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INDIA AND CHINA TO THAW FROST ALONG LAC

Signalling a thaw in strained ties between the two countries for the last four years, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri on Monday announced that India and China have reached an agreement on patrolling arrangements along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh. This leads to eventual disengagement of troops from both sides, Misri

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar later said, "...We can say that the disengagement process with China has been completed... We will be able to do the patrolling which we were doing in 2020. I think it's a good development...."
This significant development

came a day ahead of the Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) summit in Kazan, Russia. The two-day summit starts on Tuesday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi may have a bilateral meeting with Chinese President XI Jinping on the sidelines of the meet, though there is, so far, no official word

regards the latest development, Misri said here the countries have reached an agreement on patrolling arrangements along the LAC following recent negotiations between officials from both countries.

"Over the last several weeks, Indian and Chinese diplomatic and military



contact with each other in a variety of forums. As a result these discussions, agreement has been arrived at patrolling arrangements along the line of actual control in the India China border areas, leading to disengagement and a resolution of the issues that had arisen in these areas in 2020. We will be taking the next steps on this," he said.

The foreign secretary said the Chinese and negotiators were in touch over the last few weeks to resolve the remaining issues. It is understood that agreement agreement pertains to patrolling in Depsang and Demchok areas.

It is not immediately clear whether the agreement facilitates the restoration of patrolling rights that were in place prior to the standoff. Tensions flared up at the LAC in Eastern Ladakh in May 2020 when China unilaterally tried to change the status quo on the border. It led to a major clash between the troops of the two armies on June 15 that

year in Galwan. Indian army personnel including the commanding officer died in the clash while more than 40 Chinese troops were also killed. Both the sides then amassed

troops and weaponry on their respective sides of the LAC. In fact, India, not willing to take any chances, also deployed its troops even during the winter months at the LAC. Earlier, the troops used to withdraw to their bases during the winters. At one point of time, more than 50,000 troops from each side were facing each other on friction points at the LAC. Given the situation, India and China, since 2020, held several rounds of talks at the

held military level talks, the diplomatic level talks were held under the aegis of Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC) on India-China Border Affairs.

military and diplomatic

Commanders of the two sides

levels.

While Corps

NIA and Delhi Police officials investigate at the site where a blast occured on

Sunday, near a CRPF school at Prashant Vihar, in Rohini area of New Delhi

Delhi bomb investigation exploring multiple angles

SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW DELHI

Khalistani link, a male Asuspect wearing a white tshirt and an Improvised Explosive Device (IED), are the angles that the multiagency probe is focusing a day after a 'bomb' blast near the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) public school sent shockwaves across the national Capital.

According to police sources, it is suspected that an IED, wrapped in a plastic bag, was hidden in a one-foot-deep pit near the CRPF school wall. A CRPF team visited the spot on Monday morning while its officials from the Institute of IED Management conducted a ground assessment. The National Security Guard's (NSG) Bomb Disposal Squad (BDS) is preparing to submit its final report to the Delhi Police.

The CRPF, with its expertise in ground assessment, and the IED Institute Management's involvement, suggest a focus on understanding the blast's mechanics and origin. The Delhi Police, in turn, is

expected to submit its initial report to the Ministry of Affairs (MHA). Additionally, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) of the Delhi Police have been assisting in the investigation. Meanwhile, shops remained shut and a usually bustling market of the Prashant Vihar area remained deserted due to fear, with businessmen left in distress who are incurring losses ahead of the festival of Diwali, which is usually a peak time for sales of items including jewellery. Moreover, the two schools near the spot, including CRPF school and Lancer's Convent, saw a low turnout of students due to the parents who are concerned for their safety. Linking the blast to a

possible Khalistan angle, a purported Telegram post was being circulated on social media which claimed that the blast was carried out retaliation to the "targeting" of pro-Khalistan separatists allegedly Indian agents

Hoax threat callers to have a rough landing ahead

RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

After unabated to multiple Indian airlines in the fter unabated past one week, lead to diversions, cancellations and passenger inconvenience, the Union government planning to make hoax threat calls to Indian airlines a cognisable offence. The government is also planning to put hoax callers on a 'no fly

Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu announced this on Monday, in the National Capital. Currently, this stringent law is invoked against people who make hoax calls and endanger the safety of an aircraft when it is in the air, not on the ground. Meanwhile, two top aviation security officers met Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan and discussed the unabated incidents of bomb threats to Indian airlines, leading to diversions, cancellations and passenger

inconvenience. Naidu said amendments are being planned to aviation security rules as well as the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against Safety of Civil Aviation Act, 1982. "We have come to the conclusion that there are two areas that we can explore - 1) Amendment Aircraft Security Rules...one of the ideas that we want to propagate by changing these rules is that once we catch hold of the perpetrator who is behind this, we want to put them in no-flying list... 2) Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against Safety of Civil Aviation Act...", he said.



"While it (SUASCA) takes care of the offences when the aircraft is in travel, in flight, if we want to address these kinds of threats that have been happening. We want to take strict action against people who are behind this when there is a fake or hoax threat that they are trying to do, we have to cover the act on the ground and the airport also. So we are trying to make an amendment. Our legal team has worked very thoroughly on this and we are coming up with amendment," Naidu said.

"We want to make it a cognisable offence. Even though these are hoax threats we cannot take it lightly.. we have a set protocol," he said. The Union Minister said that the aviation ministry is in consultation with ministries such as the Home Ministry. "We are trying to use intelligence, IB and all the other important people who are there in this, especially home affairs and all, everyone is cooperating together. We are taking it very seriously and we want to ensure that these kinds of incidents do not happen."

The minister said multiple meetings have been held with stakeholders since the spate of calls began so that the people making such threats can be put on the no-fly list after they are identified. He added that the National

Democratic Alliance (NDA)

government at the Centre

would not compromise the

safety and security of passengers. The minister added that around 10 per cent security has been enhanced at airports across the country in the wake of bomb threats. In a related development, a key high-level meeting was also held in the Ministry of Home Affairs on Monday in which updates were taken from aviation security body Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) and the Central Industrial Security Force, which is responsible for security at airports. Bureau of Aviation Security (BCAS) Director General (DG) Zulfiquar Hasan and

at North Block here. The three officers remained closeted for about half an hour. However, details of the meeting are not known immediately. The CISF guards 68 civilian airports in

Director General of Central

Industrial Security Force

(CISF) Rajwinder Singh Bhatti

met Mohan at the latter's office

GRAP Stage-II invoked, NCR AQI 'very poor'

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

As Delhi's air quality continues to remain in the very poor' category, with an average Air Quality Index of 310, the Commission for Air Quality (CAQM)'s Management committee has now invoked the 11point action plan as per Stage-II of Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) from Tuesday, with the forecast indicating that the air quality is likely to deteriorate in the coming days.

To discourage private vehicles, the authorities can hike parking fees under the stage II GRAP. The CAQM has appealed to people to use public transport and minimise use of personal vehicles and take less congested routes even if slightly longer. It is also advised to regularly replace air filters at recommended intervals in your automobiles, avoid dust generating construction activities during months of October to January and open burning of solid waste and biomass. Data from CPCB shows that several parts of Delhi are currently grappling with "Unhealthy" levels of pollution. Anand Vihar, for example, registered an Air Quality Index (AQI) of 226, while other monitoring stations including Rohini, Sonia Vihar, Dilshad Garden, Vivek Vihar, Ashok Vihar have reported similarly hazardous levels, categorised as either "Unhealthy" or "Very Unhealthy."

The AQI also recorded 210 (poor category) in Gurugram, 165 (moderate) in Faridabad, 252 (poor) in Noida, 183 (moderate) in Greater Noida, 257 (poor) in Ghaziabad. The CAQM's or read, "In an order

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prevent further deterioration of the air quality, the Sub-Committee decided that all actions as envisaged under Stage II of the GRAP - 'Very Poor' Air Quality (DELHI AQI ranging between 301-400) - be implemented by all the agencies concerned in the NCR, in addition to the Stage-I actions already in force, from 8 am of 22.10.2024 in the National Capital Region (NCR).

The decision was taken after the subcommittee took stock of the air quality scenario and air quality forecasts for Delhi made by the India Meteorological Department and the Institute of Indian Tropical Meteorology.

11-action plan meant to be implemented by various agencies including Pollution Control Boards of NCR States and the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC). These include carrying out mechanical or vacuum sweeping and water sprinkling of the identified roads on a daily basis; Ensuring water sprinkling along with use of dust suppressants (at least every alternate day, during nonpeak hours) on roads to arrest road dust especially at hotspots, heavy traffic corridors, vulnerable areas and proper disposal of dust collected in designated sites/landfills; Intensifying inspections for strict enforcement of dust control measures at C&D sites; Focussed and targeted action for abatement of air pollution in all identified hotspots in NCR and intensifying remedial measures for the predominant sector(s) contributing to adverse air quality in each of such hotspots; Ensuring uninterrupted power supply to discourage use of alternate power Generating sets/ equipment (DG sets etc.) and Strict implementation of the schedule for regulated operations of DG sets across all sectors in the NCR including Industrial, Commercial, Residential and offices etc.



There is enough pollution, no firecrackers to be sold: Delhi HC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court said on Monday that it cannot allow the sale of firecrackers when there is already "enough" pollution in the national capital.

The court's oral observation came while dealing with a petition by the Fireworks Shopkeepers Association, a group of traders with a "permanent" licence to possess and sell crackers.

The petitioner's counsel said the grievance of the traders was with respect to the ban on the storage of firecrackers as it was allegedly resulting in harassment.

During the hearing, the court said it would ask authorities to seal the traders' premises being used for storage of firecrackers to ensure that there is no pilferage.

The State must be involved in the sealing process so that there is no pilferage," said Justice Sanjeev Narula. We are not going to allow you to sell. There is enough pollution in this city,"

the judge orally added.

The petitioner's counsel said that even though no crackers were being sold by its members, soon after the ban order, the police started visiting the permanent licensees questioning why they were storing the firecrackers.

The court observed that in one of the instances cited by the petitioner, there was an allegation of someone selling the crackers and said whoever acted in contravention of the law would be prosecuted.

We can't make an exception for you. If you store them, there is a possibility of (misuse). We will put a seal. It will be videographed," the court said

orally.

The Delhi government on September 14 imposed an immediate ban on the production, storage, sale, and use of all kinds of firecrackers across the city, effective from January 1.

While making the announcement, Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai urged the city residents to support the government's efforts to curb air pollution.

New nuclear reactors coming up in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana

the country.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on I Science and Technology said on Monday here that at least 10 nuclear reactors are being installed in the country while two reactors in Gujarat's Kakrapar have started generating power commercially.

According to sources, the new nuclear ors con states like Gujarat, Rajasthan Haryana are of 700 MW capacity and will start operating in the next few years The details of the new nuclear reactors were

provided to members of Standing Committee

of Parliament on Science and Technology, Environment, Forests and Climate Change

during a meeting here. Congress leader Jairam Ramesh, who is a member of the committee as well as its former chairman, said members of the panel were informed during the meeting that the Kakrapar-3 and Kakrapar-4 nuclear reactors in

Gujarat have been fully synchronised with the grid and are generating power commercially. "This is a major accomplishment since these are indigenously designed 700 MW reactors that were approved in 2007. Construction had begun in 2010. More such reactors are being installed at different locations," he said in a

post on X. Another example of how much continuity there is in our development — which is never acknowledged by 'El Supremo," Ramesh said, stressing that it was during the Congress rule when the two nuclear reactors in Kakrapar were approved.



Mask up! Traffic congestion jams your lungs with poison

Vehicles spew 18 per cent PM 2.5 in the peak evening hours

BY RAJESH KUMAR

to

effort

 $T^{\text{raffic congestion is the major}}_{\text{contributor of air pollution in}}$ the National Capital. According to the Decision Support System (DSS) of Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, for Air Quality Management in Delhi, emission from transportation accounts contributed to around 11.2 percent air pollution on Monday.

According to a study by IIT Kanpur, the contribution from the local on-road transport sector to diurnal mean PM 2.5 is largest (18%) during the evening traffic peak. It is dominated

three-wheelers (50%) followed by heavy-duty vehicles (30%), which also collectively represent 60-70% of the total on-road transport sector at any hour of the day. Breakdown of vehicles and ongoing construction works by agencies like Delhi Metro, Delhi

Jal Board and National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) added woes to the congestion, causing inconvenience to daily office goers in the morning and deteriorating air pollution. Mehrauli-Badarpur Road, Mehrauli-Gurugram Road, Netaji Subhash Marg, Wazirabad Road, Raja Garden Road, Kashmere

Gate ISBT, Sadar Bazar, Chirag Dilli, roads surroundings major markets including Sarojini Nagar, Chandni Chowk, Lajpat Nagar, Kamla Nagar were among those areas witnessed heavy traffic on Monday.

These stretches are the busiest roads known for heavy traffic flow during the week. Lakhs of people commute in and from Delhi to Gurugram, Noida, Faridabad and Ghaziabad daily. Neighbouring Noida has been consistently contributing between 10 and 11 percent to Delhi's pollution, while Ghaziabad's share ranges from 5 to 10 percent, as per the DSS -



Heavy evening traffic moves amidst a blanket of smog, in Gurugram, Monday

IITM data. Bulandshahr, a district in Uttar Pradesh around 110 km from Delhi, adds a noteworthy six to nine percent. Meanwhile, Gurugram and Faridabad in Haryana contribute somewhere between 1.5 and 3 percent and 3 and 5 percent, DSS, respectively. which identifies and forecasts the sources of pollution for the national capital, now has an

of its forecast. As of March 31, 2023, Delhi had 79.5 lakh vehicles, including 20.7 lakh private cars. As per the Statistical Handbook 2023,

updated inventory that would

help in improving the efficiency

cars and jeeps; 52,94,900 motorcycles and scooters; 93,654 auto-rickshaws; and 1,18,506 erickshaws that provide last-mile connectivity. Data also shows that the number of taxis came down from 85,079 in 2021-22 to 83,278 in 2022-23. The number of vehicles in Delhi

Delhi has 20,71,115 registered

has decreased due to the Delhi government's ban on diesel vehicles older than 10 years and petrol vehicles older than 15 vears. The number of vehicles in Delhi has increased by about 21 times in the last three decades, while the road length has only doubled

Police are ready to serve the public day and night: CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

hief Minister Mohan Yadav while addressing √the programme at Police Line Ujjain on the occasion of Police Memorial Day on Monday said that Police Memorial Day is celebrated every year on 21 October in the memory of martyred policemen who set a unique example of dutydevotion by sacrificing their lives for the internal security, unity, integrity of the country

The police personnel serve the public day and night, sacrificing their lives with the motto of patriotism and public service. I salute all such martyred policemen.

Police personnel help in the operation of the country's services and make the high-



est contribution to the internal security of the country. MP Anil Ferozia, MLA Anil Iain Kaluhera, Satish Malviya, Ujjain Mayor Mukesh Tatwal, Ujjain Municipal Corporation Chairperson Kalavati Yadav and senior officials were present in the programme.

Chief Minister Yadav said

on the altar of duty. The country and state take pride in remembering this unique contribution of the police

During the Corona period, the population of the country remained safe due to the

od, the police personnel

remained vigilantly deployed

excellent work of the policemen, health workers and sanitation workers. From independence till today, the police personnel have proved their role meaningful on many such difficult situations.

He said that "You are full of

courage and valour, your bold steps are bigger than every problem, salute to your bravery, tributes to your valour, you are our strength, the pride of Madhya Pradesh." In the programme, the police personnel performed a parade and saluted the brave martyrs. The parade was led by Reserve Inspector Ranjit Singh. In the programme, Chief Minister Yadav, public representatives and officials paid tribute to the brave martyr police personnel by offering floral wreaths.

Yadav honoured the family members of late martyr Lal Bahadur Singh and late Balram by presenting them shawls and shrifals. The CM got introduced to the parade commander.

IG Santosh Kumar Singh said that Police commemoration day reminds us of those brave police personnel who have sacrificed their lives to protect the society and the country. the society and the country. 65 years ago, on 21 October 1959, 10 jawans of the patrolling party of the Central Reserve Police Force sacri-ficed their lives in an encounter with the Chinese armed forces at an altitude of 16 thousand feet in the snowy area of Hotspring in Ladakh. Since then, every year 21 October is celebrated as Police commemoration Day.



Family members of martyred police personnel pay tributes at the police memorial on National Police Commemoration Day in

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the changing circumstances

Model School among top 10 in World school education ranking

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

or the third time in a row Government Model Higher Higher Secondary School, TT Nagar, Bhopal has become the first and only school in Madhya Pradesh to make it in the top 10 of the Education World School

Ranking. Model Higher Secondary school has achieved an excellent position for the third consecutive year in the ranking of government schools released by Education World. This year the model school has got seventh place in the ranking of Education World.

The award distribution ceremony was organized by Education World in New Delhi from October 17 to 19, 2024. In the ceremony, the



Principal of the school, Rekha Sharma, was awarded for securing the seventh position in the country in the government sector.

Education World is a portal for teachers and parents, which releases the ranking of schools every year. This ranking is based on the previous examination results of the school, cultural activ-

ities, infrastructure, availability of teachers and their output mental emotional services, sports, academic activities and other parame-

On the basis of achievements in all these areas, schools are selected from all over India and marks are given as per the prescribed standards. Marking is done

on the basis of facilities available in the school. Model Higher Secondary School, TT Nagar, Bhopal run by the Board of Secondary Education, has been successful in making extensive improvements in the quality of education for 3 consecutive years.

School Education and Transport Minister Uday Pratap Singh expressed happiness over the Model School getting a place in the world ranking on the basis of excellent performance.

He said that the state government is committed to continuously improving the quality of school education. The minister also congratulated the Principal of Model School Rekha Sharma, the entire staff, teachers, Board of Secondary Education, and

Police should be alert, sensitive and polite with people: Guv

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

overnor Mangubhai Patel said that in a democratic system, the police are the basis of a strong society. The efficiency and behaviour of the police make the common man feel safe. The police should be alert, sensitive, and polite towards the common people. Governor Patel was address-

ing a programme at Lal Parade Ground, Bhopal on Police Memorial Day. He paid floral tributes at the martyrs memorial and had a cordial meeting with the families of the martyred police personnel. Chief Secretary Anurag Jain was also present in the programme. Governor Patel said that the

police are an integral part of the society. Development is impossible

without the active participation of the police. An environment of peace, harmony, and brotherhood in society is very important for growth. He said that it is a matter of pride for all of us that the Madhya Pradesh Police is counted among the best forces in the country. The state police has iven meaning to the motto of Deshbhakti-Janseva'. It has set records with high standards of devotion to duty. Police should keep them-

Governor Patel said that it is the big responsibility of the police to maintain the integrity, social and cultural harmony of the country and the state while ensuring law and order. Maintaining coordination with the public is also an important responsibility of the police. He said that the police should constantly update themselves according to the changing circumstances. Governor Patel praised the state police for activities like planting 1.25 lakh saplings in a single day, establishment of police bands and women's police stations in all the districts, target of building 25 thousand houses for police families and establishing of 950 women energy desks.

diers for felicitation by the pallbearer party in the programme. All the proceedings of the parade salute were done by the party. On this occasion, Director General of Police Shri Sudhir Kumar Saxena addressed the gathering. He paid tribute to the bravery of martyrs who fought in the difficult areas of Ladakh on October 21, 1959. He also paid tribute to the martyred soldiers of Madhya Pradesh Police. Senior administrative, police officers and dignitaries paid floral tributes at the martyrs' memorial. Additional Chief Secretary SN Mishra, ADG Shapu, senior police officers, retired police and administration officers and families of martyred policemen were present in the

over the list of martyred sol-



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav addressing a meeting with the artists from Vindhya and Bundelkhand regions of the state, in Bhopal.

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use of NPK and Super Urea as

alternatives to DAP and

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Rabi season in the district coin-

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RNTU Agriculture deptt organises daylong workshop

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

arking World Food Day, a one- ■ day workshop was organized at Rabindranath Tagore University. A host of distinguished speakers addressed students and faculty members on the occasion.

Held under the joint auspices of the Department of Horticulture, Agricultural Research Institute, and Faculty of Agriculture at the university, the workshop focused on "Food Security: Challenges and Solutions."

Singh, Deputy Director of Agriculture Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh, elaborated on "Madhya Pradesh: The Food Basket

She spoke of the significance of the processing industry in preserving



Raikwar informed the audience about advancements in mushroom production and its potential as an industry that can be initiated with minimal capital and resources.

HD Verma, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, welcomed the audience and

agricultural products and emphasized the impormaintaining their quality. tance of the day by describthe agriculture and food sectors but for society as a

> He underlined the need for enhancing preservation facilities to keep food grains from getting spoiled. Sanjeev Gupta, Dean of Academics, shared his thoughts on the current

state of agriculture in Madhya Pradesh and spoke of the success achieved by the Faculty of Agriculture at the univer-

A quiz competition related to agriculture and the food processing industry was also held for participating students. The workshop included insights into food processing and the technology of high-tech custom hiring centers. The event commenced

with the address of Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, Assistant Dean, who introduced the role of the work-

In his concluding speech, Dr. Shubham Kumar Kulshreshtha expressed hope that all participants from the industry, academic fraternity, and students would benefit from the experiences shared by the distinguished speakers.

Collector asks cooperative societies to streamline fertilizer distribution process

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

n the midst of the ongoing Rabi season, the District Collector Kaushalendra Vikram Singh on Monday asked cooperatives—engaged in the distribution of fertilisers—to streamline processes. In fresh directives to cooperative societies, Collector Singh has asked them to ensure the availability of stocks, timely remittance of payments to Markfed, and systematic dis-

bursement of goods. The directives state that all committee managers are to ensure that the stock of fertilisers available with the society is recorded at designated locations every morning.

The societies have also been instructed to ensure that accurate allocations are made to all members.

Setting up a dedicated service for the supervision of this activity, the district administrative office stated that distribution will be done solely through POS machines and called for the immediate escalation of technical issues to the numbers pro-

vided by the collectorate. In a move to ensure timely distribution, the cooperatives have also been instructed to issue

MPTransco employee wins gold medal

PNS JABALPUR

Pintu Yadav, posted in MP Transco (Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company), has brought laurels to Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company by winning gold medal in the inter-regional Electricity wrestling compe-

Pintu Yadav, representing Jabalpur region in this competition held in Ujjain, won the gold medal by defeating the wrestler from Bhopal in a strong manner in the 65 kg weight category.

posted Transmission Line Maintenance Jabalpur division, had won the gold medal in the same event last year also. Pintu Yadav has been winning the gold medal in this event continuously for the last four years. The manager of the team of Jabalpur region was Sanjay Singh (Security Officer), wrestling in-charge of Central Sports and Arts Council, Jabalpur. On this achievement of Pintu Yadav, M.P. Transco's Managing Director Engineer Sunil Tiwari has met him and

given congratulations and

best wishes to him for his

Burglary attempt at Transmission store of MPTransco, Jabalpur

PNS ■ JABALPUR

A n attempt was made to steal valuable goods from the transmission stores of Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company. The attempt was foiled by the alertness and vigilance of the outsourced security personnel deployed at the transmission store located at Nayagaon. Showing courage and alertness, these security personnel caught three thieves and handed them

over to the police. The event was reported even when there was not even morning light, three thieves took advantage of the darkness and stole valuable optical fiber cables and parts of the emergency restoration system used in case of damage to the transmission tower from the transmission store of Nayagaon at around 3.30 in the morning. They were trying to take it on a motorcycle.

