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November's poll results will decide politicians festive mood

Rajesh kumar 📕 New Delhi

ith the Election Commission's **V V** announcement of another round of Assembly elections in the crucial states of Maharashtra and Jharkhand, and bypolls to several Assemblies and Lok Sabha seats across the States, the decks are now cleared for Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi to plunge into active politics by contesting from Wavanad in Kerala on November 13. The election in Wayanad has been necessitated after Congress Member of Parliament Rahul Gandhi vacated the seat for Rae Bareli, the other seat he had won during the Lok Sabha elections earlier this year.

With Priyanka's potential entry into active politics, the Congress' first family will be looking to solidify its influence the Parliament. Additionally, with Privanka's presence in Wayanad, the party hopes to send a strategic message to the public, signalling the Congress's presence in both northern and southern regions.

Election Commission (EC) announced single phase Assembly polls in Maharashtra for on November 20, while Jharkhand to vote in two phases on November 13 and 20. The votes for both the polling states and bypolls will be counted on November 23. Keeping in view of the several upcoming festivals, including Diwali from October 29 to November 1, Chhath and Dev Deepawali on November 15,

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Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar with Election Commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu Ranjan Dimri/Pioneer

Kumar said. Addressing a

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CEC punctures Exit Poll balloon

RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

press conference in New $T^{
m he\ Election\ Commission}_{
m (EC)\ on\ Tuesday\ said\ a}$ Delhi, Kumar also said exit polls create a huge distraction by huge distortion was created due to exit polls, and called expectations and it was a matter for self-introspection for the for introspection by pollsters. The EC also questioned the practice of media, showing winning/losing trends five to ten minutes electronic media. after the official beginning polls, but there is a need for of counting at 8 am on self-introspection. What election result days. was the sample size, where "Showing winning/losing was the survey done, how trends at 8.05 am or did the result come and what is my responsibility if 8.10am, which is just five or ten minutes after the start I did not match to that of counting at 8 am is nonsense. Political parties result, are there disclosures - all of these need to be felt there was a huge seen," Kumar said, flanked distortion due to exit polls. by Commissioners Gyanesh Need self-introspection by pollsters," Chief Election Kumar and SS Sandhu.

the dates were decided and this will allow voters, particularly those temporarily migrating for the festivals, ample time to return to their registered voting locations.

The term of Maharashtra Assembly will end on November 26, while the term of Jharkhand Assembly will end on January 5, 2025. Maharashtra has 288 seats while Jharkhand has 81 seats. Bye-elections to 47 Assembly seats and the Wayanad Lok Sabha seat will be held on November 1.

Announcing the schedules Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said the date of issue of Gazette notification for the Maharashtra Assembly election is October 22, last date of filing nominations is October 29, the date for scrutiny of nominations will be October 30 and the last date for withdrawal of candidatures

is November 4. "There are 9.63 crore eligible voters in Maharashtra while the number of eligible voters in Jharkhand is 2.6 crore," Kumar said.

Expressing concern over urban apathy affecting voter turnout, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar on Tuesday said that polling days in Maharashtra and Jharkhand have been kept mid-week so that more people vote. The EC has been flagging the issue of low polling in urban centres including those like Mumbai and Pune in Maharashtra, and has been taking a number of steps to increase voter awareness. In Maharashtra, turnouts in 62

of 64 urban Assembly constituencies were less than the state average in 2019, as was the case in Lok Sabha elections, he said, adding "We will have a special drive for urban areas". He said in the recent Haryana election, there were booths in the "poshest" areas where voting was less than 20 per cent.

After the Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir polls, the BJP hopes to make a return to power in Maharashtra, where it has an alliance with Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena. The Maharashtra election is expected to witness a two-way fight between the ruling Mahavuti Alliance of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP,) Shiv Sena-Eknath Shinde and NCP-Ajit Pawar and Maha Aghadi (MVA) Vikas coalition, of the Shiv Sena (UBT), NCP-Sharad Pawar and the Congress





Omar to be CM today... Nayab's turn tommorow

MOHIT KANDHABI

 $F^{\mathrm{ifty}}_{\mathrm{to}}$ four-year-old Omar Abdullah is all set to take oath as the first chief minister of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday. His party, Jammu and Kashmir National Conference recorded a historic victory winning 42 Assembly seats in the maiden assembly elections held after the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35-A in 2019. This will be Omar Abdullah's second term in office. However, this time, he will be governing a Union Territory without the special status that Jammu and Kashmir once held. He remained Chief Minister from January 2009 till October 2014.

The oath-taking ceremony will take place at the Sher-e-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) on the banks of Dal Lake in Srinagar, where elaborate security and other arrangements have been made.

The swearing-in ceremony is expected to witness several prominent leaders from the INDIA bloc, a coalition of opposition parties, in attendance. Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav and Supriya Sule from the NCP have already reached Srinagar to attend the swearing-in ceremony. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of the opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi are also expected to attend the oath ceremony.

The National Conference has also extended invitations to the top brass of the DMK, Shiromani Akali Dal, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, MK Stalin, Uddhav Thackeray, Sharad Pawar, Lalu Prasad Yadav, Arvind Kejriwal, and D Raja.

Meanwhile, speculations were rife about the list of probable members of the Council of Ministers. The NC is expected to induct a congress nominee in the council along with Independent legislators from the Jammu region to balance the regional aspirations

PNS CHANDIGARH/NEW DELHI

The meeting of the Haryana Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLAs to elect the State legislature party leader of the State will be held on Wednesday. Nayab Singh Saini, who replaced Manohar Lal Khattar as the Chief Minister of Haryana in March is likely to be the CM choice. He was the BJP's chief ministerial face in the state Assembly polls, and.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav are the central observers for the election of the state legislature party leader in Haryana. It is learnt that Shah and Yadav were named central observers after reports of rebellion by Union minister Rao Inderjit Singh and nine of his Ahirwal loyalist MLAs.

The minister, however, clarified that he was "solidly" behind the BJP. BJP experimented by naming one of the senior-most party members Union Minister Rajnath Singh to iron out the heavy factional differences in Rajasthan after the Assembly elections.

The meeting, which will be held in Panchkula will elect the state legislature party leader, Haryana BJP president Mohan Lal Badoli said. The state legislature party leader will be the next chief minister. On Tuesday, Saini held meetings with senior officers making preparations for the BJP's big event. Hectic lobbying for ministerial berths have been doing the rounds and names of probables shall be shared to shared party high command on Wednesday.

The oath-taking ceremony of the new Haryana Cabinet will take place at Panchkula's Parade Ground in Sector 5 on Thursday and Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to attend. The BJP secured a third term in the Assembly polls in Haryana, results of which were declared on October 8. It won 48 seats against the Congress' 37 in the 90-member Assembly in the state.

Delhi AQI dips to 'severe' category

SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW DELHI

The Air Quality Index (AQI) in certain parts of Delhi dipped to severe, a day after GRAP-1 rules kicked in with the rational Controls of Collection and controls of the second national Capital's AQI falling under 'poor' category on Monday. The Anand Vihar pollution control monitoring centre recorded an AQI of 461 at 12:30 pm on Tuesday, data from the Central Control Board (CPCB)ollution



"A Beech King Air 360ER from the Airports Authority of India (AAI) began the calibration process on Thursday, 10th October, with the process concluding on 14th October 2024," a media release stated on Tuesday.



More bomb hoaxes keep airports on edge

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Airport staffers and security agencies on Tuesday went into a tizzy to undertake specific counterterrorist drills at various airports after five planes, including one bound for the United States, received bomb-threat messages through a ocial media handle on The threats via microblogging platform X came a day after five hoax bomb threat messages to three international flights, a mail train and a university on Monday, caused trouble to hundreds of passengers



showed.

Amid the air becoming increasingly hazardous, Chief Minister Atishi announced that 99 teams will inspect private and government construction sites in Delhi to ensure compliance with dust mitigation measures. The average AQI for Delhi stands at 198 in the 'moderate' category at 4 pm, according to the CPCB.

With GRAP Stage 1 implemented along with other related measures in the national Capital, the Delhi government convened a high-level meeting to review the implementation of the first stage of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP). The meeting was chaired by Atishi and included representatives from various departments such as the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) Public Works Department (PWD), Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) and the revenue department among others.



BY ABHI SINGHAL

excessive rush

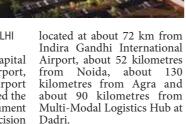
 $F^{\text{estive season in Delhi is also}}_{\text{shopping and gifting season,}}$ this inturn is a major factor that contributes to the severe traffic jams that are taking a toll on daily commuters. The glittering lights of the bustling streets bring little cheer to the stagnant long lines of traffic that make navigating the city a daunting experience, especially in the North-West areas, during evening hours. The traffic congestion in the North West Delhi starts intensifying at Britannia Chowk, a crucial crossroad connecting Punjabi Bagh, Netaji Subhash Palace and Rani Bagh. Commuters heading towards Rani Bagh from the crossroad, face long red lights due to

When travelling to the Shakurpur Basti Railway Station one will find sweet shops and small roadside markets in between. The condition becomes disastrous every Wednesday due to the 'Budhh Bazaar' (the ubiquitous Wednesday market) choking the two way road. Large heavy carts piled high with clothes, fruits, vegetables, household items, toys and more for sale take up roadspace. This leads to bumperto-bumper traffic, exacerbated by many traffic signals on the road. The traffic situation is further complicated on Mahatma Gandhi Road, as major thoroughfares of car modification shops and fruit vendors occupy the sidewalks, leaving little space for vehicles to manoeuvre. The stretch from Shri Ram Mandir crossroads to Mahindra Park Red Light is a notorious bottleneck. The narrow



RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

The National Cur Region's second airport, has successfully completed the calibration of the instrument landing system and precision approach path indicator to assess navigation systems. The calibration, carried out by Airports Authority of India (AAI) with support from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), represents a crucial milestone in the airport's journey towards operational readiness. The airport plans to apply for an licence aerodrome in December, this year. The airport is strategically



The Instrument Landing System (ILS) is a radio navigation system that provides precise guidance to pilots during approach and landing, particularly in low visibility conditions. The Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) is a system of lights positioned beside the runway to provide visual indication to pilots regarding their correct descent angle during the final approach.

Airport Pvt Ltd (YIAPL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Zurich Airport International AG, is developing the airport. The foundation stone for the project was laid in November 2021. The concession period for Noida International Airport commenced on October 1 2021 and will run for 40 years. The airport, which aims to start commercial operations in April 2025, is expected to submit the application for aerodrome licence in December after completing the validation flights.

In the first phase, the airport will have one terminal, one runway, 10 aerobridges and 25 parking stands. Once all four development phases are completed, the airport will have a capacity to handle 70 million passengers per year.

BISWAJEET BANERJEE LUCKNOW

In a significant development, Uttar Pradesh significant police have arrested 26 individuals in connection with the recent violence in Bahraich. The arrests were made earlier today, and the accused were sent to jail following medical examinations, according to SP's Public Relations Officer (PRO) Shivesh Shukla. To prevent the spread of misinformation, internet services in the district have been suspended until October 16. Normalcy is returning in

and airline crew.

the area as shops in the affected area opened on Tuesday afternoon. "The situation in Bahraich remains tense but under control", District Magistrate Monika Rani said

Photo: Ranjan Dimri/Pioneer

According to sources, an X handle issued threats on Tuesday to five flights, an Air India Express flight from Jaipur to Bengaluru via Ayodhya (IX765), a SpiceJet flight Ayodhiya (1A765), a SpiceJet Hight from Darbhanga to Mumbai (SG116), an Akasa Air flight from Bagdogra to Bengaluru (QP 1373), an Air India flight from Delhi to Chicago (AI 127) and an Indigo flight from Damman (Saudi Arabia) flight from Dammam (Saudi Arabia)

to Lucknow (6E 98). The Air India Express aircraft underwent a security check at the Ayodhya airport. The SpiceJet and Akasa Air planes have landed, according to flight-tracking websites. An Air India flight from Delhi to Chicago was diverted to Iqaluit Airport in Canada following a bomb

from Delhi to Chicago on October 15, 2024, was the subject of a security threat posted online and, as a precautionary measure, has landed at Iqaluit Airport in Canada," the airline said.

It further said, "Air India notes that it, and other local airlines, have been subject to a number of threats in recent days. Though all have subsequently been found to be hoaxes, as a responsible airline operator all threats are taken seriously?

An Ayodhya-bound Air India Express flight also received a bomb threat, which was sent via phone call for the IX 765 flight that flew from Jaipur at 12.25 pm. The Boeing 737 Max8 aircraft with call sign AXB765 landed at Uttar Pradesh's Ayodhya airport by 1.59 pm. The aircraft is currently parked in an isolated bay area of Ayodhya airport, while passengers have been alighted from the aircraft.

Large carts piled with clothes, fruits, vegetables, household items, take up roadspace road bends towards Madhuban Chowk, creating a choke point that disrupts traffic flow for buses and other vehicles. Punjabi Zaika, a restaurant on the Mahindra Park crossroad seems to have earmarked its own

Weekly markets offer bargains, and traffic jams as a bonus!

parking in the service lane and the road itself. The main road is more difficult to travel on, due to the movement of DTC buses and crowded bus stands. The buses line up one behind the other, and this affects the complete stretch. Illegal parking along these routes adds to the chaos, affecting connectivity to Chandra Shekhar Azad Marg and M2K Rohini. Delhi's traffic woes are not new, the traffic but the festive season has made matters worse. "As soon as I leave home, I'm stuck in a jam. The whole of Delhi is gridlocked," Varun Singh, who was on his way to meet friends, said. Another commuter, Sanyam, lamented, "What used to be a 10-minute ride now takes at least 30 minutes?

Meanwhile Traffic volunteers, and police do what they can to manage the situation. "We tow illegally parked vehicles and try to keep things moving, but during the festive season, it's nearly impossible to control," a traffic volunteer stationed at Ashok Vihar Circle, said.

Another volunteer explained the challenge of this job, "khade hona asaan nhi hai, aur logo ko samjhana mushkil hai" (It is not easy to stand for so long and make people understand the traffic rules and curate the traffic.)

As the peak office hours wear on, the congestion extends to other areas, with heavy traffic beginning at the Punjabi Bagh flyover, leaving Delhiites hoping for a smoother ride amidst the festivities.



Students must embrace a lifelong spirit of learning: Guv

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

overnor Mangubhai Patel encouraged stu-Jents to maintain a lifelong spirit of learning, emphasizing the importance of "un-learning, re-skilling and up-skilling" as they progress in life. He urged them to pledge to uphold the highest standards of their ideals, knowledge and con-duct, even amidst life's challenges and adversities. Governor Patel was adressing the convocation ceremony of Jiwaji University, Gwalior, congratulating all students, their parents and teachers on their achievements and wishing them a bright future.

The convocation was organized under the chairmanship of Governor Patel and chief hospitality of

University Bihar Padma Bhushan Dr. Vijay P Bhatkar,. On this occasion, Kul Guru of the University Prof. Avinash Tiwari, Rector Prof DN Goswami, Registrar Arun Singh Chauhan and members of the Executive Council were present on the stage. In the convocation ceremony, Padma Bhushan Dr. Vijay P Bhatkar was honored with the honorary degree of Doctor of Science and litterateur and senior physician Dr. Narendra Nath Laha was honored with the honorary degree of D. Litt. Simultaneously, 126 gold medals were awarded to 81 students of the academic session 2022-23 and 2023-24, PhD (Doctor of Philosophy) to 297 students and post-graduate degrees to 397 stu-

Chancellor of Nalanda dents. The talented student of the university, Sushhri Ankita Mishra was honored with 4 gold medals and Sushhri Triparna Barik was honored with 3 gold medals. Governor Patel remarked that convocation ceremonies have deep roots in our ancient culture. In earlier times, upon completing their

studies in Gurukuls, students would participate in the Samavartan Sanskar before returning home; today's convocation is a modern reflection of that tradition. He explained that a convocation is also an emotional contract. where students pledge to follow the guidance of their teachers and use their knowledge and wisdom to serve the nation. Addressing the students, Governor Patel noted that in a rapidly changing

global environment, one must either drive change or be driven by it. He encouraged students to set clear goals for their lives and to focus and work diligently to achieve them.

Patel stated that through the National Education Policy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has entrusted universities with the responsibility of shaping the mindset, pace and direction of future generations to build a capable, strong, prosperous and developed India. Universities are expected to instill in students a harmony of intellect and values alongside knowledge and science within these educational sanctuaries. He emphasized that students from all disciplines should have the opportunity to explore and embrace research

and innovation during their time at the university. Padma Bhushan Dr. Vijay P. Bhatkar delivered the convocation address, emphasizing that great universities contribute to the greatness of a nation. He expressed joy that Jiwaji University is advancing on the path of "Make the Nation," actively working towards elevating working towards elevating the country. He shared his hope that Jiwaji University will grow into a world-class institution and play a pivotal role in building a knowledge-based India. Dr. Bhatkar also noted with satisfaction that female students made up a majority of the gold medal and degree recipients at the convocation, marking a positive step towards strengthening women's empower-ment efforts.



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Minister for Panchayat and Rural Development Prahlad Patel goes through an exhibition organised on International Day Of Rural Women And National Women Farmer's Day at Bhopal Haat in Bhopal on Tuesday. Pioneer ph Pioneer photo

Health services at Hamidia hospital crippled for few hours AIIMS conducts organ donation awareness drive at MANIT

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

Patients at Hamidia Hospital had a har-PHospital nau a man rowing few hours on Tuesday morning as scores of employees at the govern-ment-run health facility stopped work to protest the non-payment of their wages. The agitating employees, who gathered at various locations on the hospital campus and raised slogans, returned to work after assurances from the hospital management.

Confirming the incident, Medical Superintendent at the tertiary facility Dr. Suneet Tandon said, "Employees returned to work in two to three hours following swift redressal of their complaints."

He noted that employee to the hospital, company wages had been stalled for officials merely convey their

two months and added that inability to clear dues, citing steps would be taken to iron non-payment by hospital out delays in the processing

and take care of our fami-

lies," the employees said

while listing reasons for their

While the wages of staff members are paid by the pri-

vate company responsible

for supplying the employees

agitation.

authorities. of wages. The employees-The situation has persisted since a health department outsourced to a private company—claimed that they had decision saw workers being outsourced to private enti-ties to ease the financial not been paid in over four months, and the onset of the burden on the hospital, festival season had worswhich had been reeling under repeated strikes by ened their situation. The striking employees included security guards, ward boys, technicians, and

employees. Hospital authorities reportothers. "Our salaries are stopped for months at a time, making it difficult for edly owe the private company tens of crores in wages and expenses. us to run our households

Meanwhile, essential services at the hospital came to a virtual standstill. Family members of patients were seen wheeling stretchers across wards, causing confusion and posing significant risks to the well-being of those admitted to the facil-

A melee prevailed in most

areas of the hospital as those attending to patients searched for services. Critical services at the diagnostic labs remained fractured as technicians joined the striking employees.

Long queues at the outpatient department (OPD) dis-solved only after patients decided to turn back. Tandon stated that employ-

ee salaries were delayed due to processing issues. He assured that the wage arrears would be credited to employee accounts on Wednesday, and a bonus would also be paid ahead of Diwali.

Several patients, though distraught by the breakdown in critical health services, sympathized with the striking employees and claimed that something at the hospital was definitely amiss

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IIMS Bhopal success-August fully conducted an "Organ Donation Awareness Drive" at Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology (MANIT), on Tuesday with the goal of raising awareness about the importance of organ donation and dispelling common miscon-

severe organ failures. Through this awareness drive, AIIMS Bhopal reaffirms its commitment to promoting the cause of organ donation and educating It is our shared responsibility to

Director, AIIMS Bhopal said "Organ donation is a noble act that has the power to save lives and offer a new lease on life to those facing severe organ failures

come forward and pledge their organs, thus providing others with a second chance at life." The awareness drive focused on the critical role of organ donation in saving lives, particularly for patients suffering from end-stage organ diseases such as kidney, liver, heart, or lung

These conditions often lead to mortality due to the unavailability of suitable organs for transplantation. The event aimed to educate attendees on who can donate, how to donate, and who can receive organs. It also emphasized the life-sav-

ing potential of cadaver organ donation, wherein individuals declared brain dead can give the "Gift of Life" to those in need.

Several distinguished experts from AIIMS Bhopal shared their insights during the event. Dr. Mahendra Atlani, Professor and Head of the Department of Nephrology, introduced the audience to the significance of organ donation.

This was followed by Dr Nikita Shrivastava, Assistant Professor of Urology, who conducted an informative session on "Cadaver Organ Donation - A

> Pandey and Mitali Tomar played the role of coordinators between the teams.

> Gift of Life." Dr. Yogesh

Nivaria, Additional Professor

of Cardiothoracic and Vascular

Surgery (CTVS), then elabo-

rated on the concept of brain

death and its crucial role in the

organ donation process.

Finally, Dr. Sunaina Tejpal,

Additional Professor of

Anesthesia, addressed audi-

ence queries and brought the

event to a close with a vote of

The event concluded on a pos-itive note, with participants expressing their willingness to

learn more and spread aware-

ness about the cause. AIIMS

Bhopal looks forward to orga-

nizing more such initiatives to

make a meaningful impact on

public health and organ dona-

tion in the future. The event,

held at MANIT, the Civil

Auditorium, drew a significant

audience, including students,

faculty, and the general public.

thanks.

The organization's secretary Deepak Tomar said that a grand carnival of artists from India and abroad will start from the Medical Auditorium located at Mandre Ki Mata at 2 pm, in which artists from all the teams will give their performances.

The carnival will reach Jiwaji Club via Katora Lake and Theme Road. Where Udbhav Utsav 2024 will be inaugurated in a grand opening

Kyrgyzstan, Nadivida of from Gurgaon said that com-Bulgaria and Gareth Mollinke ing to the City of Music of Netherlands said that in Gwalior is really giving a ceremony. The chief guest of the pro-Indian culture and civiliza- fragrance of culture and gram will be Bulgaria's

India has unity in diversity, says Bulgarian Ambassador PNS GWALIOR 718年17月 compared with any other country. The people of different provinces here have different costumes and food habits, lifestyle, songs, music and culture, which makes one feel that there is diversity here but the special thing about India is that there is unity in diversity here which binds the whole nation together. These were among some of the views expressed by Bulgaria's ambassador to India, Yankov Nikolay during

ceptions. Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh, Executive Director, AIIMS Bhopal said "Organ donation is a noble act that has the power to save lives and offer a new lease on life to those facing failure.

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Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh, Executive



Dutsourced health employees and security guards stage a protest as they underwent strike due to non-payment of their wages, at Government Hamidia Hospital in Bhopal on Tuesday. Pioneer photo

media persons today. The interaction took place on the eve of the inauguration of the 19th International Dance Festival "Udbhav Utsav 2024" at Hotel Landmark. During the press conference

interaction

Indian as well as international

Ajanta Rupalaya of Sri Lanka, Tatiana Masigokya of

with the

along with the fashion of clothing, culture is also important. They added that Indian culture is also being adopted in foreign countries. The team leaders of the teams from different states of the country also expressed their joy about the Udbhav Utsav. Sonal from Hisar, Savita from Ooty, Joyita and Vaishakraj

Udbhav Sports and Cultural Association President Dr. Keshav Pandey and Secretary Deepak Tomar introduced the artists from India and abroad. Greenwood Public School Director Kiran Bhadoria gave information about the 25-year journey of Udbhav. Chandrakant

mbassador Yan added that Tomar Greenwood Public School, Life Insurance Corporation of India, Indian Institute of Travel Management, Culture Department, Madhya Pradesh Government and Ministry of Culture, Government of India are the partners of the Udbhav Utsav.

Siddique murder accused being searched in Ujjain, Khandwa

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Adhya Pradesh Police are searching several places in Ujjain and Khandwa in the search of the third shooter wanted in connection with the killing of NCP leader Baba Siddique.

A senior police officer at Khandwa said the shooters arrested by Mumbai police have told their interrogators that they had visited some places of worship. He said there was a possibility the accused, while on the run, may visit these places again. The Mumbai police's search for the suspected shooter, Shivkumar Gautam, continued for the second day on Monday in Madhya Pradesh with joint teams focusing on places of worship in Ujjain and Khandwa districts, officials said.

Notably, Ujjain and Khandwa districts have Mahakal and Omkareshwar temples respectively that attract thousands of

people every day. Khandwa shares a border with Maharashtra, the official said, though he added that "we have received no inputs about his whereabouts"

There is a possibility the accused Shivkumar Gautam , while on the run, may visit Ujjain or Khandwa

Ujjain police official said that a team from Mumbai was still in the district. They have not been able to find any leads so far, he added. The Mumbai Police team had reached MP on Sunday, a day after Siddique was shot dead.

Mumbai Police have so far nephew of flute maestro Pt. arrested three persons -Hariprasad Chaurasia. The Gurmail Baljit Singh (23), a resmost accomplished of disciples ident of Haryana, Dharmaraj of his uncle, he shows all the Rajesh Kashyap (19), a native of Uttar Pradesh -- both alleged shooters — and "co-conspirapromise to carry the Chaurasia legacy to new heights. Just like his legendary uncle, tor" Pravin Lonkar from Pune. Rakesh possesses the right bal-Mumbai Police are verifying a ance of strength and serenity, social media post, attributed to very critical factors for an a purported member of the exceptional flautist. Lawrence Bishnoi gang, own-ing up to the murder of Siddique. Meanwhile, a Besides, lecture cum demonstration programme will be organised at 5:00 pm. In which Mumbai police official said Mr. Rakesh Chaurasia will only one constable was accomexplain the subject matter panying Siddique when he was focused on flute using examples, evidence, technology and shot dead by three men who supporting materials and will throw light on the methods of took cover of Dussehra fireworks to open fire. playing flute.

