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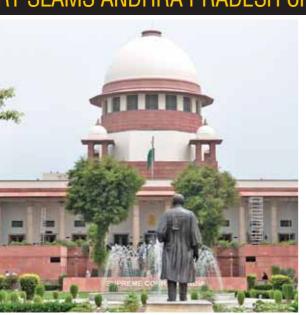
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bserving that at least Gods should be kept out of politics, the Supreme Court slammed Pradesh Minister N Chandrababu Naidu for prematurely going public with the claim that previous regime of YSR Congress Party used substandard ghee containing animal fat to prepare laddus at Sri Venkateswara temple in Tirupati.

Studying the lab report produced by the Government, the Apex Court on Monday, said that the ghee that had been sent for testing was rejected and not used for making laddus.

A Bench of Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan noted that the Chief Minister made the claim on September 18, even though the FIR in the matter was lodged on September 25, and a Special Investigation Team (SIT) was constituted on September 26. "It was not appropriate on the part of a higher constitutional functionary to go in public and make a statement which can affect the sentiments of crores of people," the Bench

The Bench said there is no conclusive proof yet to substantiate such a claim. It questioned the need to make a



when a probe had already been ordered by the State into the allegations. Justice Gavai also asked whether there was any material with the CM to conclude definitively that animal fat had been used to Devasthanams Chairman YV Subba Reddy prepare laddus at Tirupati

Justice Viswanathan observed that the ghee sample had been rejected as per reports. "So what was the need to go to the press at all, when you yourself ordered an investigation?" the judge asked. "At least the

The Bench was hearing the petitions filed by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Subramanian Swamy, and former Tirumala Tirupati (TTD)

Sampath demanding court monitored probe on the allegations of presence of animal fat in the ghee used in Tirupati laddus. 'Whether such a statement

should have been made that affects the sentiments of the Gods should be kept away devotees? What was the need from politics," the Court of going to the press and

along with a one-time grant of ₹6000

when SIT was ordered? Prima facie there is nothing at least to show, no concrete proof to show at this stage, that the same ghee was used and procured. Even pending investigation when such statements are made by responsible public functionaries then what effect it will have on the SIT? What was the material?"

The Court told Senior Advocate Siddharth Luthra, representing TTD, that he was not answering the court's queries on this aspect. "You have still not answered. There is nothing to show that ghee was used. These are processes used to justify the rejection and stop payment!"

The Bench asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to assist it in deciding whether the investigation by the state-SIT appointed should appointed 511 should continue or the probe should be conducted by an independent agency. The Bench has posted the matter for further hearing on

Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu claimed earlier this month that animal fat was used in preparing Tirupati laddus during the previous YS Jagan Mohan Reddy-led government in the state, triggering a massive political row. The YSR Congress has accused Naidu of indulging in "heinous

October 3.



BJP and Congress spat over remarks on PM

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and their parties engaged in war of words following the latter's remarks on Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a public meeting in Jammu when he said he won't die before PM Modi is removed from power. Shah termed Kharge's remark as "absolutely distractful and disgraceful"

distasteful and disgraceful". At an election rally in Jasrota in Jammu on Sunday, Kharge felt dizzy and uneasy but resumed his speech after a brief pause, saying he won't die before PM Modi is removed from power. Shah said "in a bitter display of spite", Kharge unnecessarily dragged the Prime Minister into his personal health matters by saying that he would die only after removing

leaders and his party in being absolutely distasteful and disgraceful in his speech. He said Kharge's remarks showed how much hate and

fear the Congress people have for PM Modi and that they are constantly thinking of him. "As for the health of Mr. Kharge Ji, Modi Ji prays, I pray and we all pray that he lives a long, healthy life. May he continue to live for many years and may he live to see the creation of a Viksit Bharat by 2047," the Minister said. Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Nirmala said the Congress leadership never loses any opportunity to display their hate towards Modi. "Aptly said, Home Minister Amit Shahji," Sitaraman said in a social media post. Kharge responded to Amit

the Congress president Shri the Home Minister should Mallikarjun Kharge Ji has outperformed himself, his the Manipur situation, census and a caste census. "Home Minister Amit Shah should focus on serious issues like Manipur, census and caste census. Your Government's own survey says that 92 percent of the employees cleaning urban sewers and septic tanks come from SC, ST, OBC categories," the Congress chief said.

> census because then it will be known by which work SC, ST, OBC, EWS and all other categories are earning their livelihood. What is their economic and social status? What kind of targeted benefits of Government schemes should they get?" Kharge said. He asserted that the Congress party is firmly committed to getting a caste census done. "We will get it done," he added.

"The BJP is against caste

ED books Siddaramaiah

PNS NEW DELHI/BENGALURU

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday booked Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and some others in a moneylaundering case linked to the Mysuru Urban Development Authority, taking cognisance of a recent state Lokayukta FIR, official sources said. The federal agency has filed

enforcement information report (ECIR) to book the Chief Minister and others, they said.



Siddaramaiah, his wife BM brother-in-law Parvathi, Mallikarjuna Swamy and Devaraju, from whom Swamy had purchased land and gifted it to Parvathi, and others have been named in the FIR registered by the Mysuru-located Lokayukta police establishment on September The FIR was lodged after a

special court in Bengaluru last week ordered a Lokayukta police probe aga Siddaramaiah in the case.





STF arrests mastermind for supplying SIM cards to cybercriminals in South Asian countries

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The Uttarakhand Special Task Force (STF) arrested the mastermind behind an international cybercrime syndicate involved in providing fraudulent SIM cards to cybercriminals across India and South Asia. The accused Mohammad Aslam was apprehended from the Manglaur area of Haridwar district late on Sunday, the inspector general of police (Crime, Law and Order) Nilesh Anand Bharne said. In a Press conference here on Monday, Bharne said that the accused had reportedly activated over 20,000 SIM cards using forged documents, supplying them to cybercriminals in countries like Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar, China and several states in the country. His modus operandi usually included duping women by offering them free gifts in exchange for their Aadhaar details and biometric data, which were later used to activate the SIM cards. The IG said that Aslam had reportedly deceived multiple women in his locality, using their Aadhaar details to obtain



SIM cards. The fraudulent SIM cards were then sold to cybercriminals through Chinese and Cambodian-operated WhatsApp OTP groups for OTP generation. These OTPs were used to activate WhatsApp and other social media accounts, enabling cybercriminals to carry out large-scale fraud including fraudulent trading and investment schemes to lure victims across the country with the promise of high returns, Bharne said. He said that the investigation stemmed from a complaint filed in April 2024,

victim Dehradun reported losing money in a fake investment scam. The STF, in collaboration with the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) of the Ministry of Home Affairs, conducted a thorough investigation into bank accounts and mobile numbers involved in the scam. The police team, led by inspector Vikas Bhardwaj cracked down on the mastermind using advanced technical analysis. The deputy superintendent of police of cyber crime police station, STF, Ankush Mishra,

analyse the mobile numbers and exposed multiple complaints linked to the SIM cards across the country. Mishra informed that the scam involved creating fake online trading and investment platforms, enticing people with promises of tripling their investments. Victims were shown fake profits to gain their trust, after which they were coerced into investing larger sums, eventually losing their money, he added. Aslam was arrested from Manglaur on Sunday. During the arrest, the STF also recovered 1,816 SIM cards, five mobile phones, two biometric devices and two cheque books. Further investigations are ongoing to uncover more links to the scam, he added. Bharne also urged citizens to remain vigilant and avoid falling prey to such on-line scams. He asked the victims to report suspicious activities to their nearest police station or cybercrime unit and advised against sharing personal documents or investing in unverified platforms.

Early precautions must with onset of winter

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Doctors in Dehradun have advised individuals to take early precautions as the winter season approaches to avoid viral and upper respiratory infections. The temperature change as winter approaches has already begun in the State, leading to an increase in cases of upper respiratory illnesses. Experts are recommending necessary precautions to prevent viral infections in the upcoming days. A senior physician at the CMI Hospital Dr Anshika Jain said that the recent temperature fluctuations have

led to an increase in viral infections. With winter approaching, the change in season may result in upper respiratory ailments among individuals. This could lead to symptoms such as cold, cough, and fever. To prevent this, it is important for individuals to take early precautions. They should wear warm clothing, avoid consuming meals from outside, and opt for normal water instead of refrigerated water. Additionally, with the change in weather, it is advisable to avoid using air conditioning, as it may contribute to upper respiratory issues, she added. Further, a paediatrician Dr Apoorava Jain has also emphasised the early precautions for children due to the approaching winter season. He added that, up until now, cases of waterborne diseases, stomach infections and diarrhoea were common.

However, with the transition from summer to winter, it is expected that cases of cough and fever will increase. To prevent this, parents must ensure that their children wear full-sleeved clothes, avoid drinking cold water and eat homemade food. Additionally, if any child is suffering from cold and cough, parents should not send them to school to prevent the spread of the ailment to other children. Adhering to these precautions will help prevent children from such ailments, he added.

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DEN/IV/MB acting for and on behalf of The Pre and time only are mentioned against each column. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost earnest money only through online payment nodes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Ban

cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.						
Tender No. Date	184-DRM-MB-24-25 Date: 27.09.2024	185-DRM-MB-24-25 Date: 27.09.2024	190-DRM-MB-24-25 Date: 27.09.2024			
Name of work	Elimination of level crossing no. 81/C by providing LHS by pushing method on HPU-PKW in the section of ADEN/HPU Elimination of level crossing no. 85/C by providing LHS by pushing method on MB-GZB in the section of ADEN/HPU		SHIMS in the jurisdiction of			
Tender Closing Date/Time	24.10.2024 (16:00 hrs.)	24.10.2024 (16:00 hrs.)	24.10.2024 (16:00 hrs.)			
Advertised Value(₹)	₹7,85,37,955.81	₹7,91,13,018.56	₹5,12,620.50			
Earnest Money(₹)	₹5,42,700.00	₹5,45,600.00	₹10,300.00			
Period of Completion	10 Months	10 Months	02 Months			
Bidding Start Date	10.10.2024	10.10.2024	10.10.2024			

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

nereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Grihum Housing Finance Limited (formerly known as Poonawalla Housing Finan of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice below dated calling upon the bel

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has take possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule of the said rules of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002 on the dates mentioned herein below.

he borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured as

Place: HARIDWAR, DEHRADUN, UTTARAKHAND

Sd/- Authorised Officer Grihum Housing Finance Limited (Formerly known as Poonawalla Housing Finance Limited)

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Limited as the name Poonawalla Housing Finance Limited changed to Grihum Housing Finance Limited with effect from 17 Nov 2023 (Previous known as Magma Housing Finance Limited and originally incorporated with name of GE Money Housing Finance Public Unlimited Company herein after referred as Secured Creditor of the above Corporate/ Register office under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred as the "said Act") and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12 forrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

he borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of secured Creditor the amount and interest thereon.

Details of Property taken in possession are herein below.

	NAME OF BORROWERS	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	POSSESSION TAKEN DATE	STATUTORY DEMAND NOTICE	AMOUNT IN DEMAND NOTICE (RS.)
	BHATIA, ANKUR KUMAR	Having Total Area 660 Sq.Ft. Bearing Khasra No. 1529, Situated At Village Anneki Hettampur Pargana Roorkee Tehsil & Distt Haridwar. Bounded & Butted In:- East By:-Passage 20 Ft. Wide, West By:-House Of Anil Sharma Plot No. 12, North By:-House Of Bhuwneshwar Plot No. 10. South By:-Plot No. 8	25-09-2024		Loan No. HL0017310000005006554 Rs.1620057/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Twenty Thousand Fifty Seven Only) payable as on 08/01/2024 along with interest @ 13.50 p.a. till the realization.
:-	GARMENTS FASHION BOUTIQE, PANKA.I	All That Property Comprising Of A Commercial Shop No. 2, Khasra No. 843mi, Situated At Village- Haripur Kalan, Pargana-Parwadoon, Tehsil-Rishikesh, District-Dehradun, Measuring 26.95 Sqm, Bounded And Butted As Under: East:-Side Measuring 10 Ft. West:-Side Measuring 10 Ft. North:-Side Measuring 29ft. South:-Side Measuring 29 Ft		10-08-2023	Loan No. HM0173H18100148 Rs. 1020590.89 (Rupees Ten Lakh Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Paise Eighty Nine Only) payable as on 10/08/2023 along with interest @ 17.50 p.a. till the realization.

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बानो आधार नं. 719899052268

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NIEPVD organises Swachhata Hi Sewa programme

 $The \ National \ Institute for the \ Empowerment of \ Persons \ with \ Visual \ Disabilities (NIEPVD) \ organised \ a \ Swachhata \ Hi \ Sewa \ proposed \ NIEPVD \ organised \ a \ Swachhata \ Hi \ Sewa \ proposed \ NIEPVD \ organised \ a \ Swachhata \ Hi \ Sewa \ proposed \ NIEPVD \ organised \ a \ Swachhata \ Hi \ Sewa \ proposed \ NIEPVD \ organised \ a \ Swachhata \ Hi \ Sewa \ proposed \ NIEPVD \ organised \ a \ Swachhata \ Hi \ Sewa \ proposed \ NIEPVD \ organised \ a \ Swachhata \ Hi \ Sewa \ proposed \ NIEPVD \ organised \ a \ Swachhata \ Hi \ Sewa \ proposed \ NIEPVD \ organised \ a \ Swachhata \ Hi \ Sewa \ proposed \ NIEPVD \ organised \ a \ Swachhata \ Hi \ Sewa \ proposed \ NIEPVD \ organised \ nothing \ not$ gramme on Monday. During the programme, minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment BL Verma was the chief guest and emphasised the importance of not only external cleanliness but also internal and behavioural cleanliness in the programme. He stressed that cleanliness is essential not just on a physical level but also at the mental and social levels. He further lauded the institute's continuous efforts in empowering individuals with visual impairments. He remarked that the institute plays a crucial role in the upliftment of persons with disabilities. Further, he commended the prime minister's Narendra Modi initiative to replace the term "Viklang" with "Divyang," calling it a powerful step towards ensuring dignity and respect for persons with disabilities in society. He further assured the gathering that the ministry would extend every possible support to the institute to enable it to continue its impactful work in empowering persons with disabilities. He also inaugurated the newly constructed "Accessible Library" at NIEPVD, which will significantly contribute to the educational advancement of visually impaired students. Additionally, under the National Vayoshri Scheme (NVS) and the ADIP Scheme, Verma distributed assistive devices to beneficiaries to aid them in their daily lives.

