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GIVE PEACE A CHANCE



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a bilateral meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin, in Kazan, Tuesday

PTI ■ KAZAN
The Russia-Ukraine conflict should be resolved in a peaceful manner and India is ready to provide all possible cooperation towards it, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday during his talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Modi held bilateral talks with

Putin hours after arriving in this central Russian city to attend the 16th BRICS summit. In his televised opening remarks, the Prime Minister conveyed to the Russian leader that New Delhi "fully supports" the early return of peace and stability in the region. Modi also said that his second visit to Russia in the last three months reflected "close

coordination and "deep trust" between the two countries. "We are in constant touch on the issue of ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine. As I said earlier, we believe that problems should be resolved in a peaceful manner," the Prime Minister said. "We fully support the early return of peace and stability. All our efforts give priority to

humanity. India is ready to provide all possible cooperation in times to come," he said. "We have the opportunity to discuss all these issues," he added. On his part, Putin noted the "good condition" of trade turnover between Russia and India. In his remarks, Modi also referred to his summit talks with the Russian leader in Moscow in July. Our annual summit resulted in strengthening cooperation in every field, he said. The Prime Minister also congratulated Putin on Russia's successful presidency of BRICS. Many countries want to join the grouping now, he added. "It is a matter of great pleasure for me to have the opportunity to visit a beautiful city like Kazan for the BRICS summit. India has deep and historical ties with this city," Modi said. "The opening of India's new consulate in Kazan will further strengthen these ties," he added. It is learnt that the Ukraine conflict figured prominently at the meeting. In the summit talks on July 9 in Moscow, Modi told Putin that a solution to the Ukraine conflict is not possible on the battlefield and peace efforts do not succeed in the midst of bombs and bullets. Weeks later he travelled to Ukraine. In his talks with Zelenskyy, Modi said both Ukraine and Russia should sit together without wasting time to end the ongoing war and that India was ready to play an "active role" to restore peace in the region. India has been maintaining that the conflict in Ukraine must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy.



Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi during a press conference, in New Delhi

We are trying to restore the trust: Army Chief

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/PTI ■ NEW DELHI/BEIJING

With India and China reaching an agreement on patrolling along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh, Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi on Tuesday said as of now "we are trying to restore the trust" and both sides will have to "reassure each other" to achieve this. His assertion in New Delhi came a day after India announced an agreement with China on patrolling. China on Tuesday confirmed that it has reached an agreement with India to end the standoff between the two armies in eastern Ladakh. It means both the armies will now resume patrolling in their respective zones as was their practice before May 2020. Following the Galwan clash in June that year, both sides deployed a large number of troops on the LAC leading to heightened tension.

Hoax threats leave financial scars

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

While there seems to be no end to the menace of bomb threat messages targeting Indian airlines, as about 80 more flights, operating on domestic and international routes, received fresh threats from Monday night to Tuesday, it has also had a huge financial impact on the airline operators who already under financial stress, operations stakeholders like security forces logistics and regulatory bodies to under take the drill to ensure safe flight. According to estimates from aviation industry sources, it costs about Rs one to three Crores, on an average, to undertake the security drills and the burden is on all the stakeholders from government to the private agencies. Which means given the total of 180 flights that have undergone the process after the hoax calls an additional burden of about Rs 300 Crore. "Following the laid down protocols, relevant authorities were immediately alerted, and all security procedures strictly adhered to, as per guidance from the regulatory authorities and security agencies," an Air India spokesperson said in a statement. Protocols for the Bomb Threat Assessment Committee (BTAC), is convened in the event of a bomb threat call to an aircraft or airport, to tackle the spate of the ongoing "random" Internet-based threats being made to various Indian airlines. On Monday night, the BTAC that assembled at seven airports of Delhi, Mumbai, Jaipur, Pune, Mangalore, Bengaluru and Kozhikode declared as "hoax or



More CRPF schools get bomb threats

SAUMYA SHUKLA ■ NEW DELHI

Days after the crude bomb blast outside the Central Reserves Police Forces (CRPF) public school in Delhi's Rohini area, an email threat was received at the central agency's school in Telangana's Hyderabad on Tuesday threatening to blow up five schools across the country. However, official sources later confirmed that the email turned out to be a hoax. According to police sources, an email was received in a CRPF school in Medchal near Hyderabad threatening to blow up three CRPF schools in Delhi and Hyderabad, and two Kendriya Vidyalayas within the forces' office premises in other cities. The three CRPF schools include two in Delhi (Rohini and Dwarka), one in



Hyderabad (Telangana); while the two Kendriya Vidyalayas are within the paramilitary forces' office premises at Panchkula (Haryana) and Rampur (Uttar Pradesh). Deputy Commissioner of Police, Dwarka, Ankit Singh said, "The CRPF school in Dwarka did not receive any message or mail regarding the same. However, the message was shared to us by stay alert. of these three carriers between 10.46 pm and 11.42 pm. The protocol undertaken by the BTAC has been tweaked and a fine assessment, acting on a set of new 'red flags', is being undertaken now, the sources added.

Kalyan Banerjee ko gussa kyon aata hai?



Members of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Waqf (Amendment) Bill leave after a meeting at Parliament House Annex, in New Delhi, Tuesday

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

In a bizarre incident, All India Trinamool Congress Member of Parliament Kalyan Banerjee created a ruckus during a crucial Waqf meeting in Parliament on Tuesday where he smashed a glass water bottle and hurled it towards the Chair. Banerjee injured himself and jeopardised the safety of other

Parliamentarians who had gathered for a discussion on the Joint Committee on Waqf (Amendment) Bill. Banerjee was suspended for one day from the parliamentary committee on the Waqf Bill after his theatrics. He later emerged with a bandaged hand, escorted by fellow MPs. Sources at the meeting said the TMC MP smashed a glass water bottle and threw it towards panel chairman

Jagdambika Pal of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), during a heated exchange of words with BJP's Abhijit Gangopadhyay, a former Calcutta High Court judge. This is the second time Banerjee has made news for odd reasons, the last time he had mimicked a presiding officer of the Parliament. The act was condemned by the President of India, Prime Minister and his Cabinet colleagues. According to sources, the panel voted nine-eight on a resolution moved by BJP MP Nishikant Dubey to suspend Banerjee for a day for his choice of words for the panel chairman, and for smashing a glass bottle and throwing it towards Pal. After the meeting concluded, Banerjee refused to talk to reporters about the incident. After being administered first aid, Banerjee was seen being escorted back to the meeting room by AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi and AAP leader Sanjay Singh.



Officials at the blast site of Ordnance Factory Jabalpur (OFJ), in Jabalpur district, Madhya Pradesh, Tuesday

Blast at Jabalpur Ordnance Factory, many injured

PNS ■ JABALPUR

More than a dozen workers were injured in a powerful blast at the Ordnance Factory Khamaria in Madhya Pradesh's Jabalpur district on Tuesday morning, an official said. The blast took place at around 9.45 am when explosive material was being filled in the bombs at a refilling section of the factory, the official from the establishment said. Among the injured persons, two were in a serious condition and admitted to a hospital. Another worker was missing and was possibly trapped under the debris of the section in which the blast took place, he said.

The blast was so powerful that it was even heard by people a few kilometres away, as per eyewitnesses. The Ordnance Factory Khamaria is one of the major ammunition production units under the Department of Defence Production. More than a dozen workers received injuries in the blast and efforts were on to locate a missing worker, who was possibly trapped under the debris of the building, the official said. A probe has been ordered into the incident and the exact cause behind the blast will be known after completion of the investigation, he said. Fire brigade and security staff of the factory launched a relief and rescue operation, the official added.

Delhi is most polluted city: IQAir

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Even before the arrival of winter, Delhi along with several cities of north India is gasping for clean air as air quality has degraded to alarming levels over the past few days. Based on the real time data, Delhi ranks top on the list of most polluted cities in the country. It was the second-most polluted city in the world on Tuesday, a live ranking on IQAir's a Swiss based air quality monitoring website indicated, after only Lahore in neighbouring Pakistan. AQI in Lahore recorded 394. A layer of smog engulfed Delhi and surrounding areas, including Noida, on Tuesday morning, even as the air quality plummeted to the 'very poor' category at 327, followed by Haryana's Jind where the AQI stood at 311. Meanwhile, out of 36 monitoring stations in the National Capital, 26 are in the red zone, with the AQI recorded in the "very poor" category, according to data from the Central Pollution Control Board. These stations



A smog as air quality deteriorates, in New Delhi, on Tuesday

include Anand Vihar, Bawana, Dwarka, Jahangirpuri, Mundka, Narela, Patparganj, Rohini, Shadipur, Sonia Vihar, Wazirpur, Alipur, Ashok Vihar, Aya Nagar, Burari, Mandir Marg, and others. A thick layer of fog was seen in areas like Anand Vihar, Kalkaji, Nehru Place, and Akshardham Temple, as Delhi's air quality continued to deteriorate. Factors contributing significantly to pollution include transportation, stubble burning, and dust pollution, with emissions from transportation accounting for approximately 11.45 per cent of Delhi's air pollution, according to the Centre's Decision

Support System for Air Quality Management. As the air pollution in Delhi reaches the red zone, Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai on Tuesday wrote letters to the transport ministers of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan, urging them to ensure no diesel buses from their states plied to the national capital in view of GRAP II restrictions in place. Rai announced a slew of measures, including enhanced water sprinkling to control road dust, use of dust suppressants and deployment of additional traffic personnel to ease traffic congestion, among others.



Driving to Gurgaon? Pack a meal, and a diaper

District administration has identified 18 hot spots on the city roads

BY PARVESH SHARMA

To tackle traffic congestion in the city, the Gurugram district administration has identified 18 spots on the city roads which have reported heavy traffic movement and congestion. The officials have asked traffic police and other departments to take correctional steps in this regard. These places include Delhi-Gurugram Expressway, Sohna Road, Delhi-Jaipur Highway, Sheela Mata Road, Old-Delhi Road and other major roads. The city administration recently wrote to traffic police asking for a reduction in jams at the identified spots. Officials have advised enforcement and increased police presence on roads so that road congestion is cleared quickly. "We conduct drives to reduce congestion and ensure traffic movement remains smooth. We have also increased the presence of

traffic police personnel at these 18 hot spots and the enforcement has been made strict. We are also conducting awareness among the vehicle owners to follow traffic rules," Virender Vij, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic) told The Pioneer. Another traffic congestion reason is rain. A few hours of rain causes severe water logging in different areas of Gurugram, which in turn results in traffic disruption in the city. The traffic police have also identified more than 55 places in the city, including major key points on the expressway, that witnessed water logging due to rain. Rainwater collected at various spots also hampers the traffic movement on the Delhi-Jaipur Expressway. The traffic movement at this major junction of the expressway slowed down, especially when two-wheelers and four wheelers faced huge inconveniences due to rainwater.



Among the 18 spots identified are Ambience Island, Iffco Chowk, Subash Chowk, Hero Honda Chowk, Umang Bhardwaj Chowk, Sohna Chowk, Kherki Daula toll plaza, Dwarka Expressway, Huda City Centre, Hero Honda Chowk, Subhash Chowk Underpass and Subhash Chowk. Gurugram Deputy Commissioner has asked authorities to take strict measures to check violations of traffic norms. He asked officials to launch a drive to check wrong parking, ferrying of dangerous goods and seizure of old vehicles that are not allowed to ply on roads. The city traffic police department said they have increased police presence at these hot spots and measures in line with the Graded Action Response Plan (GRAP). Traffic police issued over 24,000 penalties in the previous month. Offences include wrong-side driving, helmet-less riding, wrong

parking, jumping signals, underage driving, speeding, without a driving licence, without a high-security number plate, using a mobile phone while driving, overloading, and driving without seat belts. "To make people aware of traffic rules in Gurugram, people should follow the traffic rules in public places so that they can save themselves and their families from road accidents and avoid being victims effort is being made by the traffic police in Gurugram to get rid of the problem of traffic jams and ease the traffic in the cyber city by taking continuous action against the violators as per the rules," Vij said. "To curb the traffic menace across Gurugram we have been organising special drives from time to time. We have issued a clear direction to the traffic personnel to be present on the roads and curb traffic violations, he added.



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DISCOVER NEW EXPERIENCES AND A SENSE OF BELONGING IN Uttarakhand



**EXPERIENCE THE AMAZING
CONFLUENCE OF DEVOTION,
CULTURE AND ADVENTURE**

“Under the guidance of Honorable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, we are committed to harnessing the overall development, natural beauty, rich cultural heritage and immense potential of the state. Our aim is to make Uttarakhand a model of progress, where tradition and innovation meet and every person contributes towards the prosperity and welfare of the state.”

Pushkar Singh Dhami
Chief Minister, Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand is the land of gods. The way this state is moving on the path of development by keeping law and order at the forefront is praiseworthy. This effort is also necessary to maintain the identity of Devbhoomi. Therefore, I believe that in the near future, Devbhoomi Uttarakhand will become the centre of attraction for the spiritual consciousness of the entire world and we have to develop Uttarakhand according to this potential.

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister



Uttarakhand Tourism Sector

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Continuous development of rural tourism with Uttarakhand Homestay Scheme

Due to the efforts of the government, the local population has got employment through tourism schemes in Uttarakhand. Besides, this initiative has also strengthened the economy of the state.