As soon as security personnel Rohit Yadav and Suresh Yadav, deployed on duty at the transmission store, realized that a theft had taken place, both of them immediately challenged the thieves and in a short struggle caught a thief redhanded. Two thieves had fled

The attempt was foiled by the alertness and vigilance of the outsourced security personnel deployed at the transmission store

and the security personnel posted at store number two, Sumit Yadav and Siddhant Yadav, having received timely information, showed their presence of mind and made them sit on their motorcycles on the pretext of giving a lift and cap-

tured them. MP Transco officials an FIR of the incident in Gorakhpur police station. During the proceedings, APS Chauhan, Jitendra Tiwari, Raju Chauhan, Saif Ali, Ankit, Sandeep and Kamlesh Turkar and the security team were present at the spot showing readiness. MP Transco Managing Director Engineer Sunil Tiwari has appreciated the excellent devotion to duty of the security personnel and congratulated them



Police memorial parade held at Shaheed Park, Bhind

PNS ■ BHIND

olice Memorial Parade organized in Shaheed Park on the occasion of Police Memorial Day

The policemen were martyred in the attack while on duty. Since then, 'Police Memorial Day' is celebrated every year on 21st October to

honor these martyrs and all the police personnel who died while performing their

Police Memorial Parade was organized on the occasion of Police Memorial Day in Shahid Park of Police Line Bhind. On this occasion, Superintendent of Police Bhind Dr. Asit Yadav read

out the names of the police officers employees who were martyred in the country in the past and paid tribute to them. The martyrs were saluted in the Police Memorial Parade, followed by the parade march. Officers, employees, public representatives paid tribute to the martyred soldiers by offering flowers.

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Permanent ashrams on lines of Haridwar can be built in Ujjain state including Ujjain. Holistic

hief Minister Mohan Yadav has said that ✓ Ujjain is identified by its seers and saints. On the lines of Haridwar, sages, saints, Mahants, Akhara heads, Mahamandaleshwar, etc. will be allowed to build permanent ashrams in Ujjain. Simhastha, which is held once every 12 years, will be organized in the year 2028.

Sadhus and saints require sufficient land/plots to stay in Ujjain, organize Katha, Bhagwat, etc. With this in mind, the state government has made a plan to build permanent ashrams while giving priority to the welfare of sages and saints. Sadhus, saints, and devotees face challenges while organizing such events in private hotels.

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav was

talking to journalists regarding Simhastha in the auditorium of Mela Office, Ujjain on Monday. MP Anil Firojia, Rajya Sabha Kaluhera, MLA Satish Malviya, Mayor Mukesh Tatwal, Municipal Corporation Chairman Smt. Kalavati Yadav, Divisional Commissioner Sanjay Gupta, IG Santosh Kumar Singh, Collector Neeraj Kumar. Singh, SP Pradeep Sharma and media representatives were present.

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that just as proper ashrams are made for sages in Haridwar, efforts will be made to build permanent ashrams for them in Ujjain also. The plan will be given shape through the Ujjain Development Authority. In view of Simhastha, permanent infrastructure will also be built for basic facilities like roads,

electricity, drinking water, drainage, etc., so that problems caused by temporary con-

struction do not arise. MP Balayogi Umeshnath Ji The Chief Minister said that an Maharaj, MLA Anil Jain action plan has been prepared with all the public representatives to develop Ujjain as a religious city like Haridwar. In order to ensure smooth traffic, permanent infrastructure development work like fourlane, six-lane and bridges will be undertaken. Along with basic facilities, ashrams for the saints will be constructed parallelly. Public activities like Anna Kshetra, Dharamshala, Ashram, Medical Center, Avurveda Center etc. will be organized on priority with the help of the Sanatan Dharma followers.

Mahakal Mahalok was formed, Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said a large number of devotees that the state government is come to Ujjain. The entire working continuously for the plan is to ensure that more such holistic development of the religious events are organized.

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that the tender process for Ujjain-Indore six-lane work has begun. Bhoomi Pujan of the Ujjain-Jaora greenfield four-lane road will be performed soon. Indore, Ujjain, Dhar, Bhopal, Gwalior, Jabalpur etc. will be developed in this plan. Development works will be undertaken while retaining the naturally religious spirit of Ujjain. Yadav said that in-principle

approval has also been given to operate Indore-Ujjain metro train. Along with this, the Circle Vande Metro train will also be operated connecting Ujjain, Dewas, Fatehabad, and Indore. Its speed will be more than that of the metro train. Along with the rail route, all the routes of Ujjain are also being strengthened. All routes originating from Ujjain will be made four-lane.

the power load and electric-

ity theft are prohibited and

may result in penal action,

the power distributor said

that field teams consisting of

vigilance officers will be on

the ground to check for

unauthorised use of its ser-

vices under the provisions of the Electricity Act of 2023. While extending wishes to

consumers, the power dis-

tributor reminded citizens

that a little precaution would

go a long way in ensuring a

safe and happy Diwali in the



highest target in the BJP state membership campaign under 'Sangathan Parv' in New Delhi on Monday.

NSUI activists stage a protest ringing bells under 'Campus Chalo Abhiyan' at Barkatullah University campus in Bhopal on

Illegal sale of liquor not to be tolerated: Deora

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eputy Chief Minister Jagdish Deora said that the illegal sale of liquor should be strictly banned in Madhya Pradesh and strict action should be taken against crime. Deora said this in a workshop of licensees of liquor retail shops in connection with the new excise policy/excise system for 2025-26 organized at the Institute of Environmental Studies (EPCO) in Bhopal on Monday. Deputy Chief Minister Deora

also held a meeting with distillers, domestic/foreign liquor manufacturers, and bar licensees. He also discussed the achievements of the Commercial Tax Department.

Man falls from moving train

Bhopal: A person was injured after he fell off a moving train near Nijor Gate in the Gadarwara area Narasinghpur in the state on Monday. Upon receipt of information at

the Dial 100 control room in Bhopal, the response vehicles swung into action and moved the 40-year-old man to the government hospital in Kareli. The man, later identified as Jai Singh-a Home Guard soldier stationed in Jabalpur—was subsequently shifted to the Narsinghpur district hospital for further treatment. According to District Commandant Home Guard TR Chauhan, Singh was on his way from Jabalpur to Bhopal on official duty at the time of the accident.

Staff constables Vivek Kumar and pilot Ravindra Patel led the response for the Dial 100 unit. which ensured timely medical attention for the wounded man.

BJP candidate will win Budhni: Chouhan

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etting the ball rolling for the Budhni by-election, Union Minister for Farmer Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Monday convened Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders at his residence in the state capital. Expressing confidence of a BJP victory in the November 13 elections, Chouhan said, "Just as the people of Budhni have given me love and blessings, providing me the opportunity to serve, I have complete faith that they will also extend their full support to Ramakant Bhargava.

The former Chief Minister expressed satisfaction that the BJP nominee, Bhargava, had started his campaign by the blessing of presiding deity at the Salkanpur temple.

A number of BJP leaders, including Minister incharge Krishna Gaur, November 23.

have turned mild cold in the

state, night temperatures dipped

below 18 degree celsius, there

will be rain in the southern

parts of Madhya Pradesh,

Indore, Narmadapuram and

Jabalpur divisions for the next

The weather will change here

due to the activity of the low

pressure area. The effect of

cold may increase at night from

According to the Meteorological

Department, the low pressure

area is active towards the

Arabian Sea. Its effect is also

being seen in the southern dis-

tricts of Madhya Pradesh. It has

been raining in the region for

2 days.

October 25.



Bhopal Mayor Alok Sharma, former minister Rampal Singh were present at the meeting. The by-election in Budhni

necessitated by was Chouhan's resignation from the Madhya Pradesh Assembly after he was elected to the Lok Sabha from Vidisha in the 2024 General

Former MLA Rajkumar Patel is the Congress nominee for the by-poll. Results will be declared on

Nip in the air, night temperatures fall in Madhya Pradesh

will remain the same for the

On the other hand, the night

temperature has fallen by 2 to

5 degrees Celsius in many dis-

tricts of the state. The night

temperature was recorded at

14.8 degree celsius on Sunday.

The night was the coldest in the

Nowgong in Chhatarpur district

had the second coldest night.

The mercury here was 17.6

degree celsius, Raisen recorded

19.8 degree celsius, Chhindwara

18.3 degree celsius, Khajuraho

19.2 degree celsius, Mandla

18.5 degree celsius, Narsinghpur

19.4 degree celsius, Rewa-Sagar

18.6 degree celsius, Tikamgarh

Desist from setting up shops near electricity poles: MKVVCL advises

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development will open the

doors to prosperity for all. It is

our priority to ensure that all

our religious gurus should be near the places of worship.

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said

that only Mahants, Akhara

heads, Mahamandaleshwar will

be permitted for the construc-

tion of the Ashram in such a way that the building can be

constructed only on 25 percent

of the one-hectare plot. The remaining 75 percent of the

plot will remain open, with suf-

ficient open space for arrange-ments like parking, etc. This type of permission will not be

given for residential and com-

Yadav said that ever since

mercial use.

alling for heightened safety measures dur-∕ing the Diwali season, the central region power distributor on Monday advised businesses to desist from setting up shop under or near electric poles and transformers to avoid accidents. Issuing the safety advisory,

the Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Company Vitran (MKVVCL) has also asked citizens to exercise caution and maintain a distance from power lines while setting off

fireworks. The company—responsible for power distribution in 16 districts across Bhopal, Narmadapuram, Gwalior, and Chambal divisions further stated that consumers should remain mindful of the approved power load while choosing decorative lighting and refrain from exceeding the limits. Reminding consumers that

unauthorised extensions of Equestrian Academy excels

Bhopal: Seventeen players of MP State Equestrian Academy have proved their worth by performing brilliantly in the Junior National Equestrian Qualifier-2024.

These players performed excellently in various categories of dressage and jumping and confirmed their place for the national competitions. According to the major results, Aradhya Singh, Divyaraj Singh Rathore, Jaywant Nawale in Vineet Parihar, Sanskar Rathore, Vineet Parihar in Junior Dressage, Bholu Parmar, Bholu Parmar, Moksh Patel in Young Rider Dressage performed excellently.

19 degree celsius and Umaria

recorded a night temperature of

Talking about big cities, Bhopal

recorded 20 degrees Celsius,

Indore 20.7 degrees, Gwalior

21.1 degrees, Ujjain 21.8 degrees

and Jabalpur recorded a night

temperature of 18.2 degrees

Monsoon has returned from the

state on October 15, but due to

the activity of the system, rain

continues in many districts. During the last 24 hours, rain

was recorded in Burhanpur,

Narmadapuram, Ratlam, Ujjain,

Dewas, Sehore, Bhopal, Raisen

Chhindwara, Pandhurna, Seoni,

Balaghat, Betul, Khargone,

Barwani, Jhabua.

19.1 degree celsius.

Celsius.

region. The festival of lights, marking Lord Rama's return to his capital Ayodhya after the conquest of the demon kingdom, will be celebrated on

November 29. While devotees celebrate the occasion with lights and fireworks, festivities are often marred by accidents caused by fireworks and short circuits. Several public service departments, including power distribution companies, issue safety guidelines ahead of the festival.

नाम परिवर्तन

में प्रहलाद सिंह (PRAHLAD SINGH) पुत्र श्री प्रकाश नारायण सर्वसाधारण को सूचित करता हूँ कि मेरा पूर्व का नाम प्रहलाद सिंह जाटव (PRAHLAD SINGH JATAV) था जो मेरे शासकीय एवं अन्य प्रपत्रों में लिखा गया है जबकि वर्तमान एवं भविष्य में में प्रहलाद सिंह पुत्र श्री प्रकाश नारायण के नाम से जाना पहचाना एवं पुकारा जाता हूं एवं जाउंगा। जो मेरे आधार कार्ड, पैनकार्ड एवं अन्य प्रपत्रों में लिखा गया है। प्रहलाद सिंह जाटव एवं प्रहलाद सिंह दोनों मेरे ही नाम है अत: नाम प्रहलाद सिंह जाटव के स्थान पर प्रहलाद सिंह लिखा एवं पढ़ा जावे आमजन एवं सर्वजन सूचित हो।

पुराना नाम: प्रहलाद सिंह जाटव नया नाम: प्रहलाद सिंह पुत्र श्री एफएल-358, दीन दयाल नगर

ग्वालियर (म.प्र.)

नाम परिवर्तन

में शबनम बी (SHABNAM BEE) पत्नि स्व. श्री फिरोज शेख सर्वसाधारण को सूचित करती हुँ कि मेरा पूर्व का नाम सोन् (SONU) पुत्री मेहबूब था जो मेरे शैक्षणिक प्रमाण पत्रों एवं अन्य प्रपत्रों में लिखा गया है जबकि वर्तमान एवं भविष्य में में शबनम बी पत्नि स्व. श्री फिरोज शेख के नाम से जानी पहचानी एवं पकारी जाती हैं एवं जाऊँगी। जो मेरे आधार कार्ड पेनकार्ड, वोटरकार्ड एवं अन्य प्रपत्रों में लिखा गया है शबनम बी एवं सोन दोने मेरे ही नाम है। अतः मेरे शैक्षणिक प्रमाप पत्रों एवं अन्य प्रपत्रों में मेरा नाम सोन् के स्थान पर शबनम बी लिखा एवं पढा जावे। आमजन एवं सर्वजन सूचित हो

पुराना नाम: सोनू पुत्री मेहबूब नया नाम: शबनम बी पत्नि स्व. श्री फिरोज शेख

पता:- वार्ड नं. 10 बाड़ा आवार गली नं. 01 खंडवा म.प्र.

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City bus driver, conductor attacked over petty dispute

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auto rickshaw driver attacked and abused the driver and conductor of a city bus at Board Office Square after a dispute over a passenger in the evening on Saturday.
Police said that the miscreant

started beating as soon as he entered the bus. The passengers sitting inside panicked and got down and left. This is the third incident in 38 days in Bhopal in which city bus staff were attacked and the bus was vandalised.

In this case, MP Nagar police station has registered a case against an auto driver who had beaten the driver over the issue of seating a passenger. The incident is of Sunday evening. This incident was captured in the cameras installed in the bus. On the report of conductor Shubham Mehra, resident of Machhli Market Bairagarh, MP

Nagar police has registered a case against the auto driver. Shubham said that he is the conductor of city bus number MP04PA4329. The bus runs

from Chirayu to Aakriti Eco City Salaiya. On Sunday evening, the bus stopped at the stop located at the Board Office crossing during which an auto driver Vishal standing in front came and started abusing and kicking in which they were injured. Conductor Shubham said, auto

driver Vishal was drunk, he was abusing. Passengers got scared due to the assault and boarded off the bus. Among the other two earlier

incidents a youth stabbed the conductor of a city bus parked at the Board Office Square 12 days ago. The conductor said that the youth had entered the bus to extort money illegally and when he was stopped, he abused and stabbed him. The passengers sitting in the bus got scared due to this incident. Many got off the bus and left.

Regarding this incident, Corporation Leader of Opposition Shabista Zaki has raised questions on the security arrangements in buses. Before this incident on September 14 a case of attacking

a conductor was reported near Pt. Khushilal Sharma Hospital in Chunabhatti area, miscreants had beaten up City Bus No. MP04 PA3692 conductor Suresh Verma of Kajlikhera Kolar Road. Suresh suffered serious head injuries. His companions immediately took him to the hospital. A policeman had caught one of the miscreants.

In February 2017 pickpockets had murdered Kamal Singh (22) resident of Tanda Berasia in a low-floor bus (SR-5) full of passengers. Kamal Singh had boarded a low-floor bus SR-5 (MP-04 PA 1067) that day to go to Bairagarh. In the Kohefiza area. three pickpockets attacked him with a knife and killed and fled.

Change of Name

My old name was RAFEEK KHAN. Written in my previous Passport. I have changed my name. My new & Correct name is now known as RAFEEQ KHAN S/O AYYUB KHAN. Resident-942, Jumma kha Ahata, Islami Gate Shahjahanabad Bhopal (M.P.) 462001

इंडियन बैंक **Indian Bank**

INDIAN BANK Bairagarh Branch, Bhopal

APPENDIX - IV (Rule-8(1)) POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property) Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand notice dated 09/08/2024** to the

below mentioned Borrowers & Guarantors, calling upon the borrowers and also the owner of the property /Surety to repay the dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. he Borrowers/Guarantors / owners of the property having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the owner

of property and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the movable/immovable property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this the 16th day of October of the year 2024.

The Borrowers and Guarantors / owners of the property in particulars and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank, Bairagarh

Branch Bhonal for the amount mentioned against the borrowers and Interest thereon, costs etc. The borrower's attent is invited to the provisions of sub-section 8 of Sec 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets Name of the Borrower

Description of Movable / Immovable Property Outstanding All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Flat No 115-A, Ratanpur, Hariganga Nagar, Swajan Grih Nirman Sahkari Sanstha Maryadit Huzur in BHOPAL City being part of Khasra No. 231,232, 239,241,243 + Interest 242/2/1/2,231,232,239,241,242,283/2421/11/2,231,232,239,241,242,28 3/242/2/2 and 231,239,241,242,283,242/2/4/1, Gram Ratanpur Sadak & Mrs. Dipti Gupta Hariganganagar Ward No 84 Bhopal within the Registration sub-district

BHOPAL And District Bhopal -462022 Boundaries: East-Road, West-Plot

Place: Bairagarh, Date: 16/10/2024

Guarantor

Borrower:

Mr. Awadesh

W/o Awadesh

Kumar Gupta S/o

Mr Ganga Prasad

I.MR. RAKESH JAIN

2. MR. SUNIL JAIN

No. 143, North-Plot No.116, South-Plot No. 115/B Authorised Officer, (Indian Bank)

UCO BANK यका बैक (भारत सरकार का उपक्रम) (A Govt. of India Underta

UCO BANK, 110, Malviya Nagar, Bhopal- 462003 Tel. 0755-4330021, e-mail-malvia@ucobank.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property) RULE 8 (1)

Whereas. The undersigned being the authorized officer of the UCO Bank (name of the Institution and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with (Rule 3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002 issued demand notice dated 31.08.2024 calling upon the borrower & Co-borrower to repay the amount mentioned in the notice below plus interest and Bank charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower and Co-Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in

general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002 on this the 19th day of October of the year 2024. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with

the property will be subject to the charge of the UCO Bank (name of the Institution) for an

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to

Name & Address **Description of Property & Property Owner** of Borrower 'All the part and parcel of the property", situated at :

1.Plot No E-05, Dwarkadham, Colony, Village-Badwai, Near Bhopal Bypass, Bhopal Bounded by: East: Colony Road, West: Plot: Land of other Farmer, 3. Mrs. ANJANA JAIN North: Plot no E 6, South: Plot no E-4
4. Mrs. RANJANA JAIN 2. Flat No 203, Block No 1, Dwarkadham Heights, Village Badwai Near Bhopa Bypass, Bhopal Bounded by: East: Flat no 205 block -1, West: Flat no 201 North: Circulation Area, South: Flat 204 block -1 3.Plot No E-06, Dwarkadham, Colony, Village-Badwai, Near Bhopal Bypass,

Bhopal Bounded by : East: Colony Road, West: Plot :Land of Other Farme North: Plot no E-7, South: Plot no E-5 Date & Place : Bhopal, 19,10,2024 Authorised Officer, UCO Bank

APPENDIX-IV-A

Corporate & Registered Office: Unit No. 801, Centrum House, CST Road, Vidyanagri Marg, Kalina Santacruz (East), Mumbai - 400098, CIN No. U65922MH2016PLC273826 Centrum Housing Finance Ltd. Ist Floor in front of D.N Jain College, Gol Bazar Wright town, Jabalpur ,Madhya Pradesh -482002.

[See proviso to rule 8(6)] & 9(1) **PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION CUM SALE**

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+ Interest

Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Centrum Housing Finance Limited, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the physical possession, on 'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis', Particulars of which are given below:-

Sr. No.	Borrower(s)/ Co- Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) / Loan Account No/	Total Outstanding as on date	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price (RP)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) 10%
1	Deepa Verman/Manoj Kumar Verma/ JLRSA22008295	Rs.11,28,285 /- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Five only) as on 14-07-2024	In The Rights, Piece and Parcel of Immovable Property bearing Khasra No246/1/35 Rakhwa 0.009 Hect. i.e. 20 x 50 =1000 sqft. situated at Village/Mauja Bardadeeh, Ward No. 10 Maruti Nagar Sarla Vihar Colony near Sant Kunj Ashram Nagar Palik Nigam Satna, Patwari Halka Bardadeeh, TehRaghurajnagar, DisttSatna,485001 Madhya Pradesh. Boundaries – East – Road West- House of Pandit Ji North- Plot of Pandit Ji South- House of Sen	10,00,000 /- (Rupees Ten Lakhs	Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One lakh only.)

way of Demand Draft in Favor of 'Centrum Housing Finance Limited', along with KYC is On or Before 20-11-2024 from 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM at the Branch Office address mentioned herein above. Tenders that are not filled up completely or tenders received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD. 4. Date of Inspection of the Immovable Property is on 19-11-2024 from 11.00 AM To 2.00 PM 5. Date of Opening of the Bid/Offer Auction Date for Property is 21-11-2024 from 11.00 AM To 2.00 PM at the above mentioned Branch Office address at 11:00 AM. by the Authorised Officer. 6. The purchaser shall bear the applicable stamp duties/additional stamp duty/transfer charges, fee etc. and also all the statutory dues, taxes, rates assessment, Govt & Semi Govt. taxes, TDS and other charges, fees etc. in respect of the auctioned property. The possession of the Mortgage Property mentioned above is with the CHFL, who will hand over peaceful possession to the successful bidder on compliance of above. The intending bidder should make their own independent inquiries facurating the Encumbrances Title of property & also inspect & satisfy themselves. 7.All of the expenses for getting the properties transferred on their name and statutory dues, if any shall be borne by the successful purchaser. 8.The Highest bidder shall be subject to approval of Centrum Housing Finance Limited. Authorised Officer shall Reserve the right to accept all any of the offer /Bid so received without assign any reason whatsoever. His decision shall be final and binding. 9. The Borrower(s) /Guarantor(s) are hereby given 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002 to pay the sum mentioned as above before the date of Auction falling which the immovable property will be auctioned and balance, if any, will be recovered with interest and costs. If the Borrower pays the amount due to Centrum Housing Finance Limited, in full, before the date of sale, auction is liable to be set aside. For further details, contact the Authorised Officer, at the above mentioned Office address Contact Person - Prashant Soni(8461809049)/ Mr. Ankit Vig (8668943242)

Place: Jabalpur Date: 22.10.2024

Sd/-, Authorized Officer, Centrum Housing Finance Limited Place: Jabalpur Date: 22.10.2024

'Vibrant Vindhya' to be held under CM' 's leadership

Bhopal: Weather conditions the last 6 days and the weather

next 2 days.

entire state.

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ndustrial development in Madhya Pradesh has got a ■ new direction due to the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Mohan Yadav and his persistent efforts. After the success of Regional Industry Conclaves (RIC) in four divisions, the 5th RIC is being organized at Rewa on 23 October 2024, in which the "Vibrant Vindhya" Buyer-Seller Meet will be held. The vision of Chief Minister Dr. Yadav is to strengthen balanced and equitable economic development in the state. The state is developing as an industrial hub through RIC. The RIC to be held in Rewa will make an important contri-

bution to this connection. The buyer-seller meet to be held in Rewa will promote the industrial development of Vindhya region. More than 2500 entrepreneurs will partic-

ipate in this meet which is not only a platform to promote business partnerships but will also prove to be an important platform between entrepreneurs from different states.

The major attraction of this meet is the business partnerships meetings. Where local entrepreneurs of the Vindhya region and entrepreneurs from outside states will discuss business opportunities, there will be an exchange of ideas and new avenues of business will open. Entrepreneurs from more than 10 states including Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and Haryana will participate in the buyer-seller meet. This diversity will not only make the opportunity more interesting but will

network. Local entrepreneurs will get a chance to meet entrepreneurs from outside states directly to

also strengthen the business

discuss business opportunities. This platform will not only highlight new business possibilities but will also help in giving recognition to regional products at national and international levels. Vindhya, famous for its cultur-

al heritage, is now becoming a major center of business opportunities. This buyer-seller meet will prove to be an important platform to take local products and services to new markets, which will further strengthen business prospects. This initiative of Chief Minister Dr. Yadav will give impetus to regional development and will help in

attracting new investors.

One of the highlights of the conclave to be held in Rewa will be to introduce the delegates to the rich traditional food culture of the Vindhya region. Guests will enjoy the local flavour by tasting the typical dishes of

Baghelkhand, which are deli-

cious and highly nutritious. Main dishes of Baghelkhand Bagja: Jalebi-like vermicelli made from gram flour, which is prepared by dipping it in buttermilk, rich in taste and nutri-Panbuda: Bread made from rice

flour, stuffed with lentil mixture and steamed.

and nutritious dish. Rasaj ki Kadhi: A light and

dish prepared from rice and buttermilk, which is a special food of the Vindhya region.