IN BRIEF

Lenskart launches its first store in Mussoorie

DEHRADUN: India's leading eyewear brand, Lenskart opened its first store in the Mall Road, Mussoorie which spans 580 square feet, offering fashionable eyewear along with complimentary eye tests to the residents of the town. The co-founder of Lenskart Amit Chaudhary said that with over 1,900+ stores na-



tionwide, this new outlet highlights Lenskart's commitment to meeting the eyewear needs of the people in Mussoorie. It has brought the total to 15 stores in Dehradun and 25 across Uttarakhand, he said, adding that the brand has plans to further broaden its reach across India in FY

2025. Among those present during the launch included the president Uttarakhand Hotels and Restaurant Association Sunny Sahni and the president of Traders Association Rajat Aggrawal

Almora Urban Cooperative Bank earns Rs 3738.56 lakh net profit

ALMORA: The 33rd annual general meeting of the Almora Urban Cooperative Bank Limited was held on Monday after which the bank provided details about its activities in 2023-24

The bank earned Rs 3,738.56 L as net profit in this financial year while the volume of business rose from Rs 4,740.83 Cr to Rs 5,147.53 Cr. The bank has set a target of taking its business to Rs 6,000 Cr by the end of 2024. Besides, the bank has decided to open five

new branches. As per the figures provided by the bank, the capital has risen from Rs 203 crore to Rs 682 crore.

CTR forms task force to check fraud

RAMNAGAR: To stop fake websites from swindling tourists intending to visit the Corbett Tiger Reserve, the CTR has formed a task force which is to take legal actions against the operators of these websites after investigation. The warden Amit Gwasikoti will be in- charge of the task force. The Corbett Tiger Reserve director Saket Badola urged the people to make online bookings only through their official website- https://corbettgov.org.



BJP membership on the rise, claims Rawat

ROORKEE: While attending a review meeting convened by the Roorkee district BJP unit regarding the party's ongoing membership drive on Monday, Haridwar MP and former chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat said that the people were coming of their own accord to become members and work in the interests of the nation. He also exhorted the party functionaries to work with target-based strategy. Lauding the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-helmed development programmes, he said that everyone was aware of these.

NICU ward to open up soon in district hospital: DM

The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) ward at Deen Dayal Upadhyay District Hospital will ▲ soon be activated to improve patient facilities, district magistrate Savin Bansal said. He said this in a meeting with the officials concerned on Monday. He informed that the nursing staff for the Spe cialised Newborn Care Unit (SNCU) has been interviewed and a pediatrician has been deployed. Apart from this, the nursing staff working in the NICU ward will receive a 5 per cent salary incre ment every three months. This will make the nursing staff more self-reliant and capable, he added. He further said that with the operation of the NICU ward, institutional deliveries at the district hospital are expected to increase, reducing the need for visits to expensive hospitals. Additionally, a dedicated vehicle has been arranged for the NICU ward to transport children, he said.

Senior citizens continue to suffer, government schemes limited to formality

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to prioritise financial success, which has a detrimen-

provide guidance and sup-

port. It has been noted that

senior citizens often take a

while to open up to us. It

has become apparent that

many elderly residents in

Dehradun are dealing with

feelings of isolation, lack of

communication and a need

for emotional support, re-

sulting in feelings of de-

pression," said a volunteer

with the time bank,

Pradeep Kumar Tiwari. He

further highlighted that not

only is the younger genera-

tion accountable for this

issue, but senior citizens

play a role in it as well. Fur-

ther, the State president of

the Senior citizen welfare

society LR Kothiyal ex-

pressed concern regarding

the challenges faced by

senior citizens as a result of

migration. It is important

for their children to ad-

dress their loneliness and

isolation by spending qual-

ity time with them, if nec-

essary. Additionally, he

highlighted that although

the State government has

made efforts to ensure the

safety of senior citizens,

these efforts have not al-

ways been effectively im-

plemented on the ground.

The incidence of crimes

against senior citizens has

also been on the rise.

Therefore, the state admin-

istration and police officials

should conduct regular in-

spections and provide sup-

port to senior citizens

living alone throughout the

state, he added.

impact on the

Continued migration of the younger generation is causing issues in families, leading to depression and other issues among the aged. Despite various measures purportedly executed and proposed by the State government in the interests of the aged, the senior citizens continue to face various problems. Experts said this while talking to The Pioneer the International Day of Older Persons yo be observed today. Notably, the migration of the younger generation has become a prevalent issue for senior citizens in Uttarakhand, resulting in feelings of anxiety, stress and various other health ailments. Considering this, the founder of the Time Bank, Rohit Mamgain, who

works for senior citizens said that through their observations of the elderly population, particularly in Dehradun, they have noticed that many seniors harbour feelings of fear, loneliness, depression, anxiety and stress. This can be attributed to their sense of isolation, as the younger generation often chooses to relocate for career opportunities, neglecting the emotional support they should be providing to their aging parents. Further, Mamgain noted a rise in feelings of insecurity, fear and loneliness among seniors residing in mountainous areas. Rather than offering emotional assistance, younger generation seems

well-being of senior citizens. He emphasised the efforts of their time bank initiative in addressing and	एत पेय इच	तक: 2168/11114द1/131 विदिदा सूचव दद्वारा अध्यक्ष, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल संसाधन विकास एव जल योजना के डिजाइनिंग एवं विस्तृत प्राक्कलन विर कुक कंसलटेन्सी से सीलबन्द कोटेशन दि० 14.10.20 ने पर अगले कार्यदिवस) की अपरान्ड 3:00 बजे तक	 i निम रचन)24	र्गण निगम की अ आदि तत्संबंधी किसी कारण व	कार्यों हेतु निम्नानुसार ।श अवकाश घोषित
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for project completion of DPR and submitting of DPR in soft copy as well as 4 set of hard copy as per requirement, direction engineer-in-charge. For Estimate Cost Upto 2.50 Crore For Estimate Cost 2.50 To 5 Crore For Estimate Cost 5 To 15 Crore D For Estimate Cost Above 15 Crore

निविदा सूचना

नियम एवं शर्ते :--

 सशर्त कोटेशन पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा एवं अधोहस्ताक्षरी को बिना कारण बताये और किसी भी या समस्त कोटेशन को निरस्त करने का अधिकार होगा।

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 जी०एस०टी० नियमानुसार अतिरिक्त देय होगा। जी०एस०टी० के अतिरिक्त अन्य समस्त कर सम्मिलित हैं। अतः कार्यों हेतु उपरोक्त दर में जी0एस0टी0 के अतिरिक्त किसी प्रकार के अन्य क का कोई अतिरिक्त भुगतान नहीं किया जायेगा। बिल के भुगतान के समय आयकर एवं अन्य करों की नियमानुसार कटौती की जायेगी।

भुगतान चैक अथवा इलैक्ट्रानिक माध्यम द्वारा ही किया जायेगा।

डाक द्वारा विलम्ब से प्राप्त होने वाली किसी भी कोटेशन पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा। शेष नियम एवं शर्ते कार्यालय में किसी भी कार्यदिवस एवं कार्यालय समय (सुबह 10 बजे से सार

5 बजे तक) में देखी जा सकती है। अधिशासी अभियंता

जल संचय-जीवन संचय'' ''कृपया जल स्रोतो को प्रदूषित होने से बचाईये' वैधानिक चेतावनी-जल स्रोतो को प्रदूषित करना दण्डनीय अपराध है।

MORE FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAIN-2024 In continuation to already announced Festival Special Train-2024, Railways have planned to run following additional Festival Special train as per detail given below:-03309/03310 Dhanbad Jn. - Jammu Tawi - Dhanbad Jn. Express Special Train (Weekly)

Train N	o.: 03309		Train No	.: 03310
ARR.	DEP.	♦ SIATIONS	ARR.	DEP.
	10:10	Dhanbad Jn.	14:00	
10:35	10:37	Nsc Bose J Gomoh	12:30	12:32
10:50	10:52	Parasnath	12:05	12:07
11:12	11:14	Hazaribagh Road	11:10	11:12
11:42	11:44	Koderma Jn.	10:35	10:37
13:30	13:35	Gaya Jn.	08:55	09:00
14:24	14:26	Anugraha Narayan Road	07:32	07:34
14:40	14:42	Dehri-On-Sone	07:10	07:12
14:54	14:56	Sasaram Jn.	06:48	06:50
15:35	15:37	Bhabua Road	06:25	06:27
17:00	17:10	Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Jn.	05:00	05:10
18:05	18:15	Varanasi Jn.	03:25	03:35
21:00	21:10	Prayagraj Jn.	23:15	23:25
00:10	00:20	Govindpuri Jn.	20:05	20:15
05:20	05:25	Tundla Jn.	15:00	15:05
09:00	09:10	Delhi Jn.	11:35	11:45
10:08	10:10	Sonipat jn.	09:45	09:47
10:48	10:50	Panipat Jn.	09:08	09:10
13:05	13:15	Ambala Cantt. Jn.	07:20	07:25
13:56	13:58	Sirhind Jn.	05:45	05:47
15:00	15:10	Ludhiana Jn.	04:45	04:50
15:50	15:55	Jalandhar Cantt.	03:40	03:45
19:00	19:05	Pathankot Cantt.	01:30	01:35
22:40		Jammu Tawi		23:25
DATE C	OF RUN: (03309 from Dhanbad Jn. on ev	ery Tueso	day from

01.10.2024 to 26.11.2024 and 03310 from Jammu Tawi on every **ACCOMMODATION:** AC-3 Tier

For any kind of information such as detailed Time-Table and stations enroute etc., passegers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or NTES App.

Date of Demand



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Branch & Name of the

Borrower/Guaranto

Date: 30.09.2024

BRANCH:- GMS ROAD, DEHRADUN (3568)

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Amount Outstanding

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LoP seeks special Assembly session for stringent land laws

GAJENDRA SINGH NEGI ■ DEHRADUN

【 (LoP) in Assembly Yashpal Arya has demanded that the State government should convene a special session of the State assembly for the stringent land laws without any delay. He said that the State government should also bring the findings of the Subhash Kumar committee in the public domain. Interacting with The Pioneer Arya said on Monday the chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has said that the land laws will be brought in the budget session of the Assembly next year which is too long a time and shows

gent law should be passed by the Assembly after thorough discussion on all aspects. The LoP said that the huge turnout of people in the Bhoo Kanoon rally in Rishikesh has proved that the people of the State are frustrated and angry at the largescale purchase of land in the State by outsiders.

He said that the govern-ment should also declare the names of the industrialists and business houses that were given lands in the State. Arya said that the strict land the intent of the State gov- the Congress government areas.

The leader of opposition ernment. He said that a strin- under the leadership of ND Tiwari in the year 2003 but the BJP governments made changes in it and rendered it ineffective. Arya said that the State government is planning to hand over the Ayurvedic and Yunani medicine centre in Mohan near Ramnagar in the private

> He said that on one hand the State government is giving land to the industrialists. business houses and outsiders, it is snatching the land of the local people and rendering them homeless in laws were implemented by Haldwani, Bajpur and other

Dhami conducts a whirlwind tour of election bound Haryana

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Singh Dhami addressed election rallies at Mauna, Haryana on Monday in support of BJP candidates in the ensuing Vidhan Sabha elections. In Mauna, the CM said that the picture and fate of Haryana has changed for the

Thief minister Pushkar the world stage has increased. a clear vision for development of Haryana and in the last 10 Dhami averred that the railway budget the share of Haryana years not even a single case of Punderi and Faridabad in has increased from Rs 300 corruption has come to light in crore to Rs 3,000 crore in last the State. Launching a vitriolic 10 years. In the Kaithal area a attack on the Congress party network of roads has been the CM said that the party has built and foundation stone of always deceived the youngsters. He said that the people Bhagwan Parshuram government medical college has been should recall the corrupt rule

of the Congress party in the State when the game of transfer posting was played. The BJP government has stifled corruption and brought in transparency in the governance of Haryana. The Hudda government had loaded a ourden of debt on Haryana and had made its people bankrupt, he said.

He appealed to the people to vote for the BJP candidates and said that every vote polled for BJP will take Ĥaryana forward on the path of prosperity and development. Dhami said that the double engine of

the Union and State government will push the State at a

sures. Singh instructed officials

better in the last 10 years. He laid. The BJP government will said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra

provide Minimum Support Price (MSP) to 24 crops. Modi the prestige of India on Dhami averred that the BJP has

Police identify about 100 unauthorised constructions in Pachwadoon

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of Dehradun district. These unauthorised structures, span-

police have identified dent of police Ajai Singh conabout 100 unauthorised ducted an inspection of the structures, including religious area on Monday and reviewed establishments, houses and encroachments related grievshops, built on government ances of the public in areas such property in Pachwadoon area as Dhakrani, Bhimawala, Dakpathar Barrage and Khadar Basti. He said that several reli-



ning across multiple locations from Dakpathar to Pul Number one, Nawabgarh, Dhakrani and several other areas, were marked for further ments in Sahaspur and Selaqui action on Monday. The Dehradun senior superinten-

gious structures and about 90 houses and shops were identi-fied as illegally built on public land. He said that the encroachto coordinate with the respective departments to ensure that all illegal structures are removed. He stated that this initiative is part of the government's broader strategy to address illegal land use and protect public and village properties from misuse. The authorities have intensified its efforts to remove unauthorised structures, including religious establishments, houses, and shops, built on government properties in the district and reclaim them. Singh said that a large scale verification campaign is also being carried out across the district to check the identity and background of individuals from other states who have settled in these areas. The police will now also conduct verification drives w to identify those occupying lands without proper authorisation, especially those from outside Uttarakhand, he

Indo- Kazakh joint military exercise commences in Auli

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KAZIND-2024, the joint the growing bond of friend-ship between the two glorious and Kazakhstan commenced at Auli in Chamoli district on Monday. The exercise will conclude on October 13. The exercise is an annual training emerge from this exercise as event conducted alternatively in India and Kazakhstan. Last edition of the exercise was conducted in Kazakhstan in July 2023. Indian contingent in the exercise has 120 personnel represented primarily by 5th battalion of the Kumaon regiment and Indian Air Force. The Kazakh contingent comprises of 60 personnel drawn from the country's land forces, air defence forces and air borne assault friendship and trust. "The troopers. The Commander aim of Exercise KAZIND -Indian contingent, Colonel Yogesh Upadhyay said, "The

nations and with enthusiasm, professionalism and a spirit of cooperation we will achieve our training objectives and even stronger, more capable and a more united force." The Commander Kazakhstan contingent Colonel Karibayev Nurlan Serikbayevich said that India and Kazakhstan share common culture, heritage and harmonious relations and the eighth edition of joint exercise will further strengthen interoperability and coordination at tactical level and build the bonds of 2024 is to enhance joint military capability of both sides joint exercise is a testimony of to undertake counter terror-

ism operations in a sub conventional scenario under Chapter VII of the United Nations mandate. The joint exercise will focus on operations in the semi-urban and mountainous terrain. Objectives to be achieved from the joint training are high degree of physical fitness, rehearsing and refining drills for operations at tactical level and sharing of best practices. The joint exercise will facilitate developing inter-operability, bonhomie and camaraderie between armed forces personnel of the two countries. This will also enhance the level of defense cooperation, further assisting bilateral relations between the two friendly nations," a communiqué from the Indian

Father and son die after wasp attack in Tehri

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A father and his eight year old son lost their lives after being attacked by a swarm of wasps in Jaunpur block of Tehri. According to the officials, Sundarlal (47) and his son Abhishek were out son Abhishek were out grazing their cattle when the incident occurred on Sunday. A swarm of wasps suddenly attacked the duo when they were making their way through a forested area. They said that in an effort to protect his son, Sundarlal threw himself over Abhishek, trying to shield him from the wasp attack. However,

despite his attempt, both

father and son sustained

he Haridwar municipal commissioner

Varun Chaudhary conducted a surprise

inspection of the city's cleanliness system on

Monday. The inspection covered key areas

such as Sarvanand Ghat, Bade Shivmurti

Park, Govindpuri Ghat and the Kanwad

He found the overall cleanliness in these

areas satisfactory during the inspection. However, upon visiting the Vivekananda Park near Shivmurti, Chaudhary noticed encroachments and immediately directed

authorities concerned to remove them.