Woman who was held captive Chaurasia at IGRMS for 16 years dies at hospital STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

Flute recital by Rakesh

Inize Poonam program

on Wednesday from 7 pm onwards Renowned flute play-

er Pandit Rakesh Chaurasia

will give a flute recital at the

Avritti Bhawan Entry to this

A famous name attached to

a child prodigy and the

event is free.

ndira Gandhi Rashtriya **STAFF REPORTER** BHOPAL Manav Sangrahalaya orga-

Ranu Sahu, who was res-cued 9 days ago after being held hostage for 16 years from the Barkhedi area of the state capital, died during treatment at 3 am on Tuseday. series focusing on popular and prestigious classical music as the 38th episode of Poonam, treatment at 3 am on Tuesday. The woman's father Kishan Lal Sahu, a resident of Narsinghpur, open-air stage in front of came to the women's police station and lodged a complaint and on the complaint of the father, the women's police station along with the Jehangirabad this musician; young Rakesh is police rescued the woman from ĥer in-laws' house. The police had registered a case against the woman's husband.

The victim was admitted to the hospital for treatment after the rescue. The woman's family had accused the husband, father-in-law and other in-laws of keeping the daughter hostage and not giving her food and water.

On the other side the victim's father-in-law and husband had said that she was mentally ill. The woman's post-mortem will be done today. The family members are also present in Bhopal.

According to the information, when the team of NGO, victim's family, women police station

and Jehangirabad police station reached the spot, the victim was found tied with a rope in the room. She was not even able to walk. She had to be brought out by carrying her in her arms. The 40-year-old victim had become a skeleton. Her weight had reduced to just 25 kg.

Kishan Lal Sahu of Narsinghpur had given an application in the women's police station. According to Kishan Lal, his daughter Ranu Sahu was married to Yogendra Sahu, a resident of Bhopal, in 2006. Since 2008, the daughter's in-laws have not let her meet them and children were also sent away from her.

The neighbors informed that the

daughter's condition had wors-

ened after the in-laws tortured

and get her treated and take

strict action against the in-laws.

After this, the Mahila Thana

Police rescued Ranu with the

help of the local police station.

Husband and father-in-law said

that the victim was a mental

patient, she was undergoing

treatment. However, the family

could not show the prescription

of the treatment. The husband

denied keeping her hostage.

Muslim devotees participate in a religious procession taken out from the Saqlaini Jama Masjid at 80 ft road, Ashoka Garden in

By-polls for Budhni, Vijaypur scheduled for Nov 13

her. Kishan Lal requested the police to rescue daughter Ranu

Madhya Pradesh on November 13. The by-polls will be held a week before Maharashtra Assembly elections are due on November 20.

Two assembly seats of Madhya Pradesh—Budhni and Vijaipur—will go for the by-polls on November 13. Budhni is a

bastion of Union Minister and longest serving CM of MP Shivraj Singh Chouhan. The seat fell vacant after Shivraj won the Lok Sabha elections from Vidisha in June 2024.

The BJP is yet to announce the names of the candidates. The name of Shivraj's elder son, Kartikey Singh Chouhan, has been doing the rounds to take over the father's legacy in Budhni; however, amid the BJP's policy against 'Parivarwad', noth-

ing can be said as of now. Similarly, Vijaypur became due for bypolls after former Congress winner and current Forest Minister Ramniwas Rawat defected the party and joined the BJP. It is said that the saffron party will most likely field Rawat from the Vijaypur assembly seat and obey his condition he put forth before exiting the Congress and joining the BJP. Congress, too, is yet to announce the names of the candidates for both seats.

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Fate of Bina voters in doldrums with Cong MLA's indecisiveness

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ven as the schedule for d by-polls in Budhni and Vijaypur assembly constituencies of Madhya Pradesh is announced by the Election Commission, the fate of voters in Bina continues to hang in precarious balance.

The piquant situation stems from the indecisiveness of sitting Congress legislator from Bina—Advocate Nirmala Sapre-who has 'joined the BJP' but stopped short of resigning from her membership in the Madhya Pradesh Assembly

As per the norms, a by-poll can only be scheduled after Sapre puts in her papers. In May 2024, when a number of Congress leaders joined the saffron party, Nirmala Sapre also joined the BJP at a public meeting in the presence of

Sources say that Sapre has been persistent with her demand seeking the demarcation of Bina as a district. She attributes her push to a long-pending desire of residents in her constituency

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav. However, the next day, she triggered speculation by removing all BJP-related posts from her social media accounts Sapre won the assembly elec-

tions in 2023 from the reserved Bina seat in Sagar district. She was the only Congress MLA in Sagar district, but she also joined the BIP.

Listing reasons behind her move to the saffron fold, Sapre stated that her decision came after a remark by Congress

state unit chief Jitu Patwari that offended her sensibilities.A visibly upset Sapre claimed that she is also a woman MLA belonging to the reserved category and was very hurt by the statement. "So I chose the BJP, where

women are respected," she said in an ostensible justification. However, after a few days, Sapre again posted a picture with Chief Minister Yadav on the cover of her Facebook

Following the incident, the Congress party moved the State Assembly, requesting the termination of her membership from the House, as she was no longer associated with the main Opposition. As per protocol, the State Assembly Secretariat issued a notice to Sapre, but no action was taken against her.

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However, two other senior legislators from the BJP, Gopal Bhargava and Bhupendra Singh, simultaneously raised the demand for making Khurai a district.

Insiders say that the ruling party has reservations about converting the two areas into districts but has stalled matters by constituting a commission claimed.

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Chhatarpur after they

were found misleading the

police apparatus by splic-ing audio to make false

The five, identified as

Rajendra, Ravi, Rammilan, Inderjeet and Deshraj,

called the police control room to complaint of an alleged abduction and rape event on the night of

They claimed that the vic-

tim was a relative, and also

sent in an audio clip to

suggest that she had been

abducted and was being

rape claims.

October 13.

4 caught in Chhatarpur for misleading

police by splicing audio clip

to undertake a fresh delimitation exercise to reassess the number of districts and divisions, and their boundaries. Senior IAS officer Manoj Shrivastava was made a member of this panel. While talking to The Pioneer,

the Bina legislator said that she has responded to the notice from the State Assembly but declined to reveal the content of her written reply.

She also avoided questions over her rather ambiguous move to the BJP."People will come to know when the time comes," she said.

However, she confirmed that meeting chaired by Commission member Manoj Shrivastava was being held at Sagar on Tuesday. The Sagar divisional commissioner and Sagar district collector were attending the discussions, she

raped by two men whose

voices were also on tape.

The complaint set the dis-

trict police on a wild goose

chase as they spent the

next few hours scouring

the city for clues leading to

the girl. Later investiga-

tions revealed that the five

had faked the episode and

also recorded the said audio to mislead the

police, perhaps, as a prac-

The police have registered

a case under relevant sec-tions of the BNS. While four of the accused have

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tical joke.



Students participate in a bird watching camp organised at Van Vihar National Park in Bhopal on Tuesday

Guv opens the Tribal Studies and Development Centre

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overnor Mangubhai Patel inaugurated The "Tribal Studies and Development Centre" during his visit to Gwalior. Established on the Krishi Vigyan Kendra campus of Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Agricultural University, the center aims to study and promote the culture of the Sahariya tribe one of the most marginalized tribes in the state as well as other indigenous tribes of Madhya Pradesh.

On this occasion, the Governor also toured an exhibition organized at the center

Following the inauguration Governor Patel engaged in

discussions with scheduled tribe farmers from Sheopur and Jhabua districts participating in a training session on Kadaknath poultry farming.

He apprised them about various welfare and employment-oriented government schemes designed for the state's special backward tribes, encouraging the tribal beneficiaries to become self-reliant by utilizing these initiatives. He also urged them to inspire others in their communities to take advantage of these opportunities.

In the inauguration pro-gramme of "Tribal Studies and Development Center", Chancellor of Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central University

Met department declares departure of monsoon

Mandla, Balaghat and Anuppur

districts. Weather will remain

clear in other districts including

Weather changed in Dhar on

Tuesday afternoon. It rained

Rain continued in the state and

about one and a half inches of

More than half an inch of rain-

fall was recorded in Bhopal,

Sagar and Pachmarhi of

Narmadapuram. Rain also

occurred in Damoh, Jabalpur,

rain was reported in Betul.

Bhopal, Gwalior, Jabalpur.

here with strong winds.

tions from October 16.

Pusa Prof. PL Gautam, Bharatiya Kisan Sangh National Organization Minister Dinesh Kulkarni and Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Agricultural University Vice Chancellor Prof. Arvind Kumar Shukla

were present. Nodal officer Shailendra Singh Kushwaha welcomed all the guests who arrived at the inauguration pro-gramme of "Tribal Studies and Development Center" by presenting a bouquet. On this occasion, members of the management committee of this center, Dr. SPS Tomar, Dr. SC Srivastava and Dr. JS Rajput along with other scientists of Krishi Vigyan Kendra were present.



Army personnel and ex-army men pay tribute at the war memorial during 82nd Raising Day of the corps of 3 EME Center in

AIIMS set to start heart and lung transplants BoB Utsav Deposit scheme introduced

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IIMS Bhopal has achieved a significant milestone with the successful completion of two kidney transplants, marking a crucial step forward in the institute's organ transplant program.

Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh, Executive Director of AIIMS Bhopal, emphasized the importance of community involvement in promoting

organ donation. He stated, "The successful kidney transplants at AIIMS Bhopal are a testament to our dedicated team's expertise and the strides we are making in organ transplantation.

However, the true challenge ie to donate organs and save lives. There is a critical need for including the need to overawareness and education on come hesitation regarding

the life-saving impact that one organ donation. Despite individual can have by donat-

ing their organs. We urge the public to come forward and contribute to this noble cause, as the gift of life is the greatest gift one can offer." Currently, eight more

list, awaiting suitable donors to undergo kidney transplantation. The success of these kidney transplants reflects AIIMS Bhopal's commitment to expanding its organ transplant services. Preparations are underway to initiate heart and lung transplants, with the institute aiming to deliver compre-

hensive multi-organ transplant services in the near The institute continues to

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advances in medical technology, many people are reluctant to pledge their organs, creating a gap between the number of patients in need and the availability of donor organs. patients are on the waiting It is imperative to raise awareness about the lifesaving potential of organ donation, as one person can save up to eight lives through the donation of various organs AIIMS Bhopal remains com-

mitted to expanding its capabilities in organ transplantation and enhancing patient care through innovative medical procedures.

As a part of the festive camstrive for excellence in However, the journey toward healthcare, with a focus on paign, the Bank has also donation increasii organ rates to address the growing needs of patients awaiting

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ank of Baroda (BoB) Blounch of the bob Utsav Deposit Scheme, a 400-day period term deposit scheme introduced specially for the festive season which offers interest rates of 7.30% p.a. for the general public, 7.80% p.a. for senior citizens, 7.90% p.a. for super senior citizens (aged 80 years & above) and up to 7.95% p.a. on Non-Callable Deposits. The scheme opens on 14th October, 2024 and is applicable on fixed deposits below Rs 3 crore. bob Utsav is a limited period offer.

rates will also benefit bob SDP (Systematic Deposit Plan) customers who can lock-in higher interest rates on each monthly contribution made for a 3 to 5 year period. bob SDP is a recurring deposit scheme by Bank of Baroda that provides assured returns through regular savings every month. Further, the interest rates on tenors.

Senior Citizen category in Fixed Deposits where customers aged 80 years & above can benefit from 10 bps additional interest on tne emor 1 year to up to 5 years

Bhopal: Monsoon departed the entire country including Madhya Pradesh on Tuesday. The Meteorological Department has also announced the depar-

ture of monsoon. Ujjain.

Heavy rain was witnessed in Dhar on Tuesday. Rain started in Pithampur with strong winds for an hour. Hail also fell. Roads were flooded due to one hour of

the low pressure area has turned forward. Due to this, rain, thunder and lightning will continue in the next 24 hours. The weather will witness normal condi-Rainfall was witnessed in Umaria for half an hour. Heavy According to the Meteorological rain also occurred in Shahdol Department, in the next 24 and Pithampur of Dhar district. hours, light rain and thunder-Torrential rain occurred in showers may occur in Indore, Sendhwa. Ujjain, Ratlam, Khargone, According to the Meteorological Sehore, Betul, Narsinghpur, Department, cold is expected to Chhindwara, Pandhurna, Seoni,

increase in the state from next week i.e. October 20. The mercury may reach below 20 degrees Celsius at night. However, the temperature during the day will remain between 33-34 degrees. The day temperature will also start falling at

the end of October. This year, the state has received 44.1 inches of rain. Jabalpur division has been at the forefront in terms of rainfall. Mandla district received the highest rainfall. More than 60.6 inches of rainfall was recorded, 56.8 rainfal

bob Earth Green Term Deposits have also been increased by 30 bps in select For the first time, the Bank is also introducing a Super

rain.

Except 6 districts of the state, Burhanpur, Dhar, Khandwa, Mandla, Chhindwara and Betul, monsoon had already departed the rest of the districts still the state got drenched due to the activity of the rain-causing system. Today, this system affect-ed 13 districts including Indore,

Senior Meteorologist said that

ogram also presents challenges, transplants.

ased interest rates in the Above 3 year to 5 year rate for term deposits above bucket by 30 basis points (bps) - from 6.50% p.a. to tenors.

har, Indo e, Raisen Dindori, Barwani. Heavy rain occurred in Dindori for 20 minutes.

Sheopur, Niwari and Rajgarh have received more than 52 inches of rain.

84 complaints heard at public hearing Guv visits girls hostel Police take strict action against 91 DJ operators Former corporator misbehaves with SDO at Jiwaji University

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n keeping with district administration efforts to provide fast paced resolution to citizen complaints, Collector Kaushalendra Vikram Singh on Tuesday held a public hearing at his office.

A total of 84 complaints were heard by him at the hearing, and subsequently orders were issued to concerned departments for further action.Prominent among complaints included one by Rajkumar of Kolar are, who accused Ashok Nath Yogi and his wife Krishna of duping him in the name of

daily collection of investment.Rajkumar claimed that nearly 1,000 people from the Kolar area subscribed to their scheme but the couple has absconded with deposits from the hapless victims. He said that the phones of the swindlers are also switched off, the complainant said that the fraud runs into several crores.

Additionally, residents of Rabi Enclave in Arwalia area complained against the developer and highlighted that the errant coloniser had forced them to live without basic amenities like electricity, water and roads despite repeated promises.

Bhopal: Governor Mangubhai Patel attended the convocation of Jiwaji University on Tuesday. Following the event, he visited the Laxmibai Girls Hostel on the university campus, where he interacted with the residents and inquired about the facilities available to them. Patel wished the students a

bright future and encouraged them to study with dedication and hard work. He highlighted that both the Central and State governments are implementing various schemes to promote girls' education, urging the students to take advantage of these initiatives to secure a prosperous future.

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n the midst of the ongoing season for misbehaving with government employees, a former city corporator misbehaved with a lady SDO from the water resources department on Tuesday.

The incident occurred when the Sub-Divisional Officer and her team arrived at the Kalivasot Dam area of the state capital to close a drain.

As procedures got underway, former corporator Kamta Patidar arrived on the scene and asked the officials to stop the work or face consequences.

Police registered a case after a of Madhya Pradesh.

video of the corporator's misbehavior went viral on social media.SDO Ravyanita Jain had initiated the work of closing the drain after several farmers from the area had complained to the civic department and also brought the matter to the notice of the CM helpline.

The corporator, Kamta Patidar, had earlier represented Ward 85 of the municipal corporation. He is a member of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).The incident comes close on the heels of similar altercations between political leaders and government officials in various parts

Bhopal: Police have taken strictness against 91 DJ operators who violated the rules in Bhopal. Action has been taken for playing DJ at high decibel and tampering with the model of the vehicle.

According to the police, during the festivals, DJ operators were repeatedly advised by the police to operate DJ within the stipulated time limit and within the prescribed decibel. For which the police kept constant monitoring and got photography and videography done. Legal action has been taken against the operators by identifying 91 DJs who violated the rules.

Elderly, sick and common citizens had to face a lot of problems due to excessive noise of DJ, while the police also had a lot of problems in maintaining peace and security. The above action will continue in the coming time as well, all the above DJs will be confiscated and presented in the court. Earlier, as per the intention of the Madhya Pradesh government, all the DJ operators of the city were informed about the Supreme Court and government guidelines regarding sound by organizing a meeting in the Commissioner's Office

Auditorium and all the police

नाम परिवर्तन

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stations that during festivals, all operators will operate the DJ only at the prescribed time and within the prescribed decibel. Even after the instructions of Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, there is ear-splitting noise pollution in the capital. People are troubled due to the noise of vehicles, unnecessary horns, DJs playing in weddings, loud speakers. The standards set for noise pollution are being violated.

According to ENT experts, so much noise can affect the brain and nervous system.

Change of Name

My old name was MOHAMMAD SHAFI ULOOM. I have changed my name. My new name is now known as MOHD. SHAFI ULUM S/O RAIS KHAN. Resident H. no. 435, Gali no. 3, Congress Nagar, Kazi Camp Bhopal (M.P.) 462001

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Congress leader and MP Rahul Gandhi with senior party leader Kamal Nath during a meeting at the latter residence in New Delhi on Tuesday Pioneer photo

championing products produced by women. Their initiatives have

empowered women producers, allowing them to participate actively in international trade. A key aspect of this effort is the bamboo cultivation program, which has positively impacted smallholder farmers. By cultivating bamboo, these farmers gain a sustainable source of income, transforming fallow land into productive areas.

Families engaged in bamboo cultivation can expect substantial annual earnings, starting around Rs 30,000 to Rs 45,000 from the fourth year. As productivity increases, this income can rise dramatically, potential-

ly exceeding Rs 2 lakh by years eight to ten. This long-term income opportunity makes bamboo a more lucrative option compared to traditional crops like bananas, which, while profitable, do not offer the same level of sustained financial return.

Bamboo's advantages extend beyond economic benefits; it plays a vital role in promoting environmental sustainability. As a fastgrowing plant, bamboo sequesters carbon dioxide effectively and produces 35% more oxygen than traditional trees.

This makes it a powerful ally in combating climate change, improving soil health, and controlling erosion. Neju Abraham CEO Industree foundation added, bamboo cultivation offers a multifaceted solution to economic, environmental, and gender equity

challenges. As the market expands, it holds the promise of transforming the lives of women farmers while contributing to a healthier planet. Despite being the largest grower of bamboo, India

paradoxically imports a significant amount of bamboo products, accounting for just 1.45% of the global export market in 2021. This discrepancy highlights challenges in the domestic supply chain and market management of bamboo compared to other natural

fibers The global bamboo market is projected to grow significantly, with estimates suggesting it could reach USD 123.16 billion by 2032. This growth presents immense potential for women producers, who can leverage bamboo as a renewable resource for sustainable livelihoods.

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Supreme Court dismisses plea against Ex-CJI Gogoi

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Annoyed over the allegations levelled by a litigant against former Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi, the Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed a plea and ordered the security personnel to remove him from the courtroom. The litigant accused the former CJI following which a bench comprising Justices Bela M Trivedi and Satish Chandra Sharma asked the security personnel to escort him out of the courtroom. In an earlier hearing, the SC had asked the petitioner to remove the name of Justice Gogoi while leveling allegations for non-favourable judgment in a service case.

Arun Ramchandra Hublikar filed a plea against his "illegal termination" from the service while seeking an in-house inquiry against the former CJI for dismissing a plea previously in the service dispute case. On September 30, a bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud took a strong exception to the submissions seeking an inquiry against the former CJI and asked him to remove the judge's name from the list of parties. the bench said

On Tuesday, the bench was irked when the litigant took the name of the former CJI during the hearing. "We are going to impose a cost on you. Don't take the name of any judge. There is nothing in your case,"

The litigant, however, retorted, "How can you say that there is nothing in my case. How can it be said...It is injustice against me. At least, I should get jus-tice before my death." The Ťhe bench subsequently said it will dismiss the petition following

Cancer, Dementia heighten

sepsis mortality risk: Study

Denmark

said

last six months before admis-

dying during a median follow-

up period of two years," Nielsen

In the paper, presented at the

European Emergency Medicine Congress in Copenhagen, the team examined deaths over a

long follow-up period in a prospective study of 714 adult

patients admitted to the emer-

gency department with sepsis

which the security personnel was directed to remove the litigant from the courtroom. The CJI-led bench had previously asked him to remove the name of the former CJI from the list of parties as a condition precedent to list his petition for the hearing. "How can you file a PIL with a judge as a respondent? There has to be some dignity. You cannot just say I want an in-house inquiry against a judge. Justice Ranjan Gogoi was a former judge of the Supreme Court," the CJI had remarked. "He retired as the Chief Justice

of India. You cannot say I want an in-house inquiry against a judge because you did not succeed before the bench. Sorry, we cannot tolerate this" the bench had said. After Hublikar assured deletion of the name of the former CJI from the list of parties, the CJI ordered listing of the petition which came up for hearing on Tuesday

CEC promises strict measures against political violence

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Days after NCP leader Baba Siddique was killed in Mumbai, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar on Tuesday said the Election Commission will take a strict view on preventing violence, especially against politi-cal personalities, as the Model Code of Conduct comes into force in Maharashtra.

Asked about concerns following Siddique's killing, especially as the poll panel is already dealing with the issue of urban apathy towards voting, the CEC said they will make it clear to police that violence of any sort should not take place.

"After the MCC declaration, we will make it extremely clear to the police authorities in a particular state that you are mentioning that violence of any kind and a crime of this nature,



Siddique (66), a former

Maharashtra minister who

joined the Ajit Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party

(NCP) in February after quitting the Congress, was waylaid by three men at Kher Nagar in

states," the CEC said.

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which has political overtones, would be absolutely a no-go area for the commission,' Kumar said.

'So far, we did not have a role. As the MCC comes into force, we will have a strict view on this. We will direct everyone that any kind of violence or crime, especially against any political person, should not happen," he added. "We ensured that it did not happen in Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir. States after

Mumbai's Bandra area, just outside his MLA son Zeeshan Siddique's office, and shot dead on Saturday night. The Maharashtra Assembly polls will be held in a single

phase on November 20.

India secures deal for 31 US predator drones to enhance military readiness

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viving a big boost to its Gdefence preparedness, India on Tuesday inked a mega deal with the US to procure 31 Predator long-endurance drones from American defence major General Atomics under the foreign military sales route at a cost of nearly USD four billion to boost Indian military's combat prowess along the contested borders with China.

The deal, signed in presence of top defence and strategic brass of India in the national capital, marks a significant upswing in military ties between the two countries. The procurement of the drones was finalised just weeks ahead of the US presidential elections. Last week, the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi cleared the procurement of the MQ-9B 'hunter killer' drones The drones are being procured

at an estimated cost of around USD 4 billion, officials said.

India is acquiring the drones primarily to crank up the surveillance apparatus of the armed forces, especially along the contested frontier with China.

In June last year, the Defence Ministry approved the procurement of the MQ-9B Predator armed drones from the US under a government-togovernment framework. The MQ-9B drone is a variant of the MQ-9 "Reaper" which was used to launch a modified version of the Hellfire missile that eliminated al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri in the heart of Kabul in July 2022. While the Navy will get 15 Sea Guardian drones, the Indian

Air Force and the Army will each get eight Sky Guardian drones. The high-altitude long-endurance drones are capable of remaining airborne for over 35 hours and can carry four Hellfire missiles and around 450 kgs of bombs.

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Cancer and dementia are significant risk factors that elevate mortality rates among patients with sepsis in the emergency medical department, a study released on Tuesday has raised alarm.

Sepsis is a critical condition arising when the body's immune system reacts excessively to an infection, leading to organ dysfunction. This extreme response damages the body's own tissues and organs, potentially resulting in shock, multiple organ failure, and even death if not promptly recognized and treated.

The research team from Denmark found that age and heart disease are additional factors contributing to increased mortality risk in sepsis patients within two years. We found that certain factors increased the risk of death after sepsis, including, not surprisingly, advanced age," said Dr. Finn E. Nielsen, a senior

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are fully informed in a battle-

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between October 2017 and the scientist in the Department of Clinical Epidemiology at end of March 2018. Aarhus University Hospital, The team found that after a

median of two years, 361 (50.6 "Additionally, conditions such per cent) of the patients with sepsis had died from any cause as dementia, heart disease, cancer, and previous hospitalincluding sepsis.

isation with sepsis within the Older age increases the risk of death by 4 per cent for every sion also elevated the risk of additional year of age. Sepsis can affect anyone, but

people who are older, very young, pregnant or have other health problems are at higher risk.

Common signs of sepsis include fever, fast heart rate, rapid breathing, confusion and body pain. It can lead to septic shock, multiple organ failure and death

Paramesh Sivamani appointed next Coast Guard Chief

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D^G Paramesh Sivamani took over as the 26th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG)here on Tuesday. The Flag Officer, during his illustrious career spanning over three and a half decades, has served in various capacities in ashore and afloat appointments. He specialises in Navigation and Direction and his sea commands include all major vessels of ICG which include Advanced Offshore Patrol Vessel 'Samar' & Offshore Patrol Vessel 'Vishwast'. The Flag Officer was at the helm of Coast Guard Region (East), Coast Guard Region (West), Coast Guard Commander Eastern Seaboard). DG Paramesh Sivamani was elevated to the rank of Additional Director General in September 2022, and was subsequently posted at the Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi. He was given the additional charge of Director General Coast Guard in August 2024

Opposition MPs write to Speaker for gross

Naseer Hussain, Imran

(AIMIM) and Kalyan Banerjee

(Amendment) Bill had on

Monday called Manippady to

hear his views on the draft leg-

islation in the context of the

Karnataka Waqf Scam Report

"The note contained no obser-

(TMC) said in the letter.