For weddings, it has become a New Destination.

Devbhoomi is a religious, spiritual, beautiful destination with lush green and snowy fort of mountains which has better connectivity, excellent infrastructure and all the necessary facilities. Dhami Sarkar along with pilgrimage and tourism in the state, at present this place is giving special emphasis on promoting the tradition of destination wedding and the facilities are constantly being developed. People are taking interest in organizing destination weddings at the holy religious, spiritual and natural places of Uttarakhand. But, after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal, he expressed hope that in the coming time, Uttarakhand will gain prominence in the near future as a prime 'destination wedding' location. Devbhoomi Uttarakhand is a holy place which is famous for marriage celebrations. Now Shri Triyuginarayan temple located in Triyuginarayan village of Rudrapur district of Uttarakhand is one of them. It is believed that this is the place where Lord Shiva circumambulated the sacred fire with Mother Parvati. This is why every year a large number of couples get married in the sacred bond of marriage in this place. This place is establishing a new identity as

a destination wedding location. Similarly, in the sacred city of Haridwar, a large number of couples tie the knot in the sacred bond of matrimony at Shantikunj every year, following all traditional rituals. Speaking of the pilgrimage town of Rishikesh, it is currently emerging as a major wedding destination for both Indian and international youth. Mussoorie, Nainital, and Ramnagar are among the luxurious venues with all modern amenities, where the trend of destination weddings is gaining popularity both domestically and abroad. Uttarakhand also offers hill stations like Auli, known as 'Mini Switzerland,' for those looking to marry in the lap of nature. Due to the developed facilities for tourism and pilgrimage in Uttarakhand, the attraction towards wedding destinations here is increasing. After the Prime Minister's slogan 'Wed in India,' it is now expected that the Dhami government will work swiftly in this direction. The 'Wed in India' movement will, in the coming times, establish Uttarakhand as the perfect destination for weddings. This will not only boost local businesses but also create new livelihood opportunities.

Uttarakhand is called the 'land of gods'. The state not only boasts of breathtaking natural beauty, but also offers travelers a unique opportunity to experience the local culture and traditions through homestays. In such a situation, the homestay running under 'Deendayal Upadhyay Grih Awas Yojana' has not only provided self-employment to the local people, but it is also making a significant contribution to the economy of the state. The homestay system has gained momentum under the 'Deendayal Upadhyay Grih Awas Yojana' started by the Uttarakhand government. The objective of this scheme is to uplift the economic condition of the local people by providing them a sustainable source of income. Under the scheme, local people get the opportunity to host domestic and foreign tourists at their own homes. In this way tourists get an opportunity to understand the indigenous cuisine, local culture, historical heritage, traditional hill lifestyle and art of Uttarakhand. Through this they are reaching places about which they had not heard before. Ranging from cozy cottages to traditional wooden houses that reflect the architecture of the region, each homestay offers tourists a comfortable and welcoming environment, allowing them to connect with the local community.

The development of homestays in Uttarakhand has had a positive impact on the economy of the state. These accommodations provide tourists with not only unique and presently with Uttarakhand Tourism Department there are around 5000 registered homestays listed. Nestled in the lap of Himalayas in these homestays provide comfortable cottages to traditional wooden houses that reflect the region's architectural style, each homestay offers tourists a welcoming and comfortable environment, allowing them to connect with the local community. The development of homestays in Uttarakhand has had a positive impact on the state's economy. These accommodations provide tourists with not only a unique and personalized experiences but also promote local businesses by creating employment opportunities. As a result, their contribution is strengthening the local economy. Homestay owners often collaborate with local artisans, farmers, and service providers. This promotes local supply chains and sustainable development. Homestays have played a crucial role in curbing migration from the state. Homestays have played a significant role in preventing migration



In 2024, the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, awarded the title of Best Tourism Village to four villages in Uttarakhand: Jakhoul village and Harsil village in Uttarkashi district, Gunji village in the border area of Pithoragarh district, and Supi village in Bageshwar district.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has stated that rural areas are becoming centers of tourism. Additionally, every tourist destination can develop its own revenue model. To boost the rural economy, we need to promote businesses like homestays and small hotels.

from the state. It must be said that this initiative has not only increased income but also provided a solid foundation for local people to stay, promote, and develop their communities. It has helped preserve the state's cultural heritage and traditions, ensuring that future generations remain connected to their roots. The popularity of homestays in Uttarakhand is in itself proof that this initiative is touching the hearts of travelers. Tourists are not just seeking comfortable accommodation; they also enjoy strengthening connections with new destinations and people. The homestay initiative is connecting tourists with the local way of life and presenting a fresh image of the state in their minds. They are leaving with happy memories after staying here.

A State of Pilgrimage and Tourism, Something Special for Every Age

You must visit these charming places:
These picturesque places situated in the lap of nature will touch your heart.

There are many such places in the charming natural wealth of Uttarakhand, which are no less than a treasure. If you come to Devbhoomi then definitely visit these places. Away from the hustle and bustle of tourists, these lesser-known destinations make your trip more exciting. You are able to connect directly with nature. From the picturesque Kartikeya Swamy Temple to the tranquil village of Peora, the breathtaking views of Khirsu and the untouched beauty of Mandal, places like this have a unique charm. Don't forget to enjoy birdwatching among the birds in the lush green delightful Pangot of Chaukori. The peaceful atmosphere of Gwaldamakh Abbott Mount, Shitalakhet and Nagathar are places that provide coolness to the mind. These hidden treasures of Uttarakhand are inviting you to go on a unique journey. Surely you will be impressed by the peace and natural beauty of this place. Believe it, you will be able to reach such a place, which



you haven't even imagined before. A visit to these places will give you an experience to be remembered throughout your life. Sachin Kurve, CEO of Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board, says that these lesser-known destinations of Uttarakhand offer a glimpse of the rich cultural heritage of the state. For example, Kartikeya Swami Temple is situated in the beautiful landscape of Uttarakhand. It reflects traditional architecture and spiritual significance. We are promoting offbeat destinations in every nook and corner of the state and our aim is to provide unique experiences to tourists and promote sustainable tourism development.

A UNIQUE CONFLUENCE OF UNSEEN ADVENTURES

Uttarakhand provides a unique
experience to adventure
sports lovers around the world.

When it comes to adventure tourism in the country, Uttarakhand has become a favorite destination for adventure lovers due to its diverse landscapes. There is no dearth of exciting activities here. You get to play many exciting sports here and that is why this state provides an extraordinary experience for adventure lovers around the world. Many tourists come to Uttarakhand only to participate in these activities. For adventure lovers, there are many exciting sports and activities available here including river rafting, trekking, hiking and bungee jumping. **TREKKING AND HIKING** You can travel to remote places of Uttarakhand through trekking and hiking. Here one can enjoy trekking on the traditional Roopkund track amidst lush green forests and grasslands or

passing through the valley of flowers can give a pleasant feeling. For long walkers, Kedarkantha and Gaumukh Tapovan tracks provide a memorable experience of a lifetime. **BUNGEE JUMPING** Also known as the Yoga Capital of the World, Rishikesh is also known for its high-intensity adventures as it is the site of the highest bungee jumping in the entire country. Thrill lovers who want to defy gravity come here to go bungee jumping amidst the spectacular Himalayan hills. **SKIING** Auli, located in Chamoli district, is known as the center of skiing lovers. Adventure lovers visit Auli to find their way through its winter wonderland with snow-capped mountain slopes. This spectacular venue is also famous

for hosting the National Winter Games, where athletes get the perfect opportunity to showcase their prowess. **RIVER RAFTING** The rivers of Uttarakhand not only enhance the beauty of the state but also excite the lovers of white water rafting who come here for the thrill. When tourists conquer the rapids through white water rafting or boat on the water during a serene canoeing or kayaking in the Ganges, Tons and Alaknanda rivers, they definitely get to experience different thrills.



PARAGLIDING Thrill lovers can also take a trip to the sky here and enjoy the grandeur of Uttarakhand by paragliding. They can also take a sky flight from the scenic spots of Nainital, Mukteshwar, or Pithoragarh and view the magnificent Himalayan regions. Apart from adventure, the tourism sector of Uttarakhand has also brought prosperity to the local residents and created employment opportunities. This has also encouraged the development of adventure tourism infrastructure.



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PAPER WITH PASSION

Breathless in Delhi

Delhi's air quality has once again plunged into the 'Very Poor' category, marking the beginning of the dreaded annual pollution season

As the Air Quality Index (AQI) stood at 312 on October 21, 2024, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) announced the activation of Stage 2 of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) in Delhi-NCR, which came into effect from October 22. The city is bracing for several days of toxic air, with forecasts indicating that the AQI will remain in the 'Very Poor' range due to unfavourable climatic and meteorological conditions, such as calm winds and stagnant air. Over the years, Delhi has consistently struggled with air quality issues, particularly during the winter months when pollution levels spike to alarming levels. The problem intensifies due to a combination of factors including the burning of crop stubble in neighbouring states, construction dust, vehicular emissions and industrial activities. In previous years, the city witnessed severe smog days that not only disrupted daily life but also had long-lasting effects on public health. Efforts to curb pollution have included initiatives such as the implementation of



the GRAP, which consists of a set of emergency measures that are triggered based on the severity of air quality. These measures have previously helped prevent air quality from worsening further, but the results have been mixed. While temporary improvements have been achieved, long-term solutions remain elusive. The annual nature of the problem indicates that past measures, though helpful, have not addressed the root causes effectively.

A significant contributor to Delhi's poor air quality is the burning of crop residue in neighbouring states like Punjab and Haryana. Despite bans and incentives for alternative disposal methods, stubble burning remains a widespread practice due to economic and logistical challenges faced by farmers. Besides this vehicular emission and construction activities adds to the pollution. With the invocation of GRAP Stage 2, a range of measures will be implemented to tackle the escalating pollution levels: To reduce dust on roads, mechanical sweeping and water sprinkling will be conducted daily on identified roads. Besides, strict enforcement of dust control measures at construction and demolition sites will be carried out. The use of diesel generator sets will be discouraged, except for essential services. These actions will supplement the Stage 1 measures that have been in place since October 15, which include banning garbage burning, banning coal and firewood usage in hotels and restaurants, and imposing restrictions on brick kilns. Indeed, the 'Very Poor' air quality has serious implications for the health and wellbeing of Delhi's residents. While GRAP provides a framework for emergency measures, long-term strategies are needed to bring about lasting improvements in air quality. Without a comprehensive approach that combines policy interventions, technological innovations, and behavioural changes, the cycle of pollution will continue to haunt the city each year. Till that happens, Delhiites will have yet another season to breathe the polluted air.

PICTALK



People buy lanterns ahead of the Diwali festival, in Solapur

Trump tries hard to win the second term

The traits Trump exhibits on the golf course serve as a metaphor for his approach to life and politics: a willingness to bend the rules and win at any cost



BHOPIINDER SINGH

American sportswriter Rick Reilly wrote a book called *Commander in Cheat: How Golf Explains Trump*, to explain Donald Trump's incorrigible ways. He alludes to Trump's self-claimed prowess in Golf and his purported handicap of 2.8 by a fawning *Golf Digest* by saying, "If Trump is a 2.8, Queen Elizabeth is a pole vaulter."

However, perhaps the most damning reality check for Trump is the fact that both his 'wingman' (former and current) i.e., Vice President Mike Pence and his current running mate, JD Vance, would have the maximum access to Trump and know him as a person, have been critical - even if expediency forces Vance to conveniently renege from his earlier views and for Pence says a lot with his deafening silence and refusal to endorse his former boss's candidature.

For all his matching vitriol, boorishness (remember, 'childless cat ladies') and Oorah-style brouhaha as a former Marine, JD Vance was once stoutly anti-Trump. Vance had once declared himself as a 'never-Trump guy' and called Trump 'reprehensible' and an 'idiot'. He was quick to 'take down' uncomfortable views that he had expressed about Trump like the one he had put about the 'Access Hollywood' tape where



Trump had shockingly claimed that fame had enabled him to grope women!

Then Vance had heeded to his moral conscience as a practising Christian and lamented, "Fellow Christians, everyone is watching us when we apologize for this man. Lord help us". But all his conscience came to nought at the altar of political ambition as Vance meekly retracted later, "I've been very open that I did say those critical things and I regret them, and I regret being wrong about the guy".

With that, everything was supposedly forgotten, and Vance now 'presumably' sees Trump as a paragon of Christian values, morality, and dignity that America needs for the future!

Meanwhile, the elephant in the room who says a lot by not speaking at all is former Vice President Mike Pence - once the most devout and virtuous of Christians who was earlier the most loyal confidante of Trump. Presumably, the die-hard Republican had put up with all of Trump's crassness in the silent hope that the Republican Presidency would set things right with conservative and far-right policies, as any committed Republican would have hoped. Much as he remained loyal to the bitter end, Pence did final-



TODAY, THE FORGOTTEN IMAGE OF PENCE IS REFLECTIVE OF THE CONUNDRUM THAT MANY COMMITTED REPUBLICANS FACE IN TRUMP'S CANDIDATURE - HE REFUSES TO SUPPORT TRUMP AFTER "ALL THAT HE HAS DONE" AND CANNOT BRING HIMSELF TO ENDORSE A PARTISAN RIVAL, KAMALA HARRIS, EITHER

ly put fealty to the Constitution above the unreasonable demands of a man he had once slavishly addressed as 'my President', on the fateful 6th January 2021.