Following this, the team of the Municipal Corporation of Haridwar (MCH) began the

encroachment removal process. Besides

this, the team also imposed fines on indi-

At Sarvanand Ghat and Shivmurti, five

people were fined, leading to a collection of

Rs 3,500. Besides this, seven individuals

were also fined at Govindpuri Ghat and

Kanwar Patri, resulting in a total collection

of Rs 2,200. The commissioner instructed

the officials concerned to prioritise main-

taining the city's cleanliness while ensuring

strict actions against violators.

viduals caught littering.

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severe injuries from the wasp stings.

The officials said that the villagers who were alerted to the situation rushed Sundarlal and Abhishek to the nearby sub-district hos-

conducts surprise inspection

Haridwar commisioner

pital in Mussoorie. Doctors did their best to provide treatment but due to the severity injuries, the two could not be saved, they stated. The officials said that as per the

doctors, the wasp stings were extremely brutal and despite their best efforts, they were unable to save the victims. The police sent the body for postmortem and will take further action

Employees seeking OPS to observe black day today

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The State government 1 employees demanding restoration of the old pension scheme (OPS) will observe black day on October 1.

The employees will burn

the copies of the new pension scheme (NPS) and unified pension scheme (UPS) in all parts of the State and will observe blackout of one hour in their houses in support of their demand for restoration of OPS. The president of Uttarakhand chapter of National Movement for restoration of Old Pension Scheme (NMOPS), Jeetmani Painyuli said that the NPS was implemented in the State on October 1, 2005 so the employees will register their protest by observing black day on October 1.

many flaws in the UPS due to which the employees have rejected it. Painyuli said that the government has divided the employees into three categories OPS, NPS and UPS which proves that it is playing divide and rule policy. He said that the employees are united in their demand for restora-

tion for OPS and have

rejected both the NPS and

employees and teachers

will take part in the protest.

Painyuli claimed that the

huge success of Akrosh

rallies taken out in all dis-

tricts on September 27 has

bolstered the morale of the

employees. He said that a

mega conclave in support

of OPS would be orga-

nized in New Delhi on

He said that there are

December 15.

He claimed that all the

''आपकी उन्नति' अल्मोड़ा अर्बन को-ऑपरेटिव बैंक लि. (उत्तर भारत का सबसे बड़ा नगर सहकारी बैंक) प्रधान कार्यालय - लाला बाजार अल्मोडा पूर्णतया सी.बी.एस., आरटीजीएस, एनईएफटी, एटीएम एवं ई-कॉम सुविधायुक्त Visit us: www.almoraurbanbank.com, E-mail: info@almoraurbanbank.com 31 मार्च 2024 के आधार पर तुलन पत्र (धनराशि करोड़ में) पँजी एवं दायित्व 31.03.2024(₹) 31.03.2023(₹) परिसम्पत्तियां 31.03.2024(₹) 31.03.2023(₹)

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3. प्राविधान	40,16	33.10	3. कमीशन/एक्सचेंज	1.78	1.70
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5. अतिदेव आरक्षित व्याज	86.75	69.46	5. अतिदेय आरक्षित व्याज	86.75	69.46
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1. पूंजी	35.57	30.39	1. नकद	60.90	50.17

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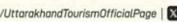
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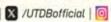


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Rule of law key to social development: President Murmu

resident Droupadi Murmu on Monday said economic growth and social development are possible only where the rule of law is

Without maintaining law and order, ensuring justice and protecting citizens' rights, progress becomes a meaningless term, she said addressing a group of Indian Police Service (IPS) probationers, who had called on her at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

"One category of crime I would like to highlight here is crimes against women. While it is a complex phenomenon with its roots deep in a sick mindset as well as sickening social prejudices, it is, first of all, a crime. Therefore, fighting it requires action at many levels, but the first response comes from the police force," President Murmu said.

She said police officers working on these cases are expected to have exceptional sensitivity, empathy for the victim besides utmost commitment to the task of ensuring justice.

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commitment to the task of ensuring

She said law and order is not only the bedrock of governance but also the very basis of the modern state, and asked the officers to be efficient, sympathetic, fearless as well as friendly. President Murmu said police officers' roles become more crucial as India aims to scale new heights in the years to come.

and social Economic growth development are possible only where the rule of law is upheld. Without maintaining law and order, ensuring justice and protecting citizens' rights, progress becomes a meaningless term,"

The President asked the police officers to be tech-savvy and stay a step ahead of the criminals. Maintenance of law and order, crime prevention and detection as well as other aspects of policing have benefited from advances in technology, she said.

"The flip side, however, is that criminals and terrorists too have resorted to using technology. When cyber-crimes and cyber warfare are rising around the world, you will be expected to be tech-savvy and stay a step ahead of the criminals," President Murmu said.

She expressed happiness over the rise

the IPS. "I am told that in this batch there are 54 lady officers out of the total strength of 188. At 28.72 per cent, it is a sharp jump from last year's numbers as well as the average of recent years," the President said.

She said the role of lady officers goes much beyond addressing genderbased crimes.

"Their increasing numbers can change the overall character of policing for the better, improve the police-community relations, and will prove beneficial to the nation too," the president said, addressing the IPS probationers of the 76 Populor Populor (2023) batch 76 Regular Recruits (2023) batch.

President Murmu also advised the officers to make yoga a part of their routine and not ignore their mental well-being.

"I have spoken about the great responsibilities placed on your shoulders. These can sometimes be too stressful. I would like to offer you a word of advice in this regard.

'Never ignore your mental well-being. Make yoga, 'pranayama' and relaxation techniques part of your routine from now, and they will help you do your job better," she said. "The 'S' in 'IPS' stands for service", President Murmu said, and added that "one watchword above all is to serve the nation and its

Modi to launch projects worth ₹83,300 crore in Jharkhand



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Jharkhand on October two and lay the foundation stone, launch and inaugurate various projects worth over Rs. 83,300 crore in Hazaribag, Jharkhand, Prime Minister's Office(PMO)said here on Monday.

In line with his commitment to ensure comprehensive and holistic development of the tribal communities across the country, Prime Minister will launch Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan with a total outlay of over Rs 79,150

The Abhiyan will cover around 63,000 villages benefitting more than 5 crore tribal people in 549 districts and 2,740 blocks across 30 States and UTs.

It aims to attain saturation of critical gaps in social infrastructure, health, education, livelihood, through 25 interventions implemented by various 17 Ministries and Department of Government

In order to boost the educational infrastructure for the tribal communities, Prime Minister will inaugurate 40 Eklavva Model Residential Schools (EMRS) and lay the foundation stone for 25 EMRS worth over Rs 2,800 crore.

Prime Minister will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for multiple projects under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) worth over Rs 1360 crore.

It includes more than 1380 kms of road, 120 Anganwadis, 250 multi purpose centres and 10 school hostels.

Further, he will also unveil a of landmark achievements under PM JANMAN, which include, electrification of more than 75,800 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) households in around 3,000 Villages, operationalization of 275 Mobile medical units, operationalization of 500 Ānganwadi centres, establishment of 250 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras and saturation of more than 5,550 PVTG Villages with 'Nal se



NHRC seeks report on tribal students electrocution

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

"suo I cognisance of a media report that two students, belonging to a Scheduled Tribe, got electrocuted to death while cleaning a water tank on the instructions of the government-run hostel in

Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh on September 25", the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has issued a notice to the chief secretary and the director general of police, the State government, seeking a detailed report within two

It appears that the hostel authorities have acted in an "insensitive manner" by asking the young boys to execute such a hazardous task resulting in their deaths, the Apex rights body said. It has issued a notice to the Madhya Pradesh government over reports that two tribal students were electrocuted allegedly while cleaning a water tank on the instructions of the superintendent of a government-run hostel in Dhar district.

In a statement, the NHRC

said, going by the reports, it appears that the hostel authorities have acted in an "insensitive manner" by

resulting in their deaths. According to the media report, carried on September 26, the students came into connected to a water pump inside the tank while cleaning

asking the young boys to

execute such a hazardous task

They were spotted lying in the tank by villagers, who reportedly informed the hostel authorities, it said.

Commission has observed that the contents of the news report, if true, raise a serious concern about human rights violations of the victim

Accordingly, the Commission has issued a notice to the chief secretary and the director general of police, the government of Madhya Pradesh, seeking a detailed report within two weeks, said a statement by the NHRC

It is also expected to include the status of the police investigation compensation, if any, paid to

the aggrieved families of both

Indo-Pacific regional dialogue set to begin on October 3

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Cituation in the strategically Simportant Indo-Pacific region will figure prominently during the three-day conference here starting October three. More than 20 countries will take part in the apex-level international Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue(IPRD), organized by the Indian Navy. Giving details, officials said here on Monday, in focusing upon "Resource-Geopolitics and Security in the Indo-Pacific", the 2024 edition of the IPRD would explore and elaborate upon the several dimensions of two vital pillars of the IPOI Web, namely, "Marine Resources" and

"Resource Sharing". This year's conference would concentrate upon the manner in which traditional and newly identified marine



contemporary geopolitics and are likely to do so in the foreseeable future.

These include dwindling fishstocks - with a concomitant increase Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing, especially in oceanic areas beyond national jurisdiction.

Another manifestation of resource-geopolitics is the

lithium, nickel, and other hard-to-find minerals, as also rare earth elements (REE) such as tellurium and neodymium that are needed for the millions of batteries, solar panels, wind turbines, and other such renewableenergy devices required to successfully transition from fossil-fuels to renewable sources of energy.

hydrocarbons, are likely to retain their geopolitical significance, even as more unconventional ones, such gas hydrates and oceanic renewable energy resources ocean-sourced hydrogen for example, appear likely to drive future geoeconomic strategies across the Indo-The IPRD-2024, through the

such

agency of a series of globally renowned subject-matter experts and eminent speakers, will endeavour to identify mega trends of resourcegeopolitics in the Indo-Pacific and posit policy-options that could be pursued to advantage.

Over a period of three days, it would also explore whether how cooperation, collaboration, and comity might offer alternative within the resourceparadigm of

than 5,000 hours of flying experience on a variety of fixed and rotary wing

aircraft. Air Chief Marshal Singh has

commanded an operational fighter

As a test pilot, he led the MiG-29

upgrade project management team at

Moscow. He was also the project director (flight test) at National Flight

Test Centre and was tasked with flight

testing of the Light Combat Aircraft,

The officer has held important staff

squadron and a frontline air base.



India-Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise begins in Uttarakhand

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

The eighth edition of India-Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise KAZIND-2024 commenced on Monday at Surya Foreign Training Node, Auli, Uttarakhand and will conclude on October 13, The joint exercise has been held annually since 2016. Last edition of the Joint Exercise was held at Otar, Kazakhstan from October 30 to November 11 last year.

The Indian Armed Forces, comprising 120 personnel, are being represented by a battalion of the Kumaon Regiment along with other arms and services, as well as personnel from Indian Air Force.

The Kazakhstan contingent will be represented mainly by personnel from Land Forces and Air Borne Assault Troopers.

Aim of the Joint Exercise is to enhance joint military capability of both sides to undertake counter terrorism operations in a sub conventional scenario under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter. The Joint Exercise will focus

terrain. Objectives to be achieved from the Joint Exercise are high degree of physical fitness, rehearsing and refining drills for operations at tactical level and sharing of best practices. Tactical drills to be rehearsed include joint response to a terrorist establishment of a Joint Command establishment Intelligence and Surveillance Centre, securing of helipad / landing site, combat free fall, Special Óperations, Cordon and

on operations in the semi-urban and mountainous

Search operations, besides employment of drones and counter drone systems among others. Joint Exercise KAZIND-2024

will enable both sides to share best practices in tactics, techniques and procedures of conducting joint operations. It will facilitate developing inter-operability, bonhomie and camaraderie between the two armies.

The Joint Exercise will also enhance defence cooperation, further augmenting bilateral relations between the two friendly nations.

Air Chief Marshal AP Singh takes charge as IAF Chief

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

ir Chief Marshal A P Singh, an Air Chief Maishai is a complex accomplished fighter pilot with more than 5,000 hours of flying experience, on Monday assumed charge as new chief of the Indian Air Force, succeeding incumbent Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari who superannuated. Air Chief Marshal Singh was serving as Vice Chief of the Air Force in his previous assignment. Born on October 27, 1964, Air Chief

Marshal Singh was commissioned into the fighter pilot stream of the Indian Air Force in December 1984.

In his long and distinguished service spanning nearly 40 years, he has served in a variety of command, staff, instructional and foreign appointments. victims, the statement added. | An alumnus of the National Defence

Young travelers shape family vacations, says Hilton report



Academy, Defence Services Staff College and National Defence College, the air officer is a qualified flying instructor and an experimental test pilot with more

appointments of Air Defence Commander at South Western Air Command and Senior Air Staff Officer at Eastern Air Command.

Prior to assuming the charge of Vice Chief of the Air Staff in February last year, he was the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Central Air

Congress: Government employment

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Congress on Monday dismissed as "half-truths' the government's assertions of creating eight crore employment opportunities between 2021 and 2024 and 6.2 crore net subscribers joining the EPFO database, and said no "spin-doctoring" can take away from the fact that 2014-24 has seen "jobloss growth".