Rikmach Ki Sabzi: Pakodas made from various pulses cooked in curd curry, a unique

digestive kadhi made of gram flour and curd, which helps in maintaining the balance of taste and health. Maheri: A light and nutritious

Darbhari Puri and Gudam Traditional sweet of jaggery with Darbhari Puri, which is considered beneficial in cold

SC grants two-week extention to expert panel of NEET-UG reforms

The Supreme Court on The Supreme Court
Monday extended by two weeks the time granted to the Centre-appointed seven-member expert panel to file its report on exam reforms after reviewing the National Testing Agency's functioning in holding the NEET-UG. The SC on August 2 had passed its formal order and expanded the remit of the seven-member expert panel, headed by former Indian Space Research Organisation (ÎSRO) chief K Radhakrishnan, to review the functioning of the National Testing Agency (NTA) and recommend exam reforms to make the controversy-ridden NEET-UG (National Eligibility cum Entrance Test Undergraduate), transparent and free from mal-



The NEET-UG is conducted by the NTA for admission in undergraduate medical programs. The top court had also refused to annul the NEET-UG of 2024, saying there was no sufficient material on record at present to indicate a systemic leak or malpractice compromising

examination. On Monday, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, told a bench headed by Chief Justice DY Ćhandrachud that deadline for filing the report of the expert committee was ending and sought two-week extension. The bench, also comprising

Manoj Misra, took note of the fact that the report of the panel was almost complete and granted two more weeks for filing the same. While expanding the scope of the expert panel, the top court had flagged multiple lapses on the part of NTA like the security breach at an examination centre Iharkhand's Hazaribagh where the rear door of the strongroom was opened and unauthorised people were permitted to access question papers, transportation of question papers by e-rickshaws and distribution of wrong set of question papers among the candidates. Besides Radhakrishnan, other members of the expert Ranđeep committee are

Govind Jaiswal. The bench said the remit of the committee, in addition to the tasks that it has been entrusted with by the union government and the NTA, shall encompass examination security and administration, security technological enhancements. Its responsibilities will also stakeholder collabo engagement, international cooperation, and recommendations for providing mental health support to students and training of NTA staff, it had said. Over 23 lakh students took up the NEET-UG in 2024 for admissions to MBBS, BDS, AYUSH and other related courses, which marred series of controversies of

'I am Congressman till my last breath': Ajay Singh Yadav

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Congress leader Captain (retired) Ajay Singh Yadav on Monday raised concerns about under-representation of OBCs in the party's Haryana unit and top bodies such as the CWC, while also lashing out at the AICC in-charge of state Deepak Babaria over the poor assembly poll showing. Yadav, who took a U-turn

after resigning, stated he would remain a Congressman "till his last breath", said he had an "offer" from the BJP post-assembly polls but he did not take it as ĥe his family has had a 70years-old relationship with the Congress.

"I am not going to the BJP while many have gone. I had an offer after polls but I did not go. I have spent my entire life here. My son is a secretary (in the AICC). We have 70 years of ties with the party. I have worked with Rajiv ji, Sonia ji and was given respect. She made me CLP, minister. So, one has to respect that," he said told a press conference here.

Yadav, whose son Chiranjeev Rao lost from Rewari in the recently concluded Haryana Assembly polls, said the party could not effectively micro manage the polls

"(AICC Harayana in-charge) Babaria ji was in the hospital. Now he is offering resignation, why didn't he do it earlier. If he was unwell, he should have resigned. Our PCC chief was himself busy fighting an election," the chairman of the Congress OBC department said.

The Congress leader flagged under-representation of OBC leaders in the party's forums such as the Congress Working Committee and the Central Election Committee. In Jammu and Kashmir elections, OBC people were not given ticket and in



that they should have. He said his post of the

chairman of the OBC department is "ornamental" one. CWC, CEC, there is hardly representation from the OBC department, backward classes, there are just SCs and Jats for representation. I had raised the issue of caste census which was not being properly implemented in the Congress ruled states, there is also the issue of raising of creamy layer limit, proper representation in

"In Haryana, if you see OBCs have more representation in the BJP. Rao Inderjit Singh is an OBC, Bhupinder Yadav is an OBC, Krishan Pal Gurjar is an OBC, they are all Union ministers....They Punjabi in Manohar Lal The Khattar. social engineering has not been done in the Haryana Congress party where the OBCs are being under-represented," Yadav said.

education," he said.

'I have to point out these things, this is my duty. Like in ŬP, Bihar, Punjab where CLP and chief are not from the OBC community," he

Presently my resignation has not been accepted, if it is accepted or not is upto the party to decide, he said. Yadav said he has taken back his resignation and will now work accordingly. He also

said leaders rejected by the

encouraged in the Congress by some leaders.

On Saturday, Yadav had said he was "prevailed upon" by his son and former MLA Chiranjeev Rao to "forget the past" and work for the party. Yadav quit the party on Thursday alleging shabby treatment after Sonia Gandhi left the post of party president.

He also resigned as the chairman of the All India Congress Committee's Other Backward Classes (OBC) Department.

In a series of social media posts, the 65-year-old leader said he has served the Congress for 38 years and gave his best to the party. He said his family has had an "association of more than 70 years" with the Nehru-Gandhi clan.

"I worked with my leader late Rajiv Gandhi ji and Sonia Gandhi and cannot forget their affection towards me... I am a Congressman since my birth and would remain a Congressman till my last breath," said Yadav.

"I was upset that my hard work done for the OBC department was not being appreciated by the high command and some harsh words made me take this drastic step. But with a cool mind I have decided to strengthen the Congress party, especially my mentor and leader Sonia Gandhi ji,"

India and Singapore to strengthen defence ties in sixth defence ministers' dialogue

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

India and Singapore will review the entire gamut of their bilateral defence ties here on Tuesday during the sixth India-Singapore Defence Ministers' Dialogue. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Ng Eng Hen will co-chair the dia-

The meeting aims to carry forward defence cooperation between the two countries. Both sides will also exchange views on regional and global issues of shared interest, defence ministry said here on

India and Singapore share a Comprehensive 1 Strategic Partnership. The bilateral defence relations form a significant pillar to this collaboration. engagements have diversified

to include wide-ranging contacts between the Services, military-to-military exchanges, high-level visits, capacity building and training programmes, cooperation in UN Peacekeeping, ship visits and bilateral exercises.

Singapore is a key pillar of India's Act East Policy, and an important partner of the and security partnership between the two countries is an important factor of stability in the Indo-Pacific

The Singaporean Defence Minister will be on a visit to India from October 21-23. The fifth edition of the Defence Ministers' Dialogue took place in January 2021 through teleconference.

Meanwhile, Indian Air Force(IAF)and Republic of Singapore Air Force(RSAF) on Monday commenced the 12th edition of the Joint Military Training (JMT) exercise at Air Force Station Kalaikunda, West Bengal, IAF said here.

The bilateral phase of the exercise will be conducted from November 13 to 21 and is expected to generate and Singapore.



intense collaboration between the two forces, as they engage simulations, joint mission planning and debriefing sessions. The bilateral phase interoperability, sharpen combat readiness and promote the exchange of knowledge between the two

Air Forces. The RSAF is participating with its largest contingent till date, comprising of aircrew and support personnel from F-16, F-15 squadrons alongwith G-550 Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) and C-130 aircraft. The IAF will be participating with Rafale, Mirage 2000 ITI, Su-30 MKI, Tejas, MiG-29 and Jaguar aircraft.

been conducted under the ambit of a bilateral agreement signed between the two nations. JMT exercise comes after RSAF's participation in one of the largest multinational aerial exercises, Ex-Tarang Shakti hosted by the IAF, which is reflective of a growing professional association between the two Air Forces. In addition to air operations, the personnel of the two air forces will exchange best practices, as they interact during a multitude of sports and cultural activities over the next seven weeks.

JMT-2024 highlights the strong bilateral defence relationship built over years of collaboration and joint exercises, as well as the mutual respect between India

SC stays NCPCR directive against madrassas

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PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Supreme Court on Monday stayed the operation of the communications issued by child rights body NCPCR urging States to shift students of unrecognised Madrassas to Government schools. A bench comprising Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra took note of the submissions of senior advocate, appearing for Muslim organisation Jamiat Ulema-i-Hind, that the communications of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) and consequential actions of some of States needed to be stayed. The Muslim organisation



has challenged the action of Uttar Pradesh and Tripura governments directing that students of unrecognised madrassas should be shifted to Government schools. The top court ordered the communications of the NCPCR issued on June 7 and June 25 this year should not be acted upon. The Court also said the consequential orders of the states shall also remain stayed. It also permitted the Muslim body to make states, other than Uttar Pradesh and Tripura as parties to its petition.

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) last week wrote to chief secretaries of States and Union Territories, recommending that Madrasa boards be "closed down", State funding to Madrasas and Madrasa boards be stopped, and children attending Madrasas be enrolled in "formal schools." The Jamiat Ulema-i-Hind approached the Supreme Court against the directive of the NCPCR. | Haryana also, they did not

President Murmu to present national water awards 2023

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

President Droupadi Murmu will present the National Water Awards 2023 on Tuesday, recognising outstanding contributions to water management and conservation across India.

Department Resources, Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation under the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti, honour efforts in nine categories, ranging from best state to best civil society, according to an official statement.

In the category of Best State, the first prize has been conferred upon Odisha, with Uttar Pradesh securing the second position, and Gujarat and Puducherry jointly securing the third position. Each award winner will be conferred with a citation and a trophy as well as cash prizes in certain categories.

Odisha has been gaining recognition for its extensive water conservation initiatives such as establishment of approximately 53,000 water



harvesting structures, along with 10,800 reuse and recharge systems. Additionally, the renovation of 11,000 traditional water bodies, development of 68,700 watersheds, and completion of 21,000 wastewater treatment plants have been achieved.

The renovation of around 1,800 km of drainage channels has reclaimed approximately hectares of agricultural land previously affected by waterlogging. Also, over 90,900 hectares of irrigated land have transitioned from conventional irrigation methods to micro-irrigation

drip irrigation, benefiting about 87,000 farmers.

Second slot in the award category has been acquired by Uttar Pradesh. It has built or rejuvenated 14,679 'Amrit Sarovars' and undertaken extensive rainwater harvesting initiatives in recent years. Puducherry, a joint third prize winner, was recognised for renovating 84 tanks, increasing water storage capacity, desilting 190 village ponds. Last year, the Union Territory also provided 1,14,900 households with tap connections and built 850 rooftop rainwater harvesting said.

educational institutions, according to the ministry. Gujarat, sharing the third spot, was acknowledged for achieving 100 per cent tap

water connections under the Jal Jeevan Mission, covering 25 lakh households. The state expanded benefitting over 14 lakh The Best District awards were presented across

management conservation. The winners included Visakhapatnam from Andhra Pradesh in the South zone, Dhalai from Tripura in the North East zone, and Banda from Uttar along Pradesh Ganderbal from Jammu and Kashmir as joint winners in the North region.
The National Water Awards,

various zones, showcasing

exceptional efforts in water

initiated in 2018, aim to raise and awareness about water conservation management, aligning with the government's vision of a 'Jal Samridh Bharat' (watersufficient India), the release

INS Suvarna anti-piracy moves to Tanzania



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Indian Navy ship INS 🛮 Suvarna paid a port call at Dar Es Salam, Tanzania, from October 19 - 21 for operational turnaround, during its ongoing anti-piracy deployment in the Gulf of Aden and conducted drills with Tanzanian navy, navy said here.

Commander Lalit Yadav, Commanding Officer, called on Rear Admiral A R Hassan, Commander of Tanzanian People's Defence Force (TDPF) Naval Forces, and Bishwadip Dey, High Commissioner of India (HCI) to Tanzania.

During the visit, operation team of both navies held professional interactions including joint training on

Visit Board Search Seizure, Damage Control and Fire Fighting drills, including sports engagement. The ship also handed over the Infantry Weapon Training Simulator to the TPDF side.

INS Suvarna co-hosted social interaction on board, along with HCI, for TPDF officials. Major General I M Mhona, Chief of Operations and Training, TDPF, was the Chief Guest, along with Rear Admiral A R Hassan. The ship later carried out a joint Exclusive Economic Zone(EEZ)surveillance with TPDF Navy.
The visit aimed to enhance

military and diplomatic ties between the two countries in with line government's vision of

Stevia can also have therapeutic potential: Research

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI

team researchers has highlighted the therapeutic properties of Candy Leaf, or Stevia rebaudiana, beyond its natural sweetness.

The team led by Dr. Asis

Bala and Prof. Ashis K Mukherjee from Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST) in Guwahati explored Stevia's effects on signaling cellular mechanisms and found it may offer benefits for various diseases, including endocrine, metabolic,

immune, and cardiovascular disorders. in Published Bioscience," journal, the research identified that the active components in Stevia interact strongly with AMPactivated protein kinase (AMPK), indicating further research is necessary to fully



understand its benefits. The IASST in Guwahati is an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology.

The team did the research Stevia's medicinal properties and its effects on signalling cellular mechanisms to prove the Assam's Stevia's therapeutic

qualities. Currently, Stevia rebaudiana Bertoni is widely grown and distributed across Assam in Northeast India, from where it is exported worldwide. The other researchers were Piyali Devroya and Suraj

Kumar Chatterjee from Rahul Singh, Satyabrata Mohapatra, and Sagnik Haldar, all from Emami Limited, Kolkata). Their multimodal strategy

network pharmacology with in vitro and in vivo techniques, showing that the plant used phosphorylation of Protein Kinase C (PKC) to inhibit a crucial cellular signalling route, said the study. PKC is connected to

inflammatory, autoimmune, endocrine, cardiovascular illnesses. Stevia suppresses PKC phosphorylation, which alters downstream pathways that cause inflammation, a significant cause of endocrine metabolic and cardiovascular issues, as per

the research. The study titled "Candy Leaf - Stevia rebaudiana (Bertoni) Bertoni Attenuates LPS-Induced Protein Kinase

Mouse Macrophage Cells: Target Search by Network Pharmacology and Validation Using Ex Vivo and In Vivo Assays" shows Stevia's promise in this field for the first time. The research also found active molecules strongly interact with AMPK, highlighting the need for further investigation.

Phosphorylation

The study reveals an undiscovered facet of Stevia, underlining the necessity for creative strategies and scientific to support traditional therapeutic practices, according to the researchers. Eastern The North

Council under the Union Government has also highlighted the potential of Stevia cultivation to benefit the northeastern Indian economy due to high demand.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI

Union Minister of Labour and Employment Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya on Monday launched "eShram -One Stop Solution" here with an aim to provide seamless access of different Social Security Schemes to the unorganised workers registered on the portal launched in 2021. More than 30 crore workers have already registered themselves on eShram in a span of 3 years since its inception.

Speaking at the launch event, Dr. Mandaviya emphasised the growing trust in the eShram portal, noting, "Every day, around 60,000 to 90,000 workers are joining the eShram platform, which demonstrates their confidence in this initiative." Mandaviya highlighted that the main aim

of the portal is to simplify the

registration process for



Union Minister of Labour to launch 'eShram - one stop solution'

bridge, connecting the workers to the numerous benefits offered by the government and making the registration process easier and more transparent," he said. 'eShram One Stop Solution' entails consolidating and integrating data from various Central Ministries/ Departments into a single repository as per the recent

Key welfare schemes such as One Nation One Ration Card, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee National Programme, Assistance National Career Service, Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan etc. have been integrated with eShram, and onboarding of other welfare schemes is also in progress. Dr. Mandaviya urged all unorganised workers to register on the eShram portal budget announcement and and take advantage of the 100 days agenda of the various welfare schemes

designed for their benefit. He emphasised that onboarding to the platform will enable workers to access a wide range of social security and welfare initiatives launched by the government, aimed at improving their livelihoods and ensuring their well-being. Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Karandlaje emphasised integration Governments portal with eShram in order to ensure last mile connectivity. initiative will also help in ensuring saturation of the schemes identification of left-out potential beneficiaries, State/ District-wise," she added. Sumita Dawra, Union Labour and Employment Secretary

was of the opinion that

'eShram One Stop Solution'

will serve as a facilitator to

enable seamless access to

various government schemes

to the unorganised workers.

Pakistani terrorist handlers target one of India's most strategic road projects in J and K

MOHIT KANDHARI JAMMU

Terrorist handlers sitting ▲ across Pakistan have once again attempted to derail the peace process close on the heels of a successful Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Islamabad by targeting construction workers of India's one of the strategic road construction projects in Jammu and Kashmir.

A doctor from the Nadigam area of Central Kashmir's Budgam district along with six employees of APCO Infratech, a private construction agency constructing the Z-Morh tunnel on the Srinagar-Sonamarg highway was killed in one of the most provocative strikes in recent years in the Kashmir valley. The Resistance Front (TRF), an affiliate of Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), has claimed responsibility for the

Reacting strongly to the provocative terror strike, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the dastardly terror attack on civilians in Gagangir, J&K, is a despicable act of cowardice. Those involved in this heinous act will not be spared and will face the harshest response from our security forces. "At this moment of immense grief, I extend my sincerest condolences to the families of the deceased. Praying for the speedy recovery of those injured" Amit Shah said in a post on X(earlier Twitter).

The gruesome terror strike inside the campsite has also exposed the vulnerability of migrant construction workers engaged by private agencies without caring for their adequate safety and security.

The attack also signals a shift in the strategy of Pakistanbased terrorist handlers. After launching a series of strikes on the security forces convoys



in the Jammu region this time they targeted the civilians working on ground zero to earn their livelihood.

Following the strike, several workers have decided to shift safer locations in Ganderbal and Srinagar to prevent any fresh strikes.

A large-scale search operation is also underway, with the Assam Rifles, CRPF, and the Jammu and Kashmir Police's Special Operations Group (SOG) involved. Senior police officers, including the Director General of Police (DGP) Nalin Prabhat and the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir range VK Birdi are overseeing the efforts. A team from the National Investigation Agency (NIA) also visited the campsite ahead of launching detailed investigations into the case.

Meanwhile, the mortal remains of victims of a gruesome terror attack near Sonamarg in the Ganderbal district were sent home for the last journey on a day when newly elected members of the Jammu and Kashmir legislative assembly were administered oath by the pro-term speaker Mubarak Gul in Srinagar.

According to ground reports victims as he blamed Pakistan

around 8,00 p.m. on Sunday the heavily armed terrorists barged inside the campsite without facing any resistance and started indiscriminate firing on the construction workers. As chaos prevailed the terrorists also targeted some employees present inside the staff mess killing a local doctor, a Jammu-based designer Shashi Abrol, Safety Manager from Bihar Mohd Faheem Nasir and Mechanical Manager Anil Shukla from Madhya Pradesh. The other dead included Gurmeet Singh son of Dharm Singh of Gurdaspur Punjab; Mohammad Hanif and

Kaleem from Bihar. At least five critically injured workers have been admitted to the Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) for advanced treatment. Before fleeing the terrorists also torched two vehicles stationed in the campsite. Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said security forces will avenge the construction workers' death in the brutal attack in Ganderbal, and "exact a price" that the terrorists will remem-

ber for the time to come.

Sinha called for justice to the

given to the next of kin of each deceased civilian and Rs 15 lakh as an immediate measure to be provided by APCO Infratech. An ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh to be provided to all the injured. APCO Infratech will also pro-

for "still trying to kill inno-

cent people" in the region to

disrupt peace. He also direct-

ed officials to provide finan-

cial assistance to the families

of victims. Addressing a func-

tion here earlier in the day,

the LG said, "We won't forget

yesterday's dastardly attack.

The LG said there was still a

threat from the "neighbouring

country". "It is still trying to

kill innocent people in this

region and to destabilise

peace here," he added at the

Police Martyrs' Day function.

Sinha said there was a need to

stop drug smuggling and improve counter-insurgency

The LG paid tributes to those

killed in the line of duty and

said their sacrifices will be

The LG also directed

Chandraker Bharti, Principal

Secretary, Home Department,

J-K to immediately provide

financial assistance to the

families of civilian victims of

the terror attack, an official

Sinha has also asked the com-

pany for which the seven

deceased persons were work-

ing to release the compensa-

tion without any delay.

Officials of APCO Infratech

briefed the LG on the assis-

tance being provided to the

remembered forever.

spokesperson said.

operations.

vide financial assistance to the families of civilians on roll under Corporate Personal Accident Policy and five years of their gross CTC as compensation from insurance.

tims, the spokesperson said.

Under the security-related

expenditure, Rs 6 lakh is to be

Sinha said, "Though it is an irreparable loss and cannot be compensated monetarily, we are taking concrete measures for the families of the martyr civilians so that they live a life of dignity.'

Hurriyat Conference leaders including Mirwaiz Umar Farooq on Monday condemned the terrorist attack on a workers' camp in Ganderbal district.

'Chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq and senior members of Hurriyat including Prof Ghani Bhat, Bilal Ghani Lone and Masroor Abbas Ansari expressed deep sorrow and grief over the dastardly killings in Gagangir," the Hurriyat said in a statement. PDP leader lltija Mufti said elections or big-ticket events like international marathons "cannot hide the truth that there is a problem in Kashmir which needs genuine attempts

"Elections, marathons, a new government being sworn in. None of these can conceal or brush under the carpet a

to resolve it"

truth most unpalatable. There is a problem at hand in Kashmir which for decades has claimed innocent lives & will continue to rage. Unless we acknowledge it & make genuine attempts to resolve it," she posted on X.

Wife of slain designer was observing Karva Chauth fast, entire family in shock

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

The wife of Shashi Abrol, one of the Jammu-based employees of Apco Infratech, was observing fast on the occasion of karva Chauth on Sunday when he was killed by terrorists inside the staff mess of a makeshift campsite in the Sonamarg area of Ganderbal district.

The incident has left the entire family in a state of

Shashi, who has been working with Apco Infratech as a designer for over seven years now, leaves behind his wife and two kids. His elder son recently joined an engineering college in Bhopal and his daughter is currently studying in class 4. Shashi Abrol spoke to his wife for the last time via video call around 6.30 p.m. on

His sister, who was consoling her sister-in-law informed visiting media persons, "My bhabi, dressed in her traditional attire and sporting 'Heena' on her palms, spoke to my brother on Sunday evening as she wanted to inform him that she was going to join special prayers on the occasion and would again call him past 8.00 p.m. at the time of breaking her fast.

The couple agreed to close the call after seeing each other for the last time. On her return when she started contacting her husband she received no response. "We told her that he may be busy at work but when there was no response from his side till late night we were worried for his well-

being". "Till late at night no one from the Apco Infratech or the government informed us about the terror strike in their camp where he along with six others were killed. We came to know through the media in the morning when we read the newspapers that our loved one is one among those victims of the gruesome terror strike", Shashi Abrol's sister said. The family spent the whole day waiting to receive the mortal remains. LG Manoj Sinha met the family at their residence in Talab

Tillo area. In Kashmir, the family of Dr Shahnawaz Ahmad Dar wept inconsolably after learning about his death in the terror strike. Dr Shahnawaz was killed by terrorists while he was having dinner with other colleagues. He solemnized the marriage of his elder daughter last Wednesday and had promised the family to return home to welcome his newly married daughter as per their rituals on Tuesday. Unfortunately, Dr Shahnawaz

shroud early Monday morning. He leaves behind his son and two daughters. The entire village of Nadigam in central Kashmir's Budgam district mourned his death and assembled at his residence to join the funeral procession. Two cabinet ministers Javed Ahmad Dar and Sakina Ittoo visited his residence to pay their last respects.

A Jammu-based expert who often visited the Z-Morh tunnel site for technical audit remembered Safety Manager Mohd Faheem from Bihar and Anil Shukla from Madhya Pradesh as thorough professionals who were working round the clock at the location to ensure timely completion of the project. They worked hard on the project site and when it was ready for the launch they wouldn't be present there. They sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. The Nation must pay rich homage to them and stand by their families", the expert said.