That Trump had showed his true character by shrugging his shoulders with a 'so what' refrain when told that Pence was at physical risk with rioters chanting 'hang Mike Pence', is a footnote in the long history of Trump's unhinged, amoral and reckless politics. Importantly, Pence had held his head, heart, and soul intact, when he played a pivotal role in saving America's democracy by confirming the electoral process and result, to the utter dismay of Trump.

Pence was to later reflect philosophically, "like the Bible says, at some point, you've just got to wipe the dust off your feet and go your separate ways". In Trump's golfing world, the term 'Mulligan' (an extra stroke allowed after a poor shot) is best applicable to Pence's tumultuous tenure, unceremonious parting, and subsequent redemption with the Trump era.

Today, the forgotten image of Pence is reflective of the conundrum that many committed Republicans face in Trump's candidature - he refuses to support Trump after "all that he has done" and

cannot bring himself to endorse a partisan rival, Kamala Harris, either.

This lurking ambiguity in Republican ranks (or amongst the 'undecided') could tilt things decisively in the forthcoming cliffhanger of a Presidential contest. Meanwhile Trump's view of his former 'wingman' Pence is as expected of a cribbing, complaining and bitter man who vaingloriously claims that Pence lacked the 'courage' and 'stamina' in the ultimate bidding.

Even Vance's own mealy-mouthed and almost forced views on Trump's "stolen mandate" in the 2020 Presidential elections are also, hardly convincing.

This is situationally reflective of the 'cultlike campaign' of Donald Trump that is hoping to cross the bridge even if it tramples on imperatives that are constitutional, moral or ideological/partisan, as in Donald Trump's world, if you can cheat in Golf.

You can surely cheat in life - winning at any cost is only an extension of the selfish and deceitful spirit that represents Donald Trump.

(The writer, a military veteran, is a former Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry; the views expressed are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MAHAYUTI GAINS EDGE

Madam - This refers to the news report, 'BJP releases 99-strong candidate list' (October 21). On one hand, alliance partners of Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) are still struggling to finalise the seat-sharing formula for Maharashtra Assembly polls, the BJP has announced candidates for the majority of seats in its share. The MVA dealt a deadly blow to the Mahayuti by winning 29 out of 48 Lok Sabha polls. But, in the last 4 months, political equations have drastically changed in the state, which may help the ruling dispensation, i.e. the BJP-led Mahayuti, which was just 1.52 per cent behind the MVA in terms of Lok Sabha vote share. The Shinde government's Ladki Bahini Yojana scheme has been very popular among women voters.

The Congress which won 13 seats and secured lead in 63 assembly segments in Lok Sabha polls, appeared to lose momentum after its poor performance in recent Assembly polls in Haryana and J and K. In addition, the Mahayuti has less discord over the chief ministerial face in the Assembly polls though it is going in the polls without any CM face. But the MVA is a divided house on CM face. The Shiv Sena (UBT) wants projection of former CM and party chief Uddhav Thackeray while Sharad Pawar is repeatedly hinting to support Jayant Patil as CM face. Unexpected success in Lok Sabha has also driven ambitions of the Congress high for the CM post in case of the victory of the MVA. The Manoj Jarange factor is also unlikely to be as effective as in Lok Sabha polls.

Manoj Parashar | Ghaziabad

NAIDU'S BOLD MOVE

Madam - Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu is a part of the far-right government at the centre, which has been demanding for more than 10 years that 'population control policies should be implemented as soon as possible to control India's population growth. But Chandrababu Naidu is going exactly the

Yamuna pollution on the rise



The current condition of the Yamuna River has been raising concerns for the past few days as the festive season arrives. The river is covered with a very thick layer of froth. The froth can cause major health problems, which can affect both human

health and wildlife in the areas surrounding the river Yamuna. Now, as we see, pollution levels have reached an alarming stage. Instantaneous steps should be taken in order to address the issue as soon as possible.

According to experts, the froth contains high levels of ammonia and phosphates, which can lead to respiratory and skin disorders. Recently, the Environment Minister, Gopal Rai, mentioned that a few days ago, the officials were instructed to recognise the regional sources of pollution. 13 hotspots have been chosen for this purpose, where the main local source of pollution will be identified, which was causing the area's pollution levels to rise significantly above Delhi's AQI.

Neha Tomar | Ujjain

opposite and talking about bringing the opposite policy to his state. He wants to encourage those who have more children and is planning to punish those who have fewer. He said that the increasing average age of people in the state is becoming a matter of concern. Families should have at least two or more children. In the coming times, only those who have two or more children will be able to contest local body elections.

The state government will soon make a law for this. Naidu further said that there are many districts in Andhra Pradesh where only elderly people are left in the villages. The fertility rate is continuously falling in the southern states. While the average fertility rate in the country is 2.1, this figure has fallen to 1.6 in the southern states. Is India really getting old? The young population is decreasing. According to the Centre's Youth in India-2022 report, by 2036, only 34.55 crore of the population of the country will be young, which is more than 47 per cent right now. Currently, 25 crore youth in the country are between 15 and 25 years of age. In the

next 15 years, it will fall even faster.

Jang Bahadur Singh | Jamshedpur

IMMIGRANTS FACE UNCERTAINTY

Madam - The escalating diplomatic row between India and Canada will have the more than 4 lakh Indian students studying in Canada worried and concerned about their future. Many have sold everything they owned in India to study in Canada, which is seen as a gateway to a better future. The 20 lakh Indians will wonder what their future is going to be. The first thing the government needs to do is reassure the immigrants that their interests will be protected by the government of India. The Indian media too should stop bashing Justin Trudeau the way they have been doing. India needs also to be worried that other nations like America, the UK, Australia and New Zealand have come out in support of Canada over the plot to assassinate Canadian citizens on its soil.

Anthony Henriques | Mumbai

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Seeking validation: A necessity more than an add-on to our vanity

Though contentment offers a deep sense of inner peace, validation serves as a crucial motivator

Much to the contrary of the popular belief about happiness being commensurate with the degree of material success, my late father asserted that the key to happiness lies in contentment. Both views have their share of advocates, the former often relying on validation from outside, and the latter, a more philosophical contention anchored in an irrevocable sense of self-assurance.

The philosophy of contentment is a long shot for many of us embroiled in making it materialistically big, and we tend to seek a lot of external validation to determine our core worth. Maybe, the philosophies are based on two entirely different life principles and the value of neither can be dismissed. Success has its sweet trimmings and contentment has its merit, and both may be equally coveted.

What distinguishes one from the other is the element of endorsement we crave for our endeavours. Even the most self-assured person looks for acceptance and recognition, and there is no shame in it. Validation from



others is indeed required for us to stay on course, not simply for the ego boost it brings but also for the motivation it gives us to strive and march forward in making a mark in the world. The more sagacious ones among us may, however, hold a different view. I have heard several suggestions that we should not seek approval from others and instead rely solely on our inner convictions.

While this notion seems noble, it underestimates a fundamental human need—to feel seen, heard, and acknowledged by those around us.

To deny the significance of external validation is to ignore an essential part of the human experience. Whether we realise it or not, the approval we seek from others has a

profound impact on our self-perception and our efforts to succeed.

When someone validates our work, it serves as a confirmation that we are on the right track. It is a form of recognition that can affirm our abilities, encourage us to push further, and give us the confidence to take risks that we might otherwise avoid.

Take, for instance, the world of creative endeavours. Writers, artists, musicians—those of us in professions where the outcomes are subjective—often look to their audiences for validation. It's not just about ego or pride. When someone appreciates a piece of art or writing, it signals to the creator that their expression has resonated with others, creating a connection.

It is this recognition that gives an artist the courage to continue crafting, to improve, and to share their innermost thoughts with the world. Without that validation, their passion might wither in isolation. In professional contexts, validation can often come in the form of promotions, awards, or even just a simple "well

done." These acknowledgements are crucial motivators. They tell us that our efforts matter, that our contributions are recognised, and that we are moving in the right direction. While self-belief is vital, external acknowledgement adds weight to that belief, making it more tangible. It confirms that our skills and efforts are seen as valuable by others, which can propel us toward even greater heights. Furthermore, seeking validation is not just about personal gain—it also creates a cycle of mutual encouragement.

When we validate others, we lift them, creating a supportive environment where everyone's contributions are acknowledged. It doesn't just boost their morale; it strengthens their commitment to the work they're doing. Of course, we must also be wary of relying solely on external validation. The danger lies in over-dependence, where we begin to measure our worth only by what others say.

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ASHA IYER KUMAR



FIRST COLUMN THE PATH TO TRUE GROWTH

Constant comparison overshadows cooperation, empathy and joy of life



RAJYOGI BRAHMA KUMAR NIKUNJ JI

All of us, whether we like it or not, have to compete from the time we are born until the time we die. Though most of us indulge in healthy competition all the time, nevertheless, one thing common to all kinds of competitions is the underlying desire to win a victory for the self or to defeat others. While competing, a person brings out their skill, ability, art, acumen, or talent to show that they are superior, stronger, better, more powerful, more skilful, more learned, or more competent than others. It is this habit of making comparisons with others that creates the competition background.

That is why we always see this subtle desire in people who are winners, to hear some words of praise about themselves or their performance. To fulfil this ultimate objective of massaging their egos, one does not care if the other person feels disappointed, depressed, defeated and even humiliated, ridiculed, or booted. This drive to be recognised as "better" than others sometimes overshadows the simple joy of participating or improving oneself. To understand this kind of behaviour, one needs to understand human psychology because the roots of comparison and competition have been sown into our minds since our childhood days. From school grades to sibling rivalries, we are conditioned early to pit our success against others' failures. Hence, they become more rigid with time. We need to understand that the core objective behind the competition is not simply the desire to win, but it is intertwined with the motive of laying aside the softer and nobler sentiments of cooperation, kindness, and gentleness, even if only for a while. In competition, one puts all energies and talents into bogging down or defeating another person, leaving them behind in the race while making a forward thrust to reach



the goal before anyone else. As the famous philosopher Schopenhauer said, "The world is a battle of will and intellect." But in this battle, one often loses sight of empathy and connectedness, which are essential for human growth.

It may also put a limit on one's spirit of giving, helping, cooperating and sacrificing. Remember! Anything small and insignificant in the beginning has the potential to grow and become big. Hence, we must not forget that even though a spark or flame of fire may be small to start with, it can reduce a big apartment with valuables to ashes if it grows into a big fire. Thus, we should be careful and vigilant, because if the whole society catches this contagion or infection of selfishness or rivalry, it may spoil the charm of life and the atmosphere in society. Some people link competition to motivation and developing an attitude toward high performance. But they fail to understand that this evil trait to defeat others, which may look like a harmless thing initially, may eventually develop into a spirit of revenge, feelings of hatred or enmity, bitter jealousy, confrontation, hostile attitudes and ugly outbursts. These effects are not limited to the individuals involved but spill over into communities, organisations and even nations. Look at global politics or corporate boardrooms, and you will see this principle at play on a massive scale. Hence, it all depends upon the emotional maturity of a person whether or not he or she is affected. Because this seed of evil, as it grows, takes the form of a big tree with many branches; so, too, does selfishness or the spirit to downgrade others to gain ascendance for the self. It may proliferate into many evils or obnoxious habits. Hence, one must try to curtail selfishness and give up the ambition of winning by vengeance for the applause and praise of the self. Remember! The only competition that should matter to us is the one that takes place within ourselves. Hence, it is better to defeat one's inner demons first and become victorious from within to be an example for others to follow.

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NEP 2020: A blueprint for transformative education



GURMEET SINGH

While NEP promises radical changes through holistic learning and flexible assessments, implementation challenges continue to hamper its progress

NEP 2020 was founded on the guiding principles of Access, Equity, Quality, Affordability and Accountability. This was primarily to prepare the young ones to face the diverse national & global challenges for the present & future. The Policy aims to lead to a multi-disciplinary, holistic under-graduation syllabus, create wider choices of combinations of Subjects, Integration of Vocational Education with regular Subjects and multi-entry and multi-exit points with regular appropriate certification at various stages. The aim is to ensure that no child loses any opportunity to learn and excel because of the circumstances of birth, economy and/or background. This should eventually lead to transformative changes which shall change the lifeline of education in our country. The emphasis is going to be on holistic education, early childhood care, flexible assessments, skill development, integration of technology, teacher training and higher education reforms. These are aimed at designing a learner-centric and inclusive education for a future-ready system:

By embracing these India is poised to provide quality education to everyone with the necessary skills and knowledge to thrive in the 21st century. The motto has been to provide "Equitable and Inclusive Education" to ensure that no child should be denied quality education because of their socio-cultural background and 100 per cent GER is reached by 2030. Looking at all the facts presented alone, one gets a feeling that this is going to be a real game changer in the education system of our country but the reality remains that it has not taken off even after three years of its approval. The major reason is that a majority do not understand the spirit of this very meaningful policy. If implemented in letter and spirit then our country shall be comparable to the best in the world in the field of education. An in-depth analysis and exploring what lies ahead; One can divide this whole NEP-2020 into four main capsules which this Policy envisages:

Teaching in the mother tongue or spoken language, Learn to leave, Teach to Transform and Educate to Empower. These highlighted Capsules shall completely sum up the entire NEP-2020, which none has so far put appropriately and completely. Elaborating each one of these shall drive home all the points: **Teaching in spoken language:** The importance of this cannot be undermined. Original thinking comes only in the mother tongue (spoken languages) and this advantage has never been given to our students in any of our earlier policies. English has always been overemphasised and a wrong notion has been created that English is knowledge whereas the fact remains that it is just a language and not knowledge. Knowledge can always be acquired by knowing a language. Our beginners have always been worried about learning English rather than developing an understanding of a concept in their way, therefore majority of the students are lost in this learning of the English language rather than focussing on the original thinking. This has been given an appropriate weightage under NEP. A student shall learn to



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develop an understanding of what subjects to learn and what to pick up eventually in higher classes which has not been the case so far. A course used to be thrust upon them. This very important facet has been very appropriately addressed in this.