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said amidst the "U-turns and scandals" that have marked the last few months of this "tottering" government, "the non-biological PM and his drum beaters have tried to find some solace in their economic record, claiming to have



eight created employment opportunities between 2021 and 2024". 'This claim initially emerged

from the RBI KLEMS data, which we had earlier countered on July 15th, 2024. The Government's spin doctors have now mustered another statistic - that of 6.2 crore net subscribers joining the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) database between September 2017 and March 2024. Both

claims are based on halftruths," he said in a statement. To justify its claim of eight new jobs, the government adopts an expansive definition employment, without registering the quality and circumstances employment, Ramesh argued. A large part of the claimed

"employment growth" is recording unpaid household work done by women as "employment", he said, adding that it is not new job creation. Amidst the poor economic climate, the share of salaried, formal employment in the labour market has decreased, he said and pointed out that workers are moving to lowproductivity informal and agricultural jobs, which KLEMS is capturing as jobs

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE take an average of two to three **NEW DELHI** n overwhelming 93 per Acent of young travelers specifically Generation Alpha and Generation Z are actively involved in shaping their family's vacation plans, according to a study. Interestingly, these young

destinations, showing a growing interest in cultures beyond Asia. Their preferred destinations include India (34%), Singapore (28%), the USA (22%), and Australia and the UK (17%), said the "Small Voices, Big Choices: Hilton

travelers are eager to explore

both local and international

2025 Trends Report" Revealing that these younger generations are emerging as decision-makers, influencing destinations and activities, the report notes that

in India, 76 per cent of parents

their children's interests, demonstrating the power of youth preferences in shaping family trips. Generation Alpha, those aged 14 and under, comprises a quarter of India's population, while Generation Z, born between 1997 and 2012, makes up 30

base their travel choices on

per cent. Although young travelers play

a significant role in selecting activities and destinations, parents still handle logistical decisions like transportation (44 per cent), dining (40 per cent), and accommodation (32 per cent). The report notes that young travelers in India

trips per year, with 94 per cent traveling at least once annually. Looking ahead, 90 per cent of these youths plan to travel in the coming year, highlighting a strong demand for travel among younger generations. contrast, millennials

(Generation Y) tend to favor familiar Asian destinations for comfort and convenience, such as Japan and the Maldives. This generational shift is prompting the travel industry to innovate, creating immersive more culturally enriching experiences that align with the values of these younger

travelers. Alexandra Jaritz, senior vice president brand management for Asia Pacific at Hilton, said that the preferences of Generation Alpha and Z are reshaping the travel landscape. "The demand for more meaningful, immersive, and culturally enriching experiences is prompting the travel industry to innovate. This shift reflects a broader where younger

generations seek not just to visit places but to engage with them in a deeper, more authentic manner." The findings are based on two

surveys: a global Ipsos poll and an APAC-focused OnePoll survey, indicating a comprehensive analysis of travel trends among young people in India and beyond.

While the Ipsos survey sampled 13,001 adults (18+) across 13 countries, the OnePoll survey included 8,000 Gen Z and Millennial parents (born in or before 1981) with children aged 6 to 19, from Australia, mainland China, India, Japan, and Singapore, said the report.

Pak refugees, Valmiki, Gorkha community to vote for first time post abrogation of Article 370

MOHIT KANDHARI

n the eve of the third and final round of polling in Jammu and Kashmir, the mood was upbeat among the first-time voters who belong to the West Pakistani refugee community, Valmiki Samaj, and Gorkha community. These people got voting rights in assembly, urban local bodies, and panchayat elections only after the Abrogation of Articles 370 and 35-A.

Speaking to the Pioneer of the West Chairman Pakistan Refugee Action Labha Gandhi said, "It is going to be a momentous occasion for members belonging to the West Pakistan Community as they will be exercising their right to vote to elect their public representatives for the

first time in the Assembly

We have already booked a band group to celebrate the festival of democracy. The first-time voters will march in a group to the polling station in RS Pura on Tuesday to cast their vote", he added. Labha Ram Gandhi also

the Union government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi who gave them their citizenship rights, ending their sevendecade-long struggle. The mood in the Valmiki

colony in Jammu was equally upbeat. A large number of first-time voters were keen on collecting their voter slips to avoid any chaos and confusion at the last minute. A first-time voter in the Valmiki colony Eklavya told The Pioneer, "Our parents were deprived of their voting successive

governments in the past. Now we have been empowered by the constitution of India to exercise our voting rights. We are eagerly waiting to participate in the festival of democracy to choose our public representative.

According to official sources, over 39.18 lakh voters will be exercising their right to vote across 40 Assembly segments in the final round of polling on October 1.

The Election Commission of India has deployed over 20,000 polling staff across seven districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

The fate of several senior leaders including two former deputy chief ministers Tara Chand and Muzaffar Beig will be decided in the crucial Prominent among others in

the fray include People's Conference chairman and



former minister Sajjad Lone and National Panthers Party India president Harsh Dev Singh. While Lone is fighting on two seats from Kupwara, Singh is contesting from Chenani seat of Udhampur.

Former ministers Raman Bhalla (R S Pura), Usman Majid (Bandipora), Nazir Ahmad Khan (Gurez), Taj Mohiuddin (Uri), Basharat Bukhari (Wagoora-Kreeri),

Hassan (Gulmarg), Choudhary Lal Singh (Basohli), Rajiv Jasrotia Manohar Lal Sharma (Billawar), Sham Lal Sharma and Ajay Kumar Sadhotra (Jammu North), Mula Ram (Marh), Chander Prakash Ganga and Manjit Singh (Vijapur) are other strong contenders in the fray. Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu zone, Anand Jain, said adequate security arrangements have been put in place in the poll-bound areas to ensure "terror-free and peaceful" polling.

Amid tight security arrangements, thousands of election staff along with poll material left their respective district headquarters this morning to take positions at designated polling stations by this evening. The voter turnout was robust

in the earlier phases, with 61.38 per cent participation recorded in the first phase on September 18 and 57.31 percent in the second phase on September 26. Chief Electoral

Jammu and Kashmir PK Pole said a total of 5,060 polling stations have been set up the poll-bound across districts.

A total of 39,18,220 lakh

voters eligible to exercise franchise their include 20,09,033 male voters 19,09,130 female voters and 57 third gender voters, the CEO said, adding as many as 1.94 lakh youth between the age 18 and19 years, along with 35,860 Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) 32,953 elderly voters above the age of 85 are also eligible to exercise their franchise in this phase.

He said there will be 50

polling booths managed by women, known as Pink Polling Stations, 43 polling stations manned by specially abled persons and 40 polling stations manned by youths. Also, there will be 45 green polling stations to spread the message about environmental concerns and 33 unique

polling stations, he said, adding 29 polling stations are established near the Line of Control or International Border for border residents. The purpose behind these special polling stations is to spread awareness among sections of society like specially-abled

voters to come forward and exercise their right to vote," he said. He said over 1.07 lakh saplings have been planted in the premises of all polling

persons and first-time young

26 Indian fishermen died in Pakistan jails in last ten years

As many as 26 Indian fishermen died in Pakistan's jails India during the last ten years, according to information received under the Right to Information Act

In a reply to an RTI query sought by Mumbai-based journalist-peace activist Jatin Desai, the High Commission of India in Islamabad said that 24 Indian fishermen died in Pakistan's custody between January 2014 and December 2023. Of the 24 deaths, two deaths were reported during

Of the two fishermen who died during the current year, Vinod Laxman from Dahanu taluka of Palghar district, Maharashtra, passed away on March 17 and his mortal remains reached his village on

Nathu died on 5 September 5. Nathu's family members and friends are waiting for his mortal remains. "Pakistan must

Muslim League

repatriate his mortal remains further urgently," Desai said.

As of today, 210 Indian fishermen have languishing in Pakistan's jails for crossing the water border 'inadvertently'.

"Of them, around 180 Indian fishermen have completed their sentences and their nationality was also verified

long ago," Desai said. The section (V) of the bilateral Agreement on Consular Access, 2008, states: "Both Governments agree to release and repatriate persons

within one month of confirmation of their national status and completion of sentences."

"It means around 180 Indian fishermen should have been released and repatriated by Pakistan long ago.... Of them, 52 Indian fishermen have been in Pakistan's jails for more than over three years

130 Another Indian fishermen have been behind the bars in Pakistan for more than two years. Ten Indian fishermen have not been keeping well," Desai said.

Congress confused, leaders absent in Haryana: CM Saini

PARVESH SHARMA

hief Minister Nayab Singh Saini attacked Congress fiercely, saying- In the last 15-20 days, no big leader of Congress was ready to come to Haryana. Congress is in a state of confusion today. CM Saini visited Sohna

Constituency in support of candidate Tanwar. The Independent candidate

from the Sohna assembly, Subhash Bansal, was also present in support of the BJP candidate Tejpal Tanwar. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, Haryana co-in-charge Surender Nagar, and District President Kamal Yadav were also present on this occasion. Saini, while attacking the Congress party, said In the last

few days, it has become clear that the condition of Congress is also going to be like Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh; now Where it used to be strong but has lost its influence over time. Even the Congress leaders have started



"Now the news has come that Rahul Gandhi, who gave antireservation statements on foreign soil, is coming to Haryana on a 2-3 day political tour. In the last 10 years, the BJP government has developed Haryana in all directions, so Rahul Gandhi should come here and roam around and do his tourism activities," Saini said.

The youth of Haryana will ask him why he is silent on the 'kharchi, parchi' system that happened during Hooda's rule. Dalits of Harvana will ask with what face has he come to Harvana after opposing reservation? Rahul Gandhi should answer all these questions," Saini said. Meanwhile, A total of 47 candidates are in the fray for four Assembly seats in the

upcoming Assembly elections. Prominent among those in the Gurgaon from constituencies ncies are Sharma Mukesh Gurgaon seat, Congress Mohit Grover from Gurgaon and Independent Naveen Goyal. Likewise, former minister and BJP candidate Rao Narbir Singh from Badshahpur seat Congress, Vardhan Yadav and Kumudni Independent Jhangu.

Similarly, BJP Bimla Chaudhary from the Pataudi (SC) constituency, Congress Parl Chaudhary. from the Sohna assembly constituency BJP's Tejpal Tawar from the Sohna seat, Congress Rohtas Khatana and others.

Moreover, 7 candidates from the Pataudi Assembly, 13 from the Badshahpur Assembly, 17 from the Gurgaon Assembly and 10 from the Sohna Assembly are now in the poll battle.

Voting for the Assembly elections will be held on October 5, and counting will be held on October 8; the result will be declared along

Banerjee

saying he was not expecting such praises. "I am thankful

to her that she sent me to

Rajya Sabha but I came out of

my own ... I should not say

much on things that would

He however acknowledged

invite controversy.



Aushadhi Centre

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

India is set to get its first ▲ Ayush Jan Aushadhi Centre on October 9, aiming to integrate traditional practices like healthcare with modern Avurveda medicine, Prataprao Jadhav, Union Minister of State, Ministry of Ayush said on Monday. These Centres will be on the lines of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra which are dedicated to making quality generic medicines accessible to all sections of society.

initiative (Ayush Jan Aushadhi Centre) seeks to enhance access to holistic treatments and promote awareness of traditional remedies, enriching the country's healthcar People are interested in experiencing authentic Ayush services, but many times it is observed that either they are unaware or don't have access to these services. But we are taking several steps to

Jadhav stressed that the

masses. It is now vital to India's healthcare system, including integration into AIIMS and hospitals, defence emphasised.

reachout to the general

The Minister was speaking at the Ayush Medical Value Travel Summit 2024, themed Global Synergy in Ayush: Transforming Health and Wellness through Medical Value Travel, in Mumbai.

He also exhorted the Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde to establish a Ministry of Ayush and an Ayush University in the State. As per the statement issued here, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has issued new guidelines,

companies to offer AYUSH treatments at par with other treatments. So far about 49 life insurance

requiring health insurance

companies are providing about 69 packages. Jadhav further said, "Our

focus on comprehensive health encompasses physical, mental, and spiritual wellbeing, making India a global tourism...With the G-20 presidency, positioned Ayush globally, integrating these practices healthcare into various institutions systems and

nationwide? In his keynote presentation, Vaidva Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary Union Ayush delved into the Ayush industry's growing global presence. "The global reach of expanded, with witnessing substantial

growth. The size of the sector has increased dramatically. According to an analysis, the to USD18.1 million in 2020-

size of the Ayush sector grew from USD 3 million in 2014 an increase of sixfold within six years."
Dr. Manoj Nesari, Advisor

(Ayu), Union Ayush Ministry said that as the number of foreign travellers seeking Ayush treatments grows, it's vital for all stakeholders tour operators, insurance providers, and hospitality leaders—to unite and leverage government initiatives to boost this essential sector.

According to a report, India ranks 10th globally in the Medical Tourism Index, and its top wellness tourism destinations underscore the nation's potential to attract international patients seeking integrated and cost-effective healthcare solutions.

etc. Keeping this in mind and

with the aim of ensuring the rules of the code of conduct,

as per the instructions of the

Gurugram, police formed

various special police teams and directed them to take

action against those smuggling illegal liquor, cash,

weapons and transferring them illegally.

The Gurugram police chief

Commissioner,

welcomes PV Anvar **KUMAR CHELLAPPAN** ■ KOCHI

Muslim League in Kerala is preparing the stage ready for welcoming P V Anvar, the independent MA Company of the independent MLA from the Left Democratic Front to its fold. The Muslim League leadership is in talks with Congress leaders in the State for declaring Anvar, who has been declared a persona nongrata in the LDF by the CPI(M).

Since Anvar had ridiculed and humiliated Rahul Gandhi during the Lok Sabha polls by demanding a DNA test on the Leader of the Opposition, it may not be easy for the former to get into the Congress fold. What gives him relief is that the Muslim League is the "A" team of the Grand Old Party in the State and a phone call from League supremo Panakkadu Thangal in Malappuram to 10 Janpath in New Delhi would remove all hurdles, if any, in the path of Anyar. Anvar, who

Anvar, wno declared additional director general of police M R Ajith Kumar as a criminal and P Sasi, the political secretary to chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan as a forest brigand went one step by describing N P Mohanan, the Malappuram district secretary as a stooge of the RSS.
The independent MLA who

got elected from Nilambur with support from the CPI(M) has been behaving as a bull in a China shop by attacking all close confidantes of Vijayan. Though the CPI(M) leadership had suffered all humiliations meted out by Anvar as part of its appeasement politics, the time has come for the party to declare its stance viz-a-viz the independent MLA.

Though the public meetings convened by the dissident MLA drew big crowd in his constituency, only time alone would make it clear what the future holds for Anvar, said Althaf Roshan, a young CPI(M) leader in Malappuram

If I can make it, anyone can: Mithun Chakrabarty

SAUGAR SENGUPTA

If I can make it then anyone can make it." That is how Krishnan Iyer YamYa (MA) ... Nariyal Paani Wala (Invoke Agneepath) explained his 48-year journey to success, hours after the news of him bound news of him being nominated for the Dadasaheb Phalke

Providing a few snatches from his hard days — "that was hardly considered hard by me" — Mumbai mega star Mumbai mega star Mithun Chakrabarty on Monday said, "when a journalist contacted me for an interview after I got my first National Award — for Mrinal Sen's Mrigaya — I remember telling him that I would give him one if he could treat me to good food ... that sums up my struggling days?