During the period, many significant operations and exercises were accomplished that includes the seizure of drugs/narcotic substances and gold worth crores of rupees, rescue of mariners during severe cyclonic storms, joint exercises with the Foreign Coast Guards, antipoaching operations, humanitarian assistance during cyclones/naturals calamities & Ćoastal Security exercises. The Flag Officer was conferred with the Tatrakshak Medal in

2014 and the President Tatrakshak Medal in 2019 for his illustrious service. He was also awarded the DG Coast Guard Commendation in 2012 and Flag Officer Commandingin-Chief (East) Commendation in 2009.



Exercise MALABAR 2024 sea phase begins

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The Sea Phase of Exercise MALABAR 2024 commenced on Monday off the coast of Visakhapatnam, navy said here on Tuesday.

Naval warships, embarked integral helicopters and long-range maritime patrol aircraft from Australia, India, Japan and USA are now exercising in unison in the Bay of Bengal, demonstrating a high level of collaboration and operational synergy.

ting navies will engage in

As part of this phase, the parvations on the the Waqf

cation, we cannot gain an edge region. We have also emerged despite having adequate equipment or manpower," Rajnath said

the feedback.

Defence Minister lays foundation stone for VLF station

as the first responder and a preferred security partner in the IOR.

violation of parliamentary code of conduct PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

viaing secure and communication network for warships and submarines, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday laid the foundation stone of a new Very Low Frequency (VLF) Station of the Indian Navy at the Damagundam Reserve Forest site, Pudur Mandal in Vikarabad, Telangana.

With the objective of pro-

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The facility, built at a cost of Rs 3,200 crore, will be spread across 2,900 acres. It will bolster the Indian Navy's operational readiness, ensuring effective command and control capabilities in challenging maritime environments. It will play a pivotal role in strengthening the Naval communication infrastructure, enabling reliable and secure transmission over long distances

Speaking on the occasion, he exuded confidence that the VLF station would expand the military capabilities of the

to the Armed Forces.



country, proving to be a boon 'Effective coordination between men and machines is becoming extremely important in view of the evolving methods of warfare. This VLF

station is being built with the ronment, their morale and vision of securing our maritime unity receive a major boost, interests. It will ensure secure enhancing both safety and strategy. The defence minister laid stress and real-time communication between our ships & submarines with the command on the need to continuously centres of the Armed Forces. A empower the Indian Navy in fool-proof communication view of the ever-growing globproves to be a decisive factor

al interest in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). "Our interest is between victory and defeat. spread across the Indo-Pacific Without real time communi-

nlighting the sig If Indi mercial and security interests nificance of a strong communication system, the defence and remain a strong deep sea ministerR termed it as pivotal force, it is necessary to possess for coordination in any comstate - of - the - art plex operation. He emphasised platforms/equipment and a that a clear and secure comstrong communication sysmunication channel not only tem," he added.

helps in timely and effective Allaying concerns about the impact of the project on the decision making, but also an environment, Rajnath stated the orders of the command to that all environmental condithe field formations and obtain tions are being taken care of. It is being ensured that arrange-Rajnath added that if soldiers ments will be made for the rehabilitation of the affected people, if needed, at the time of construction, he added.

In his address, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi stated that the project is set to herald a new chapter in Indian Navy's communication capabilities by ensuring a secure, robust, responsive, and reliable command, control and communication network across the oceans.

Opposition MPs on Tuesday wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on the "gross violation of parliamentary code of conduct" in the meeting of the joint committee examining the Waqf (Amendment) Bill by panel chairman Jagdambika

The letter came a day after several opposition MPs boycotted Jagdambika Pal," opposition members Gaurav Gogoi, Syed a sitting of the committee over the submission of former Karnataka State Minorities Masood (all Congress), A Raja Commission chairman Anwar and M M Abdulla (both Manippady, who named sev-DMK), Asaduddin Owaisi eral opposition leaders, includ-Congress president ing Mallikarjun Kharge and K Rahman Khan, in the alleged The Joint Committee on Waqf embezzlement of Waqf prop-

erties. "The proceedings of the Committee were conducted in a biased and partisan manner by the Chairperson Shri

Instead, it was full of politically motivated allegations against leaders of the Karnataka Congress, including Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, Hon'ble Leader of Opposition (Rajya Sabha)," the letter said.

The members said despite vehement protests by several committee members that Kharge occupies a constitutional position of high dignity and is not present in the meeting, the witness was allowed to speak by the chairperson.

The opposition members also said that Pal refused to provide adequate time to the committee members to lodge their protests. "We request your immediate intervention in the matter, and expect you to remind the Chairperson of the Committee of his duty to be bipartisan and uphold parliamentary norms," the opposition members said.

a wide range of maritime warfare operations, covering the surface, sub-surface, and air warfare domains. These advanced and complex exercises are designed to enhance mutual understanding and coordination, with the aim of operating seamlessly as a Combined Task Force at sea. In sub-surface warfare exercises, Indian Naval submarines would be participating and combined drills of Special Forces from participating nations will also be featured in

This Sea Phase will further strengthen interoperability between the participating nations and contribute towards enhancing regional security and stability in the Indo-Pacific. The sea phase will culminate on October 18 with the closing ceremony for MALABAR 2024.

this phase.

Urgent action needed to combat Pediatric TB: Report PM Modi announces national maritime heritage complex

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Even as children under five account for over 10 per cent of all TB deaths globally, with India bearing a significant burden, a report has pointed out that only one of the 14 surveyed countries has fully aligned its tuberculosis (TB) policies with World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines, and among those that have, only four possess the necessary resources for effective implementation. The situation is particularly

grave for young children, who are not receiving adequate diagnostic and treatment measures, according to the report from Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF).

The report pointed out that even among these nations, only four possess the necessary resources for effective imple-

mentation and emphasised the urgent need for countries to revise their national TB policies to improve care for affected

children. Deborggraeve, Stijn Diagnostics Advisor at MSF's Access Campaign said, "TB is a curable disease, even in children. Yet we see a shocking delay in countries adopting effective solutions. Every moment of inaction leads to unnecessary child fatalities." As per the WHO data, 1.25 million children and adolescents contract TB annually, but a staggering half of them remain undiagnosed and untreated.

The WHO's 2022 revised guidelines offer vital recommendations that could transform the landscape of pediatric TB care, including symptombased diagnostic algorithms and shorter, more effective treatment regimens, as per the

report



Joseph Sesey, a Clinical Officer with MSF in Sierra Leone, highlighted the urgent impact of these guidelines, noting significant improvements in diagnosis and reduced mortality rates in children with TB. The

experts have called for immediate and decisive action on the part of governments, donors, and global health organizations to prevent further suffering and loss of life among the world's most vulnerable popu-

lation.

"No child should endure the consequences of a preventable disease like TB," Sesey said. "We urge governments, donors, and global health organizations to act swiftly to ensure that no child suffers or dies from a preventable disease like TB," she said.

The countries examined in the report include Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea, India, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Republic of South Sudan, and Uganda.

India's target for eliminating tuberculosis (TB) is 2025, which is five years ahead of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) target of 2030. In March 2018 Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced India's commitment to eliminate the disease from India by 2025.

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of 2012.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said his government's decision to build a national maritime heritage complex in Gujarat's Lothal, considered the world's oldest dockyard, is aimed at improving people's understanding of

civilisational history. Lauding it as a remarkable development, he said in a post on LinkedIn titled 'Let's focus on tourism' that the new proiect will surely ignite enthusiasm among history buffs and tourists alike. Such an effort will boost the tourism economy, which, he said, he foresees as a major driver of growth in India.

"When tourism rises, incomes across the board rise. I urge you all, leading and respected professionals, to explore new opportunities in the tourism sector and also share your ideas with me on the same.



This way, we will contribute to a stronger economy and at the same time, preserve our rich past for the coming generations. The complex will bring ancient Lothal back to life as a mini-replica of the dock city," the prime minister said.

Modi noted that Lothal was once a vibrant melting pot of civilizations, ideas, and goods and that excavations have pointed to its role as an important maritime centre.

He said that the docks, built thousands of years ago, highlight the "spirit of ingenuity our ancestors possessed". "Its advanced engineering and urban planning leave modern observers in awe, offering a

window into the brilliance of our past."

In a swipe at previous governments, he added, "Regrettably, in the decades following independence, we allowed many aspects of our history and many of our historical sites to fall into neglect, with our rich

past fading from memory. However, the last 10 years have seen a change in this trend."

It is in this spirit that his gov ernment has decided to build a vibrant national maritime heritage complex, he said. "This will improve our understanding of civilizational history." "This new project will surely ignite enthusiasm among history buffs and tourists alike. The complex will bring ancient Lothal back to life as a minireplica of the dock city. At the heart of this complex will stand an iconic lighthouse museum, soaring 77 metres high - set to be among the world's tallest of its kind.



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Punjab gram panchayat elections: Polling concludes amid tight security arrangements

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Polling to elect gram pan-chayat members conclud-ed amid tight security arrangements in Punjab on Tuesday, officials said. Two incidents of firing were reported, they added.

Voting for the posts of "sarpanch" and "panch" through ballots started at 8 am and concluded at 4 pm, the officials said, adding that a voter turnout of more than 45 per cent was recorded. The polling percentage is likely to go up once the data is com-

piled, they said. After the polling, the votes will be counted at the polling stations, the officials said. A firing incident was reported outside a polling booth in Sohan Sain Bhagat village in Tarn Taran district, leaving a

man injured. Mandeep Singh was rushed to a hospital where his condition was stated to be out of danger.

A police official said a scuffle took place between two groups, adding that the mat-ter is being investigated. Another firing incident was reported from Khudda village reported from Khudda village in Patiala district, leaving one person injured. A police offi-cial said 20-25 unidentified people arrived at a polling booth, allegedly manhandled the polling staff and took away a ballot box. Subsequently, they left the ballot box behind in a near-by field, the official said. by field, the official said. Congress MP Dharamvira Gandhi, who visited the spot, demanded strict action in the matter.

In Ballagan village in Amritsar, two groups clashed and pelted stones at each throw ink on a ballot box. An Sub-Inspector Lakha Singh



other at a polling booth. At a polling booth in Lohke Khurd village in Ferozepur's Zira, an unidentified person tried to action.

official said the incident has been brought to the notice of senior officials for further

(53), who was posted on election duty at Dhilwan village in Barnala district, passed away, a police official said. After he felt uneasy, he was taken to a

hospital where he died, the official added.

Agriculture Minister Gurmeet Singh Khudian, along with his son, cast his vote in Khudian village in Muktsar district while Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains exercised his franchise in Gambhirpur village in Anandpur Sahib. village in Anandpur Sahib. Talking to reporters, Bains appealed to people to turn out in large numbers to cast their votes in order to elect those who would work for the development of the villages. The State Election Commission cancelled the Commission cancelled the polling in Dalla and Pona vil-lages in Ludhiana's Jagraon subdivision due to certain technical reasons. The next date of polling in these vil-lages would be announced later, the officials said. A total of 19,110 polling booths, including 1,187 marked as

hyper-sensitive, were set up for the election. The state has

13,225 gram panchayats. Polling for the posts of "sarpanch" was held in 9,398 gram panchayats. A total of 3,798 candidates were already elected unopposed for the posts of "sarpanch". Elderly people, women and youngsters were seen standing in queues outside several polling

queues outside several polling booths in the morning. The polls were held without the symbols of political par-ties as a consequence of the Punjab Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2024 passed by the Assembly last month.

A total of 1.33 crore people were eligible to vote. There were 25,588 candidates in the fray for the posts of "sarpanch" and 80,598 nominees contested the polls for the posts of "panch", the officials said. Around 96,000 personnel were deputed on election duty. Chief Minister Bhagwant

Mann appealed to people on Monday to exercise their franchise. The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Monday dismissed a bunch of petitions filed against the panchayat polls. The pleas were filed on several grounds, including challenging the ward demarcation, delimitation, regarding grievances about poll symbols, extension of time for nominations and rejection of nomination

papers. The Supreme Court on Tuesday refused to stay the panchayat polls on grounds of alleged irregularities in the nomination process, saying there will be "chaos" if courts start staying elections on polling day.

It is election fever in Kerala as EC announces by-poll schedule |Will contest Jharkhand Assembly polls in alliance with JMM: Congress

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN KOCHI

Stage is set in Kerala for a battle royale between the CPI(M) -led LDF and the Congress-led UDF as two assembly constituencies and the Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency go to the by elections on November 13.

The assembly constituencies of Chelakkara and Palakkad fell vacant following the election of K Radhakrishnan (CPI-M) and Shaffi Parambil to Lok Sabha in the general election held in 2024 May. Both were members of the Kerala Legislature Assembly. Radhakrishnan was elected from Alathur Lok Sabha constituency defeating the sitting member Remya Haridas of the Indian National Congress by a margin of 20,111 votes. Shafi Parambil of the INC was elected to Lok Sabha from Vatakara Lok Sabha constituency trouncing K K Shailaja (CPI-M) by a huge margin of 1,14, 506 votes.



Rahul Gandhi was elected ment regarding the party canwith a mammoth majority of didate to be fielded from more than 3.64 lakh votes Wayand, it is almost certain (59.69 per cent) from Wayanad that Priyanka Gandhi would in the May 2024 Lok Sabha launch her electoral battle election. But he chose to retain from the district atop the the Rae Barelli seat and Western Ghats in Kerala. resigned from Wayand making While the CPI-M is confident the road clear for sister of retaining the Chelakkara assembly seat thanks to the Priyanka Gandhi to contest the good work done by Radhakrishnan, the Congress seat. Though the INC is yet to make any formal announce-

is likely to field Remya Haridas, popularly known as the Malabar Princess from this reserved constituency. It is going to be a cakewalk for the Congress in Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency as the party is well placed than what was during the General Election in May. The fact that a member of the Nehru-Gandhi family is the candidate has boosted the morale of the Congress cadre as well as that of its allies.

The LDF may have to find out a new candidate this time as Annie Raja of the CPI who challenged Rahul Gandhi last challenged Rahul Gandhi last time ended up as an also ran forfeiting her security deposit. Though K Surendran, the BJP's state president, claimed imme-diately after the dates of the by-poll was announced, that the NDA would win both the assembly constituencies party nDA would will both the assembly constituencies, party insiders tell that even the for-mer knows it well that the Hindutva brigade would make no change in the electoral scange in Koral, "At the best scenes in Kerala. "At the best, the party may be able to fin-ish third in the race," said a senior BJP leader. The suicide of Naveen Babu on Monday night, allegedly fol-

lowing public humiliation meted out to him by the District Panchayat President P P Divya of the CPI(M) is likely to derail the party's dreams of winning from Chelakkara,

PNS RANCHI ongress on Tuesday said it Cwill contest the Jharkhand assembly elections in alliance

with the JMM, with a final decision on seat sharing expected soon. "We will contest elections with our alliance partners in the state. A final decision on the seat sharing will be done soon. We are confident of winning elections on the back of development works done by us," Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee president Keshav

Mahto said. The Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) also expressed confidence that its alliance would be voted back to power. However, it raised concerns on how Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma knew that the election dates would be announced on Tuesday.

"We are ready to contest elec-



tions, though the announcement was made a bit early. However, we would like to know how Sarma was aware that elections would be announced on Tuesday. This is a grave threat to democracy," JMM spokesperson Manoj Pandey said. Sarma, who is BJP's co-in-

charge of assembly elections in Jharkhand, had said on Monday that the election dates would be announced on Tuesday. Reacting to the

JMM's allegations, the BJP claimed that the JMM was afraid of defeat in the upcoming elections.

The BJP also mentioned that the seat-sharing arrangement among NDA partners for the assembly elections was "almost final," with the first list of candidates to be announced within 48 hours of the polls being declared. Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren said the JMM-led alliance will contest all 81 seats.

By-polls in Uttar Pradesh: Political test for BJP amid internal discord

BISWAJEET BANERJEE LUCKNOW

The upcoming by-elections in Uttar Pradesh have gar-nered significant attention, especially considering the BJP's underwhelming performance in the recent general elections. Adding to the political intrigue are reports of discore state BJP unit, further intensifying the stakes of these bypolls. The by-polls will be held on nine seats against the vacant 10 seats as the election in the Milkipur assembly constituency in Ayodhya has been deferred due to impending court case The by-elections will take place in Karhal, Katehari, Kundarki, Ghaziabad, Khair, Meerapur, Phulpur, Majhawan, and Sisamau. Of these ten seats, four are currently held by the Samajwadi Party (SP), while the RLD and Nishad Party each hold one seat, and the BJP controls the remaining three.

Polling in all these con-stituencies will be held on allocate two seats to Congress November 13 and results would be declared on November 23. In a bid to ensure a strong showing, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has deployed 16

as part of their alliance. The Congress had asked for 5 seats. Despite discord over seat sharing the partnership between SP=Congress is seen as a strategic counterbalance senior ministers from his gov-ernment to oversee the BJP's According to the SP's candi-

campaign efforts in these date list, Tej Pratap Yadav will



lenge here as the NDA needs to strengthen its standing with Nishad voters. Swatantra With Rishad Voters, Swatahira Deo Singh, Daya Shankar Mishra, and Sanjay Nishad are working on BJP's campaign in this region. Shobhavati Verma, wife of SP MP Lalji ignation after winning the Sambhal Lok Sabha seat has Verma, is SP candidate.

Majhawan (Mirzapur):left Kundarki open for con-
test. The BJP has deployed umar Bind, vacated his seat after winning the Bhadohi Lok Sabha election. The Nishad Party, led by Sanjay Nishad, is lobbying to contest this seat in the bypolls. The BJP has assigned ministers Anil Rajbhar, Ashish Patel, Ravindra Jaiswal, and Ramkesh Nishad to prepare the party's strategy in this constituency. Jyoti Bind is SP candidate from this con-

a strong BJP performance in this seat. Mustafa Siddiqui is SP candidate from this constituency. BSP has given ticket to Shibran Paasi. Kundarki (Moradabad): Zia-Ur-Rahman Barq's res-

Chauhan in the 2022 Assembly elections, is keen to make gains here, with ministers Anil Kumar, Somendra Tomar, and K P Mallik tasked with preparations. BSP has fielded Shah Nazar from this

seat Ghaziabad (Ghaziabad):

Atul Garg resigned from the Ghaziabad Assembly seat fter being nominated

"For the BJP, these by-elecvacated by SP President Akhilesh Yadav after his Lok tions present a crucial opportunity to consolidate its posi-Sabha election victory from tion in Uttar Pradesh, but Kannauj. Naseem Solanki, they also pose challenges in wife of jailed SP leader Irfan maintaining smooth relations Solanki, will contest from within the alliance, particu-Sisamau in Kanpur. Other larly with the Nishad Party. candidates include Mustafa Negotiations over seat-shar-Siddiqui from Phulpur ing remain a point of con-Prayagraj), Shobhavati tention, adding further pres-Verma from Katehari, and sure on the ruling coalition," political analyst Manoj Jyoti Bind from Majhwan. Shobhavati Verma, wife of Bhadra said. SP MP Lalji Verma, was previously SP's MLA from

Opposition strategy: The Samajwadi Party, led by Katehari. Ajit Prasad, the son Akhilesh Yadav, has teamed of Faizabad (Avodhya) MP up with the Congress for the Awadhesh Prasad, will contest by-elections. The SP has so far from Milkipur. Jyoti Bind is the daughter of SP leader announced candidates in five constituencies, with specula-Ramesh Bind, who ran in the

2024 Lok Sabha elections from Mirzapur

The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) has also announced its candidates for most of the constituencies, adding another dimension to the contest. With multiple parties vying for influence over key regions, the by-elections are emerging as a critical test of the evolving political dynamics in Uttar Pradesh.

Key Constituencies in Focus Karhal (Mainpuri):

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

The Karhal seat, situated in Mainpuri district, became

vacant after Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav resigned following his victory in the Lok Sabha elections from Kannauj. Historically, this constituency is considered a stronghold of the SP. Tej Pratap Singh Yadav, a member of the influential stituency. Yadav family, is will contest on SP's ticket.

Katehari (Ambedkar Nagar) The Katehari seat was vacated by Lalji Verma after his victory in the Ambedkar Nagar Lok Sabha elections. The BJP faces a tough chal-

Phulpur (Prayagraj)

Praveen Singh Patel vacated Phulpur after his successful run for the Phulpur Lok Sabha seat. The Yogi government has tasked ministers Rakesh Sachan and Daya Shankar Singh with ensuring

s Dharmpal JPS Rathore, Jaswant Saini, and Gulab Devi to lead their campaign in the area. Khair (Aligarh)

Anoop Singh vacated the Khair seat to contest the Hathras Lok Sabha seat. With the RLD now part of the NDA, the BJP hopes to leverage the significant presence of Jat voters in this constituency. Lakshmi Narayan Choudhari and Sandeep Singh are leading the BJP's campaign efforts here.

Merrapur (Muzaffarnagar): Chandan Chauhan of the RLD resigned from Merrapur to run in the Bijnor Lok Sabha seat, which he won. The BJP, which lost to Ghaziabad Lok Sabha seat. Ministers Sunil Sharma, Brijesh Singh, and Kapildev Agrawal have been entrusted with keeping voter engagement high for the BJP in this urban constituency. SP may give this seat to Congress

Šisamau (Kanpur Nagar):

This seat was vacated after the disqualification of SP leader Ĥazi Irfan Solanki, following his sentencing in a legal case. BJP is looking to make inroads in this SP stronghold with local ministers overseeing preparations. Naseem Solanki, wife of jailed SP leader Irfan Solanki, will contest from Sisamau in Kanpur

SC bans civic police from hospitals, schools, police stations

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

The Supreme Court on L Tuesday banned civic volunteers from the hospitals, schools and police stations and directed the Bengal Government to submit before it the details of recruitment process of civic volunteers, one of which is the prime accused in the August 9 rape and murder of an on duty lady doctor inside the seminar room of the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital. After acquiring a verbal data of the civic volunteers thus applied by the State Government the bench comprising Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra which has been suo motu hearing the RG Kar case --- associated with its wider implications --- the directed the Government to present through an affidavit the recruitment process of civic volunteers.

"It is a nice process of conferring political patronage on unverified persons," the Supreme Court said seeking affidavit in 3 weeks after hearing that over 1,500

under its "Rattirer Sathi" scheme to secure the medical colleges and similar other facilities. The Court wondered whether the prime accused in the RGKMCH case too was a civic volunteer or not.

The Court directed the Central Bureau of Investigation to file additional status report in the next hearing after going through the one filed on Tuesday. The CBI appraised the Court about the chargesheet filed against Sanjoy Roy the prime accused in the Sealdah Court. Much in line with the Apex Court's order on the deployment of civic volunteers, the Election Commission of India too had shown its distrust for

the "blue police" as they often are called in the State banning them from electoral process in the 2024 general elections.

Incidentally the Bengal political opposition too had for long been complaining against the manner in which the civic volunteers are appointed and the way they are used by the Government to man security system, more so in vil-

lages and other remote areas. civic volunteers were working These civic volunteers that had been introduced by the Left Front Government as Green Police to assist the traffic police

is today used to perpetrate all kinds of crime including electoral rigging in the panchayat elections, extortion similar things," a senior BJP leader said. Meanwhile, the junior doctors once again attacked the State Government for telling lies before the Supreme Court on the implementation of the security infrastructure in medical colleges.

They told the Court that about than 95% to 98 percent of the planned infrastructure and security upgrades across government hospitals in Bengal have been completed, excluding the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital but it is not true at all

. come to our colleges and we will show you what has been done ... let alone 95 percent they have not been able to complete 59 percent even ... they are all lying," said a junior doctor from Rampurhat Medical College.

The Bengal Government suffered yet another judicial discomfiture with the Calcutta High on Tuesday throwing out an administrative order issued by the Kolkata Police prohibiting a public fête --- christened Droh Carnival organized by the senior doctors and a section of the civil society.

The Droh Carnival or Carnival of Revolt --- coinciding with the much touted Durga Puja Carnival a pet scheme of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee involving a parade of Durga idols down the historic Red Road --- was called in support of a 10-point demand including the demand for justice for the victim of Kolkata doctor rape and murder case.

"The Bench of Justice Ravi Kapoor has thrown out the imposition of Section 163 of the BNSS --- formerly Section 144 of CrPC --- saying the prohibitive order is incongruous with the constitutional right to freedom ... the right to take out peaceful rallies and celebrations cannot



be abridged, the Court has iterated ... this order breaks and dissolves all the arrogance of this Government ... and if still they are not taking any lesson out of this and continue to act in an undemocratic manner then this means they are on their way out," said senior advocate and Rajya Sabha MP Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya.

"The police had imposed Section 163 in anticipation of some mischief in the Durga Puja Carnival which is an yearly event attended among others by foreign dig-

nitaries ... this Carnival adds flavor to the Durga Pujas which has been included in the world heritage list of the UNESCO ... if the High Court has in its wisdom thought that both the programmes can go side by side then so be it ... the Government will definitely abide by that," said senior TMC leader Kunal Ghosh.

The Bengal government has been holding the Durga Puja Carnival since 2016 --- much in line of the Independence Day Parade in Delhi --- to mark the culmination of the State's biggest festival with about 100 Durga Puja committees participating in the fete parading down the Red Road Durga idols along with their respective themes.

Earlier apprehending disturbance Kolkata Police Commissioner Manoj Verma in exercise of his magisterial powers issued an order that read "there is a strong possibility of people not being able to attend the Durga Puja Carnival.