Learn to Leave: Having decided what course to take up for secondary and higher education, a student used to be trapped forever whether one liked the subject/course or not. (In the older education system for example if one had opted for Physics or Sanskrit: one was stuck with that forever whether one liked these subjects or not) There was no way to move out unless one gave up higher education or started afresh. The other difficulty was that due to some odd circumstances if one had to discontinue the education there was no way to restart unless you lose years/ time, but in this, one could leave anytime or rejoin anytime (Comes under Multi entry/ Multi exit system).

In the present system if one stayed away for a few years one could not come back to education in desired subjects but under NEP-2020 one can restart anytime one's education by including the credits earned before leaving. Therefore, under the present NEP, no one shall stay away or be denied education because of circumstances. This was not the case in the older system.

Education to empower: Under this education is to give due benefits to society by developing the right kind of skill. For Example, an electronic engineer is not able to do even basic electrical repairs or a mechanical engineer is not in a position to rectify even a basic fault. Integration of vocational courses with regular ones to provide practical skills for employment, benefiting students with diverse academic interests or lim-

ited access to traditional pathways or linking them with one another are some of the hallmarks of the present system.

This is to develop the right syllabus to reduce disparities. Emphasis in this is on equitable access to quality education. Essentially NEP 2020 shall be attempting to reduce unwanted syllabus for comprehensive understanding towards skill-based education.

Teach to transform: the teaching in the older system was not of any speciality. One acquires the right skills through one's efforts to be useful to society. Under this, it shall be essential to train teachers and educational staff to deliver child-centred education for job placement, which shall be an important feature so far lacking to a large extent.

Challenges: One of the biggest features of this has been the wide choice of subjects that one could take. Now this wide spectrum of subjects will be possible to be taken by students if there is a way to keep a record of a student's movement and subjects taken. In a Country like ours which has more than 39K colleges, about 1000 Universities and 4.33 crores students (Nearly 80 per cent are in graduation and the remaining 20 per cent are from post-graduation classes), it shall be impossible to maintain a record of this kind unless there is a mechanism similar to computerised banking arrangement which maintains all types of record impeccably. For this an Academic Bank of Credit has been proposed where every institution shall be registered to enable a record of these movements of students, subjects taken and credits earned can be maintained like what is done in banking.

Biggest flaw so far: Unfortunately, to date, not even 50 per cent of Institutions have reg-

istered themselves in this (in ABC) which is the real key to the success of this policy. This is a way to keep records of students' subjects, their movements and credits earned.

Sharing of resources: Under NEP a wide umbrella of choice of subject, record of early education, movement from one institution to another and credits cleared/earned by a student shall be possible only if the resources are shared by various institutions.

It will be impossible for any particular college to offer all subjects and to offer teaching in a variety of courses unless there is a huge staff to do this. It will be humanly impossible to achieve all this unless sharing is done particularly when online teaching has now come in a big way in our university system.

Similarly, the resources for science laboratories, libraries research facilities as well as Entrepreneurship schemes can be very effectively shared to make the education truly inclusive as per the aims of NEP 2020. Therefore, in conclusion, this policy shall succeed if: Every institution registers with ABC (Academic Bank of Credit) Sharing of resources starts in a big way in earnest in all areas like teaching, especially in online modes, libraries, Laboratories and instrumental facilities; Open schooling system for all without any conditions and Establishment of the Higher Education Commission of India immediately to monitor the registration of ABC etc. It shall not become a roaring success unless all agencies like MOE, UGC etc take concerted efforts to bring about a radical change.

(The writer is a Former Vice-Chancellor of Pondicherry University and Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dindigul; views are personal)

Revolutionising India's food security: Route optimisation cuts costs, carbon emissions

With over 81 crore beneficiaries, the Govt is now leveraging advanced data-driven route optimisation tools as part of the PM GatiShakti master plan

The Government of India provides free food grains to more than 81 crore beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) making it the largest food security programme in the world. This vast operation—from sourcing food grains from farmers to delivering them to ration cardholders—relies on a complex, decades-old supply chain. The Food Corporation of India (FCI), state procurement agencies, millers, transporters, warehouses, and Fair Price Shops (FPS) all play a critical role in this network. However, its design has historically been shaped by administrative convenience more than scientific optimisation. Supply routes were planned manually by



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state officials, a process prone to sub-optimality, bias and human error. In October 2021, the Prime Minister launched the PM GatiShakti Master Plan aiming to enhance multimodal connectivity and optimise logistics across the country. One of its key pillars, "Optimisation," envisions selecting the most efficient routes for transporting goods,

thereby saving time and reducing costs. In line with this vision, the Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) launched a national route optimisation exercise in March 2023, in partnership with the World Food Programme (UNWFP) and the Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer (FITT) from IIT Delhi.

This exercise, targeting the annual transportation of 6.8 crore metric tons of food grains through the PDS, marks a transformative step towards building a more efficient and cost-effective food supply chain. The process was comprehensive: geo-locations of warehouses and FPS, along with their capacities and road distances, were collected from each state. Using this data, cus-

tom algorithms were developed for each state to determine the most optimal supply chain routes. More than 50 physical workshops were held by DFPD and FITT officials to guide states in data collection and demonstrate the benefits of route optimisation.

These optimised routes were then validated on the ground to ensure they accounted for local conditions, and a state-specific intra-state optimisation tool was developed to allow for adjustments in the supply chain—such as adding or modifying entities like warehouses or FPSs. For instance, Bihar developed an annual movement plan based on its PDS requirements, food grain volume, and monthly transport routes. The customised algorithm factored in different



possibilities of local procurement within the state and the grain required to be sourced from the FCI. This gave the state a clear view of its yearly logistics, allowing for cost-saving adjustments. By choosing the optimal option, Bihar reduced transport distances by 19 per cent, saving over Rs 3.09 crore per month. Similarly, Mizoram optimised its routes by eliminating unnecessary transfers of food grains

between warehouses, achieving a 50 per cent reduction in distance and saving an estimated Rs 1.27 crore monthly. A significant milestone in this effort was the integration of the route optimisation tool with the GatiShakti platform, which now houses geo-locations of FPSs and warehouses across all states.

This integration enables the platform to generate the shortest possible motorable routes from FCI godowns to state godowns, and further from state godowns to FPSs. The platform also allows real-time route re-optimisation based on updated infrastructure data (such as new roads) from other ministries. Since March 2023, route optimisation assessments have been completed for 30 out of 31 states, with intra-

state route optimisation tools developed for 15 states so far. Early results from 12 states show tremendous promise, with transportation costs reduced by an estimated Rs 112 crore annually. Once fully implemented across all states, savings could exceed 250 crore per year. This initiative is not only an economic win but also an environmental one. Global food miles—representing the distance food travels from production to consumption—account for nearly one-fifth of total food system emissions. Optimising India's food distribution routes can contribute significantly to reducing CO2 emissions, aligning with the country's climate change commitments under the Paris Agreement and its Conference of Parties (COP) targets. The

reduction in fuel consumption will also help conserve foreign exchange reserves. Looking ahead, DFPD is exploring the possibility of earning carbon credits under the Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS), offering states an added incentive to complete the route optimisation process and earn tradable carbon credit certificates. This step would not only strengthen India's commitment to a climate-smart supply chain but also potentially generate financial benefits. In conclusion, The integration of advanced technologies and data-driven tools is setting the stage for a smarter future in public distribution, one that safeguards both our resources and the planet. *(The writer is Secretary, Food & Public Distribution, Govt of India; views are personal)*

PUBLIC NOTICE: Notice is hereby given, on behalf of my client. That my client ICICI HFC HOME FINANCE LTD. has sanctioned a Micro Loan to Chetan Kumar & Tara Devi & Nitin Kumar...

PUBLIC NOTICE: I, Gurbax Singh (Aadhar Card No. 6632-9300-2761) S/o Anant Ram R/o Vill: Durgapur Teh-Nawanshahr (SBS Nagar) declare that my son born on 12-08-1994 with Passport Number U-9032406, his driving License No. RASHP120894004 wishes to change his given name from Rashpal Singh to Rashpal Singh Bhatia and Bhatia as his surname henceforth notified Affidavit No. IN-PB71190301452247W Dt. on. 17th Oct 2024.

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LOST & FOUND: I Hardeep Singh S/o Avtar Singh R/o 673, SST Nagar, Patiala inform that my property's Original Vaska No. - 497 dated 23-04-2018 has been lost and police informed vide GD No. 2582 DT. 24-04-2024 at PS Sadar, Patiala. If anybody finds it, please contact the above address/ M: 98723-13135.

G. H. G. College of Nursing: Opp. Reliance Petrol Pump, RAIKOT (Ludhiana). Direct Admission 2024-2025. M.Sc. Nursing, Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing. Admission as per B.F.U.H.S norms, date of counselling at college campus on 29/10/2024. Bansal Hospital. Contact: 9814230744, 9915397338.

PUBLIC NOTICE: I Bhim Singh s/o Chandan Singh r/o village Garhi Ujiale Khan tehsil gohana distt Sonapat declared Regd. Sale deed vaska no. 3680 dated 30.11.2016 as executed by Sancheet Kumar son of Jagbir Singh in favour of Bhim Singh son of Chandan Singh regarding property measuring 18 sq. yards in original. Said document misplaced by customer at bus stand and lost date 28/10/2024 if someone found plz contract my address

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PUBLIC NOTICE: I hereby informed the general public that Kavita wife of Shrikant R/o 128, Shamri, Sisan, Shamri, Haryana is owner in possession of Property measuring 102.50 yards. Comprised in Rect. No. 288, Killa No. 9(8-0), situated within revenue estate of Gudda, abadi known as Bataji Nagar, Gohana, Distt. Sonapat, vide Regd. Sale Deed Vaska No. 954 dated 19.05.2022 registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Gohana, Distt. Sonapat. She has lost the following Original Documents in respect of said property: 1) Original Regd. Sale Deed Vaska No. 954 dated 19.05.2022 as executed by Nirmala Devi wife of Jaipal Singh in favour of Bhatni Devi/O Rajender. 2) Original Regd. Sale deed vaska no. 8737 dated 15.02.2012 as executed by Ram Kishan S/o Ratan Lal @ Ratan in favour of Nirmala Devi W/o Jaipal Singh. A Police report has also been got registered in this respect having details U.No. 132390372401275 in Haryana Police. Owner has applied for loan facilities in capital India home loan Ltd. against this property. If anyone found the said lost documents or any person may contact to undersigned and anybody having claim or claiming any prior rights or interest in any manner in this property has raised loan facility and may submit documents within 7 days from the date of this public notice. The Owner has applied for loan facilities in Capital India Home Loans Ltd. against the property mentioned above. After the expiry of the period of this notice, no claim shall be entertained and such claim shall be deemed to be false, fake, frivolous, fraudulent and baseless claim and shall have no value in the eyes of law.

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DIRECTORATE OF PUNJAB STATE LOTTERIES. RESULT OF PUNJAB STATE DEAR 10 DIAMOND TUESDAY WEEKLY LOTTERY. 1st Prize Amount (10)Rs.10,000/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits) 1486. 2nd Prize Amount (10)Rs.2000/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits) 7820. 3rd Prize Amount (10)Rs.500/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits) 1405 1504 2155 2249 3293 3786 4352 4723 8039 9516.

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Pak's special parliamentary panel to nominate new chief justice

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD
A special parliamentary committee, formed to decide on the appointment of Pakistan's next chief justice, will meet on Tuesday to nominate the new top judge from among the three most senior Supreme Court judges.

October 25 and under the old rule, senior puisne judge, Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, was set to be the next chief. Under amendments to clause 3 of Article 175A, instead of the president appointing the "most senior judge of the Supreme Court" as the chief justice, the top judge will now be "appointed on the recommendation of the Special Parliamentary Committee from amongst the three most senior" judges of the Supreme Court.

them and be part of this mafia that is destroying the independence of our judiciary?" he asked rhetorically. "We are not going to take in parliamentary committee, loud and clear." The committee's task is to vet the top three senior judges. Once the name is finalised, it will be sent to the prime minister, who will then forward it to the president for the appointment.