A veteran of the famous Scottish Church College, Kolkata — where went the greats like Swami Vivekananda, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose — the Disco had occasions to meet him Dancer of the eighties got several time and I am Chandra Bose — the Disco



saying emotional he was running short of words. 'Neither I can laugh nor cry. It is beyond my imagination, he said dedicating his success "to my family and my fans across the world."

The super star who too is often referred as Dada in Mumbai expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Modi Narendra acknowledging his success saying "he is a fantastic human being to be with ... I

fortunate to be congratulated by him." Earlier the Prime Minister wrote, "delighted Shri Chakraborty Ji has been conferred the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award, recognising his unparalleled contributions to Indian cinema.'

Earlier Union Minister Vaishnav Ashwini Dadasaheb announcing Phalke award for the North Kolkata boy of the 1970s, "Mithun Da's remarkable cinematic journey inspires

announce that the Dadasaheb Minister decided to award legendary actor, Sh. Mithun Chakraborty Ji for his iconic contribution to Indian Cinema." An alumnus of Pune's Film

generations! Honoured to political circles like Chief

and Television Institute of India (FTII), Chakraborty has worked predominantly in Hindi and Bengali cinema and is perhaps among very few actors who have three National Awards in his kitty for his debut film Mrigayaa, followed by Tahader Katha and Swami Vivekananda. He is also known for his other famous parallel films like

Mera Rakshak, Patita etc. However it is the main stream Mumbai blockbusters that got him the real fame like Disco Dancer with its chartbusters like Jimmy Jimmy and Yaad Aa Raha Hai, Guru, Pyar Jhukta Nahin, Agneepath, Suraksha etc that catapulted him to be the first mega star of Hidni films. When asked as to whether he

expected praises from Bengal

how late President Pranab Mukherjee had lobbied for him saying, "Yes I must acknowledge that he wrote several letters for me," adding apart from these I don't h gave any obligations from anyone. Even as Bengal cine fraternity like actors Prasenjit and Rituparna Sengupta saw him in a "great actor and inspiration for many people because he never stopped and went on," Trinamool Congress leader Kunal Ghosh said, "I must congratulate

Mithun da the actor and ... also would request him to for once remember during his hours of success how late Pranab Mukherjee wrote several letters for him for the



Liquor worth ₹95.43 lakh seized in Gurugram

with the counting of votes on October 8, the results will also announced on the same day Election Commission announced. With announcement schedule, the Model Code of Conduct for governments, candidates and political parties has come into force. Assembly elections in parties has come into force. Haryana will be held on October 5 in a single phase police said in a statement possibility of increased activities like smuggling of illegal liquor, cash, weapons

26351.805 litres of liquor worth over Rs 95.43 lakh has been seized with the period of 16 September to 29 September and around 359 case were registered after imposition of the poll code,

police said. During elections, there is a

has given special instructions to all SHOs, crime branch teams and various police teams to keep an eye on illegal trading.
Team have also been formed in plain/civil clothes and

deployed at various places, through which every illegal activity is being monitored, police said.

Bengal doctors threaten to cease work again

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The Bengal junior doctors' forum protesting against the R G Kar Medical College and Hospital rape and murder case besides demanding overall secured and safe environment for them to work in Government hospitals once again said that they were contemplating resumption of cease work in the wake of repeated attacks on the on-duty doctors and threats issued by the ruling party leaders.

"We have no other way but to return to our cease work as there is no other way to make this Government and the police administration to listen to our woes ... despite the horrific incident of rape and murder of our postgraduate colleague and despite the orders to this effect by the Supreme Court the Government hardly seems to have done anything to increase our security in the hospitals," Dr Kinjal Nanda one of the agitating doctors said after three successive attacks on the junior doctors in three different medical colleges in the past several

"Doctors were attacked and injured by the patient parties at Sagar Dutta Medical College a few days ago, then inside the National Medical

College — both in Kolkata — yesterday and today at Rampurhat Medical College ... our women colleagues are being manhandled ... boys and other medical staff beaten up ... we are not feeling safe," said Dr Maity another Junior Doctors' Forum leader. "We are thinking in terms of resuming our cease

work," another doctors said adding how "leaders and MLAs are threatening us every day with gheraoing us in the hospitals ... one MLA has threatened to take 50,000 men to Behrampore Medic al College ... then how can we work ... it seems that another Abhaya is waiting to happen," he said. A lady doctor reminded how in most of the cases "the women doctors and staff are being threatened with 'RG Kar like treatment" adding "how can we work in an atmosphere of fear .., it seems that the entire establishment is conspiring against us ... we want to work but we don't want to die." The junior doctors' ultimatum came close on

the heels of the Supreme Court — hearing suo motu the — on Monday rebuking the Bengal Government for the "tardy" progress in installation of CCTVs and construction of toilets and separate resting rooms at medical

Around 399 people were arrested and Rs 95.43 lakh worth over liquor seized from across in Gurugram district after the imposition of the model code of conduct for the upcoming assembly polls, police said on Monday.

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The model code is a set of guidelines, issued by the Election Commission, for political parties, candidates, government and the party in power during elections concerning speeches, announcements, election manifestos and general conduct.

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Cauldron boiling

West Asia is once again on the precipice of a larger conflict, as tensions between Israel, Hezbollah and Iran reach a boiling point

he situation in the West Asia is becoming critical and it would not be surprising if the region is embroiled in a full-fledged war. The assassination of Hezbollah's longstanding leader, Hassan Nasrallah, marks a significant escalation in the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Lebanese militant group. This development could pull not only Iran but also the United States into a broader and potentially devastating confrontation. Hezbollah, reeling from the assassination of its leader and the destruction of much of its command structure, finds itself at a critical juncture. With over a dozen of its top commanders eliminated and its communications infrastructure crippled, the group faces significant operational challenges. However, expecting Hezbollah to capitulate is unrealistic. The group, which has thousands of fighters and a sizable arsenal of longrange, precision-guided missiles capable of hitting major Israeli cities, has vowed revenge. With pressure mounting from within its ranks, there is a strong likelihood that Hezbollah



will attempt to launch a major offensive against Israel, potentially overwhelming Israeli air defences. If such an attack takes place and results in significant civilian casualties, Israel's response is expected to be swift and devastating, targeting Lebanon's infrastructure or even expanding the conflict to Iranian territory. Such a scenario could ignite a much wider conflict that drags the entire region into chaos.

For Iran, the loss of Nasrallah is as much of a blow as it is for Hezbollah. Iran, which has yet to respond to the assassination of Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh, is now facing heightened pressure from hardliners to retaliate. Iran's influence extends across the

region through a network of militias known as the 'Axis of Resistance,' which includes Hezbollah, the Houthis in Yemen, and various groups in Syria and Iraq. While Tehran will likely use these proxies to increase pressure on Israel, its response is expected to be measured to avoid triggering a full-scale war. Israel's intentions are now clearer than ever. The assassination of Nasrallah signals that Israel has no interest in halting its military campaign, despite international calls for a 21-day ceasefire, including one from its closest ally, the United States. Israel believes it has Hezbollah on the defensive and aims to continue its offensive until the group's missile threat is neutralised. A broader war would have catastrophic consequences, not only for the parties directly involved but for the entire region. Lebanon, already on the brink of economic collapse, could be devastated and any escalation could disrupt global oil supplies, sending shockwaves through the international economy. The coming weeks will be crucial in determining whether this conflict spirals into a wider regional war or if diplomatic efforts can halt the violence before it escalates further. As of now, this volatile region stands on the edge of a conflict with no clear resolution in sight. This is high time for the UN to step in and the West to make efforts for rapproachment else this region is going to burn for sure.



n artist prepares an environment friendly *puja pandal* ahead of Durga Puja festival, in Kolkata

The deceptive facade of China's military

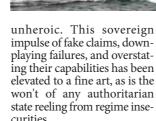


Despite technological advancements, setbacks like the Zhou-class submarine sinking, reveal a widening gap between China's military claims and actuality

eception is at the heart of Chinese strategy and operations, especially on matters, the military. Ancient Sinological philosophers like Sun Tzu (The Art of War) had propounded extensively on cheating (likening it to a 'magic weapon') as a vital underpinning of deceptive warfare. The Chinese PLA Navy Submarine Academy has formally distilled four examples of deception in war (under the manual, Essentials of Sun Tzu and the Art of War and Submarine Operations'). Firstly 'Show yourself to intimidate the enemy, then 'Show the false to confuse the enemy, thirdly 'Create momentum to harass the enemy and lastly 'Deceive to obstruct the enemy'. Herein, untruth is a natural necessity as per their established treatise. India would be well versed in how the Chinese would talk about the 1962 Indo-China War but remain conspicuously silent on the reversal of fortunes about the 1967 Nathu La and Cho La border clashes. While an estimated 340 Chinese soldiers had died then (88 on the Indian side) true to their downplaying style, they only accepted a figure of 32 fatalities. The Chinese are similarly circumspect or lying about the essential outcomes of the China-Vietnam War of 1979. This deliberate fudging of facts was to repeat itself in the 2020 India-China skirmishes on the Line of Actual Control (LAC). While India acknowledged the

loss of its Bravehearts in the bloody encounters, the Chinese shied away from acknowledging any of their own – this when the US pegged the Chinese fatalities as 20-35, the Russians estimated Chinese loss of about 45, whereas the Australians insisted at least

41 Chinese killed. Almost a year later, the Chinese sheepishly admitted four fatalities killed in the Galwan clashes, as they gave away gallantry awards. True to their practised instincts, the Chinese always overstated their gains and downplayed their osses to deceive the onlookers (especially their citizenry) to Zhou-class of attack submarine retain 'manufactured' optics of infallibility and invincibility, even service, speaks volumes of the when the reality was a lot more gap between purported tech-



It routinely manifests in their claims of making advancements in technologies, weaponry and platforms that are ostensibly cutting-edge and even ahead of peers like the United States or Russia. The reality is essentially predicated on reverse-engineering technologies that could be brazenly stolen or surreptitiously acquired - but the claim of 'homegrown' is gleefully posited.

A lot of 'fifth generation' fighters, Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, Hypersonic technologies to Chinese nuclear submarines remain in public news but are essentially untested or unsubstantiated in live combat. While it has a considerable industrial base and budgetary allocation granted to its Defence Industry, like everything else in the Chinese realm, claims remain more impressive than reality. With this murky backdrop, came the recent news of the sinking of the latest Chinese nuclear submarine. The fact that the sank even before going into



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nological advancements as opposed to factual efficacy. Incidentally, the US Deputy Secretary of State, Kurt Campbell, had confirmed that the Russians were helping China develop this submarine technology and that it too wasn't necessarily homegrown, as claimed. While this sinking of the submarine is believed to have happened in May earlier, it was never owned up by the Chinese and it took satellite images to unravel the sinking of the first-in-class nuclear-powered Chinese submarine. It is certainly a major setback for China's priority weapons programs that is key to its expansionist and hegemonic aspira-

As if on the rebound and to stitch a counternarrative, China is believed to have fired an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile into the Pacific Ocean, in a move that seems designed to distract and deflect from the embarrassing news of its sunk submarine and to reiterate its prowess and capability. Coming as the testing does after more than four decades over the Pacific Ocean, it is unmistakably a 'signal' move to suggest that the 'Dragon' still retains sharp claws and fangs. Incidentally, the missile is part of the PLA's Rocket Force that was subjected to a sweeping corruption crackdown, purge, and complete overhaul last

Navy leadership, which was in charge of the sunk submarine. Already the chorus of substandard Chinese weaponry has gained decibels from traditional clients like Pakistan or from emerging ones like Bangladesh, who complained about the quality of spares for its navy. Russia's decline on the global stage as a military supplier has not resulted in an automatic transfer of business to the Chinese manufacturers, as earlier thought and the growing perception of 'Made in China' has a lot to do with the reactions. With the US returning to the Pakistani arms market (Islamabad accounts for over 50 per cent of Chinese exports), and the overall pressures of economic slowdown haunting the Chinese economy – Beijing is in a tight spot to invest, innovate, and deliver weaponry that truly delivers what it claims. It is premature to write off Chines 'Military-Industrial complex just yet, but the chinks in its armour are getting routinely exposed. While still a 'value player' for the desperate, authoritarian or 'paradise' countries, its claim to cutting-

year - something that could be

inflicted again on the PLA

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edge technology is suspect.

THE EDITOR

The challenges of parenting in the age of technology



While the challenges are real, so too are the solutions — adaptation and patience remain the cornerstones of successful parenting in these digital times

onversations these days are rife with the refrain ✓of how challenging life has become and how surfing the turbulent seas is not as easy as it used to be previously. It amuses me that we endorse this view readily despite the conveniences the modern world has introduced to us.

The all-round improvement in quality of life has done nothing much in terms of bringing us the sense of gratification that material accumulation is perceived to bring. Instead, we have only become crazier and more complaining. Among the things that we whine about there is one that stands out – the difficulty of being a parent in these times.

It is not like how it used to be when we were kids, they assert and are at a loss to keep their children under control, be it about the use of gadgets or their demands for new-age comforts or following well-meaning advice. Children these days have a way of growing up that parents can't seem to get a grip over, and parents are at their wit's end. Has parenting become so tough now, tougher than what games—all these distractions raising children to be 'good'

it used to be for our parents

Before we delve into why it seems more difficult now than ever before, it is important to recognise that parenting has always been tough. Our grandparents may not have had to deal with social media addiction or the anxiety of being on constant alert, but they had their own set of worries—scarcity, lack of information, and fewer opportunities. Yet, they managed, just as we try to manage today. What, then, has changed so significantly that parents now feel a near-constant sense of overwhelm? For one, the digital age has transformed not only how we live but also how we raise chil-

Social media, YouTube, video

are not just forms of entertainment; they shape the way children think, act, and even perceive reality. Parents often feel powerless in the face of this digital onslaught, unsure how to manage screen time without seeming authoritarian or disconnected from their children's world.

This struggle is exacerbated by the speed at which technology evolves. By the time parents get a handle on one app or platform, their children have already moved on to the

Then, there's the issue of peer pressure, not just on children but on parents too. The 'Instagram-perfect' life adds a layer of stress to parenting that previous generations didn't face. Parents today are not just competing with them-selves to be the best versions of their upbringing—they are competing with a curated version of perfection they see online. The pressure to enrol children in extracurricular activities, make sure they're developing emotional intelligence, cultivate leadership skills, and create future 'success stories' can be crushing. Our grandparents' idea of

has been replaced with a need to raise 'achievers,' and this shift in focus can leave parents feeling like they're running a race with no finish line. Despite these challenges, parenting isn't a lost cause. It is, and always will be, a journey of trial and error. The key is finding balance and knowing that perfection is neither attainable nor necessary. A good place to start is by building a stronger connection with your children. Parents also need to accept that they cannot fight all battles alone.

