95, 76250 79136, email: indore@canfinhomes.com

POSSESSION NOTICE Rule 8 (1)][For Immovable Property

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 01.08.2024 calling upon the borrowers Mr. Rupesh Ghure S/o Pannalal Ghure & Mrs. Dipti Ghure W/o Rupesh Ghure to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.12.98.781/- (Twelve Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty One Only) with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 (of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002) on this the 1st day of October of the year 2024.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings

with the property will be subject to the charge of Can Fin Homes Ltd for an amount of Rs. 12,98,781/- (Twelve Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty One Only) and interest thereon. Description of immovable property

House On North Part of Plot No-2026, PhHouse on North Part of Plot No. 2026, Phoenix Town Colony, Kelodhala, Indore (M.P.) 452001, With Plot Area Ad-measuring: 500 Sq.ft. & construction thereon, Boundaries: East: Colony Road, West: Plot No. 2039, North: Plot No. 2025, South: Part of Plot No. 2026

Place : Indore, Date : 07.10.2024 Authorised Officer, Can Fin Homes Ltd

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd. Corporate Office: Unit No.802, Natraj Rustomjee, Western Express Highway and M.V.Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400069 Bhopal Branch: Office No.1, Plot No. 200, 1st Floor, Jyoti Cineplex, M.P. Nagar, Zone-1 Bhopal-462001 (Madhya Pradesh)

Authorized Officer: Lokendra Rathore, Contact: 9977783890 PROPERTY FOR SALE UNDER PROVISIONS OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002 THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY

Whereas the Authorised Officer, Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) has taken the Possession u/s 13(4) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002 (The SARFAESI Act, 2002) of the property ("the Secured Asset") given below The Authorised Officer has received offer of Sale from some interested party against the above mentioned Secured Asset under the SARFAESI Act for recovery of the Secured

Debt. Now, the Authorised Officer is hereby giving the Notice to Sale of the above said property through Private Treaty in terms of rule 8 and 9 of the Security

Inte	nterest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The Details of the Account are as follows:									
S. N.		Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrowers	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Reserve Price (RP)	Total Outstanding Loan Amount	Description of the Secured Asset				
1.	(Loan Code No. 00600000379/ Bhopal Branch)	Amar Soni (Borrower), Meena Soni (Co-Borrower) Bharat Bhushan Verma (Guarantor)	16-04-2023 & ₹ 3,89,608/-	₹ 5,00,000/-	₹ 5,09,110/- as on date 01-10-2024	All that part & parcel of property bearing, Approved Map Required Godraffo Flat 00 601 Maharshi Patanjali Parisar Godarmou Awasiya Yojana, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh - 462001 Boundaries: East- Passage Flat LIG 12-16, West- Open, North-				

Open, South-Passage The Authorised officer will hold auction for sale of the Secured Asset on 'As is where is Basis', 'As is what is basis' and 'Whatever is there is basis'. AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the said property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept or reject the offer without assigning any reason whatsoever and sale will be subject to confirmation by Secured Creditor. On the acceptance of offer of proposed buyer, he/she is required to deposit 25% of accepted price inclusive adjustment of Earnest Money Balance immediately and the balance amount shall be paid by the purchaser within 15 (fifteen) days from date of acceptance of Offer by the Secured Creditor. The proposed buyer is to note that in case of failure of payment of balance amount by him/her within the time specified, the amount already deposited shall stand forfeited and property will be resold accordingly.

This is 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002 is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the above described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and to the amount due to Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd., in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.

If the Borrower(s), co-borrower(s) has any buyer who is ready to purchase the mortgage property/secured asset at price above the given reserve price of then Borrower(s), Co-borrower(s) must intimate to AHFL on or before 23-10-2024 AHFL shall give preference to him. If Borrower(s), Co-borrower(s) fails to intimate on or before 23-10-2024 the AHFL will proceed sale of property at above given reserve price. The Date of Auction is fixed for 23-10-2024.

Place: Madhya Pradesh, Date: 08-10-2024

(Authorised Officer) For Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda



OUR BATTERS DON'T KNOW HOW TO SCORE 180 RUNS, SKIPPER SHANTO

Bangladesh captain Najmul Hossain Shanto has candidly admitted that his team doesn't know how to consistently post 180 plus totals in a T20 game. Batting has been Bangladesh's weak link for a while, especially their approach in the powerplay. They struggled to 39 for two in six overs on Sunday night before managing a below par 127. India chased that down in just 11.5 overs to go 1-0 up in the series.