Religious leaders will be allowed to construct permanent ashrams on lines of Haridwar: MP CM

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Monday said saints, seers and other religious leaders will be permitted to construct permanent ashrams in Ujjain on the lines of Haridwar. The chief minister spoke at a press conference about preparations for the Simhastha Mela, slated to be "Ujjain is known for saints. Simhanstha Mela, held once in 12 years, will be organised in 2028. Sadhus and saints need a proper space for lodging and other activities in the city. Considering this, the state government has plans to build permanent ashrams by giving top priority to saints, Yadav said.

He said like the facilities for saints and seers in Haridwar, permanent ashrams will be built in Ujjain, and the Ujjain Development Authority will implement the plan. Saints, seers, heads of Akharas and



other religious leaders can towards building their ashram, he said.

The chief minister said in view of the Simhastha mela, work will also be undertaken on basic facilities like roads, electricity, drinking water,

A plan has been prepared with the help of public representatives to develop Ujjain as a religious destination like Haridwar, he said.

Yadav said permanent infrastructure works, including four-lane and six-lane bridges, will be built while working on basic facilities, and ashrams will also come up simultane-

Priority will also be given to set up Dharamshalas, medical centres, and ayurveda centres, among other establishments. through interested devotees,

Yadav said permission will be given to saints and sadhus for ashrams, with adequate space for parking. He further informed that the

tender process for the Ujjainover, and the foundation stone for the Ujjain-Jaora Green Field Four Lane Road will be laid soon.

He further said that in-principle approval has also been given for the operation of the Ĭndore-Ujjain Metro train, and a circle Vande Metro train will also be operated connecting Ujjain, Dewas, Fatehabad and Indore.

All railway routes of Ujjain were being strengthened, the chief minister said, adding that the existing airstrip will also be upgraded to an air-

Hundreds of Christians to be evicted from Kochi village over Waqf Land issue

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

the Archeparchy of Changanacherry, the de facto headquarters of the Catholic community in Kerala is upset and angry with both the CPI(M) and the Indian National Congress for their opposition to the Centre's move to amend the Waqf Rules.

The Archdioceses of the entire Catholic community spread across the State strongmous" resolution passed by the Kerala Legislative Assembly which demanded the immediate annulment of the Waqf Amendment Bill

More than 600 families in Munambam, a picturesque coastal village in Kochi are on the verge of being evicted from their land where they have been residing for generations.

"Out of the 600 and odd families which stand to lose their houses, 404 families are from the Christian community while the rest are from the



Hindu community," said Anup Thomas, a BJP leader who is in the forefront of the agitation along with Christian Alliance and Association for Social Action (CAASA).

According to Thomas, families of the Christian and Hindu communities face threats issued by various Islamist organizations in the

"The Waqf Board authorities claim ownership to more than 30,000 acres of prime land in the State and the plight of Munambam residents is just one case," said Kevin Peter, president of CAASA. The Archeparchy

Changanacherry has issued a statement on Saturday questioning the double standard of the CPI(M) and the Congress in the issue.

Changanacherry

The Commissions for Social Harmony and Vigilance under the Archeparchy of

Eparachy of Kothamangalam, yet another power house of the Catholic community have

Legislative Assembly's resolution demanding the annulment of the Centre's Waqf Amendment Act be cancelled immediately or these parties were sure to face the wrath of the people.

The Catholic Church in the State is launching various kinds of agitations all over Kerala to ensure that the land belonging to members of Christian and Hindu communities should be returned to them.

Munambam are unable to remit land taxes because the revenue officials refuse to accept the same citing orders issued by the Governments that ruled the State from time

M A Nissar, former district judge residing in Kannur and a devote Muslim had told The Pioneer that there were many discrepancies in the Waqf Land in the State. "The earlier they rectify the same, the better," said Nissar.

George Netto, a resident of Munambam said that because of the legal issues caused by

Complete recruitment of 78,000 police personnel

the Waqf Board, residents in the coastal village were not in a position to sell their own properties.

Two age-old temples, three Churches and a seminary (institution that trains wannabe Catholic priests) are housed in the village.
"All these properties fce

uncertainty as the Waqf Board claims ownership to the land on which they stand. There never was any instance of communal discord in this village. We are all fishermen

Sukumaran, a resident. Father James Kockavayalil, Father Jacob Rathappillil and Joji Chirayil, leading the agitation against the claims of the Waqf Board declared on Monday that they were not at all against Muslims.

"We want justice to prevail Fundamental rights should be made available to all citizens in the country and there should be no discrimination based on caste or religion," they said in statements issued Kothamangalam Changnacherry.

order situation has improved

The work of the police sta-

tions has been divided into

two parts -- investigation and

law and order, so that the

work can be executed quick-

ly and in a better manner.

People know about the law

and order situation in the

state before 2005. It was not

good. Now, people remain

out of their homes till late at

night and do their work fear-

Kumar said he had promised

10 lakh jobs in 2020, and his

government has so far given

employment to 7.16 lakh peo-

He said the police force has an

lessly," he said.

in the state.

Tej Pratap files nomination, accompanied by Yadav family

BISWAJEET BANERJEE LUCKNOW

The political scene in Uttar Pradesh has intensified as on Monday Samajwadi Party (SP) candidate Tej Pratap Yadav filed his nomination from the Karhal assembly constituency in Mainpuri where bye-elections are due on November 13. SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, accompanied by Dimple Yadav, Professor Ram Gopal Yadav, Shivpal Yadav, Dharmendra Yadav, was present during the nomination process.

Addressing the media after Tej Pratap's nomination, Akhilesh Yadav took a dig at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), accusing it of orchestrating riots in Bahraich to gain political mileage. "BJP deliberately caused riots so that they could benefit politically. When questions are asked of the government, they remain silent," he

Akhilesh Yadav accused the BJP of trying to undermine the SP's prospects in the by-election by spreading fear. He alleged that the BJP was now avoiding any mention of the People's Democratic Alliance (PDA). "The BJP is scared of



PDA in the by-election. Now, they have even forgotten to mention PDA," he said adding "BJP has hatched this conspiracy to avoid answering

questions and gain political advantage.' He further criticized media coverage, highlighting that channels were focusing on trivial matters like the size of Tej Pratap's tilak rather than discussing development issues.

"The BJP has worked to hinder

the development of the social-

He refrained from directly addressing the status of the SP's alliance with Congress, stating only that discussions are ongoing.Tej Pratap Yadav is contesting from the Karhal assembly seat, a constituency that has been a traditional stronghold for the SP. Akhilesh Yadav expressed confidence that Tej Pratap would win with a significant majority, noting that the people of Mainpuri have

always stood by the Samajwadi

Party and its founder, the late Mulayam Singh Yadav. "The people of Karhal have

always chosen the Samajwadi Party. This time, there will be more support than before, leading to a historic result in the election," he said.

The SP chief's critique extended beyond the immediate eleccybercrime.

government's promises of dou-

toral context to broader issues like agricultural policies and He emphasized that the BJP

bling farmers' incomes remain unfulfilled. "Development packages are often announced, but farmers are not getting fair prices for their crops. This is a big question that the govern-ment needs to answer," he said. He also raised concerns over the increasing incidents of cybercrime in Uttar Pradesh, attributing it to the misuse of technology. Citing international examples, he pointed out, "Countries like Germany have declared the use of many technical devices unconstitutional, but such incidents are increasing rapidly in India.

This is a matter of concern, and the government should address it." Professor Ram Gopal Yadav, in his remarks, expressed confidence in a one-sided victory for SP in Karhal, stating, "BJP should make arrangements to save its deposit."

He referenced BJP's previous claim of winning all 80 Lok Sabha seats in the state and suggested that the ruling party is struggling in Karhal.

Tej Pratap Yadav, the SP candidate, added that the BJP has yet to finalize a candidate to contest against him in Karhal, signaling what he described as a lack of preparedness on their

ahead of Assembly polls: Nitish Kumar tells DGP plainants," the CM said, maintaining that the law and PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

 $B^{\rm ihar\ Chief\ Minister\ Nitish}_{\rm Kumar\ on\ Monday\ direct}$ ed DGP Alok Raj to complete the process for the recruitment of 78,000 police personnel ahead of the assembly elections in the state due next

Speaking at a function where appointment letters were handed to 1,239 newly recruited sub-inspectors, Kumar said his government was planning to double the sanctioned strength of the police force to 2.29 lakh. While addressing the gather-

ing, he turned towards the DĞP with folded hands and said, "I am telling you, complete the process for the recruitment of 78,000 police personnel in the next six months. There is an assembly election in the state next year... Therefore, recruitment should be completed in six

months." The current strength of the Bihar Police is 1.10 lakh. We have to increase it and make it 2.29 lakh. The recruitment



sonnel is going Formalities have also been completed for the recruitment of another 20,000 police personnel. The remaining 78,000 personnel should be recruited in the coming six months," he added. Kumar said it has to be

ensured that 35 per cent of women are recruited into the force. Stating that the

number of women in the police force has increased to about 30,000, he claimed that no other state has so many women personnel. 'Appointment of woman

police officers is making

things easier for women com-

important role in making the state developed. "Bihar Police should contin-

ue to discharge its responsibilities in a better way. I once again congratulate all the newly appointed sub-inspectors of police and wish them all the best for the future and hope that they will perform their responsibilities well," he www.dailypioneer.com

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Dastardly strike

As terrorists kill seven people in Central Kashmir, concerns grow over the effectiveness of security measures

disturbing pattern of targeted violence has resurfaced in Jammu and Kashmir, with seven killed in a cowardly terrorist attack. The people killed were part of the con-Seven Killed in a cowaruly terrorist attack. The people struction team working on the Z-Morh tunnel, which connects Gagangir to Sonamarg in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district. Yet another bomb blast occurred in the capital though no one was injured, which raises concerns about potential coordination between terrorist groups and the spread of violence beyond the Valley. While there is no direct evidence linking the incidents, the possibility of a broader security threat cannot be ignored. This latest attack is part of a troubling trend of escalating violence against migrant workers in the region, marking the fifth such incident this year. The recent killings underscore a persistent threat to life in Kashmir. This latest tragedy follows a series of deadly incidents in the Valley. The recent wave of terrorist attacks exposes critical vulnerability of security apparatus. While authorities, including J and K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah



and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, have condemned these acts and pledged to bring the perpetrators to justice, the recurrent nature of these attacks reveals deeper challenges in counter-terrorism measures and security protocols. The targeted nature of these attacks suggests a deliberate strategy to instill fear among migrant workers and disrupt ongoing development projects. By targeting migrant labourers involved in infrastructure work, terrorists aim to deter economic activities that could stabilise the region. These incidents not only hamper development but also erode the confidence of workers who play a crucial role in key infrastructure projects. Moreover, the attacks signify a broader

attempt to undermine the relative peace that has been maintained in recent years. Despite heightened security measures and the presence of the military in sensitive areas, the perpetrators have managed to carry out attacks on civilians, highlighting significant intelligence gaps and the ability of militants to exploit weaknesses in the security grid to target rather easy groups. A comprehensive review of security measures in Jammu and Kashmir is urgently needed. While military action remains essential, it needs to be complemented by robust intelligence gathering, better coordination between different security agencies and community-based approaches to countering extremist elements. The current situation also points to the need for upgrading the security apparatus around camps housing migrant workers and ensuring that projects with a high number of migrant labourers receive adequate protection. Another pressing issue is the socio-political narrative surrounding such incidents. There is a need for a unified political strategy that addresses not only the immediate security concerns but also the long-term socio-economic challenges that contribute to unrest. Investing in local economic opportunities, countering extremist ideologies through educational initiatives and strengthening intelligence network can make a lot of difference.



A potter arranges freshly-made 'diyas' (earthen lamps) ahead of the Diwali festival, in Hyderabad

Global Hunger Index: Misleading metrics

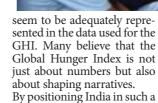


The accuracy and intent behind GHI rankings are suspect. Does the GHI truly reflect India's reality, or is it a motivated attempt to malign India's image?

he recent Global Hunger Index (GHI) report, which places India at a dismal 105th position out of 127 countries, has raised eyebrows and sparked considerable debate. While hunger and malnutrition remain pressing global issues, the methodology and conclusions of the GHI, co-authored by two non-governmental organisations-Irish-based Concern Worldwide and German Welthungerhilfe—have drawn criticism, particularly from the Indian government and sections of society.

There is a growing concern that such reports may not just reflect statistics but also carry political and geopolitical undertones aimed at tarnishing India's image on the world stage. The GHI is based on four key indicators: the prevalence of undernourishment, child wasting, child stunting, and child mortality. The scores from these factors are compiled to place countries on a scale from zero (no hunger) to 100 (extreme hunger), with countries scoring closer to zero seen as having little or no hunger issues. India's score of 27.3 puts it in the "serious" hunger category, alongside 42 other countries. Critics of the GHI have raised several concerns about the methodology used in calculating India's score

Firstly, the reliance on child mortality and child stunting indicators as primary components of the hunger index is problematic. India is a country with a large population, and while child malnutrition is a valid concern, this issue is not unique to India but rather shared by other developing countries. By focusing heavily on this aspect, the report seems to disproportionately penalise India. Additionally, the GHI report uses outdated data from global sources such as the World Health Organisation and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). India, like many countries, has been undergoing significant improvements in food security through government initiatives such as the National Food Security Act, the Midday Meal Scheme, and public distribution system reforms. However, these efforts do not es the question of whether the



negative light, the report seems to overshadow the country's genuine achievements. India's economy is among the fastestgrowing in the world, and its agricultural output has been consistently high. The country's food production is more than sufficient to meet the needs of its population. India has become a net exporter of food grains and has successfully launched programs to improve access to food for its vast population. Given this backdrop, how can India be ranked lower than countries facing severe internal strife, economic collapse and war, such as Afghanistan or even smaller nations like Bangladesh and Nepal?

It's essential to question the intentions behind these rankings. Are they an honest reflection of hunger, or do they serve other interests? Reports like the Global Hunger Index can have far-reaching consequences, not just for the countries they assess but also for global perceptions.
The fact that the organisations

behind the GHI-Concern woriawiae Welthungerhilfe (German) hail from Western countries has not gone unnoticed. It rais-



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index is truly impartial or if it subtly reflects geopolitical biases. India has made significant strides in addressing hunger and malnutrition, but it seems that these efforts are often ignored or underplayed by such indices. For instance, the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, which provided free food grains to over 80 crore people during the COVID-19 pandemic, is one of the world's largest food security initiatives. The fact that India could provide this level of support during a global crisis contradicts the narrative of widespread hunger and undernourishment. To deny that hunger exists in India would be dishonest, but the situation is far more complex than a single ranking can capture. Hunger is not a static issue; it is deeply intertwined with poverty, access to education, healthcare, and infrastructure.

The Indian government has been tackling these root causes of hunger through a multipronged approach that includes social welfare schemes, employment generation programmes like MGN-REGA, and nutrition programs targeted at women and

Programmes such as the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) aim to provide supplementary nutrition to millions of pregnant and lactating women, along with children under six years of age.

Meanwhile, the Midday Meal Scheme, which serves nutritious meals to school children, has had a significant impact on reducing malnutrition. Despite these efforts, it is

undeniable that India still faces challenges. The legacy of poverty, the vast size and population of the country, and regional disparities make it difficult to eliminate hunger overnight. The concerns raised by the Indian government about the Global Hunger Index are not without merit. The index, while claiming to provide an objective measure of hunger, fails to capture the ground realities of individual nations. India, being the second-most populous country in the world, is bound to face issues that smaller nations with more homogeneous populations do not.

By painting India as a country where hunger is rampant, the GHI risks creating a false narrative that undermines the substantial progress made by the country. It also risks discouraging the efforts of those working tirelessly on the ground to ensure that no one goes to bed hungry.

What is needed is not biased rankings or politically motivated reports but genuine collaboration between nations to tackle the global hunger crisis. As we reflect on the GHI, one thing is clear: statistics alone do not tell the whole story.

(The writer is an associate professor; views are personal)

moisture evaporates, which exacerbates

extreme rainfall and flooding causes more destructive storms. Climate change also

changes water availability, making it

scarcer in more regions.
According to the Climate Change Act

2017, local bodies must consider climate

change when preparing their municipal health and wellbeing plan. Local bodies

must raise awareness about climate

change and how to adopt and mitigate its

effects. They must encourage electric

vehicles within city limits. Establishing

minimum energy for housing infra-

structure and renewable energy by cre-

ating ordinances and bylaws to help the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The quiet struggles and shifting realities of ageing



Having left the traditional joint family behind, we now face loneliness and the stark realities of ageing in a world that moves rather fast

ecently, I sat sipping my cup of tea in quiet Contemplation as life moved around me. Unbidden, a strange thought struck me. In my younger days, I often felt that the old were more rigid in their approach. I am in my mid-sixties. I still judge those older than me. In the olden days, at my age, I would have been expected to move out of the household to spend time in quiet meditation.

Not any longer. We continue to enjoy the worldly pleasures of life, with the added baggage of rigidity in attitude. We are more selfcentred. There are many like me in the age group that we call seniors. I did not have to look far to seek reasons for these changes. I was in the hospital a few months back attending to the admission and discharge formalities for my father. I was told it was essential for an attendant to be present to sign various documents at different stages of the hospitalisation. I do not know if these are mandated rules or if hospi-



medico-legal requirements. These have serious implications for many ailing single seniors with children in distant lands.

We do not contemplate a life of dependence on others when we are young. Having led a life on our terms for decades, it is difficult to adjust to a life with rules not set by us. We belong to the generation that has moved out of the age-old joint family milieu to set up unit families. The interaction with even the immediate family is limited

to meeting at festivals. One gets to meet the extended family only during family weddings, busy as they are in the daily grind of their units. It is not surprising that we now find ourselves at a crossroads. The young have their own tals do this to comply with lives and cannot be expect-friend expounded, the

back I met a younger acquaintance over coffee. The seniors within his community encouraged young professionals to join the governing body of the community welfare association extending unconditional support. As things settled, the young lot no longer needed to consult the old for each decision. The seniors felt rebuffed, and relationships soured. I recently flew with a medical professional who established a thriving chain of pathology clinics. Approaching 60, he has clinics. sold his business. He is now working towards establishing old age homes

for the seniors. I was apprehensive because of the stigma attached to these facilities. The old feel a sense of abandonment; the young feel guilty. To face these challenges, he is starting daycare centres for seniors, to spend a few hours engaged in activities of their choice, with adequate medical facilities available. As my medical

ed to be available for each ache and pain. A few years is loneliness resulting in inadequate communication, which in time may lead to dementia.

I would have attributed obsession with self to insecurities over the advancing age, had I not witnessed the same even in the young. A feeling of inadequacy can strike anyone irrespective of

We are yet to evolve into a society that respects and cares for all. It is the responsibility of each member of the community to help others feel loved and cherished.

American author and motivational speaker, Felice Buscaglia, known as 'Dr Love', said, "It is not enough to have lived. We should be determined to live for something. May I suggest that it be creating joy for others, sharing what we have for the betterment of personkind, bringing hope to the lost and love to the lonely."

(The author is an electrical engineer with the Indian Railways and conducts classes in creative writing; views are personal)

OMAR ADVOCATES STATEHOOD

Madam —Apropos of 'We will not give Kashmir' (October 20), the demand of the newly elected government of J and K under Omar Abdullah for full statehood is not at divergence with the vow of the Modi government on the floor of the Parliament for granting the statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. The only difference is the time factor looking at the highly volatile and inflammable borders infested with Pakistan-sponsored terrorists and Pakistan's propaganda against India on all international platforms.

Omar Abdullah government should not vie to show down with the Centre under the political pressure of those who lost elections and whom people rejected in Assembly elections. The National Conference, while keeping Congress at bay, has a better opportunity of coordination with the Modi government for betterment and all-round growth of the State as Congress has turned itself into a sworn enemy of PM Modi and is prone to confrontation with him. People have elected the National Conference for development, education, health, industry and job creation, not for confrontation with the Centre. Terrorism is the biggest threat to the State for destabilising it, and it comes from across the border. Since the Indian army and paramilitary forces are well equipped to combat terrorism and neutralise the terrorists, the State government should restrict itself to the state administration.

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INDIA'S HUNGER CHALLENGE

Madam — The 2024 Global Hunger Index report, in which India ranks 105 among 127 countries, must not be ignored. The nutrition indicators for children under 5 years show that 1 out of 3 children (35.5 per cent) is a victim of stunting. Now, how can a country compete with others when the growth of more than one third of its future workforce has been stunted for not getting enough food to eat? A study says that overseas and certainly for New Zealand,

Mitigate climate Change a large extent. As temperature rises, more



limate change refers to a long-term shift in temperature and weather conditions. These shifts may be natural but since the 1800s, human activities have been the main driver of climate change. Burning coal, oil and gas to generate electricity and heat or to make goods like cement, steel and electronics produces carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases that pollute the air to

many gig workers in India have to work for 10 to 14 hours daily for their employers to earn less than Rs 10,000 per month. While overwork damages their health, the poor wage makes their children and family members compromise on food

This is nothing but exploitation. The Centre should allocate more funds for introducing breakfast in addition to the midday meal for all government and aided schools from the nursery level. It is highly commendable that some states and union territories provide additional items such as milk, eggs, and fruits to students from their own resources. But why should not the centre itself allocate the funds for the same for giving those nutritious food items to students all over the country? Otherwise, students of all the states in India will not get those additional, nutritious food items.

Madam — It's double the joy of winning

KIWIS STUN INDIA

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series at Bengaluru. When Indians were dismissed for a paltry 46 in the first inning, the hope of skipper Rohit Shama was diminished, but the ray of hope was enlightened by the scintillating 150 by young Sarfaraz Khan along with the swashbuckling knock of 99 from Rishab Pant in the second inning. Though the Indian scored 462, the later

order failed to capitalise on their complacent batting. A target of 107 for the Kiwis to chase became a customary one and Rachin Ravindra's high-powered 134 in the first and an unbeaten 39 in the second innings brought the Kiwis a comfortable win at the end. The gesture from Ravindra's father came by way of his thanksgiving to CSK Academy, where Ravindra took his week-long practice just before this series is worth observing for this young gun's success.

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THE FEAR OF LOSS AND THE **QUEST FOR INNER PEACE**

Accepting life's impermanence may be the key to transcending fear



RAVI VALLURI

umans are intrinsically fearful of loss. Misplacement can assume several dimensions. Say mislaying of property, wealth, recognition, position, power, pelf, health and most importantly, life. John's (name changed) steely voice suddenly trembled and quivered as he answered the pretentious cell phone. Rachel (name changed), his daughter had met with a grievous car crash and was wheeled into the ICU of an estimable hospital, Death is the action or fact of dying or being killed, the end of life of a person or an organism.

Several years ago, a Japanese warrior was captured by his adversaries and was confined to a dungeon. That fateful night he tossed and turned restlessly and was unable to sleep, fearing the following day when he would be interrogated, tortured and eventually executed. He was staring death in its face. Then suddenly he remembered the priceless words of his Zen Master. "Tomorrow is not real. It is an illusion. The only reality is now." Heeding these esoteric words, the warrior overcame the exacting condition he was encountering and soon his mind became tranquil and he fell asleep. Suffering and fear arise in our minds when humans confront ailment or impending death. No one wishes to pass from being to non-being.

The credo of the human mind is the desire to remain eternally immortal. Millions of cells in the human body perish and are regenerated. But we are not mindful or wakeful of this reality. Do humans compose dirges or elegies like Catullus or Propertius for the dead cells? Or do we carouse and indulge in delirium on the birth of new cells and recite 'Happy Birthday'



songs? "No one wants to die. Even the people who want to go to heaven do not want to die to get there! And vet death is the destination we all share. No one has ever escaped it." Be it Rachel or the Japanese warrior no one has ever attained perpetuity or everlastingness; however bare-knuckled a person may be, he remains a glass jaw to the

Yet youngsters today cannonaded by gizmos and technology become weary and bored of life at the young ages of twenty, thirty and hotfoot to snuff out their lives. Life is indeed holy and hallowed, too valuable and will remain a mystery that should not be recklessly given up. Yet there is no covenant or magic potion which guarantees deathlessness. Identifying and unravelling this mystery has confronted the minds of spiritualists, religious congregations and those of scientists and technocrats alike. A Zen Master was unwell and desired to cast away his body. His pupils implored him that he ought to live longer and disseminate the profound knowledge. It so happened that one disciple remarked, "Whether it is life or death, let it be." The Master was ecstatic with the response and passed away. "Let it be" is much more than a mere aphorism, it is a state of mind.