They must seek help. Many of the challenges we face today are new and unfamiliar, but that doesn't mean they are insurmountable. Just as previous generations found solutions to their problems, so too can we, but it will require adaptation, learning, and, most importantly, patience. After all, our children are not just products of their environment-they are reflections of the love, support, and wisdom we give them, no matter how fast the world around them changes. (The author is a Dubai-

based columnist, writing coach. Views are personal)

PERILS OF MUSI PROJECT

Madam - Congress government's extravagant plan to spend a staggering Rs 1.5 lakh crore on the Musi river beautification project. This expenditure raises serious questions about the government's priorities and its commitment to the welfare of the people of Telangana. As KTR has rightly pointed out, the government's focus on this project while neglecting the Palamuru-Rangareddy project, which is nearing completion, is a clear indication of their misplaced priorities. The Palamuru-Rangareddy project has the potential to transform the lives of countless farmers in the region, yet it seems to be overshadowed by the Musi project, which appears to be more about political gain than public welfare. It is also alarming to note that the estimated cost of the Musi project has tripled from Rs 50,000 crore to Rs 1.5 lakh crore, suggesting a significant financial scan-

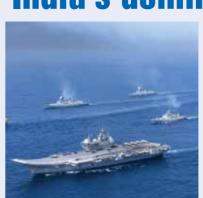
The government must provide a transparent explanation for this drastic increase in expenditure and ensure that the funds are used efficiently and for the benefit of the people. Furthermore, the government has failed to provide clear details about the expected benefits of the Musi project, such as the number of acres of farmland that will benefit, the amount of water that will be stored, and the anticipated industrial benefits. Without such information, it is difficult to justify the massive investment being made in this

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HEZBOLLAH LEADER ASSASSINATED

Madam— The unstoppable Israel has once again inflicted another severe wound on Iran when Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah was assassinated in airstrikes by the Israeli defence forces at Lebanese capital Beirut. His death gave jolts to his shell shocked sympathisers in Iran, like the death of Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh. But at the same time a cause for celebration for the north-

India's dominance in Asia



he Australian think tank 'Lowy Institute' ranked India as the third strongest Asian power in the Asia Power Index. US and China occupied the first and second position

western Sunni population in Syria for his atrocities and war crimes during the Al-Assad regime in the Civil War. The backto-back war between Hezbollah and Israel has spoilt the hope of a ceasefire and wreaked havoc on civilians through constant shelling in various human settlements for more causality.

It proves the hypocrisy of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who pretends to gather international support for isolated Israel in the UN General Assembly but on the contrary continues to provoke Iran for a wide-scale regional war and long-running conflict results in vicious ramifications. Lacking international support for war crime and muscle approach, how long Israel will continue to push for war with the help of the US in Gaza, Lebanon and beyond, only time will tell **Janga B Sunuwar** *Jalpaiguri*

NEPOTISM IN POLITICS

Madam — It refers to 'Stalin to succeed Stalin' (September 29). The biggest threat to Indian democracy is the appointment of Udhayanidhi as Deputy

followed by India in the third place. Considering the economic growth, future potential and the diplomatic influence of India on an improvement, India successfully managed to rank better with passing years than the countries like Japan, Australia and Russia. The improvement from the side of India is particularly welcoming because India strives to make continuous improvement in its performance in all respects and also ensure holistic growth of Asia for a better future togeth-

The journey of India turning into the Asian giant is particularly strategic and India's efforts for industrialisation, infrastructural development, public policy and administration, good governance and holistic development are much appreciated in this regard.

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CM, which has proven the pervasiveness of dynastic politics and the prioritising of family interests over public welfare. It is easy for a son, daughter, or close relative of a leader to take over the political baton, while others have to spend a significant amount of time in the rough and tumble of politics. Political observers say that there is no harm if a political leader's son or daughter, or close relative, chooses to enter politics, but there is a thin line that separates dynasty politics and a worthy kin's choice to take a

plunge. But when we look into the pros and cons of dynastic politics, it highlights the deficiency it could bring to the ideals of democracy, questioning its legitimacy. The trend of dynastic politics will lead to the perpetuation of an elite class that transcends generations and will hamper the smooth inflow of capable, meritori-

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THE SPIRITUAL **MEANING OF ZERO**

The symbol of zero holds profound meaning, it symbolises eternity



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ero is the number people often feel, more so than one, isn't it true? Because more zeroes means more prosperity. However from ■a spiritual perspective, zero is the point from which all other numbers spring forth. Even visually the number zero is symbolic of a seed, womb or egg from which pure potential emerges. Since the zero also visually resembles a circle, it symbolises eternity, evolution, and infinity. Like an atom is to the physical world and a soul to the spiritual world, the zero is symbolic of both worlds.

Pythagoras viewed the sign of the zero as the container for all things and the birthing place of all other values. The discovery of zero changes the way we calculate, compute and communicate. All these tasks affect almost all fields of human activity today. Zero is counted as an even number along with positive and negative integers. It is important in the number-value system because it defines the value and place of a digit in a number as a thousand, hundred, ten or a million. In a way, it is a symbol that defines nothingness.

While zero is valuable in terms of its contributions to the myriad spheres of human life, it has been used to describe mystical concepts in religious and spiritual philosophies. In Hindi zero is called 'shunya' meaning a void, the supreme state of awareness where everything comes to nothingness. Spiritual seekers perceive this state as 'mukti' or nirvana in which the soul is restored to its original state free from all impressions, influences and impurities of the earthly life. Zero looks like an elliptical circle representing infinity the eternal cycle of cre-



ation. Everything returns to zero or nothingness before being created anew. Hence, most spiritual teachers emphasise attaining the zero state i.e. emptying the mind of all worldly thoughts and detaching from the awareness of the physical body to attain liberation and peace. The egg shaped symbol of the Soul or Supreme Almighty as a point of light surrounded by an oval aura also resembles a zero. In its original state, every soul is like a zero & it has no worldly identity or role but like a seed, it has infinite power and qualities merged within, which

manifest when the soul enters the field of karma in this world. The Supreme Almighty is the eternal seed who always exists in the zero state of awareness, detached from everything yet filled with infinite divine qualities and powers that support the whole creation. It is from this supreme state of nothingness that HE creates a perfect new world whenever the creation becomes degraded and old. Like zero, the soul essentially has an even or positive character. Just as the negative of 2 is - 2 which means lacking in 2, the lack of awareness of positive qualities manifests as negative or odd traits in the soul.

The number zero has very special functions in the calculation. Anything added or subtracted to zero remains unchanged. Any number multiplied by zero gives zero while any number divided by zero gives infinity. Interestingly, when we add zeros after a number, its value grows ten times. These specialities can be ascribed to the Almighty Supreme who remains unchanged in the cycle of eternity

He does not enjoy the fruits of karma and nothing can be added, subtracted, multiplied or divided from his powers. When we multiply our powers by linking ourselves with him, we too become a zero like him filled with all divine virtues. So let us try our best to remain in the Zero state and achieve a higher state of consciousness to live a life that is minus all worries, tension & stress.

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Revive shallow aquifers for urban water woes in India

Indian cities, plagued by over-extraction of deep groundwater must turn to the ancient underground reservoirs writes S VISHWANATH and ISHLEEN KAUR



• n India, groundwater plays a critical role in meeting urban water demands. These aquifers, found at relatively shallow depths, have served as vital sources of water for centuries. At a time when transporting water across long distances was inconceivable, communities turned to shallow aquifers to meet their water needs.

Found at accessible depths, they offered a cost-effective and reliable water supply for the growing populations. The dug wells and step wells, still standing today, are reminders of a time when water scarcity was addressed by harnessing rainwater to recharge shallow aquifers. However, as modern cities grew, the humble dug wells, once a ubiquitous part of the landscape, began to vanish. These wells have now largely been replaced by deep bore wells tapping into groundwater reserves at alarming depths.

India is the world's largest user of oundwater, consuming more than the United States and China combined. Urban areas, in particular, have increasingly relied on groundwater to supplement their needs, leading to a significant depletion of shallow aquifers, and for too long, groundwater management has been side-lined in urban planning. However recent climate challenges-unpredictable rainfall, flash floods, and urban water crisishave sparked renewed interest in groundwater

management. Increasingly, rainwater harvesting and urban waterbody rejuvenation projects are turning toward these natural underground reservoirs as a solution.

Aquifers are now being studied for their potential to store excess rainwater and mitigate flooding. The launch of AMRUT 2.0 in 2021 marked a paradigm shift in water management, with groundwater finally being prioritized at the 'urban' scale. The mission recognised the need for cities to not only rely on groundwater but to actively manage



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and protect it. Under the mission, the Shallow Aquifer Management (SAM) pilot project was initiated in 2022 in 10 cities. This initiative aimed to raise awareness among city officials and communities about the importance of shallow aquifers and demonstrate effective recharge structures to tackle critical issues like groundwater depletion, contamination and urban flooding. It sought to create an environment where cities could integrate shallow aquifer management into broader water strategies. By emphasising both simple and scientifically sound recharge methods, it aimed to revive approaches that have been overlooked in the pursuit of modern infrastructure. The project has yielded valuable insights for cities on effective shallow aquifer management.

inis initiative has led to the development of 12 unique approaches and designs for recharge structures, tailored to local aquifer conditions. These ranged from the revival of existing wells and step wells in Dhanbad, Hyderabad, and Bangalore to catchment treatment of areas showing high recharge potential in Pune.

Cities such as Gwalior and Rajkot have undertaken detailed mapping of aquifer systems, and groundwater depths, and created an inventory of recharge structures at the city scale, facilitating informed groundwater management decisions. The project has also shown promising results in showcasing the sustainable use of these recharge structures to supplement water needs for local communities.

In Kanteerava Nagar, Bangalore, a dug well retrofitted under the

project is now supplying water to around 500 households with up to one lakh litre of water being pumped every day for non-potable use. Similarly, in Thane's Yeoor Village, tribal communities are benefiting from water sourced from desilted and retrofitted wells. In Dhanbad and Rajkot, where peri-urban areas heavily depend on shallow wells, the initiative has begun to expand beyond its pilot phase.
Rajkot Municipal Corporation has initiated work on construct-

ing more than 100 additional recharge structures city-wide based on the SAM mapping, showing the renewed awareness and commitment to scale up shallow aquifer management. The project has been able to draw the attention of larger voices in the climate resilience and water security space.

Bangaiores Climate Action Plan has now incorporated groundwa-ter management as a vital aspect of making Bangalore climate

Pune has even established a dedicated groundwater cell in the municipal corporation to ensure that shallow aquifer management remains a priority in the city's future water plans. In FY 2024-2025, the Pune Municipal Corporation has allocated a dedicated budget of INR 1 crore for aquifer recharge structures, showing significant action in this direction. Despite the progress made through the SAM project, much work remains.

Cities need to acknowledge that deep aquifers hold vast reserves of water accumulated over centuries and must be typically reserved for emergencies, such as droughts.

In contrast, shallow aquifers hold

immense potential as the first line of defence for daily water needs, making them essential for urban areas. However, as cities grow, the natural processes that recharge these aquifers are being disrupt-

In the current situation, where urban development is increasingly characterised by impermeable surfaces, inhibiting rainwater infiltration and preventing natural recharge, cities need to make conscious interventions towards artificial recharge of shallow aquifers including rejuvenation of lakes, wetlands and river floodplains.

Îndia's groundwater crisis is complex, but the solution may lie beneath our feet. By managing shallow aquifers, cities can foster a more resilient and sustainable future. The SAM project provides a blueprint for this approach, but its lessons must de scaled up and implemented nationwide.

As India faces the dual challenges of urban growth and water scarcity, it is time to embrace the wisdom of our ancestors and integrate it with the science of hydro-

By restoring shallow aquifers and making them a part of an integrated urban water management ecosystem, cities can ensure that this invaluable resource remains a dependable source of water for generations to come. In the words of Kabir: The well is one, and the water is the same. Let us remember that the water we draw today must sustain us tomorrow.

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Right-wing and challenge for Indian Muslims: The path to reform and reconciliation

Indian Muslims must embrace internal reforms that align with a modern, secular framework, helping to bridge societal divisions

¬he rise of right-wing politics in India seems to have solidified its presence, and the deepening of Hindu-Muslim fault lines is likely to persist. While liberal and secular parties may win several State elections, an increase in their numbers in Parliament or State legislatures is unlikely to mend the fragile communal ties. The division between communities has now reached a deeper societal level, presenting a grave challenge for Indian Muslims. To minimise this damage and repair the social fabric, it is essential to promote a counter-narrative grounded in secularism. Indian Muslims must focus on internal reforms that promote secularisation within their own societal framework. While some right-



wing claims about Muslim life may be exaggerated or entirely untrue, certain aspects warrant closer introspection by the community itself. Although the issues have intensified since 2014, their roots can be traced back to much earlier times.

As Muslims, it is critical to rework the internal narrative and processes within the com-

values. The painful legacy of India's partition, drawn along communal lines, has left a heavy burden on the Muslim community. In response, Indian Muslims need to go above and beyond to heal the sentiments and emotions of the majority community. Despite constitutional protections and safeguards, the community needs to focus on changing perceptions at both societal and communal levels. One step toward this change is to reform Muslim personal laws and harmonize them with a modern, progressive social order. Instead of framing personal law reforms as a Hindu-Muslim conflict, Muslims should see these reforms as standalone processes that benefit the communimunity to align with secular ty. A close examination of

some outdated practices will reveal that reforms have already taken place in many Muslim-majority countries. The All India Muslim Personal Law Board missed a crucial opportunity to declare triple talaq un-Islamic before the government passed legislation against it. Similarly, the Shah Bano case harmed the Muslim community's interests and fueled the resurgence of rightwing mobilisation. The Muslim Personal Law Board has exacerbated the community's challenges by opposing every proposed reform instead of acting as a forward-thinking, responsible institution. Another significant issue facing Indian Muslims is the lack of leadership from within the intelligentsia. With few excep-

tions, Muslim leadership has



been monopolised by the clergy, leaving the community without enlightened, visionary, and progressive guidance. The void left by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad has remained largely unfilled. Even leaders like Asaduddin Owaisi, despite their education and goodwill, have failed to adopt a liberal and secular approach in addressing legitimate community concerns. An aggrieved community must commu-

nicate in a conciliatory manner, rather than adopting a confrontational stance.