The new process signals a significant departure from the judiciary's long-held autonomy in determining its leadership. Apparently being tired of judicial overreach, the parliament tried to curtail the judiciary's influence in political and governance matters, which the courts were accused of exercising in recent years.

Yellen says isolationism 'made America and world worse off'

AP ■ WASHINGTON
Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen is telling world financial leaders that the US economy has grown stronger because the Biden administration rejected isolationism, offering a barely veiled criticism of former President Donald Trump's policies two weeks before the US election.

This year while lowering its expectations for growth in Europe and China. The IMF expects the US economy — the world's largest — to expand 2.8 per cent this year, down slightly from 2.9 per cent in 2023 but an improvement on the 2.6 per cent it had forecast for 2024 back in July.

or Democratic nominee Vice President Kamala Harris to handle key economic issues, according to an October survey by The Associated Press-NORC Centre for Public Affairs Research. Who wins the US election will also have enormous impacts on global finance and the world's economy.

ism that made America and the world worse off and pursued global economic leadership that supports economies around the world and brings significant benefits to the American people and the US economy."



Former NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg (left) receives the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany from German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier at Bellevue Palace, Berlin on Tuesday.

Sweden to honour Blinken

AP ■ STOCKHOLM
US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and former NATO secretary-general Jens Stoltenberg will be knighted in Sweden for their role in enabling the Scandinavian country to join the world's largest military alliance.

Initial report shows Liam Payne had cocaine in his system when he died

AP ■ BUENOS AIRES
An initial toxicology report for ex-One Direction singer Liam Payne, who died last week after falling from a third-floor hotel balcony in Buenos Aires, showed that he had cocaine in his system after his death, an Argentine official said.

widely reported in local media on Monday. Argentina's public prosecution is investigating the case — which is not uncommon when a death is sudden or unexpected.

sciousness." Photos purportedly taken from inside Payne's hotel room published by local media showed snowlike powder left on a table and a smashed-in TV screen.

Mystery of downed cargo airplane in Sudan deepens

AP ■ DUBAI
The mystery surrounding a crashed cargo plane in Sudan purportedly downed by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces deepened on Tuesday as authorities insisted the aircraft had been de-registered in Kyrgyzstan.

their conflict has killed over 24,000 people, forced millions to flee their homes and has left some families eating grass in a desperate attempt to survive as famine sweeps parts of the country.

New Way Cargo of Kyrgyzstan. However, Zuurakan Kadyrova of New Way Cargo told The Associated Press on Tuesday that her firm's lease of the aircraft expired at the end of 2023.

the aircraft belonged to the Sudanese military and had been operated by "jihadist militia groups". It said it collected the aircraft's black box "along with crucial documents and intelligence revealing the aircraft's operations" that it did not publish.

Germany detects first mpox case

AP ■ BERLIN
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CORRIGENDUM NO-2 FOR TENDER

NOTICE NO. N-7, HQ EPC, EI_2024-25 DTD. 18-10-2024
Corrigendum No. 2 has been issued against Tender No. N-7_HQ_EPC_EI_2024-25. New Item Added: Document Description: SN-1: Corrected EPC Document; File Name: CorrE118_10.20241.pdf; SN-2: Tentative Drawing for SNT Service Building; File Name: EISERVICEBUILDINGTYPICAL DRG1.pdf.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on behalf of Mrs. Asha Pandey who is owner of the property No. 315 and 316, area measuring 54.35 Sq. Mtrs. Situated at Katra Munshi, Gauri Shankar, also known as Naya Katra, Chandni Chowk, Delhi, owned the same by virtue of Sale Deed dated 10.04.2019 (vide Document No.3574) and intend to mortgage against the financial assistance from UCR Capital Limited.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Harinder Yadav who is intending to purchase the Plot No. A-55, Block No. A, measuring 150 Sq. Yds., Kharsa No.660, Situated at Modern Railway City, Village Durgay, Pargana & Tehsil Dadr, Distt. Gautam, Buidh Nagar, U.P. from Mrs. Pushpa Devi who became owner vide Sale Deed dated 08.12.2022 (Doc. No.42590) executed by Mrs. Anshu Aggarwal and same to be finance & mortgage by Ummed Housing Finance Pvt. Ltd. (Noida), that, in Sale Deed dated 08.12.2022 (Doc. No.42590) Plot no. A-56 wrongly mentioned instead of Correct Plot No. A-55, executed by Mrs. Anshu Aggarwal in favour of Mrs. Pushpa Devi. To comply the requirements of BANKINFC, we give this public notice that if any person having any type of claim (right/interest/creating mortgage over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, with his objections, within 07 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien etc. Lucem Legal LLP Plot No.136, (Basement) Uday Park, New Delhi-110049>Contact# 011-44064316

OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER OF THE MAESTRO MULTI STATE COOPERATIVE GROUP HOUSING SOCIETY LTD. D-24, GREENVIEW APARTMENTS, SECTOR-9, ROHINI, DELHI-110085 Election Program for the Board of Directors			
Sr.No.	PARTICULARS	DATE	TIME
1.	Publication of Provisional List of Members eligible	16th October, 2024 (Wednesday)	11:00 a.m.
2.	Time Window for Raising Objections to the Provisional List	17th-18th October, 2024 (Thursday to Saturday)	11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Every Day)
3.	Scrutiny of objection received to the Provisional List (if any)	20th-23rd Oct., 2024 (Sunday to Wednesday)	11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Every Day)
4.	Publication of Final List of Member Eligible to Vote	24th October, 2024 (Thursday)	3:00 p.m.
5.	Issue and Filing of Nomination Form	25th-28th October, 2024 (Friday to Monday)	11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Every Day)
6.	Display on Notice Board of Society (at a conspicuous place) Nomination Forms received by Returning Officer	28th October, 2024 (Monday)	5:00 p.m.
7.	Scrutiny of received Nomination Forms	29th October, 2024 (Tuesday)	11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
8.	Publication of List of Valid Nominations	29th October, 2024 (Tuesday)	5:00 p.m.
9.	Withdrawal of Nominations	2nd-6th Nov., 2024 (Saturday-Wednesday)	11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Every Day)
10.	Publication of Final List of Contesting Candidates	6th November, 2024 (Wednesday)	5:00 p.m.
11.	Date of Polling if Necessary	10th November, 2024 (Sunday)	08:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and all those who have entered the polling station at 2:00 p.m. or before will be allowed to cast vote.
12.	Counting of Votes	10th November, 2024 (Sunday)	Immediately after the polling
13.	Declaration of Results of Board of Directors	11th November, 2024 (Monday)	After approval of Cooperative Election Authority New Delhi on Format 19M
Election Program of Office Bearers			
14.	Announcement of Election Schedule: (i) Time window for filing Nomination (ii) Time window for withdrawal (iii) Display of list of the Contesting candidate	14th Nov., 2024 (Thursday) 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 2:00p.m. to 3:00 p.m. 3:15 p.m.	After Declaration of Result of Board Members' Election
15.	Meeting of Newly Constituted Board & Publication of List for valid Nominations, Polling (if necessary)	15th November, 2024 (Friday)	11:00 a.m. onwards
Declaration of Result of Election of Office Bearers		After approval of Cooperative Election Authority, New Delhi on Format 19N	

PUBLIC NOTICE

Known to all that my client Sh. Ashok Sharma Owner of the PLOT NO-103-CAREA 50 SQ YAR DS MUSTATI NO-11, KILLA NO-12, VILLAGE MATIALA COLONY KNOWN AS MANSA RAMI PARK A-BLOCK UTTAM NAGAR NEW DELHI and Sh.Ashok Sharma purchase plot from Sh. Satyawan vide Notarized GPA, ATS and will dated 10.06.2023. Now Sh. Ashok Sharma wants to sell plot. And it is informed that any deal with said documents by any person except my said client and said institution regarding said property shall be deemed as null and void if any person having any claim, right in said property then he may contact and handover the same and apprise his claim to undersigned within 8 days of this publication.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Known to all that my client Smt. Seema Singh owner of the Property No. P-35, area 58 sq yds, Kharsa No.30/22 and 24, Village Hattisal, Colony Vikas Nagar extn, Block-C, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi and Smt. Seema Singh purchase plot from Sh. Ramesh Chand vide Notarized GPA, ATS and will dated 21.03.2012. Now Smt. Seema Singh wants to sell plot. And it is informed that any deal with said documents by any person except my said client and said institution regarding said property shall be deemed as null and void. If any person having any claim, right in said property then he may contact and handover the same and apprise his claim to undersigned within 8 days of this publication.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Known to all that my client Sh. Manish Garg Owner of the First Floor LHS Side Without Roof Right Area 1391 Sq Ft Property No-30 And 31-A, Area 125.45 Sq Mtrs KharsaNo-28/10 Village Kakrola, Bharat Vihar A-Block, Kakrola New Delhi and Sh. Manish Garg purchase Plot from Sh. Hans Raj Goyal vide Notarized GPA, ATS And Will Dated 08.05.2024 thereafter Sh. Manish Garg execute Conveyance deed (PM Authorized Colonies in Delhi Area Adhikar Vojana Cell) in his favour by DDA vide conveyance deed no. 2024/16/1971, dated 23.07.2024. And it is informed that any deal with said documents by any person except my said client and said institution regarding said property shall be deemed as null and void. If any person having any claim, right in said property then he may contact and handover the same and apprise his claim to undersigned within 8 days of this publication.

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RFP FOR CONDUCTING INVESTMENT GRADE ENERGY AUDIT

E-Tender Notice No.: EL/29/15_2024/K/834; dated: 17-10-2024. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work: Tender No: 15_2024; Name of work: Request for Proposal (Rfp) for conducting Investment Grade Energy Audit (IGEA) at Kathihar Division (Phase-II). Tender Value: ₹3,36,840.00; Earnest Money: ₹16,800.00. E-tender will be closed at 15:00 hrs. on 11-11-2024 and Opened at 15:30 hrs. on 11-11-2024. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15:00 hrs. on 11-11-2024 in website www.ireps.gov.in

ESCORTING, OPERATION AND TROUBLESHOOTING OF AC COACHES

E-Tender Notice No. EL/29/16_2024/K/835 Dated: 17-10-2024. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: Tender No. 16_2024. Name of work: At Kathihar Division:- Escorting, operation and troubleshooting of AC coaches from source to destination and back in Primary based Trains at Kathihar/Balrughat/New Jalpaiguri/Kishanganj depot for three years. Tender Value: ₹5,73,35,744.31/-; Earnest Money: ₹4,36,700/-; Date & Time of Closing of Tender: 15:00 hrs. of 11-11-2024 and opening at 15:30 hrs. of 11-11-2024. The complete information with tender documents of above e-tender will be available upto 15:00 hrs. of 11-11-2024 in website www.ireps.gov.in

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SIGNALING WORK

E-Tender Notice No.: N-2024-K-23; dated: 18-10-2024. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work: SL No.1; Tender No. N-2024-K-23. Name of the work: Signalling work for BG TTR (P) of the existing 60 Kg rail 1 in 12 (FS) by 60 kg 1 in 12 (TWS) Pt No. 101 at Ambari Falakata yard, Pt No. 111, 113, 115, 116 at Belakoba yard, Pt No. 121, 122 at Raninagar Jalpaiguri yard, BG TTR (P) of the existing 52 kg rail 1 in 8.5 (FS) by 60 Kg 1 in 8.5 (FS) Pt No. 107, 108 at Panjipara yard, Pt no. 108, 111 at Gaisal yard, BG TTR (P) of the existing 60 kg rail 1 in 12 (FS) by 60 Kg 1 in 12 (TWS) with sleeper Pt No. 102, 103, 104, 105, 107, 125, 124, 123, 122, 121, 127 at Ambari Falakata yard, Pt No. 101, 105, 106, 103 at Belakoba yard, Pt No. 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107, 126, 124, 127, 131 at Raninagar Jalpaiguri yard under the jurisdiction of DEN/Line/Kathihar. Tender Value: ₹78,48,286.81; Earnest Money: ₹1,57,000.00. E-tender will be closed at 15:00 hrs. on 11-11-2024. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15:00 hrs of 11-11-2024 in website http://www.ireps.gov.in

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India well positioned to capitalise growth opportunities: FM Nirmala Sitharaman

PTI ■ NEW YORK

The global economic environment may present challenges but India is well positioned to capitalise on new growth opportunities, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said, underlining that as nations re-evaluate their supply chains, India hopes to become a key partner for many countries seeking to diversify their sources of goods and services.



India's advantage. As nations re-evaluate their supply chains, India hopes to become a key partner for many countries seeking to diversify their sources of goods and services," she said at the lecture organised by the Deepak and Neera Raj Center on Indian Economic Policies at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs.

economic reforms and economic growth with IBM Chairman and CEO Arvind Krishna. From New York, Sitharaman will head to Washington DC to participate in the Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank, the 4th G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governor (FMCBG) Meetings, besides the G20 Joint Meeting of FMCBGs, Environment Ministers, and Foreign Ministers; and G7 - Africa Ministerial Roundtable.

as the conflict in the Middle East and between Russia and Ukraine. There's also a possibility of other destabilising events such as the dollar liquidity shocks, increases in global tariffs due to trade wars and oil price shocks - all at the same time. In addition to these events, the emergence of a veritable China terms of trade, and that as a shock, has made it necessary for countries to take measures to safeguard their domestic production," she said.

was the 10th largest economy and presently, it is the fifth largest economy. The International Monetary Fund has projected it to become the third-largest economy by 2027. "India's contribution to global growth is projected to see an increase of 200 basis points in the next five years," she said. She further stressed that India's trade policies have also undergone significant reform, with a focus on facilitation and greater integration with key economic partners. India is fostering a more competitive and export-oriented economy by pursuing free trade agreements with nations like the UAE and Australia, alongside initiatives such as the Production Linked Incentive schemes and One District One Product schemes.