In view of this, Section 163 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) (Power to issue order in urgent cases of nuisance or apprehended danger) has been implemented for one day in the areas around Red Road."

Moments after the High Court order thousands of people including doctors and the members of civil society playing drums and flutes and blowing conch shells, ululating and raising slogans of justice spilled on to the Rani Rashmoni Avenue barely two hundred meters away from the Durga Puja Carnival. "We have never heard of sim-

ilar protest in history of India

Doctors' Droh Carnival contrasts Didi's Durga Carnival post Independence ... perhaps it is first major such protest after the one in 1905-06 against the Partition of Bengal," said Dr Subarna Goswami one of the senior doctors leading the move-

ment. Meanwhile, the indefinite fast held by the junior doctors at the Rani Rashmoni Avenue entered its 11th day on Tuesday with two more doctors joining the fast.

"There is no need of imposing prohibitive orders and other such paraphernalia ... instead of that the Government should concede to the 10 point demand that includes foolproof security measures, removal of the Health Secretary, installation of CCTV cameras, restrooms for on duty doctors, centralized referral system with real time monitoring and last but not list giving a specific date for college elections so that the syndicate and mafia raj in the medical colleges which is the main source of all anomalies including the incidents of sexual harassment, rape etc," said Debashis Haldar a junior doctor.

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souring relations

New Delhi dismisses the Canadian claims of Indian involvement in the Nijjar case as politically driven

he already tense relations between India and Canada have hit a new low, with both countries expelling each other's diplomats. New Delhi expelled six Canadian diplomats, including Acting High Commissioner Stewart Ross Wheeler after Ottawa's expulsion of 'targeted' Indian diplomats. These diplomats were allegedly involved in 'violent criminal activity in Canada.' The situation deteriorated after Trudeau accused Indian intelligence agents of being linked to the Nijjar's murder in British Columbia in 2023. During a press conference, Trudeau, announced the expulsion of six Indian diplomats from Canadian soil, citing their involvement in a 'targeted campaign' against Canadian citizens. India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has responded with forceful rebuttal, describing the allegations as 'preposterous imputations.' The MEA criticised Canada's decision to expel the Indian diplomats, dismissing the accusations as politically motivated and linked to the Trudeau government's domestic challenges. India on its part



has expelled six Canadian diplomats to leave the country by October 19, 2024, and announced the withdraw-

al of its High Commissioner from Canada. The root cause of the conflict lies in the ongoing issue of Sikh separatism and Canada's handling of the Khalistan movement. Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a prominent Khalistan supporter, was a Canadian citizen who had long advocated for an independent Sikh state. His murder in 2023 remains a contentious issue, with Canadian authorities suspecting the involvement of Indian agents. India, however, has consistently denied any role in the killing and has accused Canada of providing a safe haven for extremist elements that threat-

en India's national security. It is rather unfortunate that two friendly countries should snap diplomatic relations with each other. Justin Trudeau's electoral compulsions, with elections just a year away, could be behind his recent actions. Justin Trudeau's perceived support for Sikh separatists, particularly those advocating for a Khalistan, stems from a complex blend of domestic political considerations and Canada's multicultural policies. Trudeau's Liberal Party has historically sought the support of the Sikh diaspora, a significant and politically active community in Canada, which includes a segment advocating for Sikh rights and in some cases, Khalistan. By engaging with Sikh community leaders, including some who may have Khalistani sympathies, Trudeau aims to secure votes in regions with a strong Sikh presence. This standoff could affect many areas where people in both countries could be net sufferers. Trade negotiations, immigration policies, and cultural exchanges between the two countries would indeed be affected. The expulsion of diplomats and withdrawal of ambassadors signifies more than just diplomatic posturing; it represents India's sovereignty, security, and the role of foreign governments in its domestic affairs. With both sides showing no signs of backing down, the road to reconciliation appears to be fraught with challenges.



The untold story of Captain Rameshwar Thapa's heroics



hen you think of rotary wing aircraft in Nepal, some names will crop up: Tula Bahadur Thapa, Narain Singh Pun, Madan KC, all Army Colonels, but among civilians a pioneer is Capt Rameshwar Thapa, the first Russian Mi17 helicopter pilot who trained the then Royal Nepal Army on Mi17 and was later requisitioned by Security Forces during the Maoist People's War. Let's call the Captain, RT who has written the English version of his book in Nepali, Barud Mathi Uddaa titled Into The FIRE, a book 'based on hard facts'. It encapsulates the Maoist insurgency that aimed to capture the state: they came perilously close to doing it. But for RT's heroic efforts, on April 8, 2005 in saving Khara, the epic battle waged by Maoists, by fly-ing in 20 Special Force Rangers after an SOS- 'if no reinforcements in 20-30 minutes, Khara will go'. Despite his helicopter being hit by Maoists on surrounding hills he made a second attempt in a vertical descent to land reinforcements at base camp. Khara was a battle for prestige and honour for both sides, especially Maoists but Rangers saved the day. At the time, I had written reams on the first and second Khara battles, describing Khara

II's criticality. RT rightly calls Khara the turning point, for soon after, their defeat at Khara Maoists sued for peace: choosing ballot over bullet. They signed the 12-point agreement in New Delhi in November 2005 which led to the political transformation of Nepal - restoration of democracy and mainstreaming of Maoists. The rest, of course, is history. Into the Fire essentially covers the personal experiences of a co-pilot elevated to Pilot in Command as Mi17 initially had pilots from Russia and Central Asian Republics. Their mission was rescue, relief, reinforcements, casualty evacuation and acting as morale boosters. The Maoists were terrified of helicopters which were later ingeniously improvised by RNA as the humanitarian angle of saving lives and security posts at great personal risk. RT turns out to be a cat with nine lives having taken numerous hits and a life-threatening crash landing near Everest Base Camp. Initially, he joined Everest Air which was regularly supplying helicopters to the police as they had none; later, he flew for the Armed Police Force and RNA.

King Gyanendra who had usurped power first in 2002 and done a coup in 2005, did not allow the RNA to aid or assist the police which suffered on account of it. He did not even allow PM GP Koirala to use it to break the siege of the Holleri post when 76 policemen were taken hostage. Koirala had to resign but Holleri was an avoidable blot on police's unprofessional record. The Army was only pressed into service after Maoists during a ceasefire and talks attacked Army barracks in November 2001 at Dang. RT explains the politics underpinning the King's embargo on RNA. Flying for the army RT became an 'enemy of the Maoists' and was advised to send his family abroad for their

the atrocities committed by both sides. RT has narrated several human interest stories like once evacuating a female Maoist who later became a minister and married a fellow Maoist minister. There is a conversation with elders in a village who tell him that they prefer to give their daughters to RNA rather than letting Maoists take them away to join the movement.

His underground life at Oasis Hotel in Nepalgunj is cloak-and-dagger stuff. RT has not shied away from writing about RNA's November 2004 **RT HAS NARRATED** Pandaun, Kailali 'propaganda' attack under the lyricist Divisional Commander, Gen SEVERAL HUMAN **INTEREST STORIES** Rajendra Thapa. The Army claimed it had killed 200 to 300 LIKE ONCE Maoists whereas only 4 to 5 bodies were found ('Maoists EVACUATING A had an honour code not to FEMALE MAOIST leave behind any bodies). One of the Army's self-afflicted WHO LATER BECAME disasters was enacted at Pili in August 2004 when an A MINISTER AND Engineer Regiment was MARRIED A FELLOW ordered to crash-build a road for King Gyanendra's visit. MAOIST MINISTER Their prize was a huge cache of explosives stored at Pili for road construction. Nearly 160 soldiers were killed as RT

daily titled 'Maobadi Paradise: Nirmal Nivas', which was Prince Gyanendra's residence. Having been as 'busy as a bee' in the People's War, as a 24X7 helicopter pilot, his life changed after violence ceased. He mentions India's constructive role in the peace process. In his post-conflict avatar, RT became an aviation company czar, a media mogul - with newspapers, radio and TV and an interest in politics. His list of awards will fill a page. So will his contribution to corporate social responsibility. Into The Fire: was released in Delhi last month to a packed house. Striking in the book is the note written by Janardhan Sharmawho was the architect of the Khara debacle-while recently Nepal's Finance Minister. Sitting next to me on the dais RT was a picture of modesty and humility, few people realised his crucial role in the People's War. Immodestly I could not resist mentioning my book The Royal Nepal Army: Meeting the Maoist Challenge released in 2005. But his is a first-hand account. (The writer, a retired Major General, was Commander,

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armed platforms to drop 81 mm mortar bombs and Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). Many battles in both east and west Nepal are described mainly from and towns have not forgotten

sarety. Major encounters revive memories of fighting, their horror, ferocity and barbarity. Villages

conducted casualty evacua tion flights. Elsewhere he mentions current President Ramchandra Poudel writing an article in Kantipur

An oriental pied hornbill at Ponitora Wild Life Sanctuary, in Morigaon

The invisible battle for mental health in India



KAVITA KABIRA

Mental health remains an afterthought in our healthcare narrative. The true healing encompasses both body and mind

s a psychologist, I've seen how health in India isn't just a battle of the body-it's a struggle of the mind. Behind every disease is a person dealing with fear, frustration and, at times, loneliness. Whether in rural areas, where diseases like tuberculosis persist or in urban centres where lifestyle illnesses are on the rise, the emotional toll is often invisible but deeply felt.

In rural India, patients face challenges that go beyond medical diagnoses. I remember a man from a small village battling tuberculosis, but what weighed on him most wasn't just his illness--it was the isolation. He felt forgotten and cut off from the world because healthcare facilities were far away, and his family didn't know how to support him. This emotional isolation is something many rural patients experience, and it can be as damaging as their physical symptoms, compounding their sense of hopelessness. In cities like Gurgaon, the struggles are different but equally pro-



found. I think of Anjali, a conditions-but the emoyoung woman over-

tional weight people carry is often ignored. I've seen whelmed by anxiety. To the outside world, she people suffer for years in seemed to have it all-a silence, feeling their emogreat job, a busy social life, tional pain isn't valid and a bright future. But because it can't be measured like a physical illness. inside, she was spiralling. She hesitated for months There's an urgent need for before seeking help, afraid change. India's healthcare that admitting to her strugsystem mirrors this divide. gles would make her appear In cities, private care offers options, but mental health weak. This fear of judgment keeps many people from services are still limited asking for help, and it's and expensive. heartbreaking to see how In rural areas, mental health is rarely even discussed. common this is in urban

environments.Mental Socioeconomic barriers, health remains an afterespecially for women, make thought in our healthcare it even harder to access mental health care. Women system. We focus on physical sympoften put their health-

both emotional and physitoms-treating heart disease, diabetes, and other cal-on the back burner,

prioritising their families' needs over their own. One of my patients, a mother of two, delayed seeking help for her anxiety for years. She was exhausted, overwhelmed, and losing her sense of self. But like so many women, she felt guilty for even considering that her health deserved attention.

This is a common storytoo many women in India silently endure mental health struggles, dismissing their needs as unimportant, further isolating themselves in the process.

We need to change this narrative. Mental health is not a luxury or a sign of weakness. It is an integral part of overall well-being. We must make mental health care as important as physical health in our conversations and our healthcare system. Only then can we address the full scope of health challenges in Indiabecause real healing isn't just about the body; it's about the mind too. (The writer is Psychologist

and founder - Kavita Kabira wellness clinic: views are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR **RTI POWER FADES**

Madam -- It is really unfortunate that the RTI Act, which came into effect in 2005, promising a new era in transparency in government functioning, has almost died its own death, with the executive not showing any keenness to infuse a fresh life into it. The Act has slowly weakened due to unwarranted amendments, overreach of the executive and restrictive judicial interpretations. Lack of adequate infrastructure and shortage of staff in government offices to deal with RTI applications is another cause for worry. Ever since its ratification, several attempts have been made to deliberately dilute this law and hamper access to information by the public.

The proposed amendments were dropped due to widespread public defiance. In the administration and functioning of a democratic government, the right to access and seek information is a sine qua non for transparency, openness and accountability. Unless citizens are empowered with the right to ask questions, democracies cannot and will not survive. The need of the hour is to promote the free flow of information to limit tvrannical tendencies and reinforce democratic ideals.

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

RAILWAY SAFETY NEGLECTED

Madam — Gone are the days when a Railway minister used to apologise for a train accident and even tender his resignation for it. Now, it is too much to expect even an explanation for the snail's pace at which the Train Collision Avoidance System is being installed and the lack of manpower that makes even loco pilots do the extra shifts. In such a scenario, there is no wonder why train accidents have become a regular event in our country. Train Collision Avoidance System, which was later renamed as Kavach, is an automatic train protection system that helps prevent collisions if two trains are on the same tracks. Senior railway officials said that a field trial was

Peacekeepers under attack



ust a week ago, Israel's Foreign Minister Israel Katz announced that UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has been banned from entering Israel, accusing him of "supporting" Hamas, Hezbollah,

started for Kavach in 2016. But it has been installed only in less than 1,500 km of tracks out of the total 70,000 km covered by the Indian Railways across the country.

That means this lifesaving device has so far been placed in only a little over 2 per cent of railway tracks in eight years after its field trials! An RTI reply says that of 1,27,644 sanctioned posts of loco pilots and assistant loco pilots, 18,766-nearly

15 per cent - were vacant as of March 1 this year. Indian Railways have been playing with our lives by not filling up vacant posts and by forcing their personnel, even loco pilots, to overwork. How can a loco pilot remain alert if he has to do extra shifts?

Sujit De | Kolkata

LAW AND ORDER CRISIS

Madam - The shooting of Baba Siddiqui could not have come at a worse time for the Mahayuti government in Maharashtra, as elections to the assembly are just around the corner. The opposition has been handed over an issue of

Houthis and Iran. Now a new order has been issued from Tel Aviv, which says that all UN peacekeepers should be removed from Lebanon. Israel is accusing without any proof that Hezbollah is using peacekeepers as human shields.

On the contrary, Israel has been continuously attacking the peacekeepers since last week. Dozens of peacekeepers have been injured so far. UNIFIL, a mission of about 9,500 soldiers of various nationalities, was created after Israel invaded Lebanon in 1978. It is currently tasked with monitoring the ceasefire that ended the 33-day war between Israel and Hezbollah in 2006. Israel's actions have been criticised by the whole world, except the US.

Jang Bahadur Singh | Jamshedpur

law and order in the state which is certainly going to be used as ammunition against the government in the electoral campaigning. There is no doubt this issue will resonate with the people of the state. If important political leaders and ex-ministers are not safe, what hope is there for the common citizen? Another disturbing fact is that the alleged kingpin is overseeing operations from jail.

With the right connections, jails seem to have become a holiday resort with all facilities available, like cell phones and wi-fi. The assailants are said to be in the ages of 19-21, and another one is supposedly said to be a minor. The lack of education and scarcity of jobs play their part in getting the young people sucked into the criminal world. Usually, the criminals come from the Northern Hindi belt. Those in charge of the states must find ways and means to stop the young people from entering the world of crime.

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FIRSTCOLUMN CLEANLINESS AND SPIRITUALITY

The connection between a clean space and a peaceful mind is undeniable



RAVI VALLURI

Then I recall our college days, particularly the hostel rooms, it takes me on a nostalgic trip. The days were full of fun and frolic, books scattered around, beer and rum bottles lying randomly, with cigarette butts strewn rather carelessly. The rooms were full of stench

Most of the guys would ogle, there was no Google back then, at the girls. Posters of Pink Floyd, the Beatles, and Led Zeppelin populated the grubby and unwashed walls of the rooms. The politically inclined would paste large printed pictures of Che Guevara, Marx and Lenin among others, professing their ideological baggage unequivocally.

Some rooms were relatively cleaner and tidily kept. In our hail-fellowwell-met attitude we ended up ostracising such students. But they were our Gurus during examination times, much to their chagrin. A close friend had put up a poster which read: "Cleanliness is the sign of a sick mind." His room was particularly unclean and stained.

Cleanliness is both the abstract state of being clean and free from dirt, and the process of achieving and maintaining that state. However, to my mind cleanliness and spirituality are intertwined like Siamese twins. The human mind normally slips into a state of meditation and involuntarily has a spiritual experience at places which are relatively clean. Cleanliness is positively next to godliness.

India has of late embarked upon a major cleanliness drive where villages, bijou towns, cities, rivers, among others, places of historical importance and important religious places are being refurbished. This is indeed a positive statement made by the government. A gurdwara is the place of worship for Sikhs. People from all faiths and those who do not pro-



fess any faith too, are welcomed in Sikh gurdwaras. To me gurdwaras are among the cleanest spots in the country and it is a lesson in humility to observe how the devout keep it absolutely spick and span. The mind gravitates to the pristine spirit and listens to the soulful and mellifluous Gurubani being sung. The human mind, which is normally cannonaded by innumerable thoughts, gradually settles down and is at rest and peace

It would be interesting to mention that Sri Harmandir Sahib and Sri Darbar Sahib are informally referred to as the Golden Temple. Guru Ram Das

Migration issue polarises Canada ahead of 2025 election

Canada is struggling to reconcile the benefits of foreign influx with stagnant wages, strained services and a housing crisis; analysis by AMAL CHANDRA and AJAY P KARUVALLY

anada has recently cut down on international student permits and tightened eligibility for work permits in a bid to cut down on the number of temporary residents. As the federal elec-tion approaches in October 2025, immigration remains the most contentious issue in Canadian politics. "Immigration is an advantage for our economy — but when bad actors abuse the system and take advantage of students, we crack down." Said Canada Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, in a post on X. However, things are a little more complicated. Canada presents a unique case of pop-ulation dynamics, with rapid growth despite record-low birth rates. Between 2023 and 2024, Canada's population surged by 3.2 per cent, outpacing even some African nations known for their high population growth. While the population is increasing rapidly, the total fertility rate (TFR) of 1.33 children per woman in 2022 was the lowest in Canadian history. Canada's population growth, despite a very low TFR, is a testament to the power of immigration. In 2023, 97.6 per cent of the growth in the Canadian population came through immigration.

This reliance on immigrants is a longstanding strategy to offset the country's ageing population. While the COVID-19 pandemic temporarily slowed population growth to just 0.4 per cent in 2021, immi-gration quickly rebounded, fuelling a rapid recovery in population growth. A significant portion of Canada's immi-grants come from India, making up 10.8 per cent of all immigrants in 2023. The proportion of Indians among all the immigrant groups entering the country has increased from 9.6 per cent between 1991 and 2000, to 18.6 per cent between 2016 and 2021. Projections for the peri-od between 2022 and 2026 suggest this trend will continue to accelerate.

Canada's Immigration Dilemma: Canada's immigration system comprises four main programs: economic, family, refugee, and temporary work. The first three lead to permanent residency, while temporary workers must follow specific pathways with quotas and criteria to attain permanent residency. The preferred route for international students is the Post-Graduation Work Permit (PCWP) which is issued to foreign stu-



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0.7 per cent, among the lowest in the G7. The Canadian economy and the living standards of its population have largely stagnated over the last decade.

While immigrants are contribut-ing to economic growth, the GDP per capita rates are declining. Many new immigrants earn less than the national average, and there are doubts about their abil-CANADA'S ity to achieve upward mobility as rapidly as past generations of IMMIGRATION immigrants, especially given that SYSTEM the majority are temporary residents.

COMPRISES The Government's Immigration FOUR MAIN Gamble: To course-correct a stagnating economy and compensate for poor growth rates, Canadian policymakers have made a bet on immigration. By letting in massive **PROGRAMS:** ECONOMIC, numbers of permanent and tem-

suppressing wages. Although evi-dence suggests that immigrants have little to no impact on the average wages of native workers, the perception of such effects tends to fuel stronger anti-immigration sentiments. Corporations, however, have capitalised on this dynamic, employing temporary workers, including international students, in low-wage, precarious jobs. The promise of permanent residency keeps them in the system, even when working conditions are poor.

For corporations, this represents a windfall of cheap labour. Coincidentally, working these low-paying jobs means the immigrants are unlikely to undergo the upward social mobility the government is hoping they would. Rising Hostility and Public Sentiment As frustrations over the government's immigration policies mount, this frustration is being increasingly manifested as resentment toward immigrants themselves. Public sentiment has noticeably shifted in recent years, with more Canadians expressing negative views toward international students and other immigrants. While this is hard to quantify and prove, public sentiment analysis using machine learning models on social media platforms like Reddit provides a useful indication. We analysed all the comments under posts containing the word "international students" in the r/Canada subreddit (community) from 2010 to 2022. While the r/Canada subreddit is not in any way a reflection of Canadian society, it could be a fair represen-Canadian centrist views on immi-

gration. Till 2015, There was minimal discussion or negative sentiments related to international students (see figure below). Starting from around 2015, the number of negative comments saw a sharp rise. This trend peaks significantly after 2020, indicating a growing negative discourse, especially in recent years. The number of positive comments seems to plateaued after 2017. Although positive sentiment persists, sentiment analysis reveals a shift in public discourse toward increasingly negative views on the broader issue of international

students in recent years. Conclusion: A Broken System For many international students and temporary immigrants, these growing negative sentiments could lead to increased hostility and more darriers to integration Instances of food bank usage, cultural misunderstandings, and economic struggles may further inflame these tensions. Canada's immigration system, which lacks a strategic vision, seems to benefit neither Canadian citizens nor immigrants. Without meaningful reforms, only corporations exploiting cheap labour will see long-term gains, while social unrest and econom-ic stagnation will continue to grow. The future of Canada's mmigration policy hinges on the ability of the government and its citizens to address the current challenges and find a path forward that benefits all residents.

constructed the Golden Temple in 1577. He was the fourth Guru in the pantheon of Sikh Gurus. A Sikh friend mentioned that a gurdwara is a community asset and serviced by unpaid and committed volunteers, those who perform seva from the kitchen to the shoe rack.

Mahatma Gandhi, the apostle of peace and non-violence, championed the cause of truth only as he could. His autobiography, The Story of My Experiments with Truth, like his life, documents every aspect where he does not dissemble anything. During my days of quotidian drinking, I drank heavily and remained inebriated. In that state of arrogance and hubris, I walked into the holy precincts of the Golden Temple carrying a packet of Wills Navy Cut. The act was certainly sacrilegious. For perpetrating this sinful act, I could have been trolled on social media. Today, I regret the mistake committed and apologise sincerely from the depths of my heart. I am sober today because of Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and have given up drinking, smoking and eating non-vegetarian fare. The twisted personality in me is making amends and I hope those afflicted with these vices seek the grace of a Guru to extricate themselves from this cesspool of negativity and embark upon the voyage to discover the quintessential quality of cleanliness and spirituality.

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GWP), which is issued to foreign stu dents who have completed a diploma or degree at a Canadian institution.

This permit allows them to qualify for permanent residency programs. While all immigration programs have grown, the 127 per cent surge in international student permits issued in 2023 compared to 2006 is particularly remarkable. A 2015 study showed that between 20 per cent and 27 per cent of international students transitioned to permanent residency within ten years of receiving their first study permit. This conversion rate is likely even higher in more recent years, reflecting the growing appeal of Canada as a destination for long-term settlement through the student migration route. Economic Growth or Illusion? The influx of immigrants and their economic activity has fuelled Canada's GDP growth (1.8 per cent average from 2000 to 2023), but population growth is masking underlying economic challenges. The GDP per capita rate for the same period from 2000 to 2023 is only

orary residents, Canada has pri oritised short-term growth, in hopes this can translate to a sus-AND TEMPORARY WORK. THE FIRST tainable long-term growth strategy through the upward mobili-ty of the recently introduced THREE LEAD TO PERMANENT immigrant cohorts. While it may be too early to say this is not RESIDENCY. working, Canadian public opinion against immigration is at an all-WHILE time low. Many Canadians feel the

rapid influx of immigrants is exacerbating critical issues like the TEMPORARY WORKERS MUST housing shortage and the strain on social services, including FOLLOW SPECIFIC healthcare and emergency PATHWAYS WITH response. Despite placing their hopes on immigration, the gov-ernment has failed to make par-QUOTAS AND allel investments in infrastructure CRITERIA

to support both immigrants and TO ATTAIN the existing population. Wages in Canada have struggled to keep pace with inflation and PERMANENT

RESIDENCY there is rising concern among tation of a microcosm of Migration and Development; views Canadians that immigrants are

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The divisive legacy of British colonialism: A persistent threat to India's unity

Politicians continue to exploit social divisions for electoral gains, while foreign forces seek to undermine India's unity

⊣he legacy of British colonialism in India remains a contentious issue, with far-reaching consequences that continue to impact the country's social fabric. In the contemporary context, this can be seen in the practice of politics by the opposition parties, particularly the Indian National Congress (INC).

The colonial era strategically

exploited India's inherent social and cultural diversities, creating fault lines that persist today. These divisions, crafted to serve the interests of the British Empire, have become entrenched in India's societal landscape, posing a significant challenge to national unity.Post-1857, British authorities, scholars, and missionaries collaborated to divide Dalits, tribals and Muslims



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from the Hindu community. on eradicating untouchability, This agenda leveraged scholars and missionaries to sepacasteism, alcoholism, and rate Dalits and tribals through women's oppression, and proconversion and social manipmoting national unity, has given way to divisive rhetoric. ulation, as detailed in Arun Shourie's seminal work, Congress's current leadership, "Missionaries in India." exemplified by Rahul Gandhi, By creating artificial distinchas strayed from these ideals. Gandhi's recent US visit tions and fueling social conflict, the British successfully sparked controversy, as he fostered alliances and diviclaimed Sikhs face identity sions that endured long after crises in India, despite no evi-

slaughter.

independence. Prime Minister dence. His comments fueled Narendra Modi recently highseparatist sentiments among Khalistani supporters, echoing the tactics employed by British lighted Congress's departure from its founding principles, embracing leftist ideologies colonialists. instead. Modi cited Congress's

Meanwhile, in Sikh communioriginal stance on issues like ties, Max Arthur Macauliffe Swadeshi, Swavalamban, and sowed seeds of separation, as Panchayat Raj, and Mahatma detailed in Khushwant Singh's Gandhi's opposition to reli-"The Sikh Gurus, Sacred gious conversion and cow Writings and Authors." These foreign interventions fabricat-Gandhi's post-1920 emphasis ed logic, distorted literature, and spread misinformation to execute their divide-and-rule policy.