"We have the ability, but we have room for improvement in our skills. We have been batting in this way for the last 10 years. Sometimes we do well. We have to make some changes, perhaps where we practice back home." Shanto feels that tracks in

Bangladesh aren't conducive for big scoring games of T20 and that has affected their collective batting performance.

We play on 140-150 wickets at home. Our batters don't know how to score 180 runs. I won't blame just the wickets, but we have to consider skills and mentality," Shanto said following the crushing

The batters' shot selection was also questioned with the likes of Litton Das falling to ordinary shots.

"I wouldn't say we played badly. We are a better team than this. We haven't done well in this format for a long time, but I don't believe we are such a bad team," said Shanto. "I don't want to talk about any individual player. I think the batting unit didn't do well today. There will be aggression in the way we approach our scoring, but sometimes we have to select the

about it, but we can't rush in changing our approach.

Shanto went on to say that their powerplay approach needs to be reviewed with the opening stands having contributed only 69 runs in the last eight innings.

"Powerplay is definitely a worry. The approach we talked about (before the game), it will be successful if we make a good start with the bat.

"We have to keep the wickets in the first six overs, and score runs in those. Otherwise those coming in next, it becomes too challenging for them. We have struggled in the powerplay. Those batting in the power play must take more responsibility," said the southpaw. Rookier Indian pacer Mayank Yadav made a promising debut on Sunday, generating speeds close to 150kmph in his first competitive game in five months.

He hurried the batters but Shanto said they are used to facing such speed in the nets.

We have some similar fast bowlers in the nets. I don't think we were too worried about (Mayank Yadav). But he is a good bowler," he added.

Surya gives you freedom, he is a calm captain: Debutants Mayank,

Gwalior,(PTI) Mayank Yadav and Nitish Kumar Reddy were expectedly nervous ahead of their India debut in the first T20 International against Bangladesh here but the newcomers said skipper Suryakumar Yadav helped them stay calm with his comforting words.

Mayank, the 22-year-old pace sensation, made his debut here on



Sunday after recovering from a recurring abdominal strain after playing only four matches in this year's IPL. He impressed in the first match returning with figures of 1/21 from his four overs.

impact by remaining unbeaten on 16 off 15 balls, to help India register a commanding sevenwicket win in the series-opener.

"He (Suryakumar) gives you freedom. When I was taking the Nitish, 21, also made instant run up, he was telling me do what

you feel, what you feel best'. So that's very important for any fast bowler, specially when you making your debut," Mayank told BCCLTV.

Nitish added: "He is very calm and cool. He is doing fabulous

captaincy, not giving any pressure to us. We were debutants, obviously will we nervousness and pressure. He gave that license to us. Any youngster would like to get it from the long injury layoff, Mayank became emotional.

"It's a great moment because I am coming from an injury. I was a bit nervous, like I was telling myself

don't stress yourself.
"When I got to know I am going to play my first match, making my debut, complete flashback of last four months came in front of my

eyes," he said.

The speedster started his international career with a maiden over on Sunday and credited bowling coach Morne Morkel for shaping him.

"It felt good. I was not like thinking that I am going to bowl a maiden over. Just wanted to live in that moment, enjoy that moment, Mayank said. "It's very comfortable for me, I am

with him (Morkel) for the last three years. I know him, he knows me very well. So, it's very easy for me to work with him. He knows which things are better for me." Nitish too was satisfied with his

debut performance, saying it was a dream-come-true moment for

"For any cricketer in India it's a big moment. Playing for Indian cricket team is a dream-come-true moment. Obviously, there was nervousness but I enjoyed that. It was a very proud moment for me and my family as well," he said.

"There are senior players and I got a lot of experience as well from the coaching staff. Even in bowling as well getting some keen points. I love this kind of atmosphere in the dressing room. The second T20 of the three-

match series will be played in New Delhi on Wednesday.



Jayasuriya appointed full-time head coach of Sri Lanka till 2026 T20 WC

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Jormer captain Sanath Former Captain Captain Sayasuriya was on Monday appointed as full-time head coach of the Sri Lankan cricket team until the end of the 2026 T20 World Cup.