The Muslim leadership's approach to the Hijab controversy clearly illustrates this failure. While Muslim women are entitled to wear the Hijab as a matter of choice and religious freedom, elevating the issue to the extent of students quitting their studies was unwise. It is essential for religion to be separated from public life and confined to the private domain. Although this holds true for all communities, Indian Muslims must make this move more emphatically due to historical reasons. The community needs to create a secular platform to address its concerns. The severe political and socio-economic challenges facing Muslims today cannot be ignored. One positive step in this direction has been the recent initiative by a group of retired civil servants from Delhi who attempted to engage with leaders from the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). However, the initiative failed to gain traction as it was undertaken individually without an organizational framework. To be successful, such efforts must be scaled up to a national-level dialogue with a clear agenda involving eminent citizens from various levels, including state and central governments. It is imperative to address the widespread perception that the Muslim community is resistant to reform, reconciliation, and compro-

Before the Hindu-Muslim fault lines in India reach a danger-

ous level, the country urgently needs a period of cooling off. Many right-wing grievances against Muslims lack substance and truth. In a society governed by constitutional principles and the rule of law, a community cannot be punished for the historical wrongs committed by its ancestors. To address the right-wing narrative effectively, the Muslim community must launch a secular, modern, and progressive narrative based on evidence, rather than countering with equally polarizing rhetoric. it is the only viable (The writer has been associat-

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HEZBOLLAH'S DEPUTY LEADER VOWS TO FIGHT ON

AP BEIRUT

Hezbollah's deputy leader vowed to continue fighting Israel and said the militant group was prepared for a long war after much of its top command was wiped out, includ-ing its leader, Hassan Nasrallah.

In his first speech since Nasrallah was killed, Naim Kassem said in a televised statement Monday that if Israel decides to launch a ground offensive, Hezbollah fighters are ready to fight and defend Lebanon, where the group is

As deputy secretary-general, Naim Kassem now is the acting leader of Hezbollah until the group's leadership elects a replacement for Nasrallah.

Israeli strikes have killed Nasrallah and six of his top commanders in the last 10

days, and have hit what the military says are thousands of militant targets across large parts of Lebanon. Over 1,000 people have been killed in Lebanon, nearly a quarter of them women and children, according to the Health Ministry, and the government says the fighting may have displaced up to a million people. Hezbollah has significantly increased its rocket attacks in the past week to several hundred daily, but most have been intercepted or fallen in open

Several people have been wounded in Israel. There have been no fatalities since two soldiers were killed near the border on September 19. Kassem said that despite the killing of Hezbollah's top military commanders over the past months, Hezbollah now is relying on new commanders.

"Israel was not able to affect our (military) capabilities," Kassem said. "There are deputy commanders and there are replacements in case a commander is wounded in any post."

Before he spoke, an airstrike levelled an apartment building and killed three Palestinian militants in central Beirut early Monday, as Israel appeared to send a clear message that no part of Lebanon is out of bounds. As recently as two weeks ago,

such a strike, outside of the main areas where Hezbollah operates and next to a busy transportation hub, would have been seen as an escalation and likely followed by a long-range Hezbollah strike into Israel. But the unspoken rules of the long-running conflict, and Hezbollah's ability to respond, are no longer clear.

Israel has not claimed Monday's strike but is widely assumed to have carried it

It's possible that Hezbollah is holding back to avoid an even bigger escalation, including a threatened Israeli ground invasion. But the militant group might also be in disarray after Israeli intelligence apparently penetrated its highest levels. The strike early Monday killed three members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a small, leftist faction that has not been meaningfully involved in months of fighting between Israel and Hezbollah.

In the past week, Israel has frequently targeted Beirut's southern suburbs, where Hezbollah has a strong presence including the massive strike on Friday that killed Nasrallah but had not hit locations clos-

Hezbollah began firing rockets, drones and missiles into northern Israel after Hamas' October 7 attack from Gaza into Israel sparked the war there. Hezbollah and Hamas are allies and both supported by Iran, and Hezbollah said it would continue the attacks in solidarity with the Palestinians until there was a cease-fire in Gaza. Israel has responded to the rockets with airstrikes in Lebanon, where Hezbollah is based, and the fighting has steadily escalated over the past year, displacing tens of thou-sands of people on both sides of the border. Israel has vowed to keep fighting until the attacks stop and its citizens can return to their homes. The United States and its allies have called for a cease-fire, hoping to avoid further escalation that could draw in Iran

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has shown little interest, as his country racks up military achievements against a longtime foe.

Some Israelis broke into spon-

taneous celebrations after Nasrallah's death was announced. Videos circulated of crowds at bars singing a song in Hebrew mocking him. A news anchor on a pro-Netanyahu station sang and danced as the studio audience joined in with him while a commentator on Israel's largest TV station offered co-panelists celebratory shots.

Hezbollah, which boasts tens of thousands of battle-hardened fighters and long-range missiles capable of hitting anywhere inside Israel, has long been seen as the most powerful militant group in the region and a key partner to Iran in both threatening and deterring Israel. Hezbollah fought Israel to a monthlong stalemate in

their 2006 war, But Hezbollah has never faced an onslaught quite like this one, which began with a sophisticated attack on its pagers and walkie-talkies in mid-September that killed dozens of people and wounded around 3,000 — including many fighters but also many civilians. White House national securi-

ty spokesman John Kirby said Israel's airstrikes in Lebanon had "wiped out" Hezbollah's command structure but warned that the group will work quickly to rebuild it.

"We're watching to see what they do to try to fill this leadership vacuum. It's going to be tough, he told CNN's "State of the Union" on Sunday.

civilians were living and the

death toll was expected to rise.

In a video of a strike in Sidon,

verified by the AP, a building

swayed before collapsing as

neighbors filmed. One TV station called on viewers to pray

for a family caught under the

Netanyahu adds rival to Cabinet

Jerusalem (AP): Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appointed a former rival, Gideon Saar, as a member of his Cabinet on Sunday, expanding his coalition and strengthening his hold on office.

Under their agreement, Netanyahu said Saar would serve as a minister without portfolio and serve in the Security Cabinet, the body that oversees the management of the ongoing war against Israel's enemies across the Middle East. Saar (57) had hoped to replace Defence Minister Yoav Gallant, another rival of Netanyahu's. But a deal to become defence minister fell through several weeks ago after fighting inten-sified with Hezbollah along Israel's northern border, leaving the popular Gallant in office for the time being.

Saar has had a strained relation-ship with the prime minister. He was once a rising star in Netanyahu's Likud party but angrily left it four years ago after accusing the prime minister of turning it into a "cult of personality" as he battled corruption

charges. Since then, however, Saar has struggled as leader of a small conservative party, enjoying little support with the broader public. While he and Netanyahu have little love for one another, they share a hard-line ideology toward Israel's Arab adversaries. In recent months, Saar has said Israel must fight until Hamas is destroyed. He also has called for tougher action against Hezbollah's sponsor, Iran. And like Netanyahu, he strongly opposes the establishment of a Palestinian state.

In a joint statement, they said they had put their differences aside for the good of the nation. Netanyahu's decision appears to have been driven in part by domestic politics. He faces a number of key political battles in the coming weeks - including the contentious issue of drafting ultra-Orthodox men into the army, passing a budget and taking the stand in his longrunning corruption trial.



A billboard with a huge portrait of slain Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah is installed on a building as minarets of a mosque are seen, in downtown Tehran, Iran, Monday. The billboard reads in Farsi on top left: "The beginning of Nasrallah."

Israeli airstrike hits Beirut for first time

The first apparent Israeli airstrike on central Beirut in nearly a year of conflict levelled an apartment building early Monday. It came after Israel hit targets across Lebanon and killed dozens of people, as Hezbollah sustained heavy blows to its command structure, including the killing of its leader, Hassan Nasrallah. The airstrike hit a multistorey residential building, according to an Associated Press journalist at the scene. Videos showed ambulances and a crowd gathered near the building in a mainly Sunni district with a busy thoroughfare lined with shops.

The airstrike killed at least one person and wounded 16, an official with Lebanese Civil Defence said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorised to speak to the media. He said the person killed was a member of the al-Jamaa al-Islamiya, or the Islamic Group, a Sunni political and militant group that is allied with Hezbollah.

A Palestinian leftist faction in Lebanon said three of its members were killed in the airstrike. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine said in a statement early Monday that its military and security commanders in Lebanon, and a third member were killed in the

Neither militant group has played a significant role in the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Shiite militant group Hezbollah.

Also early Monday, another strike killed a commander with the militant group Hamas, which has a presence in Lebanon's Palestinian refugee camps. Hamas said Fatah Sharif and his family were killed in an airstrike on the Al-Buss refugee camp in the southern port city of Tyre. In the past week, Israel has frequently targeted Beirut's southern suburbs, where Hezbollah has a strong presence — including a major strike on Friday that killed Nasrallah — but had not hit locations near the city centre. Earlier, Hezbollah confirmed that Nabil Kaouk, the deputy head of its Central Council, was killed Saturday, making him the seventh senior Hezbollah leader killed in Israeli strikes in a little over a week. They include the group's founding members who had evaded death or detention for decades. Hezbollah also confirmed that Ali Karaki, another senior commander, died in the strike that killed Nasrallah. Israel says at least 20 other Hezbollah militants were killed, including one in charge of Nasrallah's

security detail. The Lebanese Health Ministry said at least 105 people were killed around the country in airstrikes Sunday. Two strikes near the southern city of Sidon, about 45 kilometres south of Beirut, killed at least 32 people, the ministry said. Separately, Israeli strikes in the northern province of Baalbek Hermel killed 21 people and wounded at least 47. Lebanese media reported dozens of strikes in the central, eastern and western Bekaa and in the south, besides strikes on Beirut. Israel says it targets militants, but the strikes have hit buildings where rubble, posting their pictures, as rescuers failed to reach them. The Lebanese Health Ministry reported at least 14 medics were killed over two days in the south. President Joe Biden said Sunday that he would speak soon with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and believes that an all-out war in the Middle East must be avoided. "It has to be," Biden told reporters at Dover Air

Washington. Meanwhile, wreckage from Friday's strike that killed Nasrallah was still smoldering. Smoke rose over the rubble as people flocked to the site, some to check on what was left of their homes and others to pay respects, pray or simply to see

Force Base in Delaware as he

boarded Air Force One for

Austria's Freedom Party secures first far-right national election win since World War II

The Freedom Party secured the first far-right national parliamentary election victory in post-World War II Austria the governing conservatives after tapping into anxieties about immigration, inflation, Ukraine and other issues. But its chances of governing were unclear.

Preliminary official results showed the Freedom Party finishing first with 29.2 per cent of the vote and Chancellor Karl Nehammer's Austrian People's Party was second with 26.5 per cent, according to a near-complete count, national public broadcaster ORF reported. The centre-left Social Democrats were in third place with 21 per cent. The outgoing government - a coalition of Nehammer's party and the environmentalist Greens — lost its majority in the lower house of parliament.

Herbert Kickl, a former interior minister and longtime campaign strategist who has led the

But to become Austria's new leader, he would need a coali-

The far right has benefited from frustration over high inflation, the war in Ukraine and the COVID-19 pandemic. It has also built on worries about migration.

In its election programme, titled "Fortress Austria", the Freedom Party calls for "remigration of uninvited foreigners", for achieving a more "homogeneous" nation by tightly controlling borders and suspending the right to asylum via an emergency law.

The Freedom Party also calls for an end to sanctions against Russia, is highly critical of Western military aid to Ukraine and wants to bow out of the European Sky Shield Initiative, a missile defence project launched by Germany. Kickl has criticised "elites" in Brussels and called for some powers to be brought back from the Freedom Party since 2021, European Union to Austria.

position, because we have always said that we're ready to tion partner to command a par-liamentary majority. Rivals have lead a government, we're ready to push forward this change in ance alongside other party leaders on ORF. "The other parties should ask themselves where they stand on democracy," he added, arguing that they should "sleep on the result". Nehammer said it was "bitter" that his party missed out on first place but noted he brought it back from lower poll ratings. He has often said he won't form a coalition with Kickl and said that "what

> say after the election". More than 6.3 million people were eligible to vote for the new parliament in Austria, an EU member that has a policy of

> I said before the election, I also

military neutrality. Kickl has achieved a turnaround since Austria's last parliamentary election in 2019. In June, the Freedom Party narrowly won a nationwide vote for the first time in the European Parliament election, which also brought gains for other

"We don't need to change our position, because we have Dutch far-right leader Geert Wilders, whose party dominates the Netherlands' new liamentary majority. Rivals have said they won't work with Kickl Austria side by side with the Austria side by side with the Freedom Party on social netco-leader of the Alternative for

Germany party.

The Freedom Party is a longestablished force but Sunday's result was its best yet in a national parliamentary election, beating the 26.9 per cent it scored in 1999. In 2019, its support slumped to 16.2 per cent after a scandal brought down a government in which it was the junior partner. Then-vice chancellor and Freedom Party leader Heinz-Christian Strache resigned following the publication of a secretly recorded video in which he appeared to offer favours to a purported Russian investor. The leader of the Social Democrats, a party that led many of Austria's post-World War II governments, positioned himself as the polar opposite to Kickl. Andreas Babler ruled out governing with the far right and labelled Kickl "a threat to democracy".

Supplies rushed to isolated areas as Helene death toll rises to 100

Torth Carolina officials pledged to get more water and other supplies to flood-stricken areas by Monday after Hurricane Helene left a trail of destruction from the storm rose to nearly 100.

At least 91 people across several states were killed. A North Carolina county that includes the mountain city of Asheville reported 30 people killed. Gov. Roy Cooper predicted the toll would rise as rescuers and other emergency workers reached areas isolated by collapsed roads, failing infrastructure and widespread

Supplies were being airlifted to the region around the isolated city of Asheville. Buncombe County Manager Avril Pinder pledged that she would have food and water to the city by Monday. "We hear you. We need food and we need water," Pinder said on a Sunday call with reporters. "My staff has been making every request possible to the state for support and we've been working with every single organization that has reached out. What I promise you is that we are very close.

Officials warned that rebuilding from the widespread loss of homes and property would be lengthy and difficult. The storm upended life throughout the Southeast. Deaths also were reported in Florida,

Georgia, South Carolina and Virginia. Cooper implored residents in western North Carolina to avoid travel, both for their own safety and to keep roads clear for emergency vehicles. More than 50 search teams spread throughout the region in search of stranded neon

One rescue effort involved saving 41 people north of Asheville. Another mission focused on saving a single infant. The teams found people through both 911 calls and social media messages, North Carolina National Guard Adjutant General Todd Hunt said. President Joe Biden described the impact

of the storm as "stunning" and said he would visit the area this week as long as it does not disrupt rescues or recovery In a brief exchange with reporters, he said

the administration is giving states "everything we have" to help with their response to the storm.

Hurricane Helene roared ashore late Thursday in Florida's Big Bend region as a Category 4 hurricane with 140 mph (225 kph) winds. A weakened Helene quickly moved through Georgia, then soaked the Carolinas and Tennessee with torrential rains that flooded creeks and rivers and strained dams.

There have been hundreds of water rescues, including in rural Unicoi County in East Tennessee, where dozens of patients

and staff were plucked by helicopter from a hospital rooftop on Friday.