> Gandhi's stance resonates with the British-era concept that India is not a nation but a union of states. This contradicts the ancient Indian ethos, affirming India's nationhood. The Vedas proclaim, "Vayam Rashtra Jagryam Purahitah" (We are the guardians of the

Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's wish to have his ashes immersed in the Ganges reflects his devotion to Mother India. The British exploited these divisions, nurturing enduring fault lines evident in the Direct Action orchestrat-

ed by the Muslim League, resulting in the brutal massacre of 16,000 Hindus in Calcutta alone.

Notable figures like Jaipal Singh Munda and Jogendra Nath Mandal eventually broke away from the Muslim League, recognising the sinister intentions. Mandal resigned from the Pakistan government and returned to India, highlighting the atrocities faced by Dalits and tribals.

Today, India must recognise and learn from this history,

nation). Even former Prime acknowledging the artificial divisions created by British colonialism and guarding against similar tactics employed by contemporary forces seeking to exploit these fault lines for political gain. Citizens and political parties must remain vigilant, prioritising national unity over sectarian interests.

The 1946 Jharkhand, Chota Nagpur Pakistan Conference and Jogendra Nath Mandal's alliance with the Muslim League exemplified this strategy. British authorities fueled fears among Dalits and tribals, claiming the "Hindu Raj" would oppress them. This manipulation ignored the historical social cohesion and shared struggles of India's diverse communities.

a unified India contrasts sharply with the divisive agenda of some contemporary politicians, who seek to resurrect the British-era fault lines. Gandhi's emphasis on eradicating social evils and promoting national unity has given way to identity politics and vote bank manipulation.

India's democratic fabric demands that citizens and leaders recognise and resist these divisive forces, promoting national unity and social cohesion. The country must acknowledge its complex history and address the lingering consequences of colonialism. By doing so, India can overcome the artificial divisions imposed upon it and forge a path toward true unity and

progress. Mahatma Gandhi's vision for Despite progress, India faces

significant challenges in overcoming the legacy of colonialism. Politicians continue to exploit social divisions for electoral gains, while foreign forces seek to undermine India's unity. The rise of social media has amplified divisive rhetoric, making it easier to spread misinformation and fuel tensions. The divisive legacy of British colonialism remains a pressing concern for India. By acknowledging this history and resisting divisive forces, India can build a more unified future. Citizens must prioritise national interests over sectarian agendas, and leaders must work toward inclusive governance. (The writer is National Joint

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UN Security Council voices 'strong concern' for UN peacekeepers after Israeli attacks

AP UNITED NATIONS

The UN Security Council expressed "strong concern" Monday as Israel has fired on and wounded UN peacekeepers in southern Lebanon during intensified fighting, reiterating its support for their role in supporting security in the region. It's the first statement by the UN's most powerful body since Israel's attacks on the positions of the peacekeeping force known as UNIFIL began last week, drawing international condemnation.

UN peacekeeping chief Jean-Marie Lacroix told reporters that Secretary-General António Guterres confirmed Monday that peacekeepers will remain in all their positions even as Israel has urged the peacekeepers to move 5 kilometers (3 miles) north during its ground invasion in Lebanon

Israel has been escalating its campaign against Hezbollah in Lebanon across a UNdrawn boundary between the two countries. The sides have been clashing since the Iranian-backed militant group started firing rockets a year ago in solidarity with its ally Hamas in Gaza. Hamas' deadly attacks in southern Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, launched the war.

The Security Council statement, issued after emergency closed consultations on Lebanon, did not name either Israel, Lebanon or Hezbollah. Read by Swiss U.N.

Ambassador Pascale Baeriswyl, the council's current president, it urges all parties

"to respect the safety and security of UNIFIL personnel and UN premises." The 15-member Security Council has been deeply divided over the war in Gaza, with the United States defending its ally Israel as support for the Palestinians has grown among members and casualties have escalated. The Biden administration has become more critical of civilian deaths as well as the recent attacks on UNIFIL.

US deputy ambassador Robert Wood told reporters that "it's good that the council can speak with one voice on what's on the minds of all people around the world right now - and it's the situation in Lebanon?

The council's statement sends a message to the Lebanese people "that the council cares, that the council is watching this issue and that the council today spoke with one voice," Wood said.

Council members also expressed "deep concern" at civilian casualties and suffering, the destruction of civilian infrastructure and the rising number of internally displaced people.

More than 1,400 people in Lebanon, including civilians, medics and Hezbollah fighters, have been killed and 1.2 million displaced in the past month. Around 60 Israelis have been killed in Hezbollah strikes in the past year. Israel says it wants

to drive the militant group away from the border so some 60,000 displaced Israelis can return to their homes.

The Security Council statement called on all parties to abide by international humanitarian law, which requires the protection of civilians.

Council members also called for the full implementation of Security Council Resolution 1701, which ended the 2006 Israel-Hezbollah war "and recognized the need for further practical measures to achieve that outcome."

That resolution calls for the Lebanese army to deploy throughout the south and for all armed groups, including Hezbollah, to be disarmed - neither of which has hap pened in the past 18 years.

Lacroix, the undersecretary-general for peace operations, told reporters after his closed briefing to the Security Council that five UNIFIL peacekeepers have been injured in recent days and that the UN has protested to Israel.

Īsrael has indicated "investigations will be carried out regarding some of these incidents ... and we will see what comes out of this," he said.

Israeli Army spokesman Lt. Col. Nadav Shoshani asserted Sunday that Israel has tried to maintain constant contact with UNIFIL and that any instance of UN forces being harmed will be investigated at "the highest level."

North Korea blows up inter-Korean roads as tensions with South soar

AP SEOUL

South Korea said North Korea blew up the northern parts of inter-Korean roads no longer in use on Tuesday, as the rivals are locked in rising animosities over North Korea's claim that South Korea flew drones over its capital, Pyongyang.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a brief statement that North Korea blew up parts of the roads on Tuesday It said South Korea's military is

bolstering its readiness and surveillance posture but gave no further details. The explosions came a day after

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un called a meeting with his top military and security officials. During the meeting, Kim described the alleged South Korean drone flights as the "enemy's serious provocation" and laid out unspecified tasks related to "immediate military action" and the operation of his "war deterrent" for defending the country's sovereignty, the North's state media reported earlier Tuesday. North Korea earlier put front-

strikes on South Korea, if drones from South Korea are found over North Korea again. South Korea has refused to confirm whether it sent drones but warned it would sternly punish North Korea if the safetv of its citizens is threatened. Destroying the roads would be in line with leader Kim Jong Un's push to cut off ties with South Korea, formally cement it as his country's principal enemy and abandon the



line artillery and other army North's decades-long objective units on standby to launch to seek a peaceful Korean unification.

During the previous era of inter-Korean detente in the 2000s, the two Koreas reconnected two road routes and two rail tracks across their heavily fortified border. But their operations later were suspended one by one as the Koreas wrangled over North Korea's nuclear programme and other issues.

Last week, North Korea said it would permanently block its

tures to cope with "confronta-tional hysteria" by South Korean and US forces. South Korean officials said North Korea had already been adding anti-tank barriers and laying mines along the border

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since earlier this year. They said North Korea has also planted mines and removed lamps along its sections of the inter-Korean roads and taken out ties on the northern side of the railways

Top leaders attend Iranian Revolutionary Guard general's funeral

AP JERUSALEM

The funeral of an Iranian Revolutionary Guard general killed alongside Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah drew the largest crowd of top leaders in the paramilitary organisation together Tuesday for the first time since Tehran launched a ballistic missile attack on Israel.

Rumours circulated for weeks

over the status of the head of women, Palestinian medical the Guard's expeditionary arm, officials said Tuesday. In north-Gen. Esmail Qaani, but the ern Gaza, where Israel has Ouds Force leader was seen in been waging an air and ground a black bomber jacket wiping campaign in Jabaliya for more away tears early Tuesday mornthan a week, residents said families were still trapped in ing at the body repatriation at Mehrabad their homes and shelters.

It's been more than a year since Hamas-led militants blew southern Gaza Strip killed at least 15 people overnight, including six children and two 1,200 people, mostly civilians,

and abducting another 250. Israel's offensive in Gaza has killed over 42,000 Palestinians, according to local health authorities, who do not say how many were fighters but say women and children make up more than half of the fatalities. The war has destroyed large areas of Gaza and displaced about 90% of its population of 2.3 million people.

In solidarity with Hamas, Lebanese militant group Hezbollah has exchanged crossborder fire with Israel almost daily for the past year. Israel escalated its campaign against the group in recent weeks. Meanwhile, a general in Iran's

paramilitary Revolutionary Guard directly threatened the lives of Israelis during a funer-al service in Tehran for a gen-

eral slain alongside Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah. The comment from Gen. Ali Fadavi, a deputy commander in chief of the Guard, comes as Iran awaits a threatened retaliation by Israel over its October 1 ballistic missile attack. "That land is a small land. It's not even as big as one of Iran's small provinces," Fadavi said.

Imran's party calls off protest in Pak ahead of SCO summit

PTI ISLAMABAD

cuss ongoing cooperation in fields of economy, trade, environment and socio-cultural linkages and review the performance of the Organisation.

Pakistan assumed the rotating chair of the SCO CHG, the second highest forum within the SCO, for 2023-24 at the previous meeting, held in Bishkek in October 2023. The CHG meeting will be chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. Chinese Premier Li Qiang, Belarus Prime Minister Roman Golovchenko, Kazakhstan Minister Olzha

late Monday night when the PTI accepted assurance by the government that a doctor would be allowed to see Khan on Tuesday.

"After long consideration and negotiations that went back and forth..., we decided to call off the protest," Khan's international spokesman Zulfiqar Bukhari said in a WhatsApp voice mes-

He also said that the PTI was and friendly embassies to postpone the protest.

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DEMAND NOTICE Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (PCHFL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) read the separation of the security Interest Enforcement (Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) read the separation of the security Interest Enforcement (Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) read the said Borrower(s). Notice, the amounts metinemed in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to PCHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(S), mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to PCHFL by the said Borrower(s). Borrower(s) respectively

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	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date	Property address
	(LC No. 11900001565 of Noida Branch) Brij Mohan (Borrower) Kamlesh Kumari (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 550711 /-(₹ Five lakh Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven Only) NPA (08-09-2024)	Flat No. 1004 10Th Floor Tower A7, Type A, Srs Palm Homes Sector 7 Palwal Faridabad Haryana :- 121102
	(LC No. 19600044446 of Delhi - Safdurjung Branch) Aakib Javed (Borrower) Gulnaj (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 949549.21 /-(₹ Nine lakh Forty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Forty Nine Only and Twenty One Paise) NPA (08-09-2024)	Prop. No. 1241 Rhs Third Floor Kh No. 93 Gali No. 10 Govindpuri Kalkaji Delhi New Delhi Delhi :- 110019
	(LC No. 25700001963 of Gorakhpur Branch) Surya Nath Mishra (Borrower) Rajani Devi (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 372340 /-(₹ Three lakh Seventy Two Thousand Three Hundred Forty Only) NPA (08-09-2024)	Part Of Gata No.640, Mauza- Abbu Saray (A. N. P), Ward- Sardar Bhagat Singh Pargana- Haveli Awadh Faizabad Faizabad Uttar Pradesh :- 224001
	(LC No. 1300000700 of Gurgaon Branch) Girish Nair (Borrower) Preethi Nair (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 1021154 /-(₹ Ten lakh Twenty One Thousand One Hundred Fifty Four Only) NPA (14-08-2024)	

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTCE Residential Plot No. A-547, area easuring 63 sq.yds., i.e. 52.674 sq.mtr. Iling in Khasra No. 300, Situated at Gali No. J, Harsh Vihar, Phase-II, Village Brahampu ias Bhopura, Pargana Loni Tehsil & Disti haziabad (UP) (Hereinafter referred to as e "Said Property"). ei t known to all that our clients, Mr. Uday er & Mrs. Raj (Kumari (hereinafter called the furchaser") intend to purchase the said operty from Mr. Sunil (hereinafter called the leller"). In this connection, the seller has formed the purchaser that he is the sole anno solute owner of the said property vide Sale

"seller"). In this connection, the seller har informed the purchaser that he is the sole and absolute owner of the said property vide Sale Deed dated 08.07.2024. The said Sale deed the registered as Document No. 8479, Book No 1,Vol No. 18941, pages 125-150 executed by Mrs. Sarita in his favour. The seller has also informed that the said property is no ordgaged anywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending regarding the said property. The seller has further normed the purchaser that the following original documents namely (1) Registered DPA dated 02/11/1989 executed by Mr. Shagwat in favour of Mr. Chander and avour of Ms. Kalawati, in respect of the said property and forming part of the chander in avour of Ms. Kalawati, in respect of the said property and forming part of the chander is and hereinafter called the "said locuments" are not traceable and seem to vave been lock. An FIR regarding loss of these aid documents has been lodged by the seller ith Delhi Police Crime Branch vide LR lo 2201413/2024 dated 15.10.2024. "Ithe aforesaid original said documents or any fithem are/is found or have/has been found y any person, the same may be returned and elivered to the undersioned at the ardrese

dersigned at the address below. Further, if ar

Public Notice PUDIC NOICE This is to inform the general public that Beinita Bedi is the owner of Upper Ground Floor without roof rights built on Plot no. 238, area measuring 100 sq. yards., i.e., 20' x 45', out of Khasra no. 76/5 situated in the area of village Kamalpur Maira, Burari, abadi known as C-Block, Main Road, Ajit Vihar, Delhi-110084 through Gilt Deed dated 15.10.2024 as doc. No. 2024/19//12205 executed by Pratima Bedi and Rekha Bedi in favour of Beinita Bedi W/oMr. Anmol Bediin respect of Said Plot. Beinita Bedi is in the process of mortgaging the said Floor with SMFG India Home Finance Co. Ltd. (Formerly Fullerton India Home Finance

Said Floor with SMFG india Home Finance Co. Ltd. (Formerly Fullerton India Home Finance Co. Ltd.). Any objections or concerns regarding this transaction should be raised within a period of 7 days from the date of this public notice. Any objections submitted after the completion of this 7-day period will not be considered binding with respect to the said property or the interests of our client. **PUBLIC NOTICE**

client. If anyone wishes to raise an objection, please do so within the stipulated7-day period by contacting Law Veritas: North (Advocates & Legal Consultants) at Office No. 11, 1s1 Floor, Building No. A-44/A, Sector-16, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301; Landline (s):+910120-3101683; e-mail: accounts@lvnorth.in

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elhi.on behalf of my client. Dr. Nidhi Sharma, Director of International Pride IVF & Research Centre, located at Plot No.19,Sector-11,Opp.Metro Station Sector-11,Dwarka,Sector-11,Delhi,

SEBI registration certificate as a Research Analyst with SEBI registration number

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PUBLIC NOTICE Pakistan's main opposition called off its protest on Tuesday as the 23rd meeting of Known to all that my client Known to all th my client NAVRAJ SINGH RIYAIT owner the FIRST FLOOR,PROPERTY NO.WZ-9, PLOT NO. 10, AREA 113 SQ. YDS.KHASR NO-24/10, KRISHAN NAGGA RALAS KRISHN NAGAR, VILLAGE KESHAVPUR DEHI ar NAVRAJ SINGH RIYAIT don't have originals Surviver Member Certificate of Lt. Harbau Kaur. And It is informed that any deal wi said documents by any person except n the Council of the Heads of Government (CHG) of the member states of the Shanghai Kaur. And It is informed that any deal wi said documents by any person except r said client and said institution regarding as propery,shall be deemed as null and void any person having any claim,right in sa property then he may contact and handow the same and apprise his claim to undersig d within 8 days of this publication. AD REM LEGAL SOLUTION Ch. No. 760- Newraka Court Sector 10, Owarka, New Deh Mobile :- 9899013918 Cooperation Organisation begins here under tight securi-The two-day meeting will dis-



(LC No. 25500002060 of Netaji Subhash Place Branch) Manoj Kumar (Borrower) Urmila Devi (Co Borrower 1)		Property No. 1209-A, Third Floor (Lhs), With Roof Gali No.10,Govind Puri Kalkaji, Kh No- 93 New Delhi South West Delhi Delhi :- 110074	by any person, the same may be returned and delivered to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below. Further, if any
(LC No. PHHLNOI05000839 of Noida Branch) Akhil Kumar Mishra (Borrower) Amaravati Mishra (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 3805721.7 /-(₹ Thirty Eight lakh Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty One Only and Seventy Paise) NPA (08-09-2024)	0822, 8th Floor, Fortune Mahagun Montage, Plot No.Gh-3, Dundahera Crossing Republic, Ghaziabad-201016, Uttar Pradesh	person, body, institution is having any claim and/or objection in respect of the said property, he/she/they may raise his/her/ their objection/s, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered AD Post, to the
(LC No. PHHLNOI05000495 of Noida Branch) Digamber Singh (Borrower) Bhawana Negi (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 3898750.92 /-{₹ Thirty Eight lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Only and Ninety Two Paise) NPA (08-09-2024)	0621, 6th Floor, Tower-Fortune, Mahagun Montage Crossing Republic, Plot No.4H-03, Dundahera , Ghaziabad-201016, Uttar Pradesh	undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 07 days of publication of this notice. Otherwise, after expiry of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice, no
(LC No. PHHLNOI05000732 of Noida Branch) Harish Kumar Shukla (Borrower) Beena (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 1634331.52 /-(₹ Sixteen lakh Thirty Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirty One Only and Fifty Two Paise) NPA (08-09-2024)	Flat No.1117, 11th Floor, Advantage Tower, Mahagun Montage, Gh-03, Dundahera, Ghaziabad-201016, Uttar Pradesh.	objection shall be acceptable. General Public may also take note that any deal or transaction done by anybody on the basis of the said documents or any of them shall be illegal and not binding on our client.
(LC No. PHHLNOI05000489 of Noida Branch) Mukesh Kumar Singh (Borrower) Saloni (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 3123945.28 /-(₹ Thirty One lakh Twenty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Five Only and Twenty Eight Paise) NPA (08-09-2024)	Plot 0720, 7th Floor, Tower Fortune, mahagan montage, crossing public plot no GH-3, Dundhecha ghaziabd uttar pradesh 201016	The person doing so shall be liable to be prosecuted under the law. SHIVKANT ARORA, ADVOCATE FOR M/S INTELLECTIVE LAW OFFICES
(LC No. PHHLNOI05000504 of Noida Branch) Rajender Singh (Borrower) Radha (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 3121648.08 /-(₹ Thirty One lakh Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred Forty Eight Only and Eight Paise) NPA (08-09-2024)	Unit 0620, 06th floor, Tower Fortune tower mahagun montage, Crossing Republic plot no GH-03, Dundhahrera Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh 201016	A-74, LOWER GROUND FLOOR, DEFENCE COLONY, NEW DELHI-110024
(Ic No. M0123099 Of Delhi Branch) Mahendra Bhakuni (borrower) Purnima Bhakuni (co Borrower 1)Mohini Bhakuni(Co Borrower2)	16-09-2024 /₹ 3084620 /-(₹ Thirty lakh Eighty Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Only) NPA (03-09-2024)	Property No.47, 3rd Floor With Roof/Terrace Rights, Pocket-9, Near R D International school, Rohini, Delhi-110085	Form No. INC-26 [Pursuant to rule 30 the Companies
(LC No. PHHLNOI05000760 of Noida Branch) Shivam Srivastav (Borrower) Madhu srivastav (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 1595583.08 /-(₹ Fifteen lakh Ninety Five Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Three Only and Eight Paise) NPA (08-09-2024)	Flat no 315, 3rd Floor, Advantage tower, Mahagun Montage, GH 03, Dundhecha Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh 201016	(Incorporation) Rules, 2014] BEFORE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, NORTHERN REGION, DELHI
(LC No. PHHLNOI05000787 of Noida Branch) Shruti Roopanwal (Borrower) Tarun Sareen (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 2817741.16 /-(₹ Twenty Eight lakh Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred Forty One Only and Sixteen Paise) NPA (08-09-2024)	Flat no 1127, 11th Floor, Fortune Tower, Mahagun Montage, GH 03, Dundhahera Ghazaibad Uttar Pradesh 201016	IN THE MATTER OF SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 13 OF COMPANIES ACT, 2013 AND CLAUSE (A) OF SUB-RULE (5) OF RULE 30
(LC No. HLSA00007274 of Delhi - Pitampura Branch) Raj Kumar Yadav (Borrower) kavita yadav (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 1695950.82 /-(₹ Sixteen lakh Ninety Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Only and Eighty Two Paise) NPA (04-02-2024)	H No.C-56, 2nd Floor Gali No.78, Block - C Khasra No.87/1 Arya Samaj Road Village Hastsal Uttam Nagar New Delhi 110059	OF THE COMPANIES (INCORPORATION) RULES, 2014 AND
(LC No. HLSA00007274TU of Delhi - Pitampura Branch) Raj Kumar Yadav (Borrower) kavita yadav (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 343016.26 /-(₹ Three lakh Forty Three Thousand Sixteen Only and Twenty Six Paise) NPA (04-02-2024)	H No.C-56, 2nd Floor Gali No.78, Block - C Khasra No.87/1 Arya Samaj Road Village Hastsal Uttam Nagar New Delhi 110059	IN THE MATTER OF XPRESS MINDS EDUTAINMENT PRIVATE LIMITED HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT C-208 YAMUNA
(LC No. 198PTM30974 of Delhi - Pitampura Branch) Gaurav Wahi (Borrower) Chetan Rai Wahi (Co Borrower 1) Jatin Wahi (Co Borrower 2) Pioneer Applications Pvt Ltd (Co Borrower 3)	16-09-2024 /₹ 2801830.49 /-(₹ Twenty Eight lakh One Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Only and Forty Nine Paise) NPA (05-03-2020)	H/Flat No.42, Floor No. 3Rd & 4Th Floor , Plot No.36/1 Duplex ,Madhav Kunj Apartment, Sector. Sector 09, Village New Delhi - 110085	APARTMENTS, ALAKNANDA, DELHI, INDIA, 110019, PETITIONER Notice is hereby given to the General Public
(LC No. 198PTM30975 of Delhi - Pitampura Branch) Gaurav Wahi (Borrower) Chetan Rai Wahi (Co Borrower 1) Jatin Wahi (Co Borrower 2) Pioneer Applications Pvt Ltd (Co Borrower 3)	16-09-2024 /₹ 10380029.17 /-(₹ One Crore Three lakh Eighty Thousand Twenty Nine Only and Seventeen Paise) NPA (05-03-2020)	H/Flat No.42, Floor No. 3Rd & 4Th Floor , Plot No.36/1 Duplex ,Madhav Kunj Apartment, Sector. Sector 09, Village New Delhi - 110085	that the company proposes to make application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company
(LC No. 196DEL38013 of Delhi - Safdurjung Branch) Sudip Roy (Borrower) Aarti K Roy (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 7509844.31 /-(₹ Seventy Five lakh Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Four Only and Thirty One Paise) NPA (04-01-2018)	H/Flat No.1002 Tower C Cosmos Express 99 , Sector. 99 , Village Gurgaon Haryana - 122001	in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra ordinary General Meeting held on October 3rd, 2024 to enable the Company to
(LC No. 28300001046 of Rohtak Branch) Gobind Narayan Jha (Borrower) Sudha Jha (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 1242329.65 /-(₹ Twelve lakh Forty Two Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine Only and Sixty Five Paise) NPA (30-04-2021)	Plot No.b-59,(old No.415), Tf(back Side) Without Roof Rights, Gali No-8, Kh No.58/23/ 2 Vill-palam Raj Nagar-2 New Delhi North West Delhi Delhi :- 110077	change its Registered Office from "National Capital Territory Delhi" to "State of Maharashtra".
Branch) Samsadd (Borrower) Bibi Mohifan (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 2434825.34 /-(₹ Twenty Four lakh Thirty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Five Only and Thirty Four Paise) NPA (30-04-2021)	Property No- Wz-634, 2nd Floor, Khasra No. 1575, Abadi Of Old Lal Dora Village-tihar New Delhi New Delhi Delhi :- 110018	Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal
(LC No. P0006595 of Delhi Branch Branch) Devender Panwar (Borrower) Suman Lata (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 1224316.65 /-(₹ Twelve lakh Twenty Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixteen Only and Sixty Five Paise) NPA (03-01-2023)	Property No. 94/3, Second And Third Floor With Roof Rights, Khasra No. 798/508,Village Shahpur Jat, New Delhi 110049	(www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections
(LC No. 01400004135 of New Delhi Branch) Ravindar Sharma (Borrower) Sanjeev Sharma (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 3703155.02 /-(₹ Thirty Seven lakh Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty Five Only and Two Paise) NPA (30-01-2017)	Block-I Plot No-143 Sector-22 Noida Gautambudh Nagar Uttar Pradesh - 201301	supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition
Gupta (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 358303.18 /-(₹ Three lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Three Only and Eighteen Paise) NPA (01-06-2018)	Plot No- Mm-94, Flat No- F-4, Lig First Floor (L H S Back Portion) D L F Ankur Vihar, Loni Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh - 201009	to the Regional Director at the address 4th Floor, IFCI Tower, 61, Nehru Place, New Delhi 110010 within fourteen days of the date of
(LC No. 01400003997 of New Delhi Branch) Sanjay Mehta (Borrower) Kiran Mehta (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 453055.68 /-(₹ Four lakh Fifty Three Thousand Fifty Five Only and Sixty Eight Paise) NPA (09-12-2022)	C-4, Gali No 7 New Krishna Nagar Delhi New Delhi Delhi :- 110051	 110019 within fourteen days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company with a copy of the
(LC No. 1300000405 of Gurgaon Branch) Naveen Kumar Gupta (Borrower) Sunita Bansal (Co Borrower)	16-09-2024 /₹ 2703548 /-(₹ Twenty Seven lakh Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty Eight Only) NPA (04-01-2020)	Flat No 1206 Twelth Floor Tower J Cosmos City 1 Sector 103 Gurgaon Gurgaon Haryana :- 122001	applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:
Ashish Kumar (Borrower) Geeta Devi (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 4839684 /-(₹ Forty Eight lakh IThirty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Four Only) NPA (03-08-2024)	Property No H2 106 Third Floor With Roof Rights With One Car Parking On Stilt Out Of Khasra No 79 23 New Delhi Situated In The Area Of Village Palam Colony Known As Mahavir Enclave South West Delhi 110045	C-208 Yamuna Apartments, Alaknanda, Delhi, India, 110019 FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT XPRESS MINDS EDUTAINMENT PRIVATE
If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment t the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the ris the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, who contravenes or abets contravention of the provis provided under the Act. Date: 16 - 10 - 2024 Place: Delhi	ks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and conse ether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without th ions of the said Act or Rules made there under, s	It the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of quences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under he prior written consent of PCHEL Any person who hall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as Sd/- (Authorised Officer) mal Capital & Housing Finance Limited	LIMITED KUNAL SAVARKAR , DIRECTOR DIN: 01070409 DATE: 16 October 2024 PLACE: Delhi
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come to the attention of my client that unauthorized individuals and entitie ititution is having any claim in respect of the said hey may raise his/her/ their are fraudulently using her name to offe IVF and surrogacy services. Dr. Nidhi Sharma is only responsible for the activities and services provided at her centre, International Pride IVF & Research Centre, which strictly adhere to all legal regulations and guideline governing IVF and surrogacy procedure s.Any use of **Dr. Nidhi Sharma's** name b any unauthorized individual or entit for such services is illegal and withou for such services is illegal and without her consent. This unauthorized use is damaging to her reputation and exposes her to potential legal complications. The public is strongly urged to verify the authenticity of any IVF and surrogacy services claimed to be offered under her name and to report ny suspicious activities to the relevan authorities. My client expression disclaims any responsibility for actions services, or outcomes related to an other centres or individuals misusi her name. This notice serves to protect her legal rights, reputation, and professional standing. She will not be held liable for any consequences arisin MPANIES ACT, 2013 AND n such unauthorized activities

HARSHIT SHARMA & ASSOCIATES H NO. 492, PATIALA HOUSE COURTS, ND-110001 Email- harshitsharma000005@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Re: Portion of Built-up Property Bearing Ploi No. 58, land area measuring 50 sq.vds., out of lotal area measuring 100 sq.vds., referred tc as the "Said portion" part of Property Bearing Plot No. 58, land area measuring 100 sq.vds., out of Khasra No. 14/23, Situated in the Revenue Estate of Village Razapur Khurd, Delhi State Delhi, and the colony known as Sainik Vihar, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar New Delhi Vitae Delhi.,(Hereinafter referred to as the Said Property").