The former left-handed opener was Sri Lanka's interim coach since early July, and after he impressed in the role against India and England, Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) has decided to hand him full-time responsibility. Under Jayasuriyas guidance, Sri Lanka won their first bilateral ODI series against India in 27 years, and then defeated England in an away Test for the first time in 10

Most recently, Sri Lanka

defeated New Zealand 2-0 in a Test series at home.

"The Executive Committee of Sri Lanka Cricket made this decision taking into consideration the team's good performances in the recent tours against India, England, and New Zealand, where Jayasuriya was in charge as the interim head coach," SLC said in a statement.

"The appointment came into effect on October 1, 2024, and will remain until March

Jayasuriya had been a chief selector in the past and his first assignment as full-time head coach will be the limited overs series against West Indies, starting in Dambulla on October 13.

Mystery spinner Varun Chakravarthy says he is reaping the rewards of putting over-spin on the ball instead of side-spin following his successful India comeback.

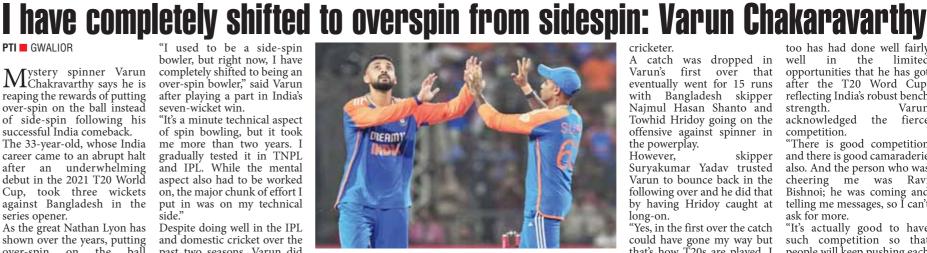
The 33-year-old, whose India career came to an abrupt halt after an underwhelming debut in the 2021 T20 World Cup, took three wickets against Bangladesh in the series opener.

As the great Nathan Lyon has shown over the years, putting over-spin on the ball generates sharp bounce and turn, which aided Varun on Sunday night. His googly to get rid of Jaker Ali showed the former architect's total control over his craft.

"I used to be a side-spin bowler, but right now, I have completely shifted to being an over-spin bowler," said Varun after playing a part in India's seven-wicket win.

"It's a minute technical aspect of spin bowling, but it took me more than two years. I gradually tested it in TNPI and IPL. While the mental aspect also had to be worked on, the major chunk of effort I put in was on my technical

Despite doing well in the IPL and domestic cricket over the past two seasons, Varun did not get a recall to the Indian team and that only made him hungrier. Now that he is back in blues, it feels like a rebirth. "Whenever there was a squad that was announced, I used to



feel like, 'Why is my name not there?' and I used to keep thinking about that. So that brought motivation within me that I should not leave this

"I should go all out and make comeback, so I started playing a lot of domestic games and giving importance to it. That kind of helped me," said the soft-spoken

A catch was dropped in Varun's first over that eventually went for 15 runs with Bangladesh skipper

Najmul Hasan Shanto and Towhid Hridoy going on the offensive against spinner in the powerplay. However,

Suryakumar Yadav trusted Varun to bounce back in the following over and he did that by having Hridoy caught at long-on.

"Yes, in the first over the catch could have gone my way but that's how T20s are played. I felt the reverse-sweep six was a good ball but it still went for a six, so it's all mixed emotions.

He played the series opener of leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi who

too has had done well fairly well in the limited opportunities that he has got after the T20 Word Cup, reflecting India's robust bench strength. acknowledged the fierce competition.

There is good competition and there is good camaraderie also. And the person who was cheering me was Ravi Bishnoi; he was coming and telling me messages, so I can't ask for more.

"It's actually good to have such competition so that people will keep pushing each other. Someone will be better than others at one point of time and he will definitely get the Cup for India, so that competition is very required," Varun added.

Gulveer Singh finds place in eight member senior squad for Asian Cross Country in Hong Kong

A sian Games medallist long distance runner Gulveer Singh was on Monday named in the eight-member Indian senior team that will take part in the Asian Cross Country championships to be held on October 20 in Hong Kong. The 26-year-old Army man had won a bronze medal in the men's 10,000m race in the Hangzhou Asian Games last year. Singh had an excellent run on the track this season. In September, he improved his national 5,000m record to 13:11.82 seconds during a World Athletics Continental Tour event in Japan.