More than 2 million homeowners and other utility customers were still without power Sunday night. South Carolina had the most outages and Gov. Henry with widespread snapped power poles.

'We want people to remain calm. Help is on the way, it is just going to take time, McMaster told reporters outside the airport in Aiken County.

Begging for help in North Carolina as that help is slow to arrive

The storm unleashed the worst flooding in a century in North Carolina. One community, Spruce Pine, was doused with over 2 feet (61 centimeters) of rain from Tuesday through Saturday.

Jessica Drye Turner in Texas had begged for someone to rescue her family members stranded on their rooftop in Asheville amid rising floodwaters. "They are watching 18wheelers and cars floating by," Turner wrote in an urgent Facebook post on

But in a follow-up message on Saturday, Turner said help had not arrived in time to save her parents, both in their 70s, and her 6-year-old nephew. The roof collapsed and the three drowned. "I cannot convey in words the sorrow, heartbreak and devastation my sisters and I are going through," she wrote.

S Korean court sentences to prison 3 cops over 2022 Halloween crush

Seoul (AP): A South Korean court gave three police officers prison sentences on Monday over their botched handling of a 2022 Halloween crush in a Seoul nightlife district that killed nearly 160 people. It was the first conviction of officials over the failure by authorities to prevent or adequately respond to the overcrowding that occurred in the popular Itaewon district. No top-level officials have been charged or held accountable, prompting criticism from bereaved families and opposition

politicians. The crush, one of the biggest peacetime disasters in South Korea, caused a nationwide outpouring of grief. The victims, who were mostly in their 20s and 30s, had gathered in Itaewon for Halloween celebrations.

Court sentenced Lee Im-jae, the former chief of Seoul's Yongsan police station, whose jurisdiction includes Itaewon, to three years in prison. It sentenced another Yongsan police officer to two years in prison and gave a third officer a suspended two-year term.

The three officers were convicted of professional negligence resulting in death. The court ruled that the crush wasn't a natural disaster and could have been prevented or the toll reduced if the three officers had prepared properly for the crowd, alerted others of the danger quickly and supervised other police

officers appropriately. The police officers and prosecutors can both appeal the ruling. The court also ruled that Park Hee-young, head of that Park Hee-young, head of surge turned deadly.

The Seoul Western District the Yongsan ward office, and three other ward officials were not guilty. It said a ward office was unlikely to have a legal right to control or break up a crowd of peo-

> Bereaved family members criticized the acquittal of Park and the other ward officials. "Does this make sense? We can't really accept this," Lee Jeong-min, a representative of the families, told reporters.In early 2023, a police special investigation concluded that police and municipal officials had failed to formulate effective crowd control measures despite anticipating a huge number of people in Itaewon. Investigators said police also ignored hotline calls by

> pedestrians who warned of swelling crowds before the

London (AP): Britain's last coal-fired power plant is closing on Monday, ending 142

years of coal-generated electricity in the nation that sparked the Industrial Revolution.

The Ratcliffe-on-Soar station in central England is finishing its final shift at midnight after more than half a century of turning coal into power. The UK government hailed the closure as a milestone in efforts to generate all of Britain's energy from renewable sources by 2030. Plant manager Peter O'Grady said it was "an emotional day."

"When I started my career 36 years ago, none of us imaged a future without coal generation in our lifetimes," he said. The shutdown makes Britain

the first country from the Group of Seven major economies to phase out coal though some other European nations, including Sweden and Belgium, got there sooner

Owner Uniper says many of the 170 remaining employees will stay on during a two-year decommissioning process.

Energy Minister Michael Shanks said the plant's closure "marks the end of an era and coal workers can be rightly proud of their work powering our country for over 140 years. We owe generations a debt of gratitude as a country."

The era of coal might be ending, but a new age of good energy jobs for our country is just beginning," he said. The world's first coal-fired electricity plant, Thomas Edison's Edison Electric Light Station, opened in London in 1882. Ratcliffe-on-Soar, which

opened in 1967, is a landmark whose eight concrete cooling towers and 199-metre (650foot) chimney are seen by millions of people a year as they drive past on the M1 highway or speed by on trains.

In 1990 coal provided about 80 per cent of Britain's electricity.

By 2012 it had fallen to 39 per cent, and by 2023 it stood at just 1 per cent, according to figures from the National Grid. More than half of Britain's electricity now comes from renewable sources such as wind and solar power, and the rest from natural gas and nuclear energy."Ten years ago, coal was the leading source of this country's power — generating a third of our electricity," said Dhara Vyas, deputy chief executive of trade body Energy

Britain's last coal-fired electricity plant closing

"So, to get to this point just a decade later, with coal's contribution replaced by clean and low carbon sources, is an incredible achievement," Vyas said. "As we aim for further ambitious targets in the energy transition, it's worth remembering that few back then thought such a change at such a pace was possible. Coal has fuelled civil strife as

well as powering the country. Tens of thousands of miners Another chapter in Britain's

walked out in 1984 over plans by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government to close more than 20 coal pits. The strike lasted a year, divided communities and saw widespread violence as police clashed with pickets. The miners' eventual defeat helped break the power of Britain's trade unions and hasten the end of the mining industry and the communities that relied on it. Coal remains a combustible

issue. Plans to open Britain's first new coal mine in 30 years in northwest England divided residents, with some welcoming the promise of well-paid jobs and others opposing the pollution and carbon emissions it would bring. On September 13 the High Court struck down planning permission for the mine that had been granted by the previous Conservative government in

carbon-burning industrial heritage ends Monday with the closure of the last blast furnace at one of the world's biggest steelworks, in Port Talbot,

Almost 2,000 jobs are being lost with the shutdown at the plant, owned by India's Tata Steel. Tata plans to replace the blast furnace, which runs on the coal derivative coke, with a cleaner electric furnace that will emit less carbon and require fewer workers.

At its 1960s peak, more than 18,000 people were employed at the Port Talbot steelworks, before cheaper offerings from China and other countries hit production.

Roy Rickhuss, general secretary of the Community union, said the closure "marks the end of an era, but this is not the end for Port Talbot."

We will never stop fighting for our steel industry and our communities in South Wales,

Le Pen denies wrongdoing in **EU fund embezzlement trial**

French far-right leader Marine Le Pen denied violating any rules as she and her National Rally party and two dozen others went on trial on Monday, accused of embezzling European Parliament funds, in a case that has the potential to derail her political ambitions. Arriving at the court in Paris, Le Pen said she remained confident as "we have not violated any political and regulatory rules of the European Parliament" and vowed to present the judges with "extremely serious and extremely solid arguments".

Le Pen and other National Rally members casually greet-ed each other before sitting down in the first three rows of the packed courtroom.

The nine-week trial will be closely watched by Le Pen's political rivals as she is a strong contender in the race to succeed Emmanuel Macron when the next presidential election takes place in 2027.

It comes as a new government dominated by centrists and conservatives just came into office in the wake of June-July legislative elections. Some observers expect the trial could prevent National Rally lawmakers, including Le Pen herself, from fully playing their opposition role in Parliament as they would be busy focusing on the party's defense.

Since stepping down as party leader three years ago, Le Pen has sought to position herself as a mainstream candidate capable of appealing to a broader electorate. Her efforts have paid off, with the party making significant gains in recent elec-tions at both the European and

dict could seriously undermine her bid to take the Elysee. The National Rally and 27 of its top officials are accused of having used money destined for EU parliamentary aides to pay staff who instead did political work for the party between 2004 and 2016, in violation of the 27-nation bloc's regulations. The National Rally was called National Front at the time. Le Pen, whose party has softened its anti-EU stance in recent years, denies wrongdoing and claims the case is politically driven.

"Parliamentary assistants do not work for the Parliament. They are political assistants to elected officials, political by definition," she previously said.

'You ask me if I can define the tasks I assigned to my assistants; it depends on each person's skills. Some wrote speeches for me, and some handled logistics and coordination."

If found guilty, Le Pen and her co-defendants could face up to 10 years in prison and fines of up to 1 million euros (USD 1.1 million) each. Additional penalties, such as the loss of civil rights or ineligibility to run for office, could also be imposed, a scenario that could hamper, or even destroy, Le Pen's goal to mount another presidential bid after Macron's term ends. Le Pen was runnerup to Macron in the 2017 and 2022 presidential elections.

She served as party president from 2011 to 2021 and now heads the group of RN law-makers at the Fronch National makers at the French National

Despite her denial, her party has already paid back 1 million to the European Parliament, the Parliament's lawyer Patrick Maisonneuve said. Of that directly linked to Marine Le Pen's alleged misuse of funds. The legal proceedings stem from a 2015 alert raised by Martin Schulz, then-president of the European Parliament, to French authorities about possible fraudulent use of European funds by members of the National Front. Schulz also referred the case to

the European Anti-Fraud Office, which launched a separate probe into the matter.

The European Parliament's suspicions were further heightened when a 2015 organizational chart showed that 16 European lawmakers and 20 parliamentary assistants held official positions within the party — roles unrelated to their supposed duties as EU parliamentary staff.

A subsequent investigation found that some assistants were contractually linked to different MEPs than the ones they were actually working for, suggesting a scheme to divert European funds to pay party employees in France.

Investigating judges concluded that Le Pen, as party leader, orchestrated the allocation of parliamentary assistance budgets and instructed MEPs to hire individuals holding party positions. These individuals were presented as EU parlia-mentary assistants, but in real-ity, were allegedly working for the National Rally in various capacities.

The European Parliament's legal team is seeking 2.7 million euros in compensation for financial and reputational damages. This figure corresponds to the 3.7 million euros allegedly defrauded through the scheme, minus the 1 million euros already paid back. During the

National Front won a record 24 MEP seats, finishing first with 24.8 per cent of the vote, ahead of the centre-right and the Socialists. This surge resulted in a substantial financial windfall for the party, which faced severe financial problems at the

An audit of the party's accounts between 2013 and 2016 revealed that it was running a deficit of 9.1 million euros by the end of 2016. Yet, the party still had a cash balance of 1.7 million euros and had lent 1 million euros to Le Pen's 2017 presidential campaign, while also holding 87,000 euros in loans to Cotelec, its funding association.

At the time, the party was also indebted to a Russian bank for 9.4 million euros, a loan taken out in 2014 for 6 million euros. The investigation uncovered many irregularities involving prominent party members.

Thierry Legier, the long-time bodyguard of Le Pen's father Jean-Marie, was listed as his parliamentary assistant. But his resume did not reference this role, and he made no mention of it in his 2012 autobiography.

Legier admitted during the investigation that he was not interviewed and signed his employment contract without fully understanding his official Jean-Marie Le Pen, who led the

National Front from 1972 to 2011, will not appear in court alongside his former colleagues due to health concerns. Now 96, he was deemed unfit to testify by a court in June. He has 11 prior convictions

including for violence against a public official and hate

11 Ukrainian regions as it steps up drone attacks

Kviv (AP): Russia fired missiles and drones at 11 regions of Ukraine, the Ukrainian air force said on Monday, in a 33rd consecutive night of aerial attacks behind the front line and set a new monthly record

of drone barrages.

In Kyiv, multiple explosions and machine gun fire could be heard throughout the night as the Ukrainian capital's air defences fought off a drone attack for five hours.

No casualties were reported in Kyiv or elsewhere, though a "critical infrastructure object" caught fire in the southern Mykolaiv region, Gov. Vitalii Kim said, without elaborating.Russia has increasingly deployed Shahed drones rather than more expensive missiles, in its aerial bombardment of Ukrainian cities since its full-scale invasion of its neighbour in February 2022. It launched more than 1,300 Shahed drones at Ukraine in September alone – the highest number of drone attacks in a single month since the war began.

Ukraine, too, has developed a new generation of drones for the battlefield and for long-range strikes deep inside Russia. More than 100 Ukrainian drones were shot down over Russia on Sunday, Russian officials said.

Also Monday, Russian President Vladimir Putin released a video marking the second anniversary of the annexation of four Ukrainian territories and again accused the West of turning Ukraine into "a military base aimed at

Russia targets | Rescue operations continue as over 200 killed in Nepal floods

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 $S_{\text{continued in Nepal for the third consecutive day on}}$ Monday after monsoon-induced floods and landslides killed more than 200 people in one of the worst rain-related disasters in the Himalayan nation in recent years. Incessant rainfall over the weekend triggered floods and landslides, wreaking havoc in Kathmandu and most of the districts of

At least 204 people have been killed in the continuous rainfall, floods, landslides and inundation, MyRepublica news portal reported, quoting the Armed Police Force (APF).

It added that 89 others have also been injured nationwide in the disaster, while 33 others remain missing. An all-party meeting convened on Sunday by Officiating Prime Minister Prakash Man Singh at the Prime Minister's Office in Singha Durbar decided to enhance rescue, relief, and reestablishment efforts during the ongoing disaster caused by

heavy rains.
The Home Ministry said it would provide grants for temporary housing construction, repair blocked roads to restore transportation and ensure effective free health treatment for citizens injured in disaster inci-

A task force was also formed to assess the details of the damage caused within a 15-day dead line, the news portal reported. The Disaster Management Executive Committee said it will provide a relief amount to the families of those missing. If the missing person is not found within 10 days, their family will be provided the same amount as that given to the kin of a person killed in the rain-induced



A tin shed lies partially submerged at the edge of the Bagmati River in spate after

disaster, the report said. The Home Ministry said all security agencies have been deploved for relief efforts following the floods and landslides, and the Nepal Army, Nepal Police and Armed Police Force personnel have rescued around 4,500 disaster-affected individuals so far. While those injured are receiving free treatment, food and other emergency relief materials have been provided to others affected by the floods. Hundreds of people are facing a shortage of food, safe drinking water and sanitation in Kathmandu following the nat-

Market prices have also soared as vegetables coming from India and other districts of the country have been temporarily halted due to obstruction in major highways due to landslides. Numerous roads throughout the nation are severely damaged, and all routes leading to the capital city, Kathmandu, are still blocked, leaving thousands of travellers stranded, The Kathmandu Post newspaper reported. Home

ural disaster, according to eye-

witnesses

Ministry Spokesperson Rishiram Tiwari said efforts are underway to clear the obstructed highways to resume transportation.

At least 20 hydropower plants with a combined capacity of 1100 MW suffered damages due to floods and landslides triggered by the incessant rainfall in the past three days, which has led to the disruption in power supply in Kathmandu and other major "Heavy rains since Friday have

caused widespread flooding across Kathmandu Valley, and across Nepal. This is the worst flooding experienced in recent years," said Jagan Chapagain, the Chief Executive Officer and Secretary General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, in a post on X. "In response to the crisis, local

branches @NepalRedCross are working closely with authorities and (the) Emergency Operations Centre of Nepal Red Cross to coordinate rescue and relief operations," he added.

Xi pays tribute to fallen