Said Property"). Votice is hereby given to the general public notuding Banks, Financial Institutions, etc rhat, as informed by our clientess, Mrs Shahnaz Begum, she is the sole and absolut owner of the said portion of the said property In this connection, she has informed that she was the Attorney holder of Mrs Shabnam Will dated 27/01/2023. Later on, she (Mrs. Shabnam Will dated 27/01/2023. Later on, she (Mrs. Shabnam Begum) executed a Sale Deed as Attorney of Mrs. Shabnam in her favour in respect of the said portion of the said property. The said Sale Deed is registered as Document No. 2024/25/1/2659 in Book No. I, Volume No. 2024/25/1/2659 s115-134, on 01/10/2024. Thus, she became the sole and absolute owner of the said portion of the said property. Mrs Shabnam was transferred the said property. Shabnam was transferred the said property. Mehar Singh in her favour. Now our clientess intends to mortgage the said portion of the this connection, she has informed that sh

any person, society, bank, financia stitution or other institutions have an nstitution or other institutions have any objection against the ownership of our illentess on the said portion of the said property and subsequently rightful mortgage of the said portion of the said property in avour of SMFG India Home Finance Company Ltd., by our clientess, may raise is/her/their objection/s, in writing, by Registered AD post, to the undersigned, within 07 days, on address mentioned below. Otherwise after expiry of 07 days from the fate of publication of this notice, the said be mortgaged by our clientess

OR M/S INTELLECTIVE LAW OFFICES, A-74, LOWER GROUND FLOOR, DEFENCE COLONY, NEW DELHI-110024

PUBLIC NOTICE own to all that I, Yogita Sabharwal D/o L Shri Brij Mohan Sabharwal R/o. H.No. A-148, UGF Ashok Vihar, Phase-2, New Delhi, Mob. 9899429342 Email: yogitasabharwal11@gmail.com, The owner of the MIG Flat No-8, 3rd Floor, Pocket- D-10, Sector 7 the wide Flat No-8, 3rd Flot, Pocket D-10, Sector 7 Rohin. The original papers is Lo Bernand cum Alforment Letter, Possession Letter, Site Possession Slip, NOC for Water and Electricity etc executed by DDA of abovesaid property has been lost. A FLR to this effect has been lodged to police station dt. 15/10/2024. Any person(s) claiming any right, having any objection or found in possession of original document may write/contact with above named person at above address within 15 down from the date of write/lattice of the write/solution days from the date of publication of this notice & can personally contact - Deputy Director (MIG Housing) D-Block, 3rd Floor, DDA Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE To be known to all that Shridhar Pandey S/o P. S. Pandey has P(O H. No. 331, Gail No.5, D Block Sangam vihar, Delhi-110052 appled for issuance of certified copy of Dermand cum alottment letter in respect of EWS Flat No. 711, Block no. 5, Shivaji Marg, Delhi-110015 allotted vide file no. 128104, on dated:-31/12/2018, 20/05/2019, 8 42/11/2022 The orginal document i.e. Demand cum allotment letter of the said flat has been lost. An online FIR No. LR NO.-2174428/2024 dated 03/10/24, has also been lodged to this effect in PS crime Branch. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents may write or contact to Dy Director (Janta) H, D-Block, 2nd floor, DDA Vikas Sadan, New Delhi-110023. Hence, you are requested to submit press clipping as per above format.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sh. Vidya Sagar Jha s/o Sh. Jageshwar Jha owner of Built up Plot Bearing no. 1-B, area measuring 64.38 sq.mtrs. out of Khasra no-1264, Situated in

e said property is/are hereby requested to intim writing to the undersigned within 07 days

NCR LAW ASSOCIATES Advocates & Consultants A-9

Bektenov, Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin Tajik Prime Minister Kohir Rasulzoda, Uzbek Prime Minister Abdulla Aripov, Kyrgyzstan's Chairman of Ministers Cabinet Zhaparov Akylbek, Iran's First Vice President Mohammad Reza Aref, and Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar are participating.

Prime

The threat of unrest was avoided when the Pakistan Tehreeki-Insaf last night agreed to call off its protest in the capital after the assurance by the government that a medical team would be allowed to meet its jailed leader 72-year-old Imran Khan.

It has announced a protest to force the government to allow a meeting with Khan in jail after authorities stopped all kinds of meetings with inmates in Adiala Jail Rawalpindi, (SHRIDHAR PANDEY), Mob.-9911011457 including Khan, ahead of the Asstt. Director (Janta) H., DDA

He, however, defended the right to protest on the occasion of an international event which he said was an international norm as all over the world protests are held on such occasions.

Earlier, the government had warned to deal with any kind of protest with an iron hand. Elaborate security measures have been taken and about 10,000 police personnel deployed who have the support of paramilitary rangers and

regular army troops. The government announced three-day official leave in the capital and neighbouring Rawalpindi to avoid unnecessary hassle during the confer-

Section 144 has also been imposed in the twin cities to outlaw all gatherings.

China reacts to arrest of its nationals for cyber fraud in Sri Lanka

ence.

PTI COLOMBO

The Chinese Embassy on Tuesday said it is closely following the arrest of several of its nationals in Sri Lanka for allegedly being involved in online fraud and process for their repatriation is underway. Sri Lankan police said over 230 Chinese nationals between the ages of 22 and 49 have been arrested from different parts of the island in the last fortnight. The Chinese nationals were arrested for allegedly overstaying their visit visas and being party to online scams conduct ed from Sri Lanka.

The Chinese Embassy in a statement said it is closely following the recent reports that Sri Lankan police arrested several ector-9, New Vijay Nagar, Ghaziabad, (U.P.)-201009, Mob.-9999721152, 9999826427. foreign suspects of online fraud, including Chinese nationals.

"Due to Sri Lanka's advantages in telecommunications infrastructure, geographical location and friendly relations with China, as well as the public lack of awareness on online fraud some electronic fraud criminal gangs have moved to Sri Lanka and continue to engage in fraud activities targeting Chinese citizens at home and abroad," the embassy said. The Chinese government has taken note of this and promotes cooperation in the anti-online fraud law enforcement between the two countries. the statement added.

"In order to effectively crack down on telecom fraud and create a strong deterrent, the Ministry of Public Security of China sent a working group in September to jointly carry out a special operation with the Sri Lankan police.

64.38 sq.mtrs. out of Knasra no-1264, Situated in Unauthorized Colony, Saroop Nagar Extn. W X YZ Block PTI, in the area of Village Kaci Pur, abadi known as Swaroop Nagar, East Village Libaspur, Delhi-1100421. through. Registered Conveyance Deed Dated 06.01.2024 executed by DDA-PM-UDAY CELL in favour of Sh. Vidya Sagar Iha S/o Sh. Jageshwar Jha Vide Reg. no. 7 at SR-WE DELHI the above-mentioned property is going to be mortgage with Fed Bank Financial Services Limited. If any person/bank/ financial institution havine any Calini/ right lien. any objection whatsoever aving any claim/ right, lien, any objection whatsoev n regard to the above property, should notified to the indersigned/**Adv.** Vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-110092 along with documentary eviden nder address through registered within 15 days from he date of publication of this notice failing which ar claim, lieo or objection of hills holder laiming which a waived. **Adv. Vishal Mehan**, E-713, Karkardoom Court, Delhi-110092; Mobile No. 9811215181 **PUBLIC NOTICE** Information is given to general public at large the santosh Kumar Singh S/O Satya Dev Singh whi is/are purchasing the Entire Second Floor Withou Roof Rights, Property Municipal No. A12, Area measuring 100 Sq, Yards, i.e. 83.61 Sq, Mtrs, Par of khasra No. 677, Within extended Lal Dora o Village Burari, Delhi-110084 from Amit Kumar S/ Late Ram Bir Singh who was the owner by virtue o Sale Deed registered on dated 07.03 2018 (Doc No. 2361) in the Office of SR-I-Delhi executed by Pooja Gupta D/o B.D Aggarwal Intend to mortgagi the same against the financial assistance from Shubham Housing Development Finance Compan Limited. Original Sale Deed dated 04.03 2014 (Doc No. 1794) are not available with the seller i e Ami Kumar S/o Late Ram Bir Singh. To comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any person(s) having any objection regarding ownership and/or creating mortgage o the said property is/are hereby requested to intimati writing. the undersioned within 0.7 davs.a

nends to mortgage the said portion of the aid property with SMFG India Home Finance Company Ltd., for availing loan facility.

the or publication of this holice, the Sal operty shall be mortgaged by our clientes, favour of SMFG India Home Finance ompany Ltd., and no objection shall be cceptable against such mortgage.

HIVKANT ARORA, ADVOCATE



Trump's economic plans would worsen inflation: Experts

AP WASHINGTON

With characteristic brava-do, Donald Trump has vowed that if voters return him to the White House, "inflation will vanish completely". It's a message tailored for Americans who are still exasperated by the jump in consumer prices that began 3 1/2 years ago.

Yet most mainstream economists say Trump's policy proposals wouldn't vanquish inflation. They'd make it worse. They warn that his plans to impose huge tariffs on imported goods, deport millions of migrant workers and demand a voice in the Federal Reserve's interest rate policies would likely send prices surging.

Sixteen Nobel Prize-winning economists signed a letter in June expressing fear that Trump's proposals would "reignite' inflation, which has

plummeted since peaking at 9.1 per cent in 2022 and is nearly back to the Fed's 2 per cent tar-

Last month, the Peterson Institute for International

Economics predicted that Trump's policies would drive consumer prices sharply higher two years into his second term. Peterson's analysis concluded that inflation, which would otherwise register 1.9 per cent in 2026, would instead jump to between 6 per cent and 9.3 per cent if Trump's economic proposals were adopted. Many economists aren't thrilled with Vice President Kamala Harris' economic agenda, either. They dismiss, for example, her proposal to combat price gouging as an ineffective tool against high grocery prices. But they don't regard her policies as particularly inflationary. Moody's Analytics has estimated that Harris' policies would leave the inflation out-

majority in both chambers of Congress. An unfettered Trump, by contrast, would leave prices higher by 1.1 percentage points in 2025 and 0.8 percentage points in 2026. Taxes on imports — tariffs are Trump's go-to economic policy. He argues that tariffs protect American factory jobs from foreign competition and deliver a host of other benefits. While in office, Trump started a trade war with China, impos-

ing high tariffs on most Chinese goods. He also raised import taxes on foreign steel and aluminum, washing machines and solar panels. He has grander plans for a second term: Trump wants to impose a 60 per cent tariff on all Chinese goods and a "universal' tariff of 10 per cent or 20 per cent on everything else that enters the United States.

Trump insists that the cost of

taxing imported goods is absorbed by the foreign coun-tries. The truth is that US look virtually unchanged, even if she enjoyed a Democratic importers pay the tariff - and then typically pass along that cost to consumers in the form of higher prices. Americans themselves end up bearing the cost. Kimberly Clausing and Mary Lovely of the Peterson Institute have calculated that Trump's proposed 60 per cent tax on Chinese imports and his high-end 20 per cent tariff on everything else would, in combination, impose an after-tax loss on a typical American household of USD 2,600 a year. The Trump campaign notes that US inflation remained low even as Trump aggressively imposed tariffs as president. But Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, said that the magnitude of Trump's current tariff proposals has vastly changed the calculations. "The Trump tariffs in 2018-19 didn't have as

large an impact as the tariffs were only just over USD 300 billion in mostly Chinese imports, he said. "The former president is now talking about tariffs on over USD 3 trillion in imported goods.' And the inflationary backdrop was different during Trump's first term when the Fed worried that inflation was too low, not too high.

Trump, who has invoked incendiary rhetoric about immigrants, has promised the "largest deportation operation" in US history. Many economists the increased immigration over the past couple years helped tame inflation while avoiding a recession. The surge in foreign-born

workers has made it easier for fill vacancies. That helps cool inflation by easing the pressure on employers to sharply raise pay and to pass on their higher labour costs by increasing prices. Net immigration — arrivals

minus departures — reached 3.3 million in 2023, more than triple what the government had expected. Employers needed the new arrivals. As the economy roared back from pandemic lockdowns, companies struggled to hire enough workers to keep up with customer orders.

Immigrants filled the gap. Over the past four years, the number of people in the United States who either have a job or are looking for one rose by nearly 8.5 million. Roughly 72 per cent of them were foreign born. Wendy Edelberg and Tara Watson of the Brookings Institution found that by raising the supply of workers. the influx of immigrants allowed the United States to generate jobs without overheating the economy.

In the past, economists estimated that America's employers could add no more than 100,000 jobs a month without

vear-old father King Salman.

Saudi officials did not respond to

a request for comment Tuesday

Al-Ghamdi drew under the pen

name Al-Hazza, with some of his

cartoons poking fun at challenges during the holy Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, as well as

touching occasionally on the politics of the Middle East. But

political cartoons, like the content

of Arabic-language newspapers

in the Gulf states, must careful-

ly thread the needle when dis-

cussing the region's autocratic

from The Associated Press.

igniting inflation. But when Edelberg and Watson factored in the immigration surge, they found that monthly job growth could reach 160,000 to 200,000 without exerting upward pressure on prices.

Trump's mass deportations, if carried out, would change everything. The Peterson Institute calculates that the US inflation rate would be 3.5 percentage points higher in 2026 if Trump managed to deport all 8.3 million undocumented immigrant workers thought to be working in the United States.

Trump alarmed many economists in August by saying he would seek to have "a say" in the Fed's interest rate decisions. The Fed is the government's chief inflation-fighter. It attacks high inflation by raising interest rates to restrain borrowing and spending, slow the economy and cool the rate of price increases.

rulers even in the best of times.

But al-Ghamdi had been work-

ing for the Qatari newspaper

Lusail as a yearslong diplomatic

boycott of Qatar by Saudi Arabia,

the United Arab Emirates, Egypt

and Bahrain began in 2017. That

initially sparked a prison sentence

for al-Ghamdi of six years from

Saudi Arabia's Specialised

Criminal Court over charges

denied by the cartoonist includ-

ing that his work allegedly insult-

But in recent months, the case

was reopened and al-Ghamdi

ed the kingdom.

Economic research has found that the Fed and other central banks can properly manage inflation only if they're kept independent of political pressure. That's because raising rates can cause economic pain perhaps a recession — so it's anathema to politicians seeking reelection. As president, Trump frequently hounded Jerome Powell, the Fed chair he had chosen, to lower rates to try to juice the economy. For many economists, Trump's public pressure on Powell exceeded even the attempts that Presidents Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon made to push previous Fed chairs to keep rates low — moves that were widely blamed for helping spur the chronic inflation of the late 1960s and '70s. The Peterson Institute report found that upending the Fed's independence would increase inflation by 2 percentage points a

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Southern Africa enduring worst hunger crisis in decades due to El Nino: UN

AP CAPETOWN

Months of drought in Southern Africa triggered by the El Nino weather phenomenon have had a devastating impact on more than 27 million people and caused the region's worst hunger crisis in decades, the United Nations' food agency said Tuesday.

The World Food Programme warned it could become a "full-scale human catastrophe".

Five countries - Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe - have declared national disasters over the drought and resultant hunger. The WFP esti-mates that about 21 million children in southern Africa are now malnourished as crops have failed.

Tens of millions in the region rely on small-scale agriculture that is irrigated by rain for their food and to make money to buy provisions. Aid agencies warned of a potential disaster late last year as the naturally occurring El Nino led to below-

region, while its impact has been exacerbated by warming temperatures linked to climate change.

"This is the worst food crisis in decades," WFP spokesperprevious one until harvests next year in March and April. Crops have failed, livestock

have perished and children are lucky to receive one meal per day." The five countries that declared drought-related disasters have pleaded for international aid, while Angola on the west coast of Africa and Mozambique on the east

coast are also "severely affected", Phiri said, showing the extent to which the drought has swept across the region. "The situation is dire," Phiri said. He said the WFP needs around \$369 million to provide immediate help but has only received a fifth of that amid a shortfall in dona-

son Tomson Phiri said. "October in southern Africa marks the start of the lean season, and each month is expected to be worse than the

tions. The WFP has begun

average rainfall across the helping with food assistance and other critical support at the request of various governments in the region, he said. Phiri said southern Africa's crisis came at a time of "soar-ing global needs," with humanitarian aid also desperately required in Gaza, Sudan and elsewhere.

Other aid agencies have said the drought in southern Africa is especially harsh, with the United States aid agency, USAID, saying in June it was the most severe drought in 100 years during the January to March agricultural season, wiping out swathes of crops and food for millions.

El Nino, a weather phenomenon which warms parts of the central Pacific, has different impacts on weather in different parts of the world. The latest El Nino formed in the middle of last year and ended in June. It was blamed, along with human-caused climate change and overall ocean warmth, for a wild 12 months of heat waves and extreme weather.

In southern Africa, food

prices have risen sharply in many areas affected by the drought, increasing the hard-ship. The drought has also had other damaging effects. Zambia has lost much of its electricity and has been plunged into hours and sometimes days of blackouts because it relies heavily on hydroelectric power from the huge Kariba Dam. The water level of the dam is so low that it can hardly generate any power. Zimbabwe shares the dam and is also experiencing

power outages. Authorities in Namibia and Zimbabwe have resorted to killing wildlife, including elephants, to provide meat for hungry people.

Scientists say sub-Saharan Africa is one of the most vulnerable parts of the world to climate change because of a high dependency on rainfed agriculture and natural resources. Millions of African livelihoods depend on the climate, while poor countries are unable to finance climate-resilience measures

ENGINEERING WORKS AT MALIGAON

Tender Notice No. : 31 of 2024, dtd 09-10-2024; E-Tender are invited by th undersigned for the following work; Tende No.: DCESTMLG-22-2024; Name o work & Location : At Nambari-Specia repairs to staff quarters (95 units Type-I in Goshala colony under the jurisdiction of SSE/W/Nambari. Tender Value ₹. 1,96,37,300.96/-; Earnest Money ₹. 2,48,200/-; Date & time of closing ₹82,24,791.36; Earnest Money ₹1,64,500.00. E-tender will be closed opening of above tender at 13:00 hrs. or at 15:00 hrs. on 30-10-2024. The complete information with the tender 04-11-2024. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tende document of above e-tender will be will be available in website http:// ww.ireps.gov.in.

Saudi cartoonist sentenced to 23 years in prison AP 📕 DUBAI

Saudi cartoonist who once A Saudi cario on a Qatari newspaper as a yearslong diplomatic crisis engulfed Doha has been sentenced to 23 years in prison, an activist group says. The sentence for Mohammed al-

Ghamdi marks the latest in a widening judicial crackdown on any perceived dissent in Saudi Arabia since the rise of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, now seen as the kingdom's dayto-day ruler in place of his 88-

STORES E-PROCUREMENT

E-procurement Tender Notice No. S/66/010/24-25 Dated: 09-10-2024. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works.

Tender No. KT245453

Closing/Opening date: 31-10-2024 Brief Description: High Availability Single Section Digital Axle Counter system (HASSDAC) with dual track sensors (having in-built feature of trolley suppression) complete set as per RDSO specification RDSO/SPN/177/2012 (Ver.3) with latest amendment or specifications, complete set with redundancy consisting of dual hardware for each track section/block section like Evaluator/ Processors. Vital Relavs. Track side unit with Detection point, complete assembly & fixing arrangement for each detection point, clamp deflectors for either side of each detection points & dual display Reset Box with auto resetting facility for each track section/ block section Consignee: - - SSE/SIG/ Katihar, NFR Qty: 03 Set.

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



received an unappealable 23year sentence, according to SANAD, a United Kingdombased human rights organisation focused on Saudi Arabia.

'This situation underscores the urgent need for international action to protect artistic freedom and human rights in Saudi Arabia," SANAD said. "Al-Ghamdi's case exemplifies the troubling climate in Saudi Arabia, where no one is truly safe; he became a target simply for being an artist, nothing else.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN RE: ALL THAT IS PART AND PARCEL OF THE SAID LAND IDENTIFIED AS KHASRA NO. 419, 420 & 430, VILLAGE SADARPUR, NEAR SECTOR 45, NOIDA, DISTT. GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR- 201301

The general public at large and anyone interested therein is hereby informed that our clients M/S 44 NOIDA INFRATECH (FIVE) PRIVATE LIMITED are the sole bonafide and lawful owner having all associated perpetual rights, titles and interest in all the parts and parcel of lands presently identified as KHASRA NO. 419, 420 & 430, VILLAGE SADARPUR, NOIDA, DISTT. GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR, 201301 and along-with all that is erected thereupon by virtue of duly Registered deeds of Conveyance since the year 2015. Entire valuable ideration in terms of the said conveyance deeds has been paid by our Clients to the Vendors. It has now come to notice of our Client at the said Vendors misrepresenting themselves as the owners acting unlawfully, dishonestly, without any subsisting rights or titles or authority, whatsoever, and in connivance with certain other thir parties are attempting to create certain third party rights and interests in the said property. Our clients have initiated all lawful and egal steps, both civil and criminal, as prescribed, to protect their ights and titles over the above said properties and as required fore competent authorities/courts/tribunals. Any person o persons intending to deal with any part or whole of the said property any form or manner whatsoever, are hereby cautioned to mmediately cease and desist from any such transaction, acts, or leeds, and not to proceed any further. Our Clients shall assume no iability towards any consequential losses qua the same, nor shall it create any lawful rights in favour of any third party, whomsoever, and the same shall be non-est and void ab initio. Any person or persons claiming or asserting any rights, titles, claims or interests of any nature, whatsoever, in relation to any part or whole of the said Property, are hereby called upon to approach the undersigned with authenticated documentary evidence not later than 7 days from the date of publication of this public notice, failing which it shall be ims have been waived

SIGNAL AND TELECOM WORK Trade deal with India GigNAL AND TELECOM WORK E-Tender Notice No.: N-2024-K-21; dated. 08-10-2024. E-tenders are nvited by the undersigned for the following work: SL. No.1; Tender No. <u>N-2024-K-21;</u> Name of the work: Signal and telecom work for extension of short CSL lines into full CSL at

ad (SQB) station. Tend

says UK minister

remains 'priority',

PTI LONDON

Atrade deal with India remains a "priority" for the UK, Business and Trade Secretary Jonathan Reynolds said during the Labour Party-led government's flagship International Investment Summit in London which coincided with the launch of a new Industrial Strategy green paper "The Gulf and India are the priority. I think there are clear economic and commercial reasons why we should pursue those, Reynolds said at the Guildhall on Monday.