Global Innovation Index and its growing influence in sectors like high-end capital goods, renewables and pharmaceuticals, signal its potential to become a vital player in global markets. "Another vital aspect of the policy agenda has been the strengthening of India's financial sector. The soundness of our banking system marked by low levels of NPAs (nonperforming assets) and enhanced provisioning for bad loans reflects the reforms we have undertaken to improve asset quality," she said. She added that by 2047, as India celebrates 100 years of independence, "we will have a chance to define a new era of prosperity, not just for our own citizens, but for the global community as well."

Insurance industry can use e-commerce, telecom network to distribute policies: LIC chief



PTI ■ MUMBAI

State-owned life insurance behemoth LIC's chief executive and managing director Siddhartha Mohanty on Tuesday pitched for using the e-commerce and telecom network to distribute policies deep in the country. "As we are serious about 'insurance for all', we must rethink how we distribute and market insurance products," Mohanty said, speaking at an event organised by CII here.

increase our outreach," he said. "These organisations have unparalleled access to remote and underbanked communities. By partnering with them, we can ensure that affordable and accessible coverage is available to all," he added. Adopting a newer approach will hugely increase the spectrum of insurance products across the insurers that will be available for sale to meet the varied needs of the customers, he said, stressing that reaching over a billion people "is no easy task". Mohanty also said that digital technologies should be a key to reaching rural and low-income groups and sought regulatory support to ensure that any innovations are "nurtured and scaled appropriately".

Consumers worried about data breaches: PwC India survey

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Consumers are worried about data breaches, and a large number of them are not aware of their rights related to personal data, according to a PwC India survey. The PwC Survey on Data Privacy offers vital insights from 3,233 consumers and 186 organisations across India, exploring the awareness and implementation gaps concerning the Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDPA), the consultancy firm said.



The survey also showed that only 16 per cent of consumers are aware of the DPDPA Act across diverse geographies, age groups, occupational backgrounds and urban-rural divides. Sivarama Krishnan, Partner & Leader - Risk Consulting, PwC India and Leader of APAC Cyber Security and Privacy, PwC opined that the DPDPA Act 2023 will play a critical role as India transitions to a high-growth digital economy.

understanding of the basic tenets of privacy among all," Krishnan said. The survey also found that 56 per cent of consumers are not aware of their rights related to personal data and 69 per cent are not aware of their rights to take back their consent. Anirban Sengupta, Leader and Partner, Business and Technology Risk, PwC India said that in India, sectors that are regulated and direct-to-consumer show maturity in privacy mechanisms yet, express concerns about data privacy laws and enforcement.

Reliance Infrastructure to launch Dhirubhai Ambani Defence City



PNS ■ MUMBAI

Reliance Infrastructure on Tuesday announced setting up of Dhirubhai Ambani Defence City (DADC) the largest integrated project for Manufacturing of Explosives, Ammunition and Small Arms in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra. The company has been allotted 1000 acres of Land in Wadad Industrial Area of Ratnagiri, Maharashtra to develop DADC. It will be the largest GREENFIELD project in Defence Sector in India by any Private Sector company.

Armaments Limited and Reliance Defence Limited already have license from Govt of India for manufacturing of Arms and Ammunition. The proposed Projects envisage potential Joint Ventures with up to six leading Global Defence Companies. Ammunition range to include Small, Medium & Large Caliber and Terminally Guided Munition (TGM). Small Arms portfolio will address the export markets, both Civil and Military applications Reliance already has successful Joint Ventures (JVs) at MIHAN, Nagpur, Maharashtra with two of the leading Global Defence companies Dassault Aviation and Thales of France.

India likely to grow at 7.2 per cent: RBI Deputy Governor

PTI ■ NEW YORK

India's GDP growth is projected at 7.2 per cent in 2024-25, around 7 per cent in the next fiscal, and after that, there is a strong likelihood that the growth will revert to the 8 per cent trend, said Reserve Bank of India deputy governor Michael Debabrata Patra. He was speaking at the New York Fed Central Banking Seminar organised by the Federal Reserve Bank here on Monday.



during the pandemic, a new growth trajectory averaging 8 per cent seems to be forming during 2021-24, he said. India is now regarded as the fastest growing major economy in the world. Already the fifth largest economy in terms of market exchange rates, it is poised to become the third largest economy by 2030, the senior RBI official said and added the country is already the third largest economy in terms of purchasing power parity.

On inflation, he said it is projected to average 4.5 per cent in 2024-25 and 4.1 per cent in 2025-26. Consumer Price Index (CPI) based inflation fell below target during July-August but rose to 5.5 per cent in September on the back of a pickup in price momentum in some food items and adverse base effects inherent in year-on-year measurement. "Our projection indicates that these price pressures will persist in October and November before headline inflation realigns with the target from December 2024 and remains aligned in 2025-26," the deputy governor said. He also emphasised that India is emerging as a world leader in leveraging digital technologies for transformative change.

Adani Group to acquire Orient Cement

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Billionaire Gautam Adani-led Adani Group on Tuesday said it will acquire CK Birla group firm Orient Cement at a valuation of Rs 8,100 crore, as part of its expansion drive. With this acquisition Adani Cement will achieve a capacity of 100 MT (million tonnes) per annum by end of FY25 and a gain of 2 per cent in the overall market share in the country.



growth-hungry Adani group firm, which operates through Ambuja Cements in the sector. Besides, this deal will also help Adani group, which is aspiring to have 140 MTPA capacity by FY28, reduce the overall logistics costs for the cement business and improve market share. In June, Adani had announced the acquisition of Hyderabad-based Penna Cement at an enterprise value of Rs 10,422 crore, which

added 14 MTPA capacity to the country's second largest cement manufacturer. In December last year, it completed the acquisition of Saurashtra-based Sanghi Industries Ltd at an enterprise value of Rs 5,185 crore. Commenting over the latest development Ambuja Cements Director Karan Adani said: "This timed acquisition marks another significant step forward in Ambuja Cements' accelerated growth journey, increasing

cement capacity by ~30 MTPA within two years of Ambuja's acquisition." By acquiring OCL, Ambuja is poised to reach 100 MTPA cement capacity in FY25, he added. "The acquisition will help to expand Adani Cement's presence in core markets and improve its pan-India market share by 2 per cent," Adani added. "The acquisition will help to expand Adani Cement's presence in core markets and improve its pan-India market share by 2 per cent," Adani added.

focus on cement and infrastructure, is the ideal new owner to drive continued growth at Orient Cement for our people and stakeholders," he said. Adani Group entered into the cement sector in September 2022 after acquiring controlling stakes in Ambuja Cement from Swiss firm Holcim for cash proceeds of USD 6.4 billion (about Rs 51,000 crore). Ambuja Cements owns a 51 per cent stake in ACC Ltd. Later it also launched a Rs 31,000-crore open offer for the acquisition of 26 per cent additional stakes from public shareholders.

Power Grid board approves raising up funds via bonds

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Power Corporation's board on Tuesday approved a proposal to raise up to Rs 5,000 crore through issuance of bonds on private placement basis. The base issue size of the bonds is Rs 1,000 crore with additional 'Green Shoe Option' of Rs 4,000 crore. "Committee of Directors for bonds in their meeting held today i.e. On 22nd October, 2024 approved the raising of bonds as unsecured, non-convertible, non-cumulative, redeemable, taxable, POWERGRID Bonds..Up to Rs 5,000 crore on private placement basis," it stated. Bonds are redeemable at par at the end of 10th year and interest payment on yearly basis. The bonds will be listed on BSE/NSE.

IN BRIEF

JALLIANWALA BAGH MASSACRE-LECTURE SERIES II AT GNDU

AMRITSAR: Jallianwala Bagh Chair of Guru Nanak Dev University has started the Lecture Series on the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre. The Second Lecture was delivered by Prof. Sukdev Singh Sohal, Former Prof. & Head, Department of History & Chairperson Ghadar Chair, Guru Nanak Dev University, Jallianwala Bagh Chair initiated Jallianwala Bagh Lecture Series with a new focus on the events associated with the Massacre on April 13, 1919.



N. F. RAILWAY TO OPERATE FOUR DIESEL SPECIAL JOYRIDES



MALIGAON: The Northeast Frontier Railway has decided to operate four Diesel special Joyrides under the toy train service of Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (DHR) between Darjeeling and Ghum from 21st October to 05th December, 2024 on daily basis to cater the passenger rush during the peak season. It may be noted that DHR, a UNESCO World Heritage Site witnesses footfall of thousands of local as well as foreign tourists during this peak season.

India eye Paris revenge against Germany in Test series as international hockey returns to Delhi

PTI ■ NEW DELHI



International hockey will return to the capital after a 10-year gap when Olympic bronze-medallists India take on world champions Germany in a two-Test bilateral series starting here on Wednesday, aiming to test some new faces and extract revenge for a recent heartbreak inflicted by the visitors.

For the last 10 years, the capital's Major Dhyana Chand National Stadium, once considered the spiritual home of the game, has not hosted any international match.

The last game played here was the 2014 Hero World League Final, although inter-departmental hockey has been held here occasionally. But the two Tests against the world No.2 and Paris Olympics silver-winning outfit on Wednesday and Thursday would be a perfect comeback for the sport.

It has been learnt that over 12,000 fans have already registered for the free tickets on offer through a private ticketing portal. The National Stadium has a seating capacity of just over 16,000. The two Tests hold great significance for Indian hockey, which is on an upswing following back-to-back Olympic bronze medals in Tokyo and Paris.

In the French capital, the Indians, under the talismanic

and in-form Harmanpreet Singh's leadership, lost 2-3 to Germany in a closely-contested semifinal.

"This series is not just about the two teams playing; it's about reviving the spirit of hockey in Delhi. We hope this will inspire more young players from the region to take up the game," Harmanpreet had said after the rubber was announced.

That sentiment aside, India also has a very good opportunity to avenge their loss in Paris. But the Germans will be a hard nut to crack as they are the reigning world champions and displayed that fortitude in Paris, going down only in the shoot-out to Netherlands in the gold medal match.

Going by rankings, the Germans are favourites as India are currently placed

fifth in the world but in modern hockey, there is hardly any difference between the top 10 teams and anyone can beat a high-placed rival on their day.

In the last five encounters between the two sides, India hold an edge, having won three and lost two.

India have been on a high since the Paris Olympics. A new-look team retained the Asian Champions Trophy title in September, beating hosts China 1-0 in the final. That was India's fifth ACT title.

The Indians have fielded a mix of youth and experience for the two matches, thereby highlighting chief coach Craig Fulton's vision of planning for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

The most notable inclusion in the squad is defender and

drag-flicker Varun Kumar, who is returning after a sabbatical from the game that was forced by allegations of sexual harassment by a junior volleyball player. His name has since been cleared in the matter. The Indians will be led by star drag-flicker Harmanpreet, who is enjoying the form of his life and mid-fielder Vivek Sagar Prasad will be his deputy.

The hosts, however, will continue to miss the services of mid-field mainstay Hardik Singh, who is still recovering from an injury he sustained at the Olympics.

Fulton drafted in some new faces in mid-fielder Rajinder Singh and striker Aditya Arjun Lgale, who will be making their international debut. Besides Vivek, veteran Manpreet Singh will be in charge of the mid-field.

Striker Mandeep Singh, who was rested for the ACT, will look to dazzle upfront in the company of Sukhjeet Singh, Abhishek, and Dilpreet Singh among others.

The Indian goal will be manned by Krishan Bahadur Pathak and Suraj Karera, who lived up to expectations in the ACT in Hulunbuir, China after the legendary PR Sreejesh's retirement.

The two matches will provide the newcomers and comeback-men a chance to prove their mettle in front of the team management and national selectors.

American Sofia Kenin advances to second round at Pan Pacific Open in Japan



AP ■ TOKYO

Former Australian Open champion Sofia Kenin has extended her perfect record against Wang Xinyu, beating the 10th-seeded Chinese player 6-1, 6-4 in a first-round match at the Pan Pacific Open on Tuesday.

The 25-year-old American, who won the Australian Open in 2020 and was a French Open finalist the same year, won her fourth straight match over Wang. Her previous victories over Wang were twice at Wimbledon - in 2021 and 2023 - and at Auckland, New Zealand last year.

Kenin beat Garbiñe Muguruza in the Melbourne Park Grand Slam singles final

in 2020 and lost to Iga Swiatek in the French Open final a few months later.

After her Australian Open win, she achieved her highest ranking of No. 4, but a series of injuries over the past several years has seen her ranking slip to her current No. 155. She also had to withdraw from the 2021 US Open due to COVID-19.