Our shastras impress that the human mind is influenced by place, time, food, past impressions and associations and the actions of individuals. The footprints bear both efficacious and antipathetic impacts on the human mind. Humans are enslaved by the above-mentioned factors and habits and, as a result, involuntarily superintendents our perceptions, attitudes and behaviour.

And over a period if we are not aware of these negative emotions they compound into anxiety, anger, aggression, covetousness, low self-esteem, and fear. Knowledge about the impermanence of life and variegated dimensions can be gained only through regular practice of pranavama, Sudarshan Kriya, meditation, or mindful observation of breath. This is the secret and the only truth.

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Unlocking the full potential of GatiShakti



The PM GatiShakti initiative is revolutionising India's infrastructure by integrating digital planning tools to expedite project completion and improve multimodal connectivity

ccording to the Secretary of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Amardeep Singh Bhatia, as many as 208 big-ticket infrastructure projects including roads (101), railways (73), urban development (12) and oil and gas (4) worth Rs 1539,000 crore have been recommended for approval under the PM GatiShakti initiative so far. These projects have been recommended by an inter-ministerial group known as the Network Planning Group (NPG) constituted under the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP). Launched in October 2021, the PM Gati Shakti NMP is a transformative Rs 100 lakh crore initiative aimed at revolutionising the infrastructure in India over the next five years.

Its vision is to create a world-class integrated infrastructure that improves the ease of living, boosts economic growth and makes Indian businesses more competitive. It does so by expediting project completion, reducing timelines, enhancing multimodal connectivity, boosting efficiency across sectors, benefiting logistics (a jargon for handling, storage and transportation) creating jobs and fostering innovation. How does it work? The PM GatiShakti NMP has been developed as a Digital Master Planning tool. It works on a dynamic Geographic Information System (GIS) platform wherein data on specific action plans of all the 16 Ministries/Departments dealing with infrastructure sectors as well as of the States have been incorporated within a comprehensive database.

The NMP portal has over 1,600 layers of geospatial data, showing all physical and social infrastructure of an area viz land, ports, forests, and highways and so on. The NMP revolves around seven primary sectors that are fundamental to economic growth and ensuring seamless connectivity. These sectors are roads, railways, ports, airports, mass transport, waterways and logistics infrastructure.

These are further supported and complemented by sectors like energy (all fuels such as petrol, diesel, ATF, natural gas and power etc) transmission, IT communication, bulk water and sev erage, and social infrastructure. The inter-ministerial NPG has representations from the connectivity infrastructure ministries/departments, involving their heads of network planning division to ensure unified planning and integration of the proposals.

The NPG meets every fortnight and appraises infra projects to ensure multi-modality (a term used to connote several different modes of transportation to get cargo from the factory/port/warehouse to a client's front door), synchronisation of efforts, and comprehensive development in and around the project location. All logistics and connectivity infrastructure projects worth over Rs 500 crore are routed through the NPG. The NPG's approval is required even before making a DPR (Detailed Project Report) at the planning stage. Thereafter, the project follows the normal procedure of approval by the Public Investment Board (PIB) or Department of



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FERTILIZERS AND FOOD GRAINS, HAVE BEEN **IDENTIFIED FOR** INTERVENTION UNDER THE PM **GATI SHAKTI** INITIATIVE of Finance (MoF) and the Cabinet.

Put simply, NMP provides on a centralised portal, a 360-degree view of all the existing projects/initiatives, those under implementation as well as projects under planning stage across all ministries and departments and offers visibility into all critical data relevant to efficient planning and execution. It helps in the identification of critical gaps in infrastructure, helping to select the most efficient routes for transportation, reducing costs, and minimising delays.
As many as 156 gaps in infra-

structure to ports and for movement of bulk commodities like coal, cement, fertilisers and food grains, have been identified for intervention under the PM GatiShakti initiative.

The plan also helps in prioritising projects more effectively by leveraging cross-sector interactions, ensuring that the ministries work in harmony to align the projects and allocate resources optimally - based on national priorities – avoiding duplication and redundancies. The upfront approval by the NPG even before the ministry prepares the DPR can help it in making the RIGHT choices, prevent delays and avoid colossal wastage of resources that were germane to the earlier dispensations when the ministries and departments were working in silos - in an uncoordinated manner - unaware of the happenings and work in progress in other departments and bereft of the crucial data on KEY parameters. The PM GatiShakti is a robust system working on real realtime basis in a dynamic framework to guide project planning and execution (monitoring through satellite imagery ensures that the ministries can track progress and make necessary

adjustments to keep projects on schedule).

The phenomenal increase in the capacity in all crucial areas such as ports, airports, railways, highways, roads and so on is a testament to the success of efforts made under PM GatiShakti. But, we have a long way to go

The target of Rs 100 lakh crore investment for building the infrastructure over five years was set by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her maiden Budget for 2019-20 (out of this, 39 per cent or Rs 3900,000 crore was to come from the Centre and an equal amount from States and the balance Rs 2200,000 crore from the private sector).

Against this, the investment covered under PM GatiShakti is Rs 1539,000 crore which is just about 15 percent. Even when we take this as a proportion of the investment commitment by the Centre (presumably all projects under PM GatiShakti are centrally sponsored), this works out to 40 per cent. As for the States, they are far behind in meeting their overall investment target of Rs 3900,000 crore.

And, very few of them such as Uttar Pradesh, and Gujarat have boarded the PM GatiShakti plat-

The platform by ensuring visibility, identification of bottlenecks and better coordination can help expedite approvals but it can't be a substitute. The approvals have to be given by the concerned authorities at the central and State levels. Here, projects face long delays especially when it comes to getting environmental and land clearances.

Local protests exacerbate the delays. 'Working in silos' syndrome doesn't go away just because Modi has given a platform to the bureaucrats in various Ministries to sit together and thrash out issues.

Sticking to their stance, especial-

ly when it comes to staking their claim to resources (such conflicts are seen more in major projects like roads and railways) often leads to delays. Further, a lack of coordination with the states, as seen in the Sagarmala and Bharatmala projects, has led to slower progress.

Outdated or incomplete data is a major bottleneck. For instance, while land records are digitised in 13 states, the rest lag. This hampers the implementa-

tion of projects in states where land records are not digitised as well as roads/highways projects, power transmission lines, and oil and gas pipelines passing through these states.

Even as the PM GatiShakti platform allows for real-time tracking, the authorities don't always make project updates regular, which delays completion. This is particularly true of rural road projects in many districts leading to slow progress.

The investment by the private sector is nowhere near the target of Rs 2200,000 crore set b Sitharaman. In the roads/highways sector, even as the government has asked private players to come under public-private partnerships (PPPs) mode, the latter's response isn't encouraging leaving it to the former to take on the load.

The bottlenecks lead to continuing project delays and cost overruns which cause high tariff/service charges across all sectors highways, railways, ports, airports, power transmission, fuel transportation etc.

These come in the way of making Indian businesses more competitive and ease of living for the common man. All Stakeholders particularly the States should work to surmount the bottlenecks to enable PM GatiShakti to deliver its full potential.

(The writer is a policy analyst; views are personal)

How India's workforce can benefit from the world's growing demand

Tapping into this opportunity requires a systematic approach to connect Indian talent with international employers

ndia's labour force is one of its greatest assets, with mil-Lions of skilled workers spread across various industries, including healthcare, construction, information technology and engineering. However, despite this abundance of talent, many of these workers struggle to find suitable employment within the country. The global labour market, on the other hand, is increasingly facing shortages in these same sectors. Bridging this gap has been a significant

challenge Global Skill Shortage and Demand for Indian Talent over the past decade, countries across Europe, the Middle East, and parts of Asia have been facing critical shortages in skilled labour.

Factors like ageing popula-



tions, changing work preferences, and evolving technological needs have driven these regions to seek out talent from countries like India. Healthcare, construction, IT, and logistics are some of the industries experiencing the most pressing shortages.

We need to recognise this demand early on and respond by connecting skilled Indian professionals with global

employers. This will help in aligning the employers in countries such as

with international standards and job requirements, offering thousands secure employment

skill sets of Indian workers

A Systematic Approach to Global Mobilisation. The workforce mobilization model should ensure that the process is smooth and transparent for both the workers and the employers. The organisation focuses on several key stages: **Talent and Skill Gaps:** We should conduct thorough assessments of candidates, ensuring they meet international job requirements. By collaborating with top training institutes, they also provide upskilling opportunities to candidates who need it. Job Matching: With estab-

lished relationships with

Germany, Canada, and the UAE, organisations can ensure that candidates are placed in roles that match their qualifications and aspirations.

Navigating Complexities: Overseas job placement is fraught with regulatory hurdles, but offering complete support with visas, documentation, and legal compliance, ensures candidates can focus on building their careers without administrative delays.

Supporting Worker Welfare: The organisation provides post-placement assistance, offering support with reloca-tion and helping candidates adjust to new cultural environ-

This ensures long-term success for workers abroad. Shaping the Industry's Future Beyond individual place-



ments, the organisation's work is in shaping the broader landscape of international labour migration. There has to be a system for fair recruitment practices and the protection of workers' rights. This is critical in an industry that is often plagued by stories of worker exploitation and unethical recruitment agencies.

A transparent process ensures that workers are fully

abroad. This approach not only safeguards the interests of Indian workers but also builds trust with global employers. The global demand for skilled labour is at an all-time high, and India has the talent to meet this need. Many organisations have pitched in to fill this gap. 'Magic Billion' creates dignified, well-paying employ-ment opportunities for Indian workers overseas. Since starting in 2018, it has facilitated over 4,000 Indian workers being placed in global roles. It is just not helping individuals find jobs; we're building sustainable careers that elevate both the worker and their families.

Women Empowerment: A particularly noteworthy aspect informed of the terms of their of such an organisation's work

contracts before they travel is its focus on women and young professionals. The global job market offers unique opportunities for these groups, particularly in industries like healthcare and hospitality. Targeted programs need to aim at empowering women to enter these fields and secure high-paying jobs abroad. This is especially significant in a country like India, where

barriers to women's employ-ment are still prevalent in many sectors. The organisation's efforts to provide training and certification for nursing professionals, for example, have opened up opportunities for hundreds of women to work in countries where there is a growing demand for healthcare workers. This not only benefits the individual but also creates ripple effects

for their families and communities.

Economic Benefits: India's skilled labour force is not only contributing to the economies of the countries where they work but also bringing significant benefits to India itself. Remittances sent home by overseas workers are a major source of foreign exchange and play a crucial role in the economic development. By placing workers in global jobs, we can help alleviate some of the domestic unemployment pressures. This is especially important for sectors like construction where there is a surplus of skilled labour in India. (The writer is CEO & Co-

Founder of Magic Billion; views are personal)

Lebanon assesses damage after wave of Israeli strikes on Hezbollah-run financial institution

ebanese were surveying the damage on Monday ⊿after overnight Israeli strikes hit nearly a dozen branches of a Hezbollah-run financial institution that Israel says is used to fund attacks but where many ordinary people keep their savings.

The strikes targeted Al-Qard Al-Hassan branches in the southern neighbourhoods of Beirut, across southern Lebanon and in the Bekaa, where Hezbollah has a strong

One strike flattened a ninestory building with a branch inside it. Smoke was still rising from several locations on Monday and bulldozers were removing the debris.

The Israeli military had issued evacuation warnings ahead of the strikes, and there were no He said Hezbollah stores hunreports of casualties.

Israel invaded Lebanon earlier this month, saying it aims to push Hezbollah back from the border after more than a year of rocket, missile and drone attacks that began after Palestinian Hamas militants launched their surprise October 7, 2023, attack into Israel from the Gaza Strip. Israeli airstrikes have pounded large areas of Lebanon for weeks, forcing over a million people to flee their homes. Avichay Adraee, the Arabic language spokesman for the

Israeli military, said warplanes targeted several locations "used to store money for the military arm of Hezbollah", including Al-Qard Al-Hassan, which he said finances arms purchases and is used to pay Hezbollah

dreds of millions of dollars in the branches, without providing evidence, and that the strikes were aimed at preventing the group from rearming. In a series of tweets late Sunday, the Israeli military released maps noting the locations of the branches it planned to target, asking residents nearby to

fled, jamming streets in the capital. Local Lebanese TV networks sought to reassure the public that areas in central Beirut were not listed as targets after a map issued by the Israeli military indicated it would target an upscale mall that was incorrectly labelled as the location of a branch. The Israeli military did not target the site. The institution, which has more than 30 branches across Lebanon, tried to reassure cus-

evacuate. Thousands of people

tomers, saying it had evacuated all its branches and relocated gold and other deposits to safe areas. The registered nonprofit, sanctioned by the United States and Saudi Arabia, has long served as an alternative to Lebanon's banks, which have imposed restrictions in the face of a severe financial crisis

that began in 2019.

Its name in Arabic means "the benevolent loan", and Hezbollah has used it to entrench its support among the Shiite population in a country where state and financial institutions have failed in recent years. Still, many of its customers are civilians unaffiliated with Hezbollah.

The strikes came after US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin called civilian casualties in Lebanon "far too high" in the Israel-Hezbollah war, and

urged Israel to scale back some strikes, especially in and around Beirut.

In a separate development, the Israeli military apologised for a strike on Sunday in southern Lebanon that killed three Lebanese army soldiers. It said it targeted a vehicle in an area that Hezbollah had recently used for attacks without realising it belonged to the Lebanese

The military said it is "not operating against the Lebanese Army and apologises for these unwanted circumstances".

Lebanon's army is a respected institution within the country, but it is not powerful enough to impose its will on Hezbollah or defend Lebanon from Israel's invasion. The army has largely kept to the sidelines as Israel and Hezbollah have traded blows over the past year.



Rescue workers use a bulldozer to remove rubble of destroyed buildings at the site of an Israeli airstrike on Sunday nigh that hit several branches of the Hezbollah-run Qard al-Hassan Association in Beirut's southern suburb. Lebanon, on

BRICS remains a positive, stable force: China

head of the BRICS summit Ain Russia, China on Monday said the bloc representing emerging economies has remained a positive and stable force committed to upholding multilateralism. The summit of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS), which now has expanded with five additional members Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE, will be held in the Russian city of Kazan from October 22 to 24

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chinese President Xi Jinping along with other leaders are due to attend it.

"Let me reaffirm that this year marks the beginning of greater BRICS cooperation," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lin Jian told a media briefing here, elaborating on China's view of the

This summit is the first one after the expansion of BRICS, which draws widespread attention from the international community, he

"Since its founding, BRICS has followed the spirit of openness, inclusiveness and win-win cooperation, remained true to its founding purpose of seeking strength through solidarity, stayed committed to upholding multilateralism and become a positive and stable force for good in international affairs," he said. During this summit, President Xi Jinping will have in-depth exchanges of views with other leaders on the international landscape, the BRICS practical cooperation, the development of the BRICS mechanism and important issues of mutual interest, he

"China stands ready to work with other parties to strive for the steady and sustained development of greater BRICS cooperation, open a new era for the Global South to seek strength through solidarity and jointly promote world peace and devel-

Ministry on Monday parried questions on a possible meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the BRICS summit in Russia this

"We will keep you posted if anything comes up," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lin Jian said while replying to a question at a media briefing here.

Both Modi and Xi are attending

the BRICS Summit in Kazan, Russia, which begins Tuesday. The ties between India and China nosedived following the fierce clash in the Galwan Valley in June 2020 that marked the most serious military conflict between the two sides in decades China last Friday announced that Xi will attend the BRICS Summit in Russia, where he will work with other parties to open a new era for the Global South to seek strength through solidarity. BRICS originally consisted of

Brazil, Russia, India, China and

South Africa. Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates have been admitted as new members.

The theme of this year's Summit is Strengthening Multilateralism for Just Global Development and Security.

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Pak limits Chief Justice's term to 3 years

Following an overnight $oldsymbol{\Gamma}$ debate, Pakistan's National Assembly passed the controversial judicial amendment bill early on Monday, capping the chief justice's tenure to three years. The National Assembly passed the 26th Constitution Amendment Bill, which the opposition alleges is aimed at watering down the powers of the independent judiciary, at 5 am with 225 members in the 336-member house supporting

The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) and the Sunni-Ittehad Council (SIC) opposed the amendment, but six independent members who held their seats with the support of the PTI supported the bill.

The government needed 224 votes to pass the amendment. The Senate on Sunday night voted 65-4 to approve the amendment with the required two-thirds majority. The ruling coalition needed the support of 64 members in the upper house of the parliament.

Following its passage in both Houses of Parliament, the

Constitution (Twenty-Sixth Amendment) Act, 2024 will now be sent to the president for assent under Article 75 of Pakistan's Constitution and become law after his signatures. The bill, comprising a set of constitutional amendments, including a special commission to appoint a chief justice out of three senior-most judges of the Supreme Court, was approved by the cabinet on Sunday with a consensus among the ruling coalition partners.

Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar who presented the bill in the Senate said the 'new-face' commission would consist of the Chief Justice, four seniormost Supreme Court judges, two senators and two national assembly members — one of each from the opposition.

He said the changes would help expedite the dispensation of justice by the apex court. The amendment blocked the

automatic rise of the seniormost Supreme Court judge to the post of chief justice after the incumbent CIP retired. Speaker Ayaz Sadiq presided over the proceedings in the National Assembly According to a statement from

the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has signed the advice for President Asif Ali Zardari to ratify the 26th constitutional amendment.

Following the bill's passage, Shehbaz said in the parlia-ment: "Today's amendment, the 26th, is not just an amendment, but an example of national solidarity and consensus. A new sun will rise, emanating across the nation."

The opposition alleged the entire exercise was aimed at blocking Justice Mansoor Ali Shah's appointment from becoming the chief justice on the retirement of current CJP Qazi Faez Isa on October 25. PTI leader Hammad Azhar termed the amendment "a death blow to the indepen-dence of the judiciary", and explained how giving the power to appoint judges to the apex court and high courts to the government would politicise the judiciary.

Another PTI leader Salman Akram Raja called the moment the "bleakest in our parliahandover of the control of the judiciary to the executive. PTI leader Ali Zafar, the first to speak in the Senate on the bill, said his party's lawmakers were

He said his party senators were absent as they feared abduc-"It is against the law and morality that coercion is being applied to get the amendment approved," Zafar said, urging

being forced to vote in favour.

the Senate chairman not to count the vote of any PTI sen-Zafar came to the house to give his party's position despite his party saying in a statement that

its political committee decided to boycott the voting process in both houses of Parliament. Pakistan People's Party chief Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, who made elaborate efforts for the passage, said the government would move forward with the amendment whether the PTI

"We have waited for as long as we could, and today, under any circumstance, this work will be completed," Bilawal told the

voted in favour or not.

Seoul wants N Korean troops to leave Russia

South Korea on Monday demanded the immediate pullout of North Korean troops allegedly deployed in Russia as it summoned the Russian ambassador to protest deepening military cooperation between Pyongyang and Moscow

South Korea's spy agency said Friday it had confirmed that North Korea sent 1,500 special operation forces to Russia earlier this month to support Moscow's war against Ukraine. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy earlier said his government had intelligence that 10,000 North Korea soldiers were being prepared to join invading Russian forces.

During a meeting with Russian Ambassador Georgy Zinoviev, Vice South Korean Foreign Minister Kim Hong Kyun "condemned in the strongest terms' North Korea's troop dispatch that he said poses "a grave secuthe South Korean Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Kim said that South Korea in collaboration with the international community will mobilise all available means to deal with an act that threatens its vital national security interests. Zinoviev replied he would relay South Korea's position to his home government, according to the South Korean statement.

The Russian Embassy quote Zinoviev as saying that the Russian-North Korean cooperation is conducted in accordance with international laws and is not aimed against the security interests of South Korea.

The US and NATO haven't confirmed that North Korean troops were sent to Russia. But the reports of their presence have already stoked concerns in South Korea that Russia might provide North Korea with sophisticated technologies that can sharply enhance its nuclear and missile

rity threat" to South Korea and programs in return for the

North Korea's advancing nuclear arsenal is a major security threat to South Korea, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un recently took steps to permanently terminate all relations with South Korea and threatened to use nuclear weapons preemptively Some observers say South Korea will likely consider supplying weapons to Ukraine if Russian transfers of high-tech nuclear and missile technologies to North Korea are verified

South Korea has joined US-led sanctions against Moscow over its invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. But it hasn't directly provided arms to Kyiv, citing a longstanding policy of not supplying weapons to countries actively engaged in con-

Russia has earlier denied using North Korean troops in its war with Ukraine. North Korea's state media hasn't commented on the matter.

Temple being reconstructed after 64 years in Pak's Punjab

re-construct a Hindu temple in the Punjab province of Pakistan marking the first phase of restoration 64 years after it was rendered dysfunctional, a media report said on Monday.

The Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB), the federal body overseeing minority worship places in Pakistan, has started the construction of the Baoli Sahib temple in Zafarwal town of Narowal, a city on the western bank of river Ravi in Punjab, after the place of worship was rendered dysfunctional in 1960,

Dawn News reported. Currently, there is no Hindu temple in Narowal district, forcing the Hindu community to perform their religious rituals at home or travel to temples in

Sialkot and Lahore. Ratan Lal Arya, former president of the Pak Dharamsthan Committee, said the ETPB's control over the Baoli Sahib temple rendered it non-functional

and the Hindu community, A budget of Pakistani Rs 10 which numbers over 1,453 in

place for worship. After the establishment of Pakistan, the Narowal district had 45 Hindu temples but all of them have over time fallen into disrepair.

For the past 20 years, the Pak Dharamsthan Committee has advocated for the restoration of Baoli Sahib temple, Arya said. The government has taken steps to restore the temple to address Hindu community demands,

he said. The ETPB is overseeing the construction at the four kanals of land where the boundary wall is the priority. Once completed, the temple will be handed over to the Pak Dharamsthan

Committee. Shoaib Siddal, chairman of the One Man Commission of the Supreme Court, and Manzoor Masih, member of the National Commission of Human Rights, have played pivotal roles in this restoration effort.

President Muizzu introduces UPI payment service to boost economy

Mohamed Muizzu has taken "necessary steps" to introduce India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in the archipelago nation, slated to benefit the Maldivian economy substantially.

Developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), UPI is an instant realtime payment system for facilitating inter-bank transactions through mobile phones. Muizzu on Sunday set up a consortium to introduce UPI in

the country and appointed Maldives TradeNet Corporation Limited as its leading agency, according to a press release by the President's Office. The president also suggested the participation of the country's banks, telecom companies, state-owned companies and fintech companies in the consortium.

He "decided to take the necessary steps" on the recommen-

new vice president, 37-year-old

"This move is expected to bring significant benefits to the Maldivian economy, including increased financial inclusion, improved efficiency in financial transactions, and enhanced digital infrastructure," it said.

Muizzu also constituted an inter-agency coordination team comprising the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Homeland Security and Technology and the country's Monetary Authority to lead the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade in overseeing the establishment of the UPI in the Maldives.

The agreement to introduce UPI in Maldives was signed during External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's threeday official visit to the country in August.

Earlier this month, dollarstarved Maldives floated a new foreign currency regulation,

and imposing mandatory foreign currency exchange con-

> The Maldivian economy appears to have taken a hit after calls to Indian tourists to avoid the picturesque island nation as a response to President Muizzu's 'India Out' campaign

> trols on tourism establishments

and banks

last year. Muizzu won the presidential election last year on an 'India out' campaign and asked New Delhi to withdraw its military personnel posted in the archipelago nation by May this year. However, Muizzu has since toned down his anti-India stance and visited India on his first state visit to the country

earlier this month. Tourism is the main source of economic activity for the Maldives, contributing nearly 30 per cent of the GDP and generating more than 60 per cent of foreign exchange.

Subianto swears in Indonesia's largest Cabinet since 1966, with 109

AP JAKARTA

Newly President inaugurated Prabowo Subianto swore in Indonesia's largest Cabinet since 1966 on Monday, with 109 members representing his pledge for a

strong government. He announced the lineup late Sunday and named his Cabinet of ministers, vice ministers and head of national agencies the "Red and White Cabinet," referring to the colours of Indonesia's flag.