Athletics Federation of India (AFI) selection committee has also named the national senior and junior teams for the South Asian Cross Country Championships to be held on November



24 in Islamabad, Pakistan. The national team that will compete at the Asian Cross Country will also get the opportunity to compete at the South Asian Cross Country in Pakistan in

'The participation of the athletes at the Asian Cross-Country Championship in Pakistan will be subject to fitness," AFI president Adille Sumariwalla said.

"Any athlete who is unfit will be dropped from the national squad," he added.

TEAM FOR ASIAN CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Senior Men: Gulveer Singh, Karthik Kumar, Abhishek Pal, Arun Rathod. Senior Women: Ankita, Seema, Sanjivani Jahay, Sonika.

Junior Men: Amardeep Pal, Kripashankar Yadav, Vinod Singh, Gaurav Bhaskar Bhosale.

Junior Women: Ekta Dey, Sunita Devi, Shilpa Dhiora, Prachi Ankush Devkar.

individual silver with a score of

540. She could not get past Hungary's Miriam Jako's effort of

546, which was a junior world

Sejal Kamble (529), Ketan (525) and Kanishka Dagar (513) also

combined to win India a team

silver in the event, finishing

behind Azerbaijan. Divanshi, the

fifth Indian in fray, shot 523 to

finish eighth. In the other event of the final day, Shardul Vihan

and Sabeera Harris combined to

give India a bronze in the junior

mixed team trap competition, played over 75 targets each.

Shardul (71) and Sabeera's (67) shot a total of 138, which was not

enough to get past gold winners Czech Republic (141+8) and

silver medallist Italy (141+7). Zuhair Khan and Bhavya

Tripathi, the second Indian pair in the event, shot a total of 134 to

finish joint sixth.

The ISSF bandwagon will now

move to New Delhi for the final

stop of its 2024 calendar, the

prestigious season-ending ISSF World Cup Final

Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun

record.



PCB chief 'confident' that Champions Trophy would be held in Pakistan

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Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Mohsin Naqvi on Monday expressed confidence that the upcoming ICC Champions Trophy would be held in the country and all teams, including archrivals India, would participate in the tournament.

The 2025 edition of the Champions Trophy is scheduled to start on February 19, and the final is on March 9. Lahore, Karachi, and Rawalpindi have been earmarked as the venues.

India hasn't sent its team to Pakistan since July 2008 due to tense political relations between the two countries.

"The Indian team should come. I don't see them cancel or postpone coming here and we are confident we will host

all the teams in Trophy Champions Pakistan," Naqvi said. He also said that Pakistan was prepared to host all the teams including India preparations were

schedule.

'The stadiums will also be ready to host the matches on schedule and any remaining work would be completed after the tournament," he added.

Naqvi said the stadiums would "definitely" be in a much better shape to host the tournament in February-March.

Asked about Babar Azam's resignation from captaincy and who is going to replace him, the PCB chief said he had told the selection committee to take their time and make a long- term decision. "I have told them to take a decision after careful

consideration because the captain's position important." Naqvi also said he had inquired from the selection committee including the captain and head coach of the teams whether it was the right time to introduce some fresh

blood in the national sides. They said they are okay with the current set-up of players so I told them 'fine, it is your call" he added.

India win team gold in men's 50m pistol event pistol, Parisha Gupta won an

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The troika of Deepak Dalal R(545), Kamaljeet (543) and Raj Chandra (528) won the men's 50m pistol team gold medal on the concluding day of the Junior World Shooting Championship at the Peruvian capital of Lima.

Indian shooting team won the yellow metal with a combined tally of 1616 points beating Azerbaijan by a point. Armenia came third.

In all, India's junior shooters finished the championship on top with a rich haul of 24 medals which included 13 gold, three silver and eight bronze

Italy finished second with five gold and four silver and bronze medals each while Norway was third with four gold and a total of 10 medals.

On Sunday, Mukesh Nelavalli also won an individual bronze in the event, his sixth medal of the competition, shooting a total of 548 over 60-shots. Azerbaijan's Imran Garayev won the gold with a score of 552.

In the junior women's 50m