Kenin was joined in the second round by Canadians Bianca Andreescu, who beat Serena Williams for the US Open title in 2019, and Leylah Fernandez, who won their opening matches Monday.

The top-seeded player in the Pan Pacific this year is Olympic gold medalist Zheng Qinwen.

Zverev sympathises after routing local wild card in Vienna

AP ■ VIENNA

No. 3-ranked Alexander Zverev was sympathetic for Joel Schwaezler after hammering the 18-year-old wild card in his hometown debut at the Erste Bank Open.

Zverev won by a quick 6-2, 6-2 then gave 347th-ranked Schwaezler, appearing in his second ATP tour-level match, encouragement when they met at the net.

"When you come to your

India eye top spot, Bangladesh seek crucial draw in SAFF showdown

PTI ■ KATHMANDU

With a semifinal spot already secured, India will look to reaffirm their dominance when they take on Bangladesh in their final Group A match of the SAFF Women's Championship here on Wednesday.

For Bangladesh, a win would hand them the top spot in Group A.

As things stand now, India lead the table with three points, while second-placed Bangladesh have a superior goal difference (0) against Pakistan (-3), with both teams sitting on one point each.

A draw would leave Bangladesh as group runners-up with two points. The Blue Tigresses clinched their place in the semifinals with a commanding 5-2 victory over Pakistan but now their focus shifts to topping the group and avenging a painful memory of 2022.

In that edition, Bangladesh dealt a shocking blow to India by ending their unbeaten streak in the championship with a decisive 3-0 win in the group stage.

It marked the first time India had lost to their South Asian rivals in SAFF history, and the Blue Tigresses will be eager to set the record straight.

"We have faced Bangladesh before, and we watched their last game against Pakistan. Our sole focus now is to win this match," skipper Bala Devi said.

"We have both senior and young players and we are prepared to push for a win. We have had productive



training sessions, and I hope we can put what we have practiced into action."

"As the captain, I aim to lead by example and support the team in every way. Bangladesh has some fast and youthful players, but I believe our mental strength gives us an edge, which will be crucial in tomorrow's game," added the 34-year-old from Manipur.

Head coach Santosh Kashyap has led the team through five days of training in Kathmandu, preparing for the challenges that lie ahead against Bangladesh.

"They are very disciplined and organised in their manner and their demeanour of actually how they walk around the hotel. I think it'll be quite an attacking game. The most important thing is to try and share out the workload with all our players.

taking it one game at a time, aiming to win every match.

"I prefer playing attacking football because it's not only effective but also entertaining for everyone. It's a style that I, as well as the players, enjoy, and we will try to maintain that momentum," Kashyap said.

Defender Dalima Chhibber, who was named the Most Valuable Player in the 2019 SAFF Women's Championship, is making her return to the tournament after missing the 2022 edition.

She was absent last time due to playing three seasons in Canada, but now she's back and ready to compete in the SAFF Championship once again.

Bangladesh and Pakistan are currently tied on one point each after a 1-1 draw in their group-stage match.

For Bangladesh, the absence of coach Golam Rabbani Choton, along with key players like defender Akhi Khatun and Anai Mogini, will be felt.

However, the team have brought in fresh talents, including young players such as Afeida Khandakar, Matsushima Sumaya, and Airin Khatun.

"We are coming up against an Indian team, who, in my opinion, are probably the best team in the tournament," Bangladesh head coach Peter Butler said.

"They are very disciplined and organised in their manner and their demeanour of actually how they walk around the hotel. I think it'll be quite an attacking game. The most important thing is to try and share out the workload with all our players.

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- CHANGE OF NAME**
- I, Mohinder Kaur** wife of Late Sh Nirmal Singh and mother of No 15138813F Ex Hav Rasal Singh Resident of Village Katora PO Arif Ke Tehsil and Distt Ferozeper, Punjab have changed my name from Pooja Yadav to Pooja.
- I,** hitherto known as Muskan D/o Sukhwinder Singh R/o Village Nagra, Po. Dosanj Khurd, SBS Nagar, Punjab-144511 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Muskan Kaur.
- I,** hitherto known as Sandip Singh S/o Dharam Singh R/o Village Kotli Khurd, Po. Dasuya, Dasuya, Hoshiarpur, Punjab - 144205 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sandeep Singh.
- I, Satwinder Singh** s/o Chaman Singh r/o Vill. Khizerpur, Po. Seeprian, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144221 declare that Given name as Satwinder & Surname as Singh.
- I, Bhagrathee Devi** Mother of Rajendra Singh resident of Seema Chakleti, Dhari Dhumala Kote, Distt.Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand have changed my name from Bhagrathee Devi to Bhagrathee Devi vide Affidavit dated 22/10/2024 before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar, (PB).
- I, Hera Devi** is Mother of Pura Singh Thapa resident of V.P.O. Mandal Shera, Distt. Bageshwar, Uttarakhand have changed my name from Hera Devi to Heera Devi vide Affidavit dated 22/10/2024 before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar.
- I, Savitri Devi** is Mother of Birendra Singh Rawat resident of V.P.O. Jakhani, Distt. Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand have changed my name from Savitri Devi to Sabitri Devi vide Affidavit dated 22/10/2024 before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar.
- I, Manjit Kaur** W/o Gurmeet Singh R/o H.No. 229, Soda Nagar, Jalandhar-144004, Punjab have changed my name from Manjeet Kaur to Manjeet Kaur.
- I, Amarinder Singh** Bains S/o Manmohan Singh Bains R/o H.No. 475, Preet Nagar, Soda Road, Near SGN Industrial Town, Jalandhar-144004, Punjab have changed my name as Amrinder Singh Bains.
- I, Dilpreet** S/o Girdhari Lal R/o H.No.1412, New Suraj Ganj West, Distt.Jalandhar have changed my name from Dilpreet to Dilpreet Bhagat.
- I, Harshdeep** S/o Kuldip Kumar R/o H.No. 282/1, Phagwari Mohalla, Garha, Jalandhar have changed my name from Harshdeep to Harshdeep Kumar.
- I, Balbir Kaur** Alias Kamaljit W/o Paramjit Ram R/o Village Muthda Kalan, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name from Balbir Kaur Alias Kamaljit to Balbir Kaur.
- I, Pinkey** S/o Jagat Singh R/o H.No.B32/802, Basti Mithu, Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Pinkey to Pawan.
- I, Rohit Kumar** S/o Sham Lal R/o H.No.3626, Chapali Chowk (Bhargo Nagar) Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Rohit Kumar to Mohit.
- I** hitherto known as Samiksha Loomba alias Samiksha Kapoor D/o Subhash Chander Loomba and W/o Rohit Kapoor R/o H. No. 20, Sodala Road, Ashok Vihar, Jalandhar-1, Industrial Town, Jalandhar, Punjab-144004 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Samiksha Kapoor.
- I, No.5250131A** Hav Kehar Singh Rana S/O Khadka Bahadur Rana R/O Priteen Nagar Raiwala, Tehsil-Rishikesh, Distt- Dehradun. Declare That In My Army Record My Wife Name Budha Rana Is Wrong. But My Wife Name Buddha Rana Is Correct. Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb72162956048696W Dated 21-10-2024 Before Notary Public Gurdaspur, Punjab.
- I Kuldip Kaur** W/O Hari Singh R/O Village Leehan Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name From Kuldip Kaur To Kuldeep Kaur.
- I Sunil Kumar** S/O Pura Chand R/O Vill. Khoba P.O. Sarana District Pathankot Punjab Declare That My Given Name As Sunil And My Surname As Kumar.
- I Ravi Kumar** S/O Makhan Singh R/O V.P.O. Bhanoki Tehsil Phagwara Distt. Kapurthala Punjab Declare That My Given Name As Ravi And My Surname As Kumar.
- I Sukhdev Dhari** Alias Sukhdev Singh S/O Khushi Ram R/O Vill. Nangal Kanugo P.O. Haryana Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Sukhdev Singh.
- I Rekha Bedi** W/O Balwinder Kumar Bedi R/O B-18/464, Kaushalya Niwas Street No.17 Moh. Roop Nagar Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Rekha Rani.
- I Gurmeet Kaur** W/O Balwinder Singh R/O Vill. Bazar, Ambala that I have changed my name from Gurmit Kaur To Gurmeet Kaur.
- I Arvind Kumar** S/O Jagan Nath R/O Vill. Manna P.O. Dhakawal Hoshiarpur Declare That My Minor Daughter Jasveen Kaur Given Name As Jasveen And Surname As Kaur.
- I Sukhwinder Kaur** W/O Guljit Singh R/O Muhala Patti Jagirpur Daroli Kalan Distt. Jalandhar Have Changed My Name From Guljit Singh To Guljit Singh Minhas.
- I, Kalpana** W/o Sandeep Singh R/o H.No. 114 Vill: Saidpura Teh-Dera Bassi (SAS Nagar) have changed my name from Kalpana to Kalpana Saini.
- I, Gagandeep Singh** S/o Karnail Singh R/o Mansotra Colony Vill: Khichian Teh-Mukerian (Hoshiarpur) have changed my name from Gagandeep Singh to Singh Gagandeep being a sir name.
- I, Baljit Singh** S/o Sikander Singh R/o Vpo. Tajpur (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Baljeet Singh Punni.
- I, Balwant Singh** Sidhu S/o Bhagwan Singh R/o Kotli Ablu (Sri Muktsar Sahib) have changed my minor son name from Roohaniatjot Sidhu to Roohaniatjot Singh Sidhu.
- I, Ketan Singh** S/O Vijay Kumar R/O Gandhi Chowk, Gidderbaha, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib, Have Changed My Name From Ketan Garg To Ketan.
- I, Gurdeep Singh** Rai S/o Dalbara Singh R/o VPO Goh, Tehsil Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Gurdeep Singh.
- I, Sandeep Mohan** S/o Rajinder Mohan R/o Flat No.217, G.T.2, Omaxe Green, Jharmari (SAS Nagar) have changed my name to Sandeep Mohan Sablok.
- I, Chanpreet Singh** Snadhu S/O Kuldeep Singh Sandhu R/O Vpo. Malsian Kalan Teh-Zira (Ferozeper) have changed my name to Chanpreet Singh Sandhu.
- I Gautam Singh** S/O Kishan Lal R/o H.No.45, Dass Road, Near Railway Bridge Ward No.06 Ferozeper Cantt, Teh and Distt Ferozeper, Have Changed My Name From Gautam Singh To Gautam Singh.
- I Davinder Kaur** Kandare D/o Roop Singh R/o Bura Gujjar Road, Bharat Gas Agency Wali Gali Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Davinder Kaur After Divorce.
- I Parampreet Kaur** W/o Mukesh Kumar R/o #323, Rajhat Road, Kasuri Gate, Ferozeper City Have Changed My Name To Parnpreet Kaur.
- I Kamlesh Rani** W/o Deepak Aggarwal R/o H.No. 286/287, Ward No 04, Bazar No 03, Ferozeper Cantt Have Changed My Name To Kamlesh Aggarwal.
- I Hardial Singh** S/O Gurcharan Singh R/O Village Malwal Qadim District Ferozeper Have Changed My Name To Hardial Singh Sandhu.
- I Kapoor Singh** Parwana S/o Hardwari Ram R/o Vill. Jewali, Charkhi Dadri, Haryana - 127308, have changed my name to Kapoor Singh.
- I Shivani Uniyal** D/o Guru Prasad Uniyal and W/o Akash Matta R/O House Number-1747, 4th Floor, Sector 57, Wazirabad (75), Gurgaon, Haryana - 122003, have changed my name to Shivani Matta.
- I, Manoj** S/o Dhara Singh R/O VPO Nidani Tehsil and District Jind Have Changed My Name From Manoj to Manoj Kumar.
- I, Simran** S/o Vinod Kumar R/O H.No. 10-B, Gali No. -1, Near Radha Krishna Mandir, Azad Nagar Tehsil and District Panipat Have Changed My Name From Simran to Seema.
- I Service No. 15693222H** HAV Krishan Dev Prasad Unit 3 COSR C/o 56 APO Permanent resident of vill. Rampur Post Jamalpur PS - Jamalpur Gogri Distt. Khagaria Pin - 851203 Bihar that in my service record my wife's name is wrongly mentioned as Shawit Iana Sharma but her actual name is Shweta Iana Sharma . Concerned note
- I Dikshant** S/o Umesh Kumar R/O H.No. 109 Lal Kurti Bazar, Ambala that I have changed my name from Dikshant to Dikshant Singh Sambharya. Concerned note
- I Veenu Chopra** W/o Pardeep Singh R/O H.no. 96 Dayal Bagh Near Brahm Kumari Ashram Ambala Cantt that I have changed my name from Veenu Chopra to Veenu . Concerned note
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- I, Sharefa BI** am Mother of Army No-18008347W Rank Nk Name: Mohd Akram Presently Posted At Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: Chhungan, Punch, Jammu and Kashmir-185111 Declare that I have changed my name from Sharefa BI to Sharifa BI. Vide Affidavit No-54AA 645633, Dated: 22-10-24
- I, Archana Sachin** Shinde am legally Wedded Spouse of Army No: 15569835P Rank: Hav Name-Shinde Sachin Yashvantrao Permanent Address: Tambave, Satara, Maharashtra-415521 Declare that I have Correct My Date of birth from 08/01/1984 to 08/12/1983. Vide Affidavit No-54AA 645630, Dated: 22/10/24
- I, Katuri** Venkateswarama am Mother of Army No:16117586P Rank: Spr Name-Katuri Pushpala Rao Permanent Address: 2-154, Adavuladevi, Dist: Guntur, Andhra Pradesh-522262 Declare that I have changed My Name from Katuri Venkateswarama to Katuri Venkateswarama. Vide Affidavit No: 54AA 645636, Dated: 22/10/24
- I, Katuri** Venkateswarama am Mother of Army No:16117586P Rank: Spr Name-Katuri Pushpala Rao Permanent Address: 2-154, Adavuladevi, Dist: Guntur, Andhra Pradesh-522262 Declare that I have Correct My Date of birth from 01/07/1971 to 01/01/1967. Vide Affidavit No-54AA 645635, Dated: 22/10/24
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- I, Katuri Sambaiah** am Father of Army No:16117586P Rank: Spr Name-Katuri Pushpala Rao Permanent Address:-2-154, Adavuladevi, Dist: Guntur, Andhra Pradesh-522262 Declare that I have Correct My Date of birth from 01/07/1968 to 01/01/1961. Vide Affidavit No-54AA 645634, Dated: 22/10/24
- I, Renu Siwach** W/o Sh. V.P. Siwach R/o Flat No. B1/62, Ground Floor, The Valley DLF, Panchkula, Pinjore Kalka Urban Complex, Panchkula, Haryana-134107 Declare that in my PPO No. 199200700048, EPO No. MF0010212007 me and my husband's name are wrongly mentioned as Renu Sivach instead of Renu Siwach and V.P. Sivach instead of V.P. Siwach respectively.