Subianto became the eighth president of Southeast Asia's largest economy on Sunday. The Cabinet of Subjanto's predecessor, Joko Widodo, had 34 ministers and head of government agencies. Subianto's Cabinet is the largest since 1966 when Indonesia's first President Sukarno formed a lineup of 132 ministers in an extremely tense political situ-

ation after a failed 1965 coup.



Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto, front centre, and Vice President Gibran Rakabuming Raka, front row fourth from right, pose for a group photo with newly-appointed cabinet ministers after their swearing-in ceremony at Merdeka Palace in Jakarta,

The so-called Dwikora Cabinet 2 was dismissed a month later. Subianto has said earlier that he needs a strong administration, even though analysts said that his "fat" Cabinet would bloat the bureaucracy.

"I want to create a strong government that would unite our multicultural society and diverse political interests," Subianto said before inviting more than 100 people for interviews at his residence last week. "It must be a big coalition, and some will say my Cabinet is fat."

The Cabinet features politicians from a coalition of seven parties who supported his victory in the February election, and figures allied with Widodo's Cabinet, who were reappointed to continue their jobs under Subianto's presidency. Analysts said the move was a political reward to Widodo for the latter's tacit support in the election.

Subianto was sworn in with his

Surakarta ex-Mayor Gibran Rakabuming Raka. He chose Raka, who is Widodo's son, as his running mate, with Widodo favouring Subianto over the candidate of his own former party. The former rivals became tacit allies, even though Indonesian presidents don't typically endorse candidates. Subianto was a longtime rival of the Widodo, who ran against him for the presidency twice and refused to accept his defeat on both occasions, in 2014 and 2019. But Widodo appointed Subianto as defence chief after his reelection, paving the way for an alliance despite their rival political parties. During the campaign, Subianto ran as the popular outgoing president's heir, vowing to continue signature policies like the construction of a multibillion-dollar new capital city and limits on exporting raw materials

intended to boost domestic

industry

Backed by Widodo, Subianto swept to a landslide victory in February's direct presidential election on promises of policy continuity.

Subianto reappointed nearly half of Widodo's Cabinet members, including Finance Minister Sri Mulyani Indrawati, making her the first person to hold the ministry under three different presidents.

Indrawati, 62, who has served as the executive director of the International Monetary Fund and managing director of the World Bank, is one of Indonesia's longest-serving finance ministers, having held the post for long stretches under Presidents Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and Joko Widodo.

She has earned considerable respect in international circles, particularly for her reforms of the chaotic Indonesian taxation system and her role in steering

Indonesia through the global financial crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic. "We regularly consulted with

each other to discuss strategies for strengthening the Finance Ministry and the state finances to support his programmes," Indrawati told reporters after meeting with Subianto last Other ministers from Widodo's

Cabinet include Interior Minister Tito Karnavian, Trade Minister Zulkifli Hasan, Energy Minister Bahlil Lahadalia and State-Owned Enterprises Minister Erick Thohir. Subianto has announced an

ambitious goal of increasing annual economic growth to 8% by the end of his five-year term, and embarking on an ambitious spending programme, including an increase in defence spending, hikes in civil servants' salaries, and a programme to give 83 million children free meals.

'Gives us what you stole from us,' Australian senator yells at King Charles

An Indigenous senator told King Charles III that Australia is not his land and Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said the monarch is not needed as the country's head of state as the British royal visited Australia's parliament on Monday.

Indigenous independent Senator Lidia Thorpe was escorted out of a parliamentary reception for the royal couple after shouting that British colonisers have taken Indigenous land and bones.

'You committed genocide against our people," she shouted. "Give us what you stole from us — our bones, our skulls, our babies, our people.

You destroyed our land. Give us a treaty. We want a treaty." King Charles spoke quietly with Prime Minister Anthony Albanese while security officials stopped Senator Thorpe

from approaching.
"This is not your land. You are not my king," Thorpe yelled as she was ushered from the hall. Albanese, who wants the country to become a republic with an Australian head of state, also told the king it was time for his role to end

'You have shown great respect for Australians, even during times when we have debated the future of our own constitutional arrangements and the nature of our relationship with the Crown," Albanese said. But, he said, "nothing stands

Opposition leader Peter Dutton, who wants to keep the British king as Australia's monarch, noted that even supporters of a republic were honoured to attend a reception for the Charles and Queen Camilla at Parliament House in the capital Canberra.

People have had haircuts, people have shined shoes, suits have been pressed and that's just the republicans," Dutton quipped.

Australia's six state government leaders underscored the political divide on the country's constitutional relationship with Britain by declining invitations to attend the reception. All six would prefer an Australian citizen was

Australia's head of state. They each said they had more

pressing engagements on Monday, but monarchists agreed the royals had been snubbed.

Charles used the start of his

speech to thank Canberra Indigenous elder Auntie Violet Sheridan for her traditional welcome to the king and queen. "Let me also say how deeply I appreciated this morning's moving Welcome to Country ceremony, which offers me the opportunity to pay my respects to the traditional owners of the lands on which we meet, the Ngunnawal people, and all First Nations peoples who have loved and cared for this continent for 65,000 years," Charles "Throughout my life, Australia's centre-left Labour Party is re-First Nations peoples have done me the great honour of next year. sharing so generously their stories and cultures. I can only say how much my own experience has been shaped and strengthened by such traditional wisdom," Charles added.

Australians decided in a referendum in 1999 to retain Queen Elizabeth II as head of state. That result is widely regarded to have been the consequence of disagreement about how a president would be chosen rather than majority support for a monarch.

Albanese has ruled out holding another referendum on the subject during his current three-year term in govern-ment. But it is a possibility if his

Charles was drawn into Australia's republic debate months before his visit.

The Australian Republic Movement, which wants Australia to sever its constitutional ties with Britain, wrote to Charles in December last year requesting a meeting in Australia and for the king to advocate their cause.

Buckingham Palace politely wrote back in March to say the king's meetings would be decided upon by the Australian government. A meeting with the ARM does not appear on the official itinerary. "Whether Australia becomes a

republic is ... a matter for the

Australian public to decide," the Buckingham Palace letter said. Earlier Monday, Charles and Camilla laid wreaths at the Australian War Memorial then shook hands with well-wishers

The memorial estimated 4,000 people had turned out to see the couple.

on the second full day of their

Charles, 75, is being treated for cancer, which has led to a scaled-down itinerary. It is Charles' 17th trip to Australia and the first since he became king in 2022. It is the first visit to Australia by a reigning British monarch since his late mother Queen Elizabeth II travelled to the distant nation

Charles and Camilla rested

Friday before making their first public appearance of the trip at a church service in Sydney on Sunday. They then flew to Canberra where they visited the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier and a reception at Parliament

Before leaving the war memorial, they stopped to greet hundreds of people who gathered under clear skies flying Australian flags. The temperature was forecast to reach a mild high of 24 degrees Celsius (75 degrees Fahrenheit).

On Wednesday, Charles will travel to Samoa, where he will open the Commonwealth Heads of Government

Attack on Trump was preventable, finds House panel report

AP WASHINGTON

The assassination attempt against former President Donald Trump at a Pennsylvania rally in July was "preventable and should not have happened," according to a bipartisan House panel that is investigating the shooting and what it calls the "stunning security failures" at the event The report from a House task force, released Monday, is just the latest look at the cascading and wide-ranging law enforcement failings that preceded the July 13 shooting at the Butler, Pennsylvania, rally where Trump was struck in the ear by gunfire. One rallygoer was killed in the shooting and two others were wounded.

Members of both the House and Senate have repeatedly questioned why the Secret Service, an agency tasked with protecting the country's top leaders, didn't do a better job communicating with local authorities during the campaign rally, particularly when it came to securing the building that was widely agreed to be a security threat but that ultimately was left so unprotected that gunman Thomas Matthew Crooks was able to climb up and shoot.

Lawmakers in their report focus on "the fragmented lines of communication and unclear chains of command' between Secret Service and Pennsylvania state and local police but place the majority of the blame on the Secret

Service for the security break-

"Federal, state, and local law enforcement officers could have engaged Thomas Matthew Crooks at several pivotal moments," the report stated.

Lawmakers added that throughout the afternoon, "as Crooks's behaviour became increasingly suspicious, fragmented lines of communication allowed Crooks to evade law enforcement" and climb onto the unsecured roof where he would eventually open fire. "Put simply, the evidence obtained by the Task Force to date shows the tragic and shocking events of July 13 were preventable and should not have happened," the report

Moldovans secure country's path toward EU membership

AP ■ CHISINAU (MOLDOVA)

 $M^{
m oldovans}$ voted by a razorthin majority in favour of securing the country's path toward European Union membership, electoral data showed Monday, following a ballot that nearly caused a major setback for the pro-Western president, who accused "criminal groups" of trying to undermine the vote. With 99.41% of the 1.4 million votes counted in the EU referendum held Sunday, the "Yes" vote stood at 50.39%, to 49.61% who voted "No," according to the Central Electoral Commission. The "No" vote had looked to be ahead right until the last few thousand votes were counted from the country's large diaspora. A loss would have been a political disaster for the pro-Western government, which strongly supported the pro-EU

"Criminal groups, working

together with foreign forces hostile to our national interests, have attacked our country with tens of millions of euros, lies and propaganda, using the most disgraceful means to keep our citizens and our nation trapped in uncertainty and instability," said President Maia Sandu after about 90% of the votes were counted. "We have clear evidence that these criminal groups aimed to buy 300,000 votes — a fraud of unprecedented scale," Sandu added. "Their objective was to undermine a democratic

The vote was held amid ongoing claims by Moldovan authorities that Moscow has intensified a "hybrid war" campaign to destabilise the country and derail its EU path. The allegations include funding pro-Moscow opposi-tion groups, spreading disinfor-mation, meddling in local elections and backing a major votebuying scheme.

In Brussels, the European Union's executive branch, the European Commission, said that its services had also noted Russian interference in Moldova, and it underlined its continued support for Moldova on its EU accession This vote took place under

unprecedented interference and intimidation by Russia and its proxies, aiming to destabilize the democratic processes in the Republic of Moldova," spokesperson Peter Stano said. Stano told reporters that allega-

tions of vote buying, the bussing of voters and disinformation are only the most recent forms of Russian interference, and that attempts to undermine Moldova and its support for the EU have been going on for months.

In the presidential race that was held at the same time, Sandu won the first round with 42% of the vote in a field of 11, but failed to win an outright majority. She will

face Alexandr Stoianoglo, a Russia-friendly former prosecutor general who outperformed polls with around 26% of the vote, in a runoff on Nov 3.

By the time polls closed at 9 pm Sunday, more than 1.5 million voters - about 51% of eligible voters - had cast ballots, according to the Central Electoral Commission.

Cristian Cantir, a Moldovan

associate professor of international relations at Oakland University, told The Associated Press that polls might have "overestimated the pro-EU feeling" inside Moldova, which would have failed to pass without votes from outside the country. "It's going to be particularly

problematic because ... it's going to feed into narratives that are pushed by the Kremlin and pro-Russian forces," he said.

US national security spokesman John Kirby echoed Russian interference concerns this week, say-

ing in a statement that "Russia is working actively to undermine Moldova's election and its European integration." Moscow has repeatedly denied it is inter-

fering in Moldova. In early October, Moldovan law Shor, an exiled pro-Russia oli-Russia, which paid 15 million euros (\$16.2 million) to 130,000 individuals to undermine the two ballots.

last year of fraud and money laundering and sentenced to 15 years in prison in the case of \$1 billion that went missing from Moldovan banks in 2014. He denied the allegations, saying the payments were legal and citing a right to freedom of expression. Shor's populist Russia-friendly Shor Party was declared unconstitutional last year and banned.

Vietnam appoints army general as new president after turmoil

AP HANOI

7ietnam elected Luong Cuong, a military general, as its new president on Monday, the fourth official to fill the role in 18 months. Cuong, 67, was elected by the National Assembly to replace To Lam, who remained president even after he was formally appointed as the general secretary of the ruling Communist Party in August. The role of the general secretary

is the most powerful position in Vietnam while the presidency is largely ceremonial.

who has ser Vietnamese army for over four decades, has been a Politburg member since 2021.

His appointment took place after months of uncharacteristic tumult in Vietnam's politics and the death of former party general secretary Nguyen Phu Trong, who had dominated the country's leadership since 2011.

Trong was an ideologue who viewed corruption as the single gravest threat in maintaining the party's legitimacy and launched a sweeping anti-graft campaign known as the "blazing furnace". It singled both business and political elites, including former presidents Nguyen Xuan Phuc and Vo Van Thuong and the former head of parliament, Vuong Dinh Hue.

As Vietnam's top security official at the time, Lam had led the campaign until May. When he became the new general secretary, he promised to maintain the anti-corruption fight

The campaign, albeit popular with many Vietnamese citizens, had spooked investors and made the bureaucracy more cautious, slowing down decision-making in the country. The appointment of Cuong as the new president was a "move to stabilize the system" after the period of turbu-

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Item: Allotment of Canteens Quantity: 1

Item: Allotment of Shops Quantity: 1 Closing date & time: 31-10-2024 a 5:00 p.m.

details www.eproc.punjab.gov.in Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published or the above website only NA/12/25923/2023/38459

Dated CHD :- 10/21/2024



New Okhla Industrial Development Authority Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida-201301 (U.P. Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.in

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 & http://etender.up.nic.in Please ensure to see these websites for any changes. amendments & corrigendum etc

1. 29/S.M.(JAL)-I/E.T./2024-25, M/o W/s (Two Year Repairing of V.T. Motor, Transformer, Starter, TPMO and Other allied Electrical Work in Sector-1 to 7 and Village-Harola), Noida. Cost₹41.89 Lacs

2. 24/S.M.(Jal)-III/E.T./2024-25, M/o Sewerage (Replacement of Damaged Sewer Line of Hindon Vihar at DSC Road Sector-49), Noida, Cost ₹31,28 Lacs 3. 26/S.M.(Jal)-III/E.T./2024-25, Strengthening of W/s

(Replacement of Old G.I. Water Line & Other Miscellaneous Work in Antim Niwas Sector-94), Noida. Cost ₹42.80 Lacs 27/S.M.(Jal)-III/E.T./2024-25, M/o Sewerage (C/F F.R.C. Cover Frame & Cleaning of Sewer Line Manhole by Portable Re-cycler Jetting cum Suction Machine De-Silter equipment in Sector-50A & 50B, 51 & 51B), Noida. (AMC for Two Year)

Cost ₹65.19 Lacs 5. 29/S.M.(Jal)-II/E.T./2024-25, Strengthening of Water Supply (S/F of L.T. Panel, Automatic Starter & Making Lighting Arrangement of Compound at OHT & UGR in Sector-50, 50(B) & 51), Noida. Cost ₹43.49 Lacs

Which can be uploaded by date: - 04.11.2024 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date: 05.11.2024 at 11.00 AM.

General Manager (Jal) NOIDA CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

f Village Raipur Khadar, Pargana and Tehsii Dadri, histrict Gautambudh Nagar, U.P. through Registered iift deed dated 14.10.2022 executed by Smt. Gulkandi

Sh. Bijender Singh wide Rég. no. 6974, at SNE-III Gautam Budh Nagar U. Phe above-mentioned property is going to be mortgage with Fed Bank Financial Services Limited. If any person/bank/financial institution having any claim / right, lien, any objection whatsoever in regard to the above property, should notified to the undersigned/dx vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-110092 along with documentary evidence curdec address through resistency within 2 raws from

under address through registered within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which any

claim, lien or objection shall be deemed to have been waived. **Adv. Vishal Mehan**, E-713, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-110092; Mobile No. 9811215181

PUBLIC NOTICE

lence, said Nguyen Khac Giang, a visiting fellow in the Vietnam Studies Programme at Singapore's ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute. "Luong Cuong's appointment represents a deliberate attempt to restore balance between Vietnam's military and security factions, particularly ahead of the 2026 Party Congress," he said. PUBLIC NOTICE dy client Smt. Shakuntla W/o Sh. Bijender Singh owner fa Built up Residential House no. D-25, area neasuring 200 sq. yards i.e. 167.22 sq. mtrs. & overed area 20.00 sq. mtrs., situated in the old Abadi

New Delhi Mob:-99717-78737, 9810320525

Notice is hereby given to the public at large, on behalf of our client, Mr. Sat Parkash Gupta S/o Mr. Banarsi Lal R/o RZ-4, Jain Colony Part-2, Uttam Nagar West, Delhi-110059 ("Mortgagor"), that Conveyance Deed executed by POI Through DDA in favour of Mr. Sat Parkash Gupta, vide Conveyance Deed (PM Uday) dated 25.11.2021 Dcc. No. 12561, Book No. 1, Vol. No. 11100, Parkash Gupta Left J.112, captared that J.12 (2013) SPO. 11140, Page No. 167-172, on dated 14.12.2021 SRO-IX New Delhi. Same property Mr. Sat Parkash Gupta (Mortgagor) mortgage the schedule property with Cholamandalam Investment & Finance Company Limited, Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi. If any person race any objection for mortgaging the schedule property please race your Objection with documentary proof within 7 days of Residential Plot No. RZ-4, area measuring- 58.5 sq. yds., Out of Khasra No. 101/15/2, Situated in the area of Village Palam Delhi state, Colony known as Jain

> SHIVKANT ÄRORA. ADVOCATE FOR M/S INTELLECTIVE LAW OFFICES, 1-74, LOWER GROUND FLOOR,

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Schedule Property

Sachin Maheshwari & Associates (SMA) Law

Offices, Sachin Maheshwari Advocate

ublication below address

olony T Block- II & III. Uttam Nagar.

NOTICE Locker Hired by Mr. Rohini Kapur

Mr. Mannu Kapur having address at- Ace Golfshire Sec-150 Tower No-3 Flat No 1701 Near-atf 15 Uttar Pradesh with Noida-Sector 137 Branch of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. situated at Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd -Unit No.15.16.17.18, Upper Ground Floor, Paramount Flora Ville Sector 137 Noida -201301 remains un-operated since past 5 years and the rent is also due for the last 4 years.

All the 3 letters earlier sent to Mr. Rohini Kapur / Mr. Mannu Kapur calling upon them to operate the locker has return unreserved and the aforementioned are not contactable. It is hereby informed that despite

this notice, if the said locker is not operated by Mr. Rohini Kapur Mr. Mannu Kapur within 90 days from the date of issuance of this notice, break open of the said locker will be done as per the extant process of the bank on January 22, 2025 at around 12:00 PM.

mentioned schedule of property from its owne viz., Shri Surinder Singh son of Shri Tarsem Singh resident of 586-A, Gali No. 6, Govind Puri, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019. If anybody i having any objection, claim, interest, dispute for the above intended sale transaction he/she/they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiatin his/her/their objections/claims/details o dispute/s within Fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication, failing which, my client will roceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owner as if there are no third part laims/objections/disputes in respect of the chedule Property and there after no claims objections/ disputes will be entertained Schedule of Property All that the Property remises is Second Floor (Left Side Portion vithout roof rights, measuring 85 Sq. Yds approx., of Property No. 1107-B, Gali No. 10 measuring 170 Sq. Yds., approx., carved out o Khasra No. 77, situated at Govind Puri, Kalkaji New Delhi-110019 (India).

SATISH KHATANA (Advocate 7-C, Mandakini Enclave, NRI Complex G.K.-IV

PUBLIC NOTICE

Re: Entire Basement Floor and Entire Ground (i.e. the said floor(s)), built-on Plot bearing No C-207, area measuring 483 sq. yds., Block-C situaled in Sarvodaya Enclave, New Delhi hereinafter referred to as "said property". Notice is hereby given to the general public including Banks. Financial Institutions, etc noluding Banks, Financial Institutions, etc hat, as informed by our clients, M/s Sunshin Conserv Private Ltd., they are the sole and absolute owner of the said floors. They owned he said floors vide Sale Deed executed by Miss. Missing Agendance and registered as he said floors vide Sale Deed executed by Wrs. Kusum Vasudeva and registered at Document No. 6646, Book No. I, Volume No. 4770, pages 21-45, on 11.07.2002 (SRO / A Hauz Khas). Mrs. Kusum Vasudeva hac burchased the said floors from Mrs. Shikh Goyal vide Sale Deed registered at Document No. 7850 on 23.05.2008 (SRO-Vew Delhi). Now, our clients intend to mortgage the said floors with IDFC FIRST Bank Limited for availing loan facility.

any person, society, bank, financia stitution or other institutions have an objection against the ownership of our client on the said floors and subsequently rightfi mortgage of the said floors in favour of IDF FIRST Bank Limited by our clients, may rais s/her/their objection/s, in writing, begistered AD post, to the undersigned vegistered AD post, to the undersigned vithin 07 days, on address mentioned below. Otherwise after expiry of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice he said floors shall be mortgaged by outlents in favour of IDFC FIRST Bank Ltd. nd no objection shall be acceptable agair

DEFENCE COLONY, NEW DELHI-110024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Reg:-Built-up Flat No. A-3, on Upper Ground Floor Portion only without roof terrace rights, area measuring 50 sq.yds., "said floor", built on Portion measuring 50 sq.yds. said portion", part of Plot No. 1, measuring 156 sq. yds., out of Khasra No. 18/2, situated in the area Village Kamal PurMajra, Burat Gali No. 52, Chandan Vhar West San Nagar. Burati, Delhi - 110084 (Hereinafter referred to as the "Said Property").

Be it known to all that our clients, Mr. Shiv. Be it known to all that our clients, Mr. Shi Kumar Kushwah & Mrs. Vimlesh Kushwa

Kumar Kushwah & Mrs. Vimiesh Kushwah (hereinafter called the "Purchaser") intend to purchase the said floor from Mr. Davinder Singh (hereinafter called the "Attorney-holder"). In this connection, the Attorney-holder has informed the purchaser that he is holder has informed the purchaser that he is the sole and absolute Attorney-holder in respect of the said floor vide POA documents viz., GPA, ATS and Will dated 18/05/2022 executed by Mr Ramji in his favour. Mr Ramji purchased the said floor from Mr. Sunil Jha vide POA documents viz., GPA, ATS and Will date 01/06/2020. The Attorney holder has further informed the purchaser that the said floor is not mortgaged anywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending regarding the said floor. Any person including Bank/s, Financial Any person including Bank/s, Financia Institution/s. relative/s having any claim right, title or any interest of any nature whatsoever into or upon the said floor is ereby called upon to make the same know

writing, with documentary evidence, I gistered AD Post, to the undersigned address mentioned herein below with days of publication of this notice and in the nt of no response having been received e notice, the title of the attorney-holder pect of the said floor shall be deemed to ar of any charge or encumbrance of al ture whatsoever and any subseque im shall not bind our clients/Purchaser, Shivkant Arora, Advocate M's Intellective Law Offices A-74, LGF,Defence Colony, New Delhi -110024

[Pursuant to rule 30 the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014] Before the Central Government, (Regional Director, New Delhi) Northern Region n the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 1 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of rule 30 of the Companies

AND
In the matter of ELITECITY DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITEDhaving its registered office at Wz-98, First Floor, Lamba Complex Jwalaheri Mkt, Paschim Vihar, West Delhi, India, 110063

the company proposes to make application to the Central Government (Regional Director orthern Region, New Delhi) under section 1 the Companies Act, 2013 seekin onfirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the pecial resolution passed at the Extra ordinar eneral meeting held on Thursday, 10th Octobe 024 to enable the company to change its erritory of Delhi" to the "State of Utta

affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director at Northern Region, B-2 Wing 2nd Floor Parivartan Bhawar CGO, Complex, New Delhi - 110003 within fourteen days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant compan with a copy of the applicant company at its α σοργ οι τιθ applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:

ELITECITY DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED Wz-98, First Floor, Lamba Complex Jwalaher Mkt, Paschim Vihar, West Delhi, India, 110063 For and on behalf of ELITE CITY DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED (DHEER SINGH CHAUHAN Date: 20/09/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE Reg: Built-up Property Bearing Plot No. 54-E but of Khasra No. 38/8, land measuring are: 25 sq. yds., referred to as the "Said portion but of Part of Plot No. 54, area measuring 10 sq. yds., situated at Viliage Hastsal, De abadi Colony known as Vikas Enclave, Utta Nagar, New Delhi-110059. (Hereinaft referred to as the "Said Property").

referred to as the "Said Property".