"Trade and international investment lie at the heart of our plan to drive growth for the whole country. That's because we know the UK has so much potential as one of the largest, most open economies, a legal system that sets global standards, a regulatory environment with some of the strongest safeguards for investment and the greatest incentives for innovation. We benefit from a skilled and diverse workforce, supported by an immigration system that draws talent from around the globe," he said.

The UK is negotiating a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and Bilateral Investment Treaty with India, which has completed several rounds of negotiations under the previous Conservative government and is expected to pick up from the fourteenth round. Soon after the general election in July, Reynolds indicated that teams would be "entering negotiating rooms as soon as possible" towards completing the FTA, which is aimed at significantly enhancing the GBP 38-billion a year bilateral trade partnership. The Department for Business and Trade (DBT) indicated that while a timescale for the nego-

tiations to restart remains

unconfirmed, the minister's comments reiterate the commitment to an India-UK FTA.

available upto 15.00 hrs of 30-10-2024 "Global investors should be in in website http://www.ireps.gov.in. no doubt that under this new government, Britain is truly the best place to do business." added Reynolds. It came as DBT confirmed nearly 38,000 jobs are set to be created across the UK after

a total of GBP 63 billion of investment was announced at the International Investment Summit.



CHANGE OF D.O.B I, Tabassum Sitwat W/o. Syed Mohd. Sitwat, R/o. R-289/1, first floor, Sir Sved Road, Jogabai Extn, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025 have declared that my daughter's (Kashaf) date of birth in Dev Samaj Modern School records has been wrongly submitted as 26.10.2009 instead of 02.06.2010 PD(856)A

CHANGE OF NAME I, Ankita Kala W/o Madhur Dixit, R/o B-15 Sector-71 Noida Uttar Pradesh-201304, in my passport my name is wrongly mentioned as Ankita, Passport No:-W2503399 declare that Ankita Dixit & Ankita Kala both are one and same person. PD(857)C I, Madhur Dixit S/o Rajender

Kumar Sharma, R/o B-15, Sector-71, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201304, in my passport my name is wrongly mentioned as Madhur, Passport No:-P6653086 declare that Madhur & Madhur Dixit both are one and same person.

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Dy. Chief Engineer/Estate, Maliga DRM (S&T), Katiha MORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY **NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY**

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Tender Enquiry No. 338/SS(D)-II (under RDSS) Dated: 14.10.2024 Dy CE/Substation Design/ TS Organization, PSPCL, C-1, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for Manufacture, Testing, Supply & Delivery of 30 nos. 11kV Residual Voltage Transformers (RVTs). For detailed NIT & Tender Specification, please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 14-10-2024 onwards.

Note: Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

76155/12/3555/2023/38364 Dated CHD :- 10/14/2024

NEW OKHLA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY voiga Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida G.B. Nagar (U.P) Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.com **E-TENDER NOTICE** E-Tender are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/ downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com & https://etender.up.nic.in. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes, amendments & corrigendum etc.

08/DGM(E/M)/Sr.M.(E/M)-IV/2024-25, Annual Operation and maintenance of Light & Facade Light installed at Underpass at Noida to Gr. Noida Expressway Noida. Cost Rs. 45.23 Lac

09/GM(E/M)/Sr.M.(E/M)-IV/2024-25, Maintenance of Street light in Sector-149, 149A, 150, 151, 151A, 152, 153, 154 155, 156, 157 and related Villages, Noida. Cost Rs. 88.11 Lac

10/GM(E/M)/Sr.M.(E/M)-IV/2024-25, Beautification work of Building, Gate, Trees, Crossing, Parking due to festival of E/M-IV Area's Noida. (For 12 Months). Cost Rs. 94.70 Lac

32/DGM/Sr.M.(E/M)-II/E.T./2024-25, Renovation of Internal Wiring of New Allotted Staff Quarter in various Sectors Noida Cost Rs. 37.86 Lac

Which can be uploaded by date:- 29.10.2024 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-aualification shall be opened/downloaded on date: 04.11.2024 at 11.00 AM. SD/-Office General Manager (E&M) Sector- 5 NOIDA

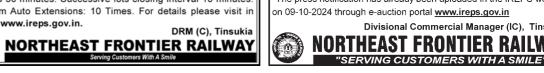
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VINYL WRAPPING CONTRACT **OVER TINSUKIA DIVISION**

E-Auction is invited for Awarding vinyl wrapping contract exterior surfa express trains over Tinsukia Division. Auction Catalogue No.: ADVT-TRAIN-13. Lot Auction Start (All Lots): 11:00 hrs. on 01-11-2024; Rate Unit: Annual Licensing Fee Category: Advertising - Train Exterior (Full Face). Days : 1095.

SL No.	Lot No.	Description
AA/1	ADVT-EFF-128593-22-1	Vinyl wrapping contract at 20503/ 20504 and 20505/20506 for 03 years
AA/2	ADVT-EFF-130039-22-1	Vinyl wrapping contract at 15903/ 15904 for the period of 03 years
AA/3	ADVT-EFF-179116-23-1	Vinyl wrapping contract at 22504/ 22503 for the period of 03 years
AA/4	ADVT-EFF-130042-22-1	Vinyl wrapping contract at 15960/ 15959 and 15962/15961 for03 years
AA/5	ADVT-EFF-129361-22-1	Vinyl wrapping contract at 15930/ 15929 for the period of 03 years
AA/6	ADVT-EFF-128600-22-1	Vinyl wrapping contract at 15968/ 15967 & 15928/15927 for the period of 03 (Three) years
AA/7	ADVT-EFF-130041-22-1	Vinyl wrapping contract at 15934/ 15933 for the period of 03 years
AA/8	ADVT-EFF-130502-22-1	Vinyl wrapping contract at 15910/ 15909 for the period of 03 years
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E-Au Tinsu at Joi No. :	ction for Awarding of Rail Disp ıkia Division & Commercial Ac rhat Town Railway Station has	R TINSUKIA DIVISION lay Network Contract (RDN) over lvertising contract LCD/LED TVs been invited. Auction Catalogue Start (All Lots): 11:00 hrs. on icensing Fee: Days : 1095; Seg

Advertising-On Station Premise (Digital); Description: Rail Display Network Contract (RDN) through Supply, Installation, Operation and Maintenance Rail Display Network Contract (RDN) through Supply, Installation, Operation and Maintenance of Video Wall of (size 6[/] x 4[/]) 33 stations at Namtiali, Titabar, Amguri, Selenghat, Nakachari, Golaghat, Bhalukmara, Baruabamungaon, Numaligarh Furkating, Kamarbandha Ali, Duliajan, Naharkatia, Namrup, Borhat, Sapekhati, Bhojo, Lakwa, Simaluguri, Tinsukia, Makum, Digboi, Margherita, Ledo, Chabua, Panitola, Kowang, Dhamalgaon, Dikom, Lahowal, Chaulkhowa, Moranhat, Sivasagar Town with scope of display of advertisements along with railway messages in 50:50 Time Slot / Space sharing; Seq No.: AA/2; Lot No./Category: ADVT-TSK-JTTN-OSD-159-24-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise (Digital); Description: Commercial Advertising LCD/LED (7 Nos. of TVs) at Jorhat Town Railway Station. Auction Close Date/Time : At 11:40 hrs. on 28-10-2024. Initial Cooling off period is 30 minutes. Successive lots closing interval 10 minutes. Maximum Auto Extensions: 10 Times. For details please visit in website www.ireps.gov.in.



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E-AUCTION FOR DISPLAY COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING CONTRACT

E-auction for display commercial Advertising contract over Tinsukia Division. Details are as under ; Auction Catalogue No.: ADVT-TSK-OOH-23; Auction Start Date & Time (All Lots) : 11:00 hrs. on 30-10-2024; Auction Close Date & Time : 13:20 hrs. on 30-10-2024; Rate Unit: Annual icensing Fee; Trips/Days: 1095. Seq Lot No /Category

Description

No.	Lot No./Category	Description
AA/1	ADVT-TSK-DBRT-OH-8-22-1 (Advertising - Out of Home)	Commercial advertisement 05 Railway colonies at Dibrugarh Town.
AA/2	ADVT-TSK-DBRG-OH-216-23-1 (Advertising - Out of Home)	Commercial Advertising Contract at Dibrugarh, New Tinsukia, Digboi, Duliajan, Simaluguri, Jorhat for a period of 03 years.
AA/3	ADVT-TSK-DBRT-OH-4-22-1 (Advertising - Out of Home)	Commercial advertisement of 59 LC gates from Dibrugarh to Tinsukia station section.
AA/4	ADVT-TSK-GLGT-OH-7-22-1 (Advertising - Out of Home)	Commercial advertisement of 14 LC Gates from Furkating Jn. to Marian Jn. section.
AA/5	ADVT-TSK-SLGR-OH-103-22-1 (Advertising - Out of Home)	Advertisement Commercial contract for display of 11 Nos of hoarding boards (Total area 2500sqft) located at Simaluguri Railway Colony.
AA/6	ADVT-TSK-NTSK-OH-10-22-1 (Advertising - Out of Home)	Commercial advertisement at New Tinsukia Colonies.
AA/7	ADVT-TSK-DJG-OH-101-22-1 (Advertising - Out of Home)	Advertisement Commercial contract for display of 3 Nos of hoarding boards (Total area 2357sqft) located at Duliajan Railway Colony
AA/8	ADVT-TSK-NHK-OH-102-22-1 (Advertising - Out of Home)	Advertisement Commercial contract for display of 3 Nos of hoarding boards (Total area 1840.63sqft) located at Naharkatia Railway Colony
AA/9	ADVT-TSK-MJN-OH-5-22-1 (Advertising - Out of Home)	Commercial advertisement of 18 LC gates from Makum to Dangri section.
AA/10	ADVT-TSK-FKG-OH-6-22-1 (Advertising - Out of Home)	Commercial advertisement of 40 LC gates from Tinsukia to Furkating section.
AA/11	ADVT-TSK-DMGN-OH-145-22-1 (Advertising - Out of Home)	Advertisement Commercial contract at Bogibeel approach road ((Total area 1722.23sqft) located at Dhamalgaon - Tangani section.
AA/12	ADVT-TSK-MXN-OH-9-22-1 (Advertising - Out of Home)	Commercial advertisement at Mariani Railway Station.
The	(Advertising - Out of Home) press notification has already to -10-2024 through e-auction po Divisional Co	Mariani Railway Station. been uploaded in the IREPS websi



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PM Modi advocates ethical global digital framework

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday made a fervent pitch for framing of a global digital framework, with clear-cut dos and don'ts for ethical use of technology. Speaking at the inauguration the International Telecommunication Union WTSA and India Mobile Congress here, he said just like the aviation sector, where the global community has framed a comprehensive framework, the digital world too needs rules and regulations.

Global institutions, he said,



roll out, 5G telecom services

are now available in most

places across the country and

begun. Giving out statistics,

the Prime Minister said India

has in the last decade become

should come together to work out dos and don'ts. He went on to emphasise on ethical use of AI with security, dignity, equity being at the centre. Talking of India's experience, he said after the expeditious an exporter of mobile phones

has laid an optic fibre network that is eight-time more than the distance between earth and the moon. India's digital vision that was unveiled in 2014 rests on four

rom being an importer, and

pillars making devices all concerns, cheaper, reaching all concerns affordable data and digitalfirst, he said.

"We have made digital connectivity an effective tool for last-mile delivery," he said. work on 6G has already Modi said India is willing to share its experience of successful building of digital public infrastructure with the rest of the world.

India poised to lead global 6G: Scindia

PTI NEW DELHI

India is resolved to lead the world in 6G, communications minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said on Tuesday, terming the telecom sector of the country as 'aggressive' and 'ambitious'. Scindia, speaking at the inauguration of India Mobile Congress and World Telecommunication Standardization (WTSA)

2024, said with the Bharat 6G Alliance, India hopes to contribute at least 10 per cent patents to 6G standardisation. "It is our belief and our

commitment India followed the world in 4G, we marched with the world in 5G, but we shall lead the world in 6G," the minister asserted. With the fastest 5G rollout in India wherein 98 per cent of districts and 90 per cent of all villages were covered in a



Telecommunications

2023 have been designed in

such a way so as to modernise

India's telecom framework,

drawing light upon hitherto

'The telecom sector, much

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span of just 21 months. Scindia said it is the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's effort of not just embracing, but bracing the country to become the first-mover in 6G technology.

unaddressed areas such as the "It is noteworthy that the high potential sector of Indian Mobile Congress and satellite communications, International addressing the challenges of the 6G the digital era, the most Symposium demonstrates both local and global advancements in 6G, and also important being security, Scindia said. design principles that will like other growth-critical sectors in India, is aggressive, shape the future of telecom, he further said.

is ambitious, and its outlook in our journey from Amrit Kaal to Shatabdi Kaal is to

lead the world," he said. India Mobile Congress (IMC) is an annual event organized by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI). IMC 2024 will see participation from over 400 exhibitors, nearly 900 startups, and participation from 120+ countries. About 3,200 delegates from

over 160 countries are part of the WTSA assembly. "We are confident that this (WTSA), along with the Indian Mobile Congress in its

8th edition. Will serve as a breeding ground for innovation, but also showcase India's impending but inevitable emergence as a global hub for telecommunications across the world," Scindia said.

Government planning development beyond elections: Vaishnaw | Samsung workers call off strike,

PTI NEW DELHI

The government is laying the process of development which is 'beyond the cycle of elections' for India to be able to grow six to seven times the current level to become a developed nation by 2047, Union Minister Ashwini Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Tuesday. Addressing a symposium by the Indian Foundation by the Indian Foundation for Quality Management (IFQM), the Minister for Railways, Information and Broadcasting, and Electronics & IT, said one of the key elements of the government's goal of a developed nation is having "a very inclusive and harmonious society". For India to become a

For India to become a developed nation by 2047, the target for measurable parameters is "USD parameters is "USD 18,000 per capita income

and USD 30 trillion It means we have a path mominal GDP", he said. where we need to grow and USD "Today, we are just shy of USD 4 trillion nominal (GDP), just shy of about USD 3,000 nominal per

where we need to grow about '6x' '7x' in the next 25 years," Vaishnaw asserted. Sharing the government's approach to meet the

target, the minister said, "It needs a very strong foundation, verv carefully thought through

carefully thought through strategy, meticulous execution, and laying the process of development, which is beyond the cycle of elections." He further said that the intent of the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to build further on the foundation laid in the past ten years. "What we are going to do

laid in the past ten years. "What we are going to do in these five years of Prime Minister Modi, his third term, will be beyond the cycle of elections will be beyond the cycle of business cycles," Vaishnaw said said.

Taking a dig at the Opposition without naming anyone, he added it will be beyond "people who can, whó have a lot of destructive mindsets. It's beyond the capability

of such mindsets. That's the thought process." thought process." Elaborating on what the government meant by becoming a developed nation, the minister said, "First is a very inclusive and harmonious society. First and foremost is a very inclusive and harmonious society a

harmonious society, a society which cares for everybody, a society which considers every section of the society as which considers every section of the society as equally important and gives opportunities for everybody to come up." He further said, "The second big element of being a Viksit Bharat is to have the social, physical and digital infra place in place."

place.

The third, he said is meeting the measurable parameters of per capita income and GDP to meet the set targets.

to return to work: TN govt destructive

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Over a monti-ione indefinite strike by the employees of Samsung India Electronics Ltd at its plant near here was called off on Tuesday and the workers have decided to resume work, the Tamil

Nadu government said. The state government in a statement said the strike at the factory of the Korean electronics giant in Sriperumbudur has come to an end and all the workers would get back to work. Pressing for various demands, about 1,100 workers of the total 1,750 employees of Samsung India have been on strike since September 9, which includes wage revision, better work conditions, registration of the newly Samsung India formed Workers Union backed by



CITU the labour by department. The decision to call off the strike was taken at the conciliatory meeting which was held at the office of the Department of Labour Welfare here on Tuesday in which representatives from the Samsung India and the striking workers took part. "All the striking workers will call off the agitation and return to work immediately. On returning to work the management will not victimise the workers for having participated in the protest," an official release said.

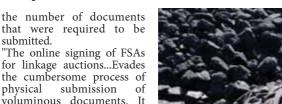
Corporate India to maintain 9.5 per cent salary increase in 2025: WTW survey Coal India digitises fuel supply agreements process

PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

that were required to be roal India Ltd (CIL) on submitted. Tuesday said that it has started the online process of signing fuel supply pacts with its various clients including those in the power sector to

"The online signing of FSAs for linkage auctions...Evades the cumbersome process of physical submission of voluminous documents. It oreater

capita.



PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

orporate India is expected to offer a salary hike of 9.5 per cent in 2025, similar to the 2024 actual salary increase, as companies are balancing optimism with caution, a report said on Tuesday.

Budget Planning Salary Repor ian salary

survey was conducted in 2024. April and June Approximately 32,000 responses were received from companies across 168 countries worldwide. The survey had 709 participants from India. "While companies in India

are optimistic about growth, with caution. The era of 'Great resignation' is both employers and us, employees are now seeking stability and the market sentiment is notably steadier," Rajul Mathur, Consulting Leader, Work and Rewards, WTW India said. In 2025, salary increases across industries such as the Pharmaceuticals (10 per cent), Manufacturing (9.9 per cent), Insurance (9.7 per cent), Captives and SSO sectors (9.7 per cent) and Retail (9.6 per cent) are likely to be above the general salary median, industry whereas software and



According to WTW's latest they are balancing optimism are projected below the to top and above-average general industry median of performers, ensuring talent recognised

companies plan to maintain their headcount in 2025 as compared to the previous vear.

With higher growth rates anticipated, India's voluntary attrition rate continues to be one of the highest in the region. However, it is observed that the voluntary attrition rates in India have reduced slightly from 11 per cent in 20 to 10.8 per

In addition, around 46 per

cent of companies in India

expect that their salary

increase budgets for 2025

will be similar to 2024, while

28 per cent said that the budgets are likely to be lower

than projected. Concerns related to cost

management, inflationary

anticipated

nsure ease (nisine With this move, CIL has discontinued with the earlier practice of physical submission of official papers, while bank guarantees and

other required documents can be submitted through digital mode. "Coal India Ltd, in a first ever, introduced online signing of fuel supply agreements (FSA) for power as well as nonregulated sector customers

participating under linkage based auctions," the company said in a statement. To ensure ease of business.

CIL said, it has also cut down

ease as they can conduct the entire process from their place of work without having to visit the coal companies," a senior executive of the company said.

Previously, in case of any discrepancy in documents, customers had to visit the company to get them rectified. Now, this can be done online. CIL signs hundreds of FSAs annually necessitating maintenance of bulky

upkeep much easier.

documents. The electronic arrangement makes the

Since the documents are stored digitally, tracking the status of progress also gets simplified at supplier and

customer ends. Among non-regulated sectors so far, nearly 700 FSAs have been formalised online for a total of about 19 million tonnes of coal supply. In case of power sector 262

FSAs have been signed digitally till now for a total quantity of around 24 MT. Coal India accounts for over 80 per cent of domestic coal output.

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increase in India is forecasted to rise by 9.5 per cent in 2025, similar to the 2024 actual salary increase of 9.5 per cent. Salary increases in India continue to be the highest across the region.

Markets such as Vietnam (7.6 per cent), Indonesia (6.5 per cent), the Philippines (5.6 per cent), China (5 per cent) and Thailand (5 per cent) are also projected to maintain a strong salary increase for next year. The Salary Budget Planning Report is compiled by Rewards Data WTW's Intelligence practice. The

Soybean output reaches 126 lakh tonnes

"India's captive sector is thriving, with a forecasted jump from around 1,500 captives in 2023 to 2,000 by 2025. As the home to nearly half of the world's global capability centres, the country's rich pool of skilled talent is driving innovation and boosting projected salary increases", Mathur added.

In 2025, variable payouts are projected to remain consistent at 12.5 per cent, following 2024's 12.6 per cent. As organisations prioritise performance, they are assigning larger portions

rewarded.

"Organisations are placing a stronger emphasis on performance-based pay differentiation. This trend sees top performers potentially earning salary increments three times that of average performers, while above-average performers are expected to receive about 1.2 times the increment of an average performer," Mathur said.

recession. A tighter labour market are the major factors In terms of hiring, almost 28 influencing budget projections for 2025, the per cent of companies plan to add headcount in the next 12 months, while 68 per cent report said.

pressures,

in 2024.

Government to verify air purifier claims amid pollution

PTI NEW DELHI

 $T_{\text{Tuesday}}^{\text{he gov}}$ government on announced plans to conduct market surveillance to verify claims made by air purifier manufacturers, amid rising concerns about pollution in Delhi and other major cities.

This move comes in response to Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi on Monday accusing some companies of making false assertions

about their products. Consumer Affairs Secretary Nidhi Khare, addressing a media briefing on Tuesday, stated, "We will try to see through market surveillance and check if the claims are correct or not.

Khare also mentioned that the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has taken note of the issue and will examine compliance with existing quality control orders on air filters. The announcement follows Joshi's remarks at a World

Standards Day event, where



misleading tactics

'Air purifiers make such false claims.

We see air purifiers and so increased awareness.

collaborative approach involving the BIS, the consumer affairs ministry, and consumers to address the issue.

This initiative comes at a time when rising pollution levels in Indian cities have led to increased public interest in air purifiers.



he expressed concern over marketing

> 1,063 kg, Soybean Processors Association of India (SOPA) Executive Director D N Pathak told PTI.

much is written but nothing is there in it. There is just a fan in it, yet claims are still made," Joshi had said, highlighting the need for consumer

adoption of advanced methods of farming by cultivators and increased the The minister advocated for a crop yield," he said. After the sowing of soybean during the kharif season of 2023, there was a severe lack

of moisture in the fields due to lack of rain for three weeks in the major soybean producing areas in August, as a result the crop productivity



fell. Pathak said the average productivity of

As per the SOPA's estimate, soybean per hectare in the country was 1,002 kg, while during the kharif season in the country this time, soybean was sown in 118.32 lakh hectares and its yield was 125.82 lakh tonnes.

During the kharif season of "This time the distribution of 2023, soybean was sown in a total of 118.55 lakh hectares monsoon rains in the major soybean producing areas of in the country and the yield of the country was good, which boosted the crop yield. The this oilseed crop was around 118.74 lakh tonnes, as per the association's data.

This time in Madhya Pradesh, which is the largest soybean producer in the country, the crop was sown in about 52 hectares and its lakĥ production stood at the level of 55.40 lakh tonnes, according to the SOPA. In the current kharif season,

soybean production is estimated to be 50.17 lakh

tonnes from 45 lakh hectares of area in Maharashtra, while the crop was sown in 11.13 lakh hectares in Rajasthan and its yield was around 10.53 lakh tonnes, as per the organisation.

India imports about 60 per cent of its edible oil requirements. In such a situation, experts feel that to achieve the ambitious target of self-sufficiency in the production of edible oils, there is a need to increase the production of major oilseed crops like soybean in the country.

The central government has increased the minimum support price (MSP) of soybean for the marketing season 2024-25 to Rs 4,892 per quintal from Rs 4,600 per quintal in the last season.

ASSOCHAM, Savion lead handwashing drive in NDMC schools

PNS NEW DELHI

Seeking to inculcate the importance of healthy habits among students and widespread encourage behaviour change in hygiene practices through handwashing, ASSOCHAM Foundation for Corporate Responsibility Social (AFCSR), the social arm of ASSOCHAM, organised an awareness drive across New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) schools here on the 'Global occasion of

Handwashing Day'. Supported by hygiene brand Savion and covering nearly 28,000 students across 43 NDMC schools, AFSCR conducted the programme in a hub and spoke model in which a mega activity was organised at Atal Aadarsh Bengali Balika Vidayalya, Gole Market and parallel activities were carried out in other NDMC schools.

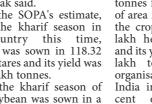
Speaking about the initiative, Anil Rajput, Chairperson, ASSOCHAM National CSR Council, said, "There is an old saying that good habits creating a high performing formed at a young age make society that will increasingly



all the difference. I believe that on this global handwashing day, the youth have to understand, incorporate and disseminate information on the importance of handwashing. Every year about 1.8 million children under the age of 5 die from diarrheal diseases and pneumonia that are attributed to poor hand hygiene, and therefore, it is my firm conviction that the incorporation of this habit in our daily routine will go a long way in leading a healthy and productive life at an individual level, along with

contribute towards nation building."Pramod Kumar, Academic Consultant, New Delhi Municipal Council, (NDMC), said, "Awareness and behaviour formation from an early age has a multiplying effect on the potential benefits and impact on human lives.

Today's event not only highlights the importance of handwashing, it also delivers valuable lessons on the impact of personal hygiene on public health and betterment. Initiatives such as this will surely have a positive impact on the future of the children and also of the society in general."



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Lakshya, Malvika make first-round exits at Denmark Open

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India's Lakshya Sen battled hard against China's Lu Guang Zu but ultimately lost in three games to make an early exit from the Denmark Open Super 750 badminton tournament here on Tuesday. Lakshya, a 2021 World bronze championship medallist, squandered an opening game advantage, losing 21-12 19-21 14-21 to Lu in a men's singles opening round match which lasted 70 minutes.

The 22-year-old from Almora, who finished fourth at the Paris Olympics, had previously lost in the second round of the Arctic Open in Finland last week

Malvika Bansod, who had reached the quarterfinals at China Open, also couldn't cross the opening hurdle, going down to Vietnam's Nguyen Thuy Linh 13-21 12-21 in women's singles. Panda sisters Rutaparna and Swetaparna also made a first-round exit after losing 18-21 22-24 against Chinese Taipei's Chang Ching Hui and Yang Ching Tun in women's doubles. Lakshya, competing in his second event since the Olympics, kept pace with his Chinese rival before pulling ahead at 8-8 to take an 11-9 advantage at the break.

The Indian kept his nose ahead after resumption and jumped to 20-11 with a



seven-point burst pocket comfortably the opening game.

After the change of sides, Lakshya surged to 8-2 but Lu rallied to narrow the gap to 11-12. The Indian extended his lead to 16-11 but Lu's persistence paid off as he kept troubling Lakshya and reversed the situation, taking 19-18 lead.

19-18 lead. The Indian drew parity but Lu got the required two points to script a comeback. In the decider, Lu maintained his composure and pulled ahead to 14-9, while the Indian struggled to keep pace. In a jiffy, Lu seized six match points and sealed the victory when Lakshva went victory when Lakshya went long.

moment for Indian women's hockey. It took many years for

this and the players, federation, and coaches worked very hard.

"We did not qualify for Paris which was a big setback but

there is a new learning in sports every day. Winning and losing are part of the game,"

"No team wants to lose. We cannot change the past but now we have to look for 2028.

now we have to look for 2028. The first goal should be to win gold in the 2026 Asian Games and qualify directly for the Olympics. The women's league can be very helpful in preparing a pool of players." 'Rani also lauded the appointment of Harendra

appointment of Harendra

Singh as the women's team coach. "The good thing is

Harendra Sir has returned as a

coach with whom I have

played a lot of hockey. The

biggest advantage with him is

that he knows our culture and

language. Many of our players

come from rural areas and they

understand when we talk to them in Hindi," she said.

"Harendra Sir always thinks of

she said.

Alex Ferguson to

step down as club ambassador

AP ■ MANCHESTER (ENGLAND)

Manchester United great Alex Ferguson will step down from his role as club ambassador at the end of the season, a person with knowledge of the decision told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the move has not been publicly announced.

Ferguson will be 83 in December and the person said the ending of his ambassadorship was "amicable" and he would 'always be welcome at Old Trafford."

Ferguson won 13 Premier League titles with United and is widely regarded as one of the finest managers in the history of soccer. He is United's most successful manager, having won 28 major trophies.

He has been a club ambassador since retiring after leading United to its last league title in 2013. His imminent departure comes at a time when the club is undergoing major change following the partial buyout by British billionaire Jim Ratcliffe in February.

United has undergone an extensive restructuring program following Ratcliffe's investment of \$1.3 billion for a 27.7% stake and implemented cost-saving initiatives that it included said staff redundancies of around 250 roles. United reported losses of 113.2 million pounds (\$148 million) in its latest accounts. Ferguson was hired by United in 1986 at a time when the club had long-since lost its place as the pre-eminent force in

English soccer. He ended its 26-year wait for the league title in 1993 and went on to dominate the Premier League era ri it iin until his retirement when United was crowned champion with an 11-point lead over Abu Dhabi-backed Manchester City.

I waited for many years for women's HIL: Rani Rampal Udita attracts highest bid in first half of HIL women"s auction

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Indian defender Udita Duhan emerged as the costliest buy in the first half of the Hockey India League women's auction after she was acquired by Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers for Rs 32 lakh here on Tuesday.

Dutch star drag-flicker Yibbi Janssen was the second most expensive player and was bought by Odisha Warriors for Rs 29 lakh.

Indian players Lalremsiami (for Rs 25 lakh to Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers), Rarh Bengal Tigers), Sunelita Toppo (for Rs 24 lakh to Delhi SG Pipers), and Sangita Kumari (for Rs 22 lakh to Delhi SG Pipers) attracted significant attention in the first half of the auction.

Several overseas players, Belgium's including Charlotte Englebert (for Rs 16 lakh to Soorma Hockey Club), Germany's Charlotte Stapenhorst (for Rs 16 lakh to Soorma Hockey Club), and Australia's Jocelyn Bartram (for Rs 15 lakh to Odisha Warriors) were the notable buys. Veteran India striker Vandana Katariya



names bought by Soorma

Hockey Club. Delhi SG

Pipers also picked up India

Deepika (Rs 20 lakh).

their core team.

fetched Rs 10.5 lakh from Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers. India captain Salima Tete (Rs 20 lakh), Ishika Chaudhary (Rs 16 lakh) and Neha Goyal (Rs 10 lakh) were picked up by Odisha Warriors. Former India captain Savita

(Rs 20 lakh), Sharmila Devi (Rs 10 lakh) and Nikki Pradhan (Rs 12 lakh) are some of the big Indian

PTI NEW DELHI

Rampal waited for the Women's Hockey India League as a player for years but now that the league will finally see the light of the day, the former India captain will wear a different hat.

Rani, who captained India to a historic fourth place finish at the Tokyo Olympics, will be the mentor and coach of Soorma Hockey Club of Punjab and Haryana in the women's HIL which will make its debut later this year.

"Hockey is my passion and I played my entire career with that. It was always in my mind that I will definitely accept any opportunity to serve Indian hockey. Hockey was always on my mind," Rani said on the sidelines of the HIL women's auction here on Tuesday.

"I tried a lot to make a comeback in the national team but could not do so before the Paris Olympics. I had waited



who has scored 134 goals in 212 matches for India. Asked why she opted out of the

league as she had not officially announced her retirement yet, Rani said: "I am a female player and I have faced a lot of struggles. A player is always a player. The desire to play never ends. "But sometimes you have to make a difficult decision and I decided to join the coaching staff.

"It is difficult to talk about retirement right now. Now I will face a new challenge in the league and after that I will take final decision.' 'Rani а admitted that India's failure to qualify for the Paris Olympics was a setback for women's hockey in the country, but said there is no point in thinking about the past now.

winning for the country and "Finishing fourth at the Tokyo instills the same feeling in Olympics was a watershed players.

Arsenal Women coach Jonas Eidevall quits less than a month into the new season AP LONDON

rsenal Women manager stage, 5-2 at Bayern Munich. Jonas Eidevall guit on Eidevall joined in June 2021 Tuesday, less than a month into from FC Rosengard in his native Sweden and led the new season. The English Arsenal to two League Cup team has won just one of its titles as well first four matches in the as the Women's Super League and Champions

lost its opening game in the semifinals in the 2022-23 Eidevall resigned Champions League group season. It was the first time immediate effect. "We have in 10 years Arsenal reached great respect for the that stage in Europe's top club competition. His last game in charge was a 2-1 home loss to Chelsea in the Super League on League Saturday. Arsenal said role he has played in the

with -dica tion and commitment

growth and development of Arsenal Women. Renée coach Assistant Slevers w take c the team on an interim basis, starting with the home match against Vålerenga in the Champions League on Wednesday.

internationals Navneet Kaur (Rs 19 lakh), young goalkeeper Bichu Devi Kharibam (Rs 16 lakh) and for many years for this women's league and when it In the first half of the auction, all four franchises started, it felt very good to be a part of the coaching staff and not as a player," said the 30made strategic bids to build year-old Padma Shri awardee,



Italy-Israel soccer match is held without incident despite security concerns

barriers.

with tickets could pass

through the tall metal

AP UDINE

There were snipers on the roof of the stadium and a heavy police presence throughout the city of Udine for Italy's home match against Israel.

In the end, both the game and an earlier pro-Palestine demonstration passed without incident as Italy beat Israel 4-1 in the Nations League.

Udine was on high alert, with the game being played against the backdrop of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East which has spread to Lebanon after more than a year-long war in Gaza. It was the first match Israel has played outside neutral Hungary this year. After the Israel-Hamas war

started on Oct. 7 last year, the national soccer team played in Kosovo and Andorra last November.

All Israel matches since then have been in Hungary, including last month's game against Belgium in the Nations League after the Belgian Football Association refused to host the game for security reasons.

"We are going to play this match with the hope of convincing ever more people of the wrongness of war," Italy coach Luciano Spalletti said.

he showed to our women's first team," Arsenal sporting director Edu Gaspar said of Eidevall, "and recognize the

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Appendix IV : Symbolic Possession NOTICE (for Immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (HHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assests and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of power conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice (s) issured by Authorized Officer of the Company to the Borrower(S) / Guarantor(S mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice here by given to the Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described here in below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. 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 are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the change of HHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon

"There are many Israelis who don't want it and we must	Name of Borrower/ Guarantor / Co-Borrower	1. Demand Notice issued Date 2. Loan Account No, 3. Amount Due as on Notice Date	Description of Secured asset (Immovable Property)	Date of Symbolic Possession			
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has to stop." When Spalletti's team played its "away" match against		3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 8,27,891/- (Rupees Eight Lacs Twenty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ninty One)	Bounded As - East : Rest Part Of Said House, West : Plot No 109, North : Plot No 112, South : Road				
Israel last month in Hungary, a group of about 50 Italy fans	Mo Mustakeem (Borrower) Mrs. PARVEEN (Co Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 29/06/2024 2. MP/IDR/INDR/A000000347	Flat no. P-1, terrace Floor, "B.T.C. avenue" situated at plot No. 38, type-16, Shree krishna avenue phase-1 village limbodi Tehsil and Dist. Indore, total Measuring area 528 Sq.ft.	15/10/2024			
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t during Israel's national s anthem. There were boos from some fans in Udine when the	Mr. PANKAJ DOHARE (Borrower) Mrs. USHA (Co Borrower) Mr. Himalaya Dhoare (Co Borrower) Mr. SHYAM DOHARE (Co Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 15/07/2024 2. MP/IDR/INDR/A000000184 & CO/CPC/CPOF/A000001377 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 22,36,806/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lacs Thirty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Six only)	Northern part of house no. 157, Nehru Nagar Road no. 3 Dist, Indore Madhya Pradesh, Total Area :- 46.46 Sq. Mtr Bounded As - East - Road, West - Gali, North - House No. 158, South - House No. 156	15/10/2024			
Israeli anthem was played on Monday but the rest of the stadium tried to drown that out with loud applause - just as they had done when the	Mr. Prakash Nayak (Borrower) Mr. Beena Bai (Co Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 29/06/2024 2. MP/IDR/INDR/A000000268 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 7,30,302/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lacs Thirty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Six only)	Plot no. 75-A, New sant Nagar ,bilawali situated at part of survey no. 122/1/2, 122/2/2 and 122/4/2 village Bilawali Tehsil & Dist. Indore, total Measuring area 330 Sq.ft. Bounded As - East : Plot no. 76, West : Colony Road, North : Plot no. 75, South : Other Land	15/10/2024			
Israel team was read out. At least one Palestinian flag was held up. There was a highly visible	Mr. RAJAT BADODIYA (Borrower) Mr. BADRILAL BADODIYA (Co Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 15/07/2024 2. MP/IDR/INDR/A000000713 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 6,09,818/- (Rupees Six Lacs Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eighteen only)	Plot no 158 (old 158), Indra Nagar, jhuggi jhopdi Dist- Indore, Madhya Pradesh, Total Area: - 700 Sq. Ft. Bounded As - East - House Of Rani, West - House Of Buyer, North - Road, South - Road	15/10/2024			
group of around a dozen Israel fans and they loudly chanted their support. Fewer than 12,000 tickets were sold for Monday's	Mr. Rakesh (Borrower) Mr. URMILA SISODIYA (Co Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 29/06/2024 2. MP/IDR/INDR/A000000108 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 8,76,292/- (Rupees Eight Lacs Seventy Six Thousand Two Hundred Ninty Two only)	Plot no. 184, Prabhu Mishra vihar colony, situated survey no. 4/1/2, 4/3/2, P.H. no. 37(78), village Ranmal billod, Tehsil Depalpur Dist. Indore, total Measuring area 600 Sq.ft Bounded As - East : Plot no. 149, West : Road, North : Plot no. 185, South : Plot no. 183	15/10/2024			
match - less than half the capacity of the 25,000-seater Stadio Friuli - amid stringent security measures, that also	Mr. Ramesh Kumar (Borrower) Mr. Ankit Kumar (Co Borrower) Mrs. Manju Bai (Co Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 15/07/2024 2. MP/IDR/INDR/A000000518 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 13,50,875/- (Rupees Thirteen Lacs Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Five only)	Plot no 43, Vinayak vihar village Ranmal billod Tehsil Depalpur Dist- Indore, Madhya Pradesh, Total Area: - 1000 Sq. Ft. Bounded As - East - Plot No. 05, West - Road, North - Plot No. 42, South - Plot No. 44	15/10/2024			
included armed military personnel on the roof of the stadium. Areas around the stadium were blocked off 48 hours	Mr. SURAJ SONI (Borrower) Mr. MAYA SONI (Co Borrower) Mr. MOHANLAL SONI (Co Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 15/07/2024 2. MP/IDR/INDR/A000000670 & CO/CPC/CPOF/A000001490 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 17,28,523/- (Rupees Seventeen Lacs Twenty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Thee only)	Middle part of plot No 751, Ashok Nagar village Chhota Bangarda, Dist, Indore Madhya Pradesh, Total Area :- 500 Sq. ft. Bounded As - East - Plot No 734, West - Road, North - Rest Part Of Plot No. 751, South - Rest Part Of Plot No. 751	15/10/2024			
were blocked off 48 hours before kickoff and declared a "red zone," and only fans	STATUTORY NOTICE TO BORROWERS/GUARANTORS Borrower(s)/Guarantor's are hereby put to caution that the property may be sold at any time herein after by way of public aution/tenders and as such this may also be treated as a notice under Rule 6, 8 & 9 of Security						

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1ST TEST: GILL, JAISWAL CONTINUE GOOD FORM; KOHLI, ROHIT EYE CONSISTENT RUN

PTI BENGALURU

7ashasvi Jaiswal and Y Shubman Gill, the India's torchbearers of transition phase, will have to be the team's driving force in its quest to lord over an unsettled New Zealand when the two sides square off in a three-Test series, beginning here on Wednesday.

The baton has not been completely passed, but Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma are certainly running their last lap and these two young superstars will have to show that they can carry forward the legacy of the titans.

Since a productive series against England earlier this year, Gill is now more familiar and comfortable with the rigours of Test cricket.

His last 10 innings contain three hundreds and two fifties, while Jaiswal's last eight outings in Test cricket feature a 214 and five fifties. Those numbers are not to be scoffed at. But at the same time, it is important for them to build on the foundation through this series, a precursor to the much tougher journey to Australia next month.

Gill seems to have sorted his issues with the in-coming deliveries from pacers, but a trace of the old failing still remains.

wicket.

against Bangladesh quicks. In Chennai, Bangladesh pacer Hasan Mahamud troubled In all, the left-hander has him with nip-backers before fallen to pacers 12 times in 20 grabbing his eventually innings, and he would want a better record before facing a Similarly, Jaiswal has a clutch of top-class Australian

penchant to go for expansive pacers While these concerns are not shots against pace bowlers to get dismissed, evidenced by his three dismissals recently

New Zealand attack that has capable hands in pacers Matt Henry, William O'Rourke and the experienced Tim Southee, if he gets to play here after a sharp decline in his form.

There is another angle to the emergence of Jaiswal and Gill deeply rooted, they serve as as the pillars of the Indian cautionary points against a line-up, as Kohli and Rohit

have not precisely set the field ablaze. Rohit, who has played 15 innings this year, has made two hundreds but managed only one fifty in the remaining 13, totaling 497 runs in eight Tests at just over 35

a fifty in six innings this year, and while Rohit often perishes in his attempt to grab the momentum, his colleague offers a much more curious case. The 35-year-old Kohli has not been able to convert the two starts he got this year, Kohli, 53 runs shy of 9000 ending up with 46 (vs SA) and Test runs, has not made even 47 (vs Bangladesh), stirring

the uncomfortable memories of that great slump between 2019 and 2023.

The master batter will also have to keep an eye on New Zealand left-arm spinners -Ajaz Patel and Rachin Ravindra - the tribe which has been a thorn in his flesh in the past.

It has been a while since these two stalwarts embossed their mark across a full series, and a nervy New Zealand could be their golden chance to do so. India has only minor concerns, but New Zealand's troubles across batting and bowling departments are more pronounced.

Their batsmen struggled copiously against Sri Lankan spinners recently while losing an away series 0-2, and here they will have to negate two modern-day greats in Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja.

They took 20 wickets together against Bangladesh and with the Chinnaswamy Stadium pitch expected to give some assistance to spinners, the veterans might be itching to have a bowl here.

Besides the duo, the Kiwis will have to contend with the genius of Jasprit Bumrah, who rattled Bangladesh by picking up 11 wickets across two Tests. If they persist with the combination from the last series, Akash Deep will be the third pacer behind Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj. The weather here is expected to be gloomy over the course

sports 12

of the Test match, and there could be some delayed starts and truncated sessions. The management will take into account the fact that New Zealand, who have already lost Kane Williamson to an injury, were put through the wringer by Lankan spinners recently.

In another blow, right-arm pacer Ben Sears has been ruled out of the series due to a knee injury. An uncapped Jacob Duffy, who has played six ODIs and 14 T20Is, has been brought into the squad.

Teams (from): India: Rohit Sharma (c), Jasprit Bumrah (vc), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, KL Rahul, Sarfaraz Khan, Rishabh Pant (wk), Dhruv Jurel (wk) Ravichandran Ashwin,

Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Kuideep Yadav, Monammed Siraj, Akash Deep. New Zealand: Tom Latham (captain), Devon Conway, Kane Williamson, Mark Chapman, Will Young, Daryl Mitchell, Glenn Phillips, Michael Bracewell, Mitchell Sontner, Pachin Pavindro

Santner, Rachin Ravindra, Tom Blundell (wk), Ajaz Patel, Matt Henry, Tim Southee, William O'Rourke, Jacob Duffy.

Don't want to take undercooked Shami to Australia: Rohit

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PTI BENGALURU

India skipper Rohit Sharma has virtually ruled out Mohammed Shami from the upcoming Test tour of Australia, saying that the pacer's recovery from an ankle surgery has been hampered by swelling in knees and it would not be right to take an "undercooked" version of right him for the marquee showdown.

Shami last played for India during the ODI World Cup final last year and has been recuperating from an ankle surgery after that.

"To be honest, right now, it's pretty difficult for us to make a call on him, whether he'll be fit for this series or Australia series. He recently had swelling on his knee, which was quite unusual," Rohit told



the first Test against New Zealand.

"He was in the process of getting fit, getting close to 100 per cent, he had swelling in his knee, that put him back a little bit in his recovery. So, he had to start again. Right now, he's at NCA, he's working with the physios and the doctors at NCA," he

added. Rohit said the team management wants Shami to regain full fitness before returning to top-flight cricket.

"We are keeping our fingers crossed, we want him to be 100 per cent fit. We don't want to bring undercooked Shami an to Australia, that is not going to be the right decision for us. "It is quite tough for a fast bowler, having missed so

reporters here on the eve of much of cricket, and then suddenly to come out and be at his best, it is not ideal," he noted.

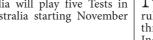
Rohit said the National Cricket Academy staff will continue to assess Shami's fitness and he might play a couple of internal matches in that process

"We want to give him enough time to recover and be 100 per cent fit.

The physios, the trainers, the doctors have set a roadmap

for him. "He is supposed to play a couple of (practice) games before he plays international cricket," he added. Shami has played 64 Tests for India, taking 229 wickets at an impressive average of 27.71.

India will play five Tests in Australia starting November



New Zeland pacer Ben Sears ruled out of India tour due to knee injury

PTI BENGALURU

New Zealand right-arm pacer Ben Sears has been wickets. ruled out of the upcoming three-Test series against India due to a knee injury. The opening Test begins here on Tuesday.

Sears's departure to India was

fter he experienced

prompting

Zealand

'We're obviously disappointed for Ben who made a strong start to his Test career during the home summer and offers a genuine pace option," New Zealand head coach Gary Stead said in a statement "It remains to be seen how long we'll be without him for, but we're hopeful his road to a full recovery will be a short one. It's an exciting opportunity for Jacob who has been around Test the squad before. With three Tests ahead of us he has every chance of making his Test debut." Stead hoped Duffy's experience in County Championship would be

Kiwis and in 102 First-Class

outings he has claimed 299

Keeping Jasprit Bumrah quiet will go a long way in winning against India: Pat Cummins

PTI MUMBAI

ustralia will have to find a Away to keep Indian pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah quiet if they are to win the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, reckoned captain Pat Cummins on Tuesday as they draw comfort from success in last two ICC finals against their fierce rivals.

The world's top two Test teams will clash in a fivematch affair starting on November 22 in Perth and India will enter the contest having held the trophy for nearly a decade, which includes winning two Down consecutive series Under.

"I'm a big fan of Bumrah. I

think he's a fantastic bowler. Hopefully, if we can keep him quiet, that is going to go a long way to winning the series," Cummins said on the Star Sports Press Room. "Alongside him, he has got

some other guys who haven't played a lot over here in Australia (that) we haven't seen a lot of. We'll see how it goes," he added.

Cummins said Australia will lean on happy memories of winning the last two ICC finals -- World Test Championship and ODI World Cup -- against Rohit Sharma's India.

'The last two series were a long time ago. We have got over it," he said. "I've never played alongside



remember some of the don't know him super well. previous series over here as But it has looked like they well," he said. Pujara's absence will give a (Indian team) are pretty

well-'different feel'

Cummins said playing against "Fortunately, over the last few Cheteshwar Pujara, whose stoic resistance with the bat years, we've had some success laid the foundation of India's Test Championship final and (in) away wins in 2018-19 and 2020-21, was 'real Test a different format for the ODI World Cup. We'll be trying to crickeť.

"It was always great playing (against) Pujara. He was one

of those guys who never really felt like he was getting away from vou. But then he would (just) bat, bat, bat and bat," he said.

"I really enjoyed the contest against him. Some days he won, other days I won. It's going to have a bit of a different feel without him. Pujara is a great player. "(I) had lots of battles against

hereon.

India-Australia

him over the years. I quite enjoyed them, to be honest. It was real Test cricket. He might score runs, but you always feel like you're in for a chance.

Cummins said playing against India's former No 3 batter was a battle of outlasting each other.

"It comes down to almost said.

pain in his left knee during who wants to outlast each New Zealand's recent tour of other, which I quite like that Sri Lanka. Scans back home aspect of Test cricket. It's revealed a tear to his going to be a shame that he is meniscus. medical consultations in not there, but I'm sure they'll hopes he could be cleared to pick someone else who's in a similar kind of style," he said. play. "However, following the Cummins said the Indiamedical advice, the decision Australia rivalry will now be

"mirroring" the Ashes given was made to rule him out of that there will be five Tests the series. A plan on the best course of treatment and 'I do think it is," said rehabilitation for the injury Cummins when asked if will be advised in due rivalry course," New matched that of the Ashes. Cricket said.

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"Particularly, after the Indian Jacob Duffy has been called team won the last couple of in as his replacement and the series at (our) home. We've uncapped 30-year-old rightarm fast bowler will leave for had more success against India on Wednesday. England over the past decade. I think it's right up there," he

Duffy has so far played six ODIs and 14 T20Is for the

beneficial for the player. "Jacob's recent experience playing for Nottinghamshire in the County Championship certainly pushed his place. His performances in whiteball cricket for the Blackcaps have always been impressive and we're confident he'll be

able to contribute if called upon," he said.

Latham looking forward to challenge of beating "well-rounded" India

PTI BENGALURU

New Zealand captain Tom Latham on Tuesday conceded that beating a "well-rounded" India would be an enormous task but said his team is ready to face the challenge over the course of a three-match Test series, beginning here from Wednesday The presence of a host of

experienced batters and bowlers, Latham said, makes India formidable а opponent. 'You obviously look at the

spinners when you come over these conditions. But they've got an equally good seam attack in Bumrah, Siraj, Akash Deep, who's played the last couple of Tests against Bangladesh. So just a well-rounded side," Latham said in the prematch press meet here on Tuesday.

"From a batting point of miss a senior guy like Kane, view. You have a lot of match but it gives opportunities for winners who can take a game from you pretty awav

quickly. "We're looking forward to the challenge. Hopefully, we can lean back on the experiences that we've had here the last couple of times that we've toured," he added. In that context, Latham said

the Kiwis will miss the presence of former captain Kane Williamson, who has been ruled out of the early part of this tour owing to a groin injury.

It's disappointing not to have Kane here. Fingers crossed he'll be ready

as soon as possible. I think Youngie (Will Young) will play. He'll bat at three. He's batted all over the order. I guess it's his opportunity to put his hand up. obviously, Yeah.

but it gives opportunities for other guys to put their hand up," he said.

However, Ben Sears getting ruled out because of a knee injury has opened up a chance for out of form veteran Tim Southee to get a place in the eleven.

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Absolutely. I think last time they played a Test here, Tim took 7 for 60. Obviously, Ben Sears has been ruled out, so I guess if we do end up going with the three seamers, then obviously Tim will come right into the equation."

Latham admitted that the build-up to this series was not ideal after a 0-2 series defeat against Sri Lanka, but hoped to carry over the learning from that contest. "Obviously, results weren't ideal in Sri Lanka. I think that first Test was a

reasonably small margin in disappointing when you terms of the defeat. But we

actually did a lot of good stuff in that tour.

"And, yeah, I guess you come here to India, it's slightly different conditions

That wicket at Galle didn't offer a lot from a bowling point of view," he noted.

Latham is no stranger to captaincy but being in the hot seat on a permanent basis from the three-match series against India excites the Canterbury man.

The 32-year-old was handed the skipper's arm band after Southee stepped down from the role after a poor away series against Sri Lanka.

"It's obviously a huge exciting privilege for me to be in this position.

But regardless whether I'm captain or not captain, I'm trying to perform my role as best as I can. "That's not going to be any different being captain," said Latham.