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NO POINT SUGARCOATING, THERE'S FIGHT FOR A SPOT BETWEEN RAHUL AND SARFARAZ: TEN DOESCHATE

PTI ■ PUNE
India assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate said on Tuesday that middle-order batters KL Rahul and Sarfaraz Khan are locked in a selection battle for the second Test against New Zealand here even though head coach Gautam Gambhir is keen to give the former, a long rope.
With India looking to bounce back from the eight-wicket thrashing at Bengaluru in the opening Test, focus will be on the team combination with Washington Sundar being added to the squad. Shubman Gill and Rishabh Pant are both aiming to shake off injury concerns for the match starting Thursday.
"Yeah, there's no point in sugarcoating it, there's a fight for a spot," ten Doeschate told the media when asked if Rahul and Sarfaraz were battling for a place in the team, here at the MCA Stadium ahead of India's training session.
"Sarfaraz was obviously brilliant in the last Test. I went to KL after the last Test (and) said how many balls do you play at (and) miss at? He didn't play at (and) miss at one ball and that's what tends to happen when you're not getting runs.
"There's certainly no concerns about KL, he's batting nicely, he's in a good mental space. But we are certainly



going to have to fit seven pieces into six spots for this Test and look at the pitch now and decide what's going to be best for the team," he said.
Sarfaraz scored a second-innings 150 in the Bengaluru game, while Rahul remained off-colour in both innings.
While admitting that it is difficult to keep Rahul out of the equation in the Test format, ten Doeschate said head coach Gautam Gambhir is "keen to" give him a long rope.
"It's not like we're worried about his

form. If you go on just the past three months since Gauti has been in here, he's keen to give him (Rahul) as much rope as we can. We have a lot of faith in him," he said.
"But at the same time, it's a very competitive environment, with Sarfaraz getting 150 plus runs (222 not out) in the Irani Trophy final. The decision will be what's best for the team, but we'll certainly back all the guys in," he added.
Pant, who did not keep wickets for a significant part of the opening Test,

and Shubman Gill, who missed the match due to stiffness in his neck, are close to attaining their full fitness.
"Rishabh is pretty good. I think Rohit (Sharmna) touched on it the other day. He was having a little bit of discomfort at the end range of his movement with the knee. But fingers crossed, he'll be good to keep in the Test as well," he said.
"He (Gill) looks so (available for this Test). He has batted last week in Bangalore, he had a few nets, he's got

a little bit of discomfort, but I think he'll be good to go for the Test," he added.
Ten Doeschate said the addition of Washington Sundar is "no desperate measure" but to add a bowling option who would take the ball away from the Kiwis left-handers.
"Definitely not. They (New Zealand) are filled with four left-handers in the XI. We've had Washy around the white-ball squad for a while and we like the way he operates. It's also nice to see that guys are getting rewarded for Ranji Trophy performance as well."
"We just want to make sure we're absolutely prepared for conditions here and if that does mean taking the ball away from the left-hander, we want that option," he added.
Ten Doeschate said Mohammed Siraj could be going through a "wicket-drought" but there was nothing to suggest that he was struggling for rhythm.
"Siraj bowled beautifully in the second innings. That hour of Test match cricket on the last morning was really high quality," he said.
"It maybe wasn't a nicking wicket, which is obviously his big strength, particularly to left-handers when he moves the ball across. There's nothing there to say like he's not bowling well or his rhythm is not good."



Cook backs Root to surpass Sachin Tendulkar as leading run-getter in Test cricket

PTI ■ DUBAI

Former England captain Alastair Cook feels Joe Root has the potential to surpass the legendary Sachin Tendulkar as the leading run-getter in Test cricket thanks to his insatiable hunger and incredible talent.
The 33-year-old Root currently has 12716 Test runs and is 3205 short of the Indian icon (15921).
Root occupies the fifth spot in the leading run-getter's chart at the moment with Rahul Dravid (13,288), Jacques Kallis (13,289) and Ricky Ponting (13,378) and Tendulkar ahead of him.
"I think Joe Root could set a mark, certainly on an English side, that'll be very hard to beat. But, you just never know," Cook was quoted as saying by the ICC.
"I hope he can get very close, if not be the first person who scores 16,000 Test runs. It'd be a great achievement."
Root overtook Cook as England's leading run-scorer in the longest format during the Multan Test against Pakistan earlier this month.
Having watched his compatriot go past him to become England's most decorated batter, the 39-year-old Cook struggled to express his feelings and called up Root to congratulate him for his massive feat.
"I watched the moment, then I rang him after the end of the play. I couldn't think of the right words to write in a text message," Coon said.
"So, I thought I'd just ring him, see what he was up to, and make sure he had a beer in his hand, which I think he did."

We're here to make amends: Cummins

PTI ■ MUMBAI
Australian skipper Pat Cummins is determined to "make amends" against India in the upcoming five-match Test series, as he aims to reclaim the Border-Gavaskar Trophy for the first time in over a decade.
The two teams will face off in a five-match series starting November 22 in Perth. India will come into the contest with the Border-Gavaskar Trophy firmly in their grasp, having held it for nearly a decade and winning two consecutive series in Australia. "We've had a bit of a break, so I'm excited for the five match Test series. Excited to get into it," the 31-year-old said in Star Sports' Press Room. "We haven't had a lot of luck against India over the last few Test series, but we always pride ourselves on playing well here in Australia."

Inglis earns maiden call-up as NZ name squad for Women's ODI series against India

PTI ■ CHRISTCHURCH
Wicketkeeper-batter Polly Inglis earned her maiden call-up as recently-crowned Women's T20 World champions New Zealand announced their 15-member squad for the upcoming three-match ODI series against India, beginning in Ahmedabad on Thursday.
Inglis, 28, was rewarded for consistent performances with both bat and gloves for Otago Sparks in the women's Super Smash and New Zealand A, leading to her first New Zealand Cricket central contract in June.
"We're really excited to introduce Polly for her first tour," Head coach Ben Sawyer said in a statement. "She put her hand up in last season's Hallyburton Johnstone Shield one-day



competition and throughout the New Zealand A series against England, so it's a great next step for her."
Lauren Down also returns to the squad after resuming international cricket in July following a maternity break.

Rosemary Mair, who sustained a serious back injury earlier this year, has been rested as part of her long-term rehabilitation.
Mair and off-spinner Leigh Kasperek are the only two players missing from the

squad that won the T20 World Cup in the UAE.
"Touring India is one of the great experiences in world cricket," Sawyer said.
"It's such a special place to come and I know everyone is looking forward to the

challenge ahead.
"Alongside trying to win the series, the tour will serve as important preparation for next year's ODI World Cup in India."
New Zealand won the Women's T20 World Cup in Dubai with a 32-run win over South Africa.
"It's been an amazing 24 hours for this group becoming T20 World Cup champions," said Sawyer.
"We're relishing the win but when we get to India we'll need to refocus and set our sights on the next challenge."
New Zealand Women's ODI squad: Sophie Devine (C), Suzie Bates, Eden Carson, Lauren Down, Izzy Gaze, Maddy Green, Brooke Halliday, Polly Inglis (WK), Fran Jonas, Jess Kerr, Melie Kerr, Molly Penfold, Georgia Plimmer, Hannah Rowe, Lea Tahuhu.

Williamson ruled out of 2nd Test against India

PTI ■ PUNE
Senior New Zealand batter Kane Williamson will not be available for the second Test against India here as his rehabilitation from a groin strain is still not complete, the country's cricket board announced on Tuesday.
New Zealand lead the three-match series 1-0 after winning the first game by eight wickets in Bengaluru. The second match will start here on Thursday.
Williamson, who is yet to join the squad here, suffered the injury during the recent Test series against Sri Lanka. Blackcaps head coach Gary Stead said Williamson was not yet ready even though he has made significant progress.
"We're monitoring Kane and he's tracking in the right direction, but isn't yet 100 per cent fit," said Stead in a statement issued by New



Zealand Cricket (NZC).
"We're hopeful to see further improvement over the coming days and have him available for the third Test. We'll give him as much time

as possible to get himself ready, but certainly continue to take a cautious approach," he added. The third Test is scheduled in Mumbai from November 1.

Shaw left out of Mumbai squad for next Ranji Trophy clash due to fitness and disciplinary issues

PTI ■ MUMBAI
Top order batter Prithvi Shaw has been left out of the Mumbai squad for their next Ranji Trophy match against Tripura owing to fitness and disciplinary issues.
The match is scheduled to be played in Agartala from October 26 to 29.
The right-handed opening batter, who has played five Tests, six ODIs and one T20 for India, seems to have run into trouble.
It is reliably learnt that the 24-year-old does not regularly attend the team's training sessions and has also appeared a "little overweight".
"You have to look at his fitness and his running when he is on the field. The MCA has a rich history and there cannot be exceptions for a certain player," an official from Mumbai Cricket



Association told PTI.
Shaw's form has been a concern given that he has scores of 7, 12, 1 and 39 not

out in the two rounds of Ranji Trophy. The decision to drop him has been taken by the Mumbai senior men's

selection panel owing to his fitness and "general conduct".
The Mumbai selectors have

named 29-year-old left-handed opening batter Akhil Herwadkar as replacement. Herwadkar has played 41 first-class matches and averages 36.51 with seven centuries and 10 fifties.
Also, middle-order mainstay and India's T20I skipper Suryakumar Yadav has been rested from the Mumbai squad. Suryakumar scored seven in his only outing for Mumbai in their nine-wicket win over Maharashtra.
Mumbai squad: Ajinkya Rahane (c), Ayush Mhatre, Angkrish Raghuvanshi, Akhil Herwadkar, Shreyas Iyer, Siddhesh Lad, Suryansh Shedge, Hardik Tamore (wk), Sidhaant Adhathrao (wk), Shams Mulani, Karsh Kothari, Himanshu Singh, Shardul Thakur, Mohit Avasthi, Juned Khan, Royston Dias.

MI, KKR among five IPL franchises bidding for teams in The Hundred: Report

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Mumbai Indians, Kolkata Knight Riders, Rajasthan Royals, Sunrisers Hyderabad and Lucknow Super Giants are among the IPL franchises who have submitted bids to acquire teams in the English Cricket Board-run The Hundred, according to a report.
The GMR Group, recently named the new owner of Hampshire, and Avram Glazer, co-owner of Manchester United Football Club, also submitted bids before the ECB's October 18 deadline for potential investors, reported

ESPNcricinfo.
The ECB has invited bids for a 49 per cent stake in each of the eight franchises, with the board retaining majority control.
"Expressions of interest could be for all eight teams, which would be culled to four in the next step which will start in November when the investors get to meet the host counties of each Hundred franchise," stated the report.
"Following that, investors would need to prune their wishlist to four teams, as part of the second stage, which will then come down to two teams of which they



would need to make their final choice."
The ECB is aiming to finalise investors by early 2025 but is committed to a deliberate approach to avoid "underselling what it believes is a valuable product".
ECB chairman Richard Thompson has also mentioned the possibility of a "hybrid" ownership model, where some teams remain under ECB control while others are sold to private investors.
The report further says while several IPL franchises showed early interest, not all followed through with bids.

"Punjab Kings opted out, while there has been no confirmation on whether five-times IPL champions Chennai Super Kings and equity major CVC Capital Partners, which owns Gujarat Titans, have submitted bids," it added.
"Global sports investors INEOS, owned by Jim Ratcliffe, which owns a 27% stake in Manchester United and run the football club's operations wing, have also opted out of bidding."
One of the main concerns for IPL franchises was whether they would be "happy being passive investors".