Be it known to all that our clients, Mr. Virendra Kumar and Ms. Nibha Devi (hereinafter called the "Purchaser") intend to purchase the said portion from Mr. Bunty Gupta, General Attorney of Ms. Ruby (hereinafter called the "Attorney-holder"). In this connection, the Attorney-holder has informed the purchaser that he is the sole and connection, the Attorney-holder has informed the purchaser that he is the sole and absolute attorney of the said portion vide GPA dated 02.01.2018 executed by Ms. Ruby in his favour. The Attorney holder has further informed the purchaser that the said property was owned by Ms. Munni Devi vide PoA documents viz., GPA, ATS, and Will dated 04/07/2003 executed by Mr. Sajjan Kumar in her favour. Ms. Munni Devi and her husband expired and the said property was owned by IO4/07/2003 executed by Mr. Saijan Kumar in her favour. Ms. Munni Devi and her husband expired and the said property was owned by their legal heirs viz., Bablu Gupta, Son Gupta, Mukesh Gupta, Manish Gupta, Pawan Gupta, Mr. Bunty Gupta, Ms. Pooja Gupta, and Ms. Jyoti Sharma. Later on, Bablu Gupta, Sonu Gupta, Mkesh Gupta, Manish Gupta, Pawan Gupta, Mkesh Gupta, Manish Gupta, Pawan Gupta, Ms. Pooja Gupta, and Ms. Jyoti Sharma executed a Notarized GPA dated 25/10/2017 in favour of Mr. Bunty Gupta in respect of their shares in the said property. Thus, he became the sole and absolute owner of the said property. Subsequently, Mr. Bunty Gupta transferred the said portion to Ms. Ruby vide POA documents viz., GPA, ATS and Will dated 20/2/11/2018 and finally Ms Ruby executed a GPA dated 02/01/2018 in favour of Mr. Bunty Gupta hersens of the said property. Thus, Mr. Bunty Gupta became the sole and absolute Attorney holder of Ms. Ruby. The Attorney-holder has further informed the purchaser that the said portion is not mortgaged anywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending regarding the said portion. Any person including Bank/s, Financial Institution/s. relative/s having any claim, right, title or any interest of any nature whatsoever into or upon the said portion is hereby called upon to make the same know.

ereby called upon to make the same known writing, with documentary evidence, I Registered AD Post, to the undersigned the address mentioned herein below withing address mentioned herein below withing address mentioned herein below withing the horize, the title of the Attorney-holder respect of the said portion shall be deemed to be clear of any charge or encumbrance of an atture whatsnewer and any subsequent

Shivkant Arora, Advocate M/s Intellective Law Offices A-74, LGF,Defence Colony, New Delhi -110024

PUBLIC NOTICE Reg:-Built up First Floor without roof rights area measuring 52.6 sq. mtrs., Property Nt D-91, out of Rect No. 27, Killa No. 9, situate in the abadi of New Gobind Pura, mai Parwana Road, in the area of Villag Khureji Khas, Delhi (hereinafter referred the control of the contro

and absolute Attorney-holder in respect of t said property vide POA documents viz., GF ATS and Will dated 04/05/2008 executed Mr. Gur Charan & Mr. Shiv Charan in I favour. Mr. Gur Charan & Mr. Shiv Char purchased the said property from Mr. Manj

purchased the said property from Mr. Manjeet Singh vide POA documents viz., GPA, Aris and Will date 07/10/1999. The Attorney holder has further informed the purchaser that the said property is not mortgaged anywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending regarding the said property. Any person including Bank/s, Financial Institution/s, relative/s having any claim, right, title or any interest of any nature whatsoever into or upon the said property is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered AD Post, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 07 days of publication of this notice and in the event of no response having been received to the notice, the title of the attorney-holder in respect of the said property shall be deemed to be clear of any charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever and any subsequent claim shall not bind our clients/Purchaser, in any manner whatsoever.

Shivkant Arora, Advocate
M/s Intellective Law Offices
A-74, LGF,Defence Colony, New Delhi -110024

MAGISTRATE/MARRIAGE OFFICER

Date:10, October:202

NOTICE

Ms. Shashi Kohli D/o Late Mr. Dharamvir Koh Gautambudh Nagar (U.P.) have applied for "Marriageability Certificate" for her on any day upto 23-10-2024 in the office of the

PUBLIC NOTICE

. Uma Chran Mital, Son of Sh. Rai Prasad Mital, Residing at 209-A MIG Green Flats, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-110027, hereby declare that have Lost my Original Sale Deed and Papers executed or 20/05/1958 in favor of Sh. Ram Prasad Mital, pertaining to E-6, Greer Park Main, New Delhi-110016 Anyone who finds these documents may contact me at the above address

PUBLIC NOTICE **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Munni nad acquired Hesidential Property Dearing No. 889 & Plot No. 18, area 37.5, Khasra No. 2060/737, situated at Village Chandrawali alias Shahdara, Gali No. 3, Jawala Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi vide Sale Deed Dt. 23.08.2024 executed by Mr. Dharmveer Singh, Now Mrs. Munni is the undisputed owner of the said property.

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

It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Jaki Hasan had acquired Plot bearing No. 186, are:

any claim or inglim in respect on the safe property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim if any with all supporting decuments at or claim, if any, with all supporting documents a below mentioned address. After expiration o

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

Tapir Constructions Limited (CIN: U70200DL2014PLC267441)

Extract of Unaudited Financial Results

for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2024

Corresponding

(₹ in Millions)

Previous yea

Quarter ended **Particulars** 30 Sept. 2023 31 March 2024 30 Sept. 2024 (Unaudited) (Unaudited) (Audited) Total Income from Operations 12.4 6.4 24.8 2 Net (Loss) / Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) (13.7)(8.0)(71.5)Net (Loss) / Profit for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) (13.7)(8.0)(71.5)Net (Loss) / Profit for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) (13.7)(8.0)(71.5)Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising (Loss) / Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)] (13.7)(8.0)(72.0)Paid up Equity Share Capital 0.5 0.5 7 Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) 8 Securities Premium Account 9 Net Worth (2,153.5)(2,117.0)10 Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt 3,374.1 3,540.5 3,785.2 11 Outstanding redemption preference share (1.78)(1.64)(1.70)12 Debt Equity Ratio 13 Earnings per Share (EPS) (Face value Per Share ₹10 each) -Basic (Amount in ₹) (273.20)(160.00)(1.430.52)-Diluted (Amount in ₹) (273.20)(160.00)(1,430.52)14 Capital Redemption Reserve 15 Debenture Redemption Reserve 16 Debt Service Coverage Ratio (0.21)(0.14)(0.06)17 Interest Service Coverage Ratio (0.21) (0.21) (0.35)18 Current ratio (In times) 0.92 19 Total debts to total assets 20 Long term debt to working capital (In times) Bad debt to account receivable ratio (In %) 0.77

Notes: 1. The above results have been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors ('the Board') at its meeting held on 21 October 2024.

(110.93)

2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52(8), read with 52(4) of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/ Annual Financial Results are available on the Company's website (https://equinoxindia.com/tdl/) and on the website of BSE (https://www.bseindia.com) and NSE (https://www.nseindia.com)

Registered Office:

22 Current liability ratio (In times)

23 Debtor turnover ratio (In times)

25 Operating margin (In %)

26 Net profit margin (In %)

24 Inventory turnover ratio (In times)

Office No. 202, 2nd Floor, A-18, Rama House, Middle Circle Connaught Place, New Delhi- 110 001.

Abhishek Rajninath Surve

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

0.88

18.68

(126.45)

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(288.53)

Date : 21 October 2024

enforcement said it had uncovered a massive vote-buying scheme orchestrated by Ilan garch who currently resides in

Shor was convicted in absentia

Noida, GautamBudh Nagar (U.P.

PM MITRA, PLI schemes to attract investment

India's textiles sector is **L**expected investments to the tune of Rs 95,000 crore from the seven PM MITRA mega textile parks and the PLI scheme for man-made fabrics and technical textile products in the next 3-5 years, Textiles Secretary Rachna Shah said on Monday. Apart from the two schemes,

the textiles sector will also investments from several other channels like (foreign direct shared, investment), she highlighting the government's focus on promoting "sunrise sectors" of man-made fabric, apparel and technical textile. The textiles secretary informed that "much more substantive outcomes" are being envisaged from the Bharat Tex 2025 mega textiles event to be held in February next year, in terms of not only MoUs but also investments

and business generation. "We are having 7 textile parks so each of them is expected to generate something like Rs



that's about Rs 70,000 crore and another Rs 25,000 crore under the PLI scheme for technical textiles and MMF

"Some of the investment under PLI has already been grounded and in the next 3-5 years or so we should have these large investments coming under the schemes itself. Apart from the schemes, of course a lot of other investment will also be happening, of course there would be FDI and investment

from other sources," the Textile Secretary told PTI. The seven mega textiles parks under PM MITRA scheme

are coming up in Tamil Nadu Telangana (Virudhnagar), (Warangal), Gujarat Karnataka (Navsari), (Kalburgi), Madhya Pradesh . Uttar Pradesh (Dhar), (Lucknow/Hardoi)

Maharastra (Amravati). 'We are certainly looking at much more substantive outcomes not just MoUs but business getting generated

investments, Happening," Shah said on Bharat Tex.

The government approved the Rs 10,683 crore PLI scheme for the textiles sector in 2021, aiming to promote the production of man-made fabric and technical textile products over five years.

Bharat Tex 2025 to be held in February is expected to be even bigger than Bharat Tex 2024. We invite you to join Bharat Tex not only as attendees but also as partners and to explore joint ventures for investments and to sourcing

opportunities. The event represents a chance to experience first-hand energy and creativity of Indian textiles while gaining access to Indian market and export channels world-wide," Special Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs P Kumaran said.

He was addressing interaction between the government and foreign missions in India to drive engagement on Bharat Tex 2025, slated to be held from February 14-17.

Indian apparel exporters to post 9-11 per cent revenue growth

PTI NEW DELHI

▼ndian apparel exporters are Lexpected to register a 9-11 per cent revenue expansion in FY25 aided primarily by gradual liquidation of retail inventory in key end markets and a shift in global sourcing to India, ratings agency ICRA on Monday.

The long-term prospects for Indian apparel exports are favourable, aided by product enhanced acceptance in end markets, evolving consumer trends and a boost from the government in the form of the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme, export incentives, the proposed free trade agreement with the UK and

the EU, among others, ICRA said in a statement. The expected growth this fiscal follows a tepid performance in FY24 when exports were affected because of high retail inventory, sluggish demand

from the key end markets, supply chain issues, including the Red Sea crisis and heightened competition from neighbouring countries, it added.



With the revival in demand, ICRA said it expects the capex spending to increase in FY2025 and FY2026 and may stay in the range of 5-8 per cent of the turnover.

After a marginal decline (down 2 per cent) in FY24, Indian apparel exporters are estimated to report a 9-11 per cent revenue growth in FY25, benefitting from derisking strategy adopted by customers and replenishment of retail inventory in key end markets, especially the US and the EU regions," ICRA Senior Vice President & Co-

Head Corporate Ratings Krishnamurthy said.

Nevertheless, challenges around demand uncertainty persist in a few key markets amid a subdued m a c r o e c o n o m i c environment and geopolitical

"Despite the revenue growth, associated operating leverage benefits and softer raw material prices, the industry's operating margins are expected to contract by 30-50 bps on a YoY basis in FY25 with increasing labour costs, freight costs and rise in

Krishnamurthy added. ICRA said the recent geopolitical tensions in Bangladesh could result in capacity additions outside the country, including India. Yet, availability of labour at competitive costs and preferential duty access given its least developed country status for another two years on exports to the US and the EU help Bangladesh to remain competitive against most other developing countries, it added.

'Apart from the benefits to be derived from the fresh capacity additions under the PLI scheme.

PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel scheme is expected to strengthen India's presence in the global apparel trade by providing scale benefits and strengthening the country's presence in the man-made fibre value chain," Srikumar

ICRA anticipates the culmination of these schemes to enable Indian apparel exporters to increase their share of the pie in the global apparel trade, he added.

Data leaks: Irdai insurers to conduct IT systems audit

Insurance regulator Irdai has directed two insurers to carry out audits of their IT systems following concerns over the recent instances of policyholders' data leaks.

The regulator is also in touch with their management to address the vulnerabilities. Without naming the insurers,

the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) said it takes data breaches very seriously and asserted that it will continue to engage with the companies to ensure that the policyholders' interests are that the

fully protected. Star Health Insurance had

recently admitted data breach. The name of the second insurer could not be immediately ascertained.

"There have been reports of data leaks from two Insurers recently," the regulator said. closely monitoring the situation in the case of the concerned insurers and has been in touch with their

management.

Regular updates are being obtained to ensure that the policyholders' data and interests are fully protected and the company is taking all steps to arrest the threat posed by this breach, the regulator said.

Irdai said it will continue to engage with the insurance companies to ensure that the policyholders' interests are fully protected.

"The concerned insurers have been instructed to appoint an independent auditor to undertake a comprehensive audit of the company's IT landscape with the aim that there are no vulnerabilities and the IT system are adequate to meet the scale and complexities of their operations," the release said. As part of the standard operating procedures of the concerned insurers, they reported the cyber incident to the government and Irdai, it

It also said the concerned insurers have ring-fenced the impacted IT system by isolating it and at the same time, appointed an external security company to undertake root cause analysis. vulnerabilities in company's IT system and the prevent the threat actor from

methodology used by the threat actor to exploit the ted upon insurers. Containment, Eradication and Recoverability plan as

suggested by the audit firm is being implemented by the insurers," Irdai said. Further preventive steps outlined in the report are in

process implementation to keep the policyholders' data safe and secure. System upgrades over immediate, short and medium periods, will be acted upon by the insurers, Irdai

the application programming interface (API)



vulnerabilities, assessment, vulnerabilities assessment and penetration testing issues are at an advanced stage rectification.

'The insurers have filed a criminal complaint with the law enforcement agencies against the threat actors. It "The audit firm reported served legal notice on the the social media platform to selling the policyholders' data," the regulator said. Further Irdai has issue

advisory to all insurers to check their IT systems for vulnerabilities and take necessary steps to protect the policyholders' data.

The regulator said it considers security data important and takes data breaches, cyber-attacks on IT systems insurance companies, etc very seriously. Cyber security guidelines for insurance companies are in place, which require insurers to put in place robust IT and cyber security frameworks for carrying out their operations,

NCLAT upholds order to allow govt to takeover Delhi Gymkhana Club's management

A ppellate tribunal NCLAT has upheld an order to allow the central government to take over the management of the prestigious Delhi Gymkhana Club.

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) set aside the petition filed by the erstwhile management members against the order passed by the Principal Bench of the NCLT.

On April 1, 2024, the NCLT allowed the plea filed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs for taking over the Delhi Gymkhana management citing

'violations" of the Company Law and said there was "sufficient material" for holding that, as it is a case of mismanagement.

In its 149-page order, the NCLT had also allowed the persons as directors on the club's general committee as well as manage the affairs of the club.

The said order challenged before appellate tribunal, which has been now upheld on Monday by a two-member bench, comprising Chairperson Ashok Bhushan and Member Arun Baroka.

However, the NCLAT bench also also directed the government to carry out all remedial measures as mandated by the NCLT, by March 31, 2025.



The committee has further been directed to conduct an election at the club three months after March 31, 2025. The order was pronounced in the open court on Monday morning and a detailed order is still awaited.

"The NCLAT upheld the holding that Union of India's intervention in the affairs of the Delhi Gymkhana Club was Gymkhana necessitated in view of the mismanagement by the erstwhile general committee. The current committee has been asked to take necessary remedial measures by 31st March and conduct elections thereafter," said Advocate Raunak Dhillon, who appeared for the Central government.

2020, April government through the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) moved the NCLT

under sections 241 and 242 of the Companies Act, 2013, seeking to supersede the club's general committee. Sections 241 and 242 of the

Companies Act deal with oppression mismanagement and give wide powers to the tribunal, which include removal of the managing director, manager or any of the directors of the company and recovery of undue gains.

Gymkhana Club Delhi registered as a initially Section 8 company with specific objectives related to sports and pastimes, obtained land on lease from the government.

The government alleged that over a period of time, it had slightly started drifting away from the permitted objectives, which may also impact the subsistence of the

Institutional investment in real estate went up 31 per cent



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Institutional investments in the Indian real estate sector increased 31 per cent year-onyear to USD 4.61 billion in January-September strong consumer amid demand, according Vestian.

Real estate consultant Vestian on Monday released its report on 'Investment in Indian Real Estate', observing that funds' inflow from institutional investors in the first nine months of 2024 surpassed the total for 2023. "Investors have shown confidence in India's growth

story on the back of robust GDP growth. As a result, the real estate sector witnessed increased participation from foreign investors which led to institutional investments touching a billion mark in Q3 2024," Shrinivas Rao, CEO of Vestian said.

He noted that domestic investors are also actively participating, supported by the rapid infrastructure development across country.

During the latest July-September institutional investments in real estate rose 41 per cent to USD 960.8 million from USD 679.9 million in the year-ago period. The inflow however fell

sharply from June quarter that saw an investment of USD 3,116.3 million.

'Amid prevailing geopolitical challenges, India's robust economic growth continues to attract both foreign and domestic investors. Rising prominence of wo office policies and growing office markets are expected to boost investor confidence, setting a positive tone for coming quarters," Vestian said.

Despite this significant quarterly decline of 69 per cent, the consultant said that the outlook remains positive. Chennai received the highest investments during Q3 2024 with 48 per cent share. Majority of investments in the city were concentrated in industrial & warehousing, commercial, and residential sectors, the report said.

Aadhaar helped people avail government benefits: Nobel laureate Paul Romer

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Nobel laureate Paul Romer on Monday said Aadhaar is the most important technological system in the world right now and it has laid the foundation of a platform to enable people to avail government benefits, including direct benefit transfer.

Speaking at the NDTV World Summit, Romer said that a similar platform could not be set up successfully in the US they because monopolised by the private

"Aadhaar is the most technological important system in the world right now. Aadhaar solved only one problem. Present a person to me, and I will tell you what that person's number (is).

'... But with that foundation, you can then build all of these now enjoy," he said.

fantastic services that you The 2018 Nobel Prize for Economics recipient noted that the government in India



it would be used in something like Unified Payment Interface (UPI) and Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

"What people in India saw is that they could build a platform of Aadhaar that was controlled by the government and could be used for the benefit of the people, not to generate wealth for just a...small subset of people," he

Romer pointed out that despite many cases in the Supreme Court against the urbanisation is land assembly.

government in India pushed this idea forward and did not let the judges hamstring them, and they achieved this remarkable success.

"In the West, we are too hamstrung by the judiciary,' he said.

Romer noted that urban centres are locations where GDP gets produced all over the world and India needs to take advantage of the potential

challenge with

If you can assemble a large enough parcel of land, you can take that land which is worth very little and turn it into land which is phenomenally valuable by creating a modern city there," he suggested.

The former chief economist at the World Bank also said both China and Russia want to function as empires, in a bid to increase influence.

"China and Russia both want to go back to a world of empires...They think of empires as having the ability to meddle and you know influence their whole sphere of influence, and the national border is not important," he

According to Romer, India needs to decide. Does it wants to be on the side

of the empire or wants to stand up for the importance of the sovereign state as the organising principle going forward in the world.
"India should be able to say we

societies and don't like empires. India's stand could decisively proposals, he said. The company plans to invest tip the balance," he said.

Emaar India to invest ₹ 2,000 cr in Mumbai region

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

UAE-based developer realty Emaar planning to invest up to Rs 2,000 crore in Mumbai and its surrounding areas in the next six-seven years, a top official said on Monday.

The group, known for projects like Burj Khalifa, has stayed away from the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) despite being present in India for nearly two decades. Emaar India's Chief Executive

Kalyan Chakrabarti said there is no specific reason to stay away from Mumbai for so long. He added that the group is attracted to the megapolis because it considers it as the deepest and strongest realty market which will be vibrant for decades to come.

The company is aware about the market realities in the space-crunched city, and is open for looking at both redevelopments along with any fresh development

USD 1.85 billion (around Rs 15,500 crore) in realty developments across the country in the same time period, he said, adding that capital is not a constraint for it given the backing of a parent company willing to invest.

Therefore, it is not keen to aggressively pursue opportunities on the capital markets, including an initial public offering or sponsoring a Real Estate Investment Trust

(REIT). Elaborating on strengths of Mumbai, Chakrabarti said Mumbai is home to one of the best talent bases in the country, neatly linked to the global trade and offers a great

opportunity for realtors when

coupled with the massive infrastructure being created in the megapolis. The company will continue to

serve the mid-market to luxury opportunity in the financial capital as well, wherein an apartment unit will typically cost upwards of over Rs 4 crore, he said.

The Gurugramheadquartered company already has a presence across various other Indian cities including Hyderabad, Indore and Mohali.

Around 85 per cent of its revenues come from the residential segment while the commercial segment accounts for the rest at present, he said, adding that

the company will have over 8 million square feet of space under construction December, which will have to be delivered in four years.

The company announced its maiden venture into the Mumbai market, with a 84villa community in nearby Alibag, which is a weekend getaway for Mumbaikars. . Chakrabarti said

company will be investing Rs 400 crore for constructing the villas, which will be spread over 25 acres of land. He, however, did not disclose the cost of buying the land. Over three-fourths of the land

in the Alibag project christened 'Casa Venero' will be free of any structures, he said, adding that costs for a three-bedroom villa will go upwards of Rs 9 crore while a four-bed one will go up to Rs 16 crore. He said the company chose

Alibag for its maiden project in the city due to the connectivity which it offers after the construction of the transharbour link and the



FOR WORLD BRIDGE GAMES

Indian strong Contingent, led by Vinay Desai, will compete in all four categories of the 16th World Bridge Games to be held in Buenos Aires from October 22 till November 3.

The contingent comprises several stalwarts, including 2018 Asian Games gold medallist in men's pairs Pranab Bardhan (seniors), Raju Tolani and Jaggy Shivdasani (Open category), among others.

A total of 34 countries are in the fray in the 'Open' section, while in the women's section, there are 24 nations.

An all-play-all round-robin will take place in Stage 1 with the qualifying teams to play in the round-of-16 knockout

The competitions will be held in 'Open', seniors, women's and mixed categories.

the Group B opener in the 'Open' category, while in the senior section, they will square off against Turkey. The Indian women will play Brazil in the opener, while in the mixed opener, while in the mixed section, they will compete

against Germany. The last time South America hosted the competition was in 2009 when it was organised in Sao Paulo

The tournament is held every four years and every country can enter their team, without any pre-qualification.

"The WBF (World Bridge Federation) is introducing several new measures to ensure that our motto 'Zero Tolerance for Bad Behavior' is respected, for the enjoyment of all participants," said Jan Kamras, president, WBF in a statement. The qualification round will conclude on October 26, with the round of 16 scheduled on playoffs will be held on November 2-3.

INDIAN TEAMS:

Open: Sanjit Dey, Ajay Khare, Binod Kumar Shaw, Jaggy Shivdasani, Sandeep Thakral, Raju Tolani, Vinay Desai (captain).

Seniors: Arun Bapat, Pranab Kumar Bardhan, Badal Chandra Das, Ravi Goenka, Kamal Krishna Mukherjee, Vibhas Todi, Girish Bijoor (captain).

Women: Puja Batra, Devi Muthu Bhatnagar, Bharati Dey, Alka Jain, Alka Kshirsagar, Asha Sharma, Anal Shah (captain).

Mixed: Himani Khandelwal, Rajeev Khandelwal, Bindiya Kohli. Kiran Nadar, Thondiculam Venkatraman Ramani, Bachiraju Satyanarayana, Vinay Desdai (captain).

India to host Special Olympics Asia Pacific Bocce & Bowling Competition next month

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Over 250 athletes from 15 countries will be vying for honours when India hosts the Special Olympics Asia Pacific Bowling Competition for the first time here from November 18 to 23. In the lead-up to this prestigious event, Shivani, who clinched three gold medals at the Special Olympics World Games in Reglin leat year, has been Berlin last year, has been named the athlete

ambassador. "I am proud to represent Special Olympics Bharat as the athlete ambassador. My journey in sports has transformed my life; it's truly a blessing," said Shivani.

"I hope to inspire others with

intellectual disabilities to pursue their passions and never give up. Inclusion in sports can break down barriers and help us all reach our true potential." Athletes

from regions including East Asia, Europe Eurasia, and Asia Pacific will participate, with countries like Australia, Bangladesh, Macau, Thailand, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Philippines, Myanmar, Uzbekistan, and Singapore.

The competition will focus on older athletes with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), aged 22 and above.

While the women's team has been finalised, the men's team selection is still underway. Events will include singles, doubles, mixed, and team



Dr Mallika Nadda, president of Special Olympics Bharat,

unveiled the event jersey, emphasising the significance of inclusion in sports

"Inclusion revolution is our moto and during this competition we will witness stories courage, determination and triumph as athletes, their families and supporters come together in a powerful display of inclusion and friendship," she said.

In the lead-up to the competition, a 'Run for Inclusion' event is scheduled for November 9, alongside a health summit on November 18 which will address issues faced by IDD athletes. A carnival featuring exhibitions will also take place. Last year, 198 Indian athletes

participated in the World Summer Games, returning with an impressive 202 medals, including 76 gold, 75 silver, and 51 bronze.

Carlsen star attraction at next month's Tata Steel Chess India

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World No. 1 Norwegian Grandmaster Magnus Carlsen will be the star attraction in the sixth edition of Tata Steel Chess India to be held here from November 13 to 17.

It will be Carlsen's second appearance in the tournament. He had earlier participated in 2019 and had gone on to clinch the title. A strong Indian contingent, following its golden performance at the Chess Olympiad in Budapest recently, will see the likes of Arjun Erigaisi, R Praggnanandhaa and Vidit Gujrathi among others competing in the prestigious event. Nihal Sarin and S L Narayanan are the

other Indian players who will be in action in the 'Open' category.

Like previous editions, the tournament will have the 'Open' and women's categories with same the format rapid and blitz — and will have equal prize money for both sections. India will be represented by Koneru Humpy, R Vaishali, D. Harika, Divya



Deshmukh and Vantika Agrawal in the women's category.

Chess legend Viswanathan Anand will continue his association with the

"Looking forward to being back at Tata Steel Chess India. It has become the marquee event in India. This year brings the best of the world headed by Magnus Carlsen," said Anand.

"I am particularly excited that the women's event will have the best of Indian chess. This year has been a celebration of Indian chess and this event will be a fitting tribute."

Chanakya Chaudhary, vice-president, corporate services, Tata Steel said, "We are excited to host the sixth edition of Tata Steel Chess India, which marks the return of world No. 1 Magnus Carlsen. Members of the Indian men's and women's squads, following their gold medal wins at the Chess Olympiad, will also join the tournament alongside top global players."

The line up for this year's tournament is as below:

Open: Magnus Carlsen, Nodirbek Abdusattorov, Wesley So, Vincent Keymer, Daniil Dubov, Arjun Erigaisi, R Praggnanandhaa, Vidit Gujrathi, Nihal Sarin, S L Narayanan,

Women: Aleksandra Goryachkina, Kateryna Lagno, Alexandra Kosteniuk, Nana Dzagnidze, Valentina Gunina, Koneru Humpy, R. Vaishali, D. Harika, Divya Deshmukh, Vantika Agrawal.

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into the match, Çalhanoglu asked to

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later by Acerbi who also

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injury to a muscle in the

Time running out for Norris to catch Verstappen in F1 title chase as series heads to Mexico City

AP AUSTIN (TEXAS)

Time is running out on Lando Norris' Formula 1 title chase of Max Verstappen. Norris and McLaren leave Texas for the Mexico City Grand Prix further adrift from Verstappen after

disappointing United States Grand Prix weekend. The Red Bull driver won the sprint race, spot in the Sunday main event when Norris was penalized for leaving the track to pass him in the final laps

The penalty will be debated in the garages and paddock until next season. That won't help Norris in the standings now. Verstappen is chasing a fourth consecutive season

championship. Norris is trying to win his first, and Texas gave him another taste of just how hard, if not impossible, it can be to take the title from the Dutch driver.

Norris had the faster car in the late stages Sunday. He got stuck behind a stubborn Verstappen who refused to yield the place as the drivers battled over every inch of the track.

When Norris finally made his move to third with about four laps to go, race stewards determined he improperly left the track to gain the position. He was given a five-second penalty.

Norris crossed the finish line in third. Officially, he was fourth and Verstappen took the final podium spot The penalty and the head-to-

head battle with Verstappen, left Norris clearly frustrated. "He defends by going off-track, he overtakes by going off-track. But I'm not going to complain. Max drove well and he defended well, we had a good race together. But the rules are the rules." Norris said. At least he finished the race this time. When those two tangled in Austria, a late-race collision knocked Norris out of the race and dropped Verstappen from first to fifth. That tussle proved to be a taste

Norris has been in a monthslong charge after Verstappen, who hasn't won a grand prix since June after a dominant start to the season. Norris and Verstappen finished 1-2 in Singapore, but Norris won the race by 21 seconds just before the four-week autumn break. Red Bull and Verstappen appear to have at least closed

of things to come.



Verstappen won the Texas sprint race for his first victory of any kind since the sprint race in Austria. And even if

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reversed. Norris would have have come out of the weekend just a single point closer in the championship.

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Yet Verstappen's weekend wasn't as good as he had hoped it would be. Red Bull brought a trove of upgrades to a car that Verstappen has alternately

sprint and again in qualifying when Verstappen barely missed out on pole position, which Norris won. But the sprint race victory proved a bit of a mirage. The

called "undrivable" and "a

The car looked good in the

monster" this season.

Red Bull had nowhere near the pace of the Ferraris over a regular race distance, and was It was still good enough to squeeze the title chase just a bit tighter. And Verstappen had no sympathy for McLaren's complaints Sunday about losing the podium.

"They complain about a lot recently." Verstappen said. 'The battle with Lando at the end was cool as we were racing hard and it was actually a lot of fun. You cannot overtake outside the white line and I have lost a podium here for overtaking outside the track." And he'll take any result that stretches his lead in the championship. "We are going in the right direction. It is still not enough," Verstappen said. "Ultimately the fact that we have extended the gap is the biggest thing for us.

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Inter beats Roma but loses two key players to injuries

AP MILAN

Shortly after Inter Milan president president Marotta Giuseppe lamented that the fixture list needed to be cut in order to safeguard the players, the Nerazzurri lost two key members of its team to injury.

Hakan Çalhanoglu and Francesco Acerbi were same place.

Inter went on to win 1-0, thanks to a 60thminute strike by Lautaro Martínez, to move back to within two points of Serie A leader Napoli, which had earlier beaten Empoli 1-0. The match was the first of seven in 21 days in an intense period for Inter, which will also play more games than almost any other club this season. As well as the Italian league, Inter is involved in the Champions League, the Italian Cup and Italian Super Cup, and has qualified for the newly expanded Club World Cup.

"We have to live with the constant stress of so many games that the players are struggling to handle ... we need to safeguard their health," Marotta said before Sunday's match.

"It is not an easy situation ... but we need to sit around a table and recognize that the fixture list

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both forced off with muscular issues in the first Both sides hit the woodwork in the first half. A the arms of Yann Sommer and onto the post but the Inter goalkeeper managed to catch the rebound. Former Roma midfielder Henrikh Mkhitaryan sent a powerful effort off the crossbar shortly afterward.

come

Inter broke the deadlock when Davide Frattesi raced down the right flank on the counterattack and his low cross was deflected to Lautaro to

thump into the back of the net. CONTE INSPIRES NAPOLI: Whatever

Antonio Conte told his players at halftime must have worked as Napoli was much improved after the break. Empoli was far the better team in the first period but it was to regret its missed opportunities as it was Napoli that took the lead in the 63rd minute after Tino Anjorin fouled Matteo Politano in the area.

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2	(Loan Code No. 00600001924 / Bhopal Branch) Salma Bee (Borrower) Mohd Shakeel Ahmad (Co-Borrower)	All that part & parcel of property bearing, Part of KH No 836 1 Flat No F1 1st Floor On Plot No 15 Juned Appartment Baag Dilkusha Pulbogd A Near Capital Petrol Pump, Bhopal, M.P. 462001. Boundaries: East- Road, West- Flat No. F-3, North- Passage, South- Flat No. F-2	UO-U/-ZUZ4	19-10-2024
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NEW ZEALAND WHITE FERNS SPLIT \$ 2.3 MILLION AFTER WINNING T20 WORLD CUP

embers of the New Zealand White Ferns cricket team which beat South Africa by 32 runs in the final of the women's Twenty20 World Cup in Dubai on Sunday will split prize money of around USD 2.3 million.

That works out at around USD 155,000 or NZD 256,000 per team member, a life-changing windfall for players who for years have struggled for years to achieve financial parity with their male counterparts.

New Zealand's first-ever victory in the World Cup of cricket's shortest format was a massive surprise. The White Ferns had lost 10 consecutive T20 matches before beating South Africa in a warm-up match.

That pre-tournament success proved a turning point for New Zealand who beat India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan, losing only to Australia on the way to the semifinals.

ousted six-time South Africa champion Australia in a massive upset in the semi in which New Zealand beat the West Indies.

New Zealand made 158-5, batting first in the final, helped by Suzy Bates who made 32. Amelia Kerr who made 43 and Brooke Halliday who made 38. Kerr then took 3-24 and Rosemary Mair 3-25 as New Zealand restricted

Mumbai cruise to

nine-wicket win

over Maharashtra

to earn full points

 $D_{\text{Mumbai got their Ranji}}^{\text{efending}} \ \ \text{champions}$

Trophy campaign back on track with an emphatic nine-wicket win over Maharashtra

in their second group A league game here on Monday, offsetting the heavy loss to

Baroda in the opening game. Needing 74 to win, Mumbai

went into the final day at 13 for

While Ayush Mhatre's (15) dismissal robbed them off a bonus point, Prithvi Shaw (39)

not out off 36 balls) and Hardik

Tamore (21 not out off 26

balls) earned six points for the

This was after the 42-time

champions lost to Baroda by 84

runs in the opening Ranji Trophy fixture but in the

second match at the BKC

Mumbai excell

The match was won and lost

on the first day itself when

Maharashtra for 126 in their

first innings and then rode on

17-year-old Mhatre's smashing 176 and Shreyas Iyer's

While Maharashtra fared

much better in the second

innings with centuries from

Ruturaj Gaikwad and veteran

Ankit Bawne, apart from a 98 from former India U-19 batter

Sachin Dhas, the damage was

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In Mumbai: Maharashtra 126

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team in just 13.3 overs.

PTI ■ MUMBAI



South Africa to 126-9.

"Pretty unbelievable to be honest," Mair said. "Coming into the tournament all the odds were against us so for the group to bounce back like they have is unbelievable.

"We just care so much about each

other. We've been through a lot of nine T20 World Cups since the first in lows in the last 18 months, and we've just stuck by each other and kept working hard for each other."

Captain Sophie Devine was leading the New Zealand team for the last time. She and Bates have played in all

2009. New Zealand reached the final of the first two tournaments in 2009 and 2010, losing to Australia on both

"This means everything to us," Bates said. "When you play team sport, you

"We've fought our way back to the top. (Devie) has been so outstanding leading this team... So calm and believing in us. We'll probably have a cuddle for even longer later because there's been some dark times that only the people in the (locker room) understand."

New Zealand was coached to victory by Australian Ben Sawyer and former Black Caps batters Dean Brownlie and Craig McMillan.

and Craig McMillan.

The White Ferns' success was praised Monday by New Zealand Sports Minister Chris Bishop. It came at the end of a weekend in which New Zealand also retained sailing's America's Cup and in which the New Zealand mon's cricket team best India. Zealand men's cricket team beat India in a test in India for the first time in 36

And then to round out a truly amazing sporting weekend, at 3am Monday morning (NZT) the White Ferns, led by Sophie Devine, stepped up to face South Africa in the women's T20 World Cup final in Dubai and absolutely emerched it believed. absolutely smashed it, bringing home their first World Cup since the One Day International in 2000," Bishop

"Amelia Kerr's 43 runs off 38 balls and then taking 3 wickets for 24 set our team up for their magnificent

I am pain-free, need to play domestic cricket to make strong case for Australia tour: Mohammed Shami

PTI ■ GURUGRAM

Seasoned India pacer Mohammed Shami on Monday declared himself pain-free but insisted on proving his fitness in domestic cricket by playing at least "one or two" games to make a strong case for selection for the marquee tour of Australia starting next month.

Shami, who has not played since the ODI World Cup final last November, bowled full tilt in the nets after India's opening Test against New Zealand in Bengaluru on Sunday.

This was a few days after skipper Rohit Sharma revealed that he had swelling in his knees which has affected his rehabilitation from an ankle injury sustained last year.

"I am very happy with how I bowled yesterday. I was bowling from half run-up before that because I didn't want to take too much load. But yesterday, I decided to go full tilt, and I bowled at a 100 per cent," the 34-year-old told reporters on the sidelines of an event organised by Eugenix Hair Sciences.

"The result was good. I am 100 per cent pain-free. Everyone has been wondering for a long time about whether I will make it for the Australia series but it is still some time away." India are expected to leave for

Australia two weeks before the series opener in Perth beginning November 22, leaving Shami just about enough time to feature in two Ranji games for Bengal. Bengal take on Kerala at home

from October 26 before travelling to Bengaluru to face Karnataka from November 6. Is he ready for Bengal's next game?

I don't know if I can play the next match. But the day I feel I can bowl 20 to 30 overs, doctors give me the clearance, $\hat{\mathbf{I}}$ will go. I want to spend maximum time on ground

"I don't want that I clear fitness here in India and something happens there (in Australia). Ĭ want to be totally sure about my fitness before going there," said Shami, who was only part of the Adelaide Test on the previous Australia tour in 2020-21.

India would be glad to have Shami's services on the bouncy pitches Down Under though Rohit has already said that he is not in favour of taking an Shami to "undercooked" Australia.

who played Shami, substantial role on the 2018 tour of Australia, realises that he is important to the team's overall plans.

"If I get fit, we will need to have the same package that we had on the last two tours. I might not be there but, if you see what happened in 2020, everyone was injured and still

"The only thing on my mind is to ensure that I am fit and how strong I can be for the Australia series. I can see what kind of attack we need in Australia?

INJURIES TEACH YOU PATIENCE: Shami was forced out of action for more than a year after suffering a knee injury during the 2015 ODI World Cup. The 34-year-old is now in a similar phase and he feels injuries only make you

"2015 also I was away for that long. Injury teaches you to fight against yourself, you have to keep frustration at bay, focus on fitness and game. It is difficult to get back on track after an injury. "Injuries teach you patience

and add purity to your game. After your comeback the main thing is if you can maintain your fitness. Yes rhythm is important but your skills won't leave you.

"You need to fight for regaining fitness," said Shami, who has taken 229 wickets in 64 Tests and 195 wickets in 101

While he was recovering from his ankle injury, India were able to end their ICC trophy drought in the Caribbean. Did Shami, who was the standout bowler for India in the ODI World Cup at home last year, miss being part of the triumphant T20 World Cup

squad?
"It depends on luck as well. I feel one should not be disappointed as you gave your best for the country. You can't fight your luck. If you get injured there is nothing you can do about it," he said.

India have already started preparing the next line of pacers though the likes of Shami, Jaspirt Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj still have a lot of cricket left in them.

Asked about his thoughts on the transition, Shami had only one advice for the next generation of fast bowle

"It is a circle and will keep going on. Whether it is Mayank Yadav, Akash Deep Mukesh Kumar, Harshit Rana, would only advise them to talk at length with the seniors in the nets, that teaches you a

"Last 8 to 10 years, we have bowled as a unit. Before that, we never had 140 plus pacers

playing at the same time. From those to the ones on the bench also bowl at 145kmph. So opponents don't get to relax and that creates fear. We all have different skills and that is what we have shown at home and overseas conditions.

Can India win their third series in a row in Australia?

The conditions suit us. All our fast bowlers are different type and if we get bounce it only makes us better. Batters need to score a bit, rest we will manage (laughs)," Shami manage (laughs),"

Pressure on Siraj after only 19 wickets from 13 Tests in India movement, you are in business for both outside

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian skipper Rohit Sharma believes in consistency when it comes to team selection but he will have to take a leap of faith to retain speedster Mohammed Siraj in the playing eleven for the second Test against New Zealand considering his poor run in home conditions.

The match starts in Pune from October 24 and inclusion of spin bowling all-rounder Washington Sundar on the fifth slow bouler is a sundary to the sundary to the slow bouler is a sundar as the fifth slow bowler is an indication that coach Gautam Gambhir and Rohit might go for the jugular on a spinfriendly track. The 30-year-old Hyderabadi

has so far taken 80 wickets in 30 Test matches but 61 of those scalps have come in 17 away Test matches in three of the SENA countries (South Africa, England, Australia). Only 19 wickets after bowling 192.2 overs in 13 home Tests are figures that imply that four with a couple of them Siraj has struggled in sub-

continental conditions unlike



Bumrah **Jasprit** Mohammed Shami, who have had the ability to throw pitch and conditions out of

equation.

To be fair to Siraj, in those 13 Tests, he went wicket-less in against Australia last year played on rank turners in

Indore and Delhi where he got to bowl only 10 and six overs respectively. has what

disappointing is that the last seven home Tests have vielded only 12 wickets for him which is less than two per match. he hasn't been Also,

consistent enough to get initial breakthroughs leaving Bumrah with all the heavy-lifting to do with the new ball. PTI spoke to a coach, who has worked extensively with some of the current national team bowlers, and he thinks that Siraj's length is erroneous for Indian conditions. He explained the technical flaw that has cropped up in his bowling.

"If you see Siraj's record, he has five-wicket hauls in Australia and South Africa where there is more bounce. The six to eight metre length away from the batter is considered to be ideal Test match length. But it varies from country to country depending on the bounce," the coach, who was a top domestic performer during his time, told PTI on condition of anonymity.

The ideal length in Australia is eight metres, it is around six around 6.5 metres and get wickets," he reasoned.

edge, bowled and leg before. "Siraj is bowling around eight metre length and in India with that length, you can't hit top of off (stump). He isn't pitching it up enough," he further explained. However, the coach is confident that once Siraj goes Down Under, for the five-

match series starting November 22, he will again find his mojo as the length. Which he is hitting here, will work like magic in those conditions. "When you are hitting eight metre length on Indian tracks which are devoid of pace, the batter has more time to gauge the line and it becomes hittable. 'I am not sure how effective he will be in Pune or Mumbai

although latter was the only venue where he looked menacing against New Zealand in 2021. Problem is metres in England and on low bounce Indian wickets, it is 6.5 metres. If you pitch it when you play white ball, this back of length in Indian conditions can still fetch you

Reports say hockey set to be axed from Glasgow CWG; CGF, FIH mum

PTI MELBOURNE

Hockey is set to be axed from the 2026 Commonwealth Games as the host city of Glasgow looks to cut costs, several media reports here stated but both the International Hockey (FIH) Federation and Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) remained tight-lipped on the

Hockey has featured in each CWG since making its debut in 1998, but according to reports here, the Glasgow Games organisers want to drop it from the schedule along with net ball and road racing to ensure a trimmed programme that would be easy on the

Scotland stepped in to save the 2026

Games after the Australian state of Victoria pulled out due to rising costs. The schedule is due to be unveiled on Tuesday.

When reached out by PTI, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) declined comment till the roster was officially out.

"In a couple of days, the situation will be clear - you will get the information accordingly. From our side, until there is any official communication from CGF, we are not in a position to provide you any comment," an official said. The CGF also gave a similar response.

The sports programme for the 2026 Commonwealth Games will be confirmed tomorrow," read a statement from the body when it was approached for a clarification on the media reports.



Hockey's probable omission could also be down to the fact that the Games, to be held from July 23 to August 2, are being organised close to the World Cup that is scheduled two weeks later from August 15 to 30 in Wavre, Belgium and Amstelveen, Netherlands,

To cut costs, the Glasgow Games organisers have reduced the number of sporting disciplines from 19 (in 2022 Birmingham) to 10 with only four proposed venues - Commonwealth Arena and Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome, Stadium, Scotstoun Tollcross International Swimming Centre and Scottish Events Campus.

None of these venues have a hockey

Hockey's exclusion from the Games would be a major blow for India as their men's team is a three-time silver-winner and two-time bronze-medallist in the sport. The women have won three medals, including a gold in the 2000 edition.

The biggest hit would be to Australia, which has won the men's gold for a record seven times and the women's top honours in four editions

Ronaldo and Al-Nassr's ACL game moved amid Iran security fears Wednesday, has been switched to The Indian Super League club said that it had appealed the decision **AP** WASHINGTON first and the four-time winner become an away tie. Iran's national team also had to move its Oct. 15 to the relevant AFC committee World Cup qualifier against Qatar and hoped to be reinstated into to Dubai. the tournament. The AFC did not reply to an .(Mohun Bagan) notes that the

invitation to comment.

Al-Nassr has four points from the first two games and can take a big step towards the second round with a win. The revamped tournament now consists of two groups of 12 - divided into west and east geographic zones - with the top eight from each advancing to the Round of 16.

Nassr is going well in the Saudi Pro League with a 97th minute penalty from Ronaldo giving the team a 2-1 win over Al-Shabab on Friday to stay in third place.

There are a lot of games at the moment and it is not easy," said Stefano Pioli, Al-Nassr's coach. "We will do our best to maintain our performances in the Asian Champions League."

Saudi Arabia has three of the four top teams in Group A. Al-Hilal is meets defending champion Al Ain of the United Arab Emirates and could welcome Neymar back to action after a year out through injury. Jeddah club Al-Ahli also has maximum points and travels to Qatar to face Al-Ravvan FRONT RUNNERS MEET IN

EASTERN ZONE: In the eastern zone the top two meet. Gwangju FC of South Korea is making its first ever appearance in Asian competition and is the only team with two wins from two. It takes on Johor Darul Ta'zim of Malaysia. Australia's Central Coast Mariners

has lost both games so far and head to China to take on Shanghai Port, coached by Australian international Kevin Muscat, also seeking a first win. Last season's defeated finalist Yokohama F. Marinos also travels to China and meets Shandong Tiashan while three-time winner Pohang Steelers of South Korea faces Thailand's Buriram United.

Maharashtra 0. In Shillong: Tripura 1st Innings 377/8. Meghalaya 222 and 138. Tripura won by an

innings and 17 runs.

Cristiano Ronaldo and Al-Nassr's AFC Champions League Elite game with Esteghlal of Tehran on Tuesday will be as closely watched in India as it is in

Saudi Arabia and Iran. The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) said in a statement released last Tuesday that Esteghlal had to move its home fixture with Al-Nassr to the United Arab Emirates city of Dubai due to the security situation in Iran.

The decision was greeted by surprise in India as, on Oct. 7, the AFC ruled that Mohun Bagan Super Giants of Kolkata had been "considered to have withdrawn" from the second tier AFC Champions League Two for refusing to travel to Iran to play its Oct. 2 fixture against Tractor SC in the northwestern city of Tabriz. It is not only Al-Nassr's game that has been relocated. Tractor's home Ravshan of game against Tajikistan, scheduled

AFC has indeed recognised the volatility of the situation in Iran and as such, has rescheduled or shifted venues for several games, a spokesperson for Mohun Bagan told Associated Press, adding that the confederation had taken the same geopolitical instability into account that the club had. "Failing to apply the same standard to Mohun Bagan would result in unequal treatment by the AFC." According to the spokesperson, Mohun Bagan had made a request

decided not to travel. "We consistently communicated concerns about the volatile and unsafe conditions in and around ome Iran, particularly regarding the of safety of players and staff," the for official added.

to the AFC that the game's date or venue be changed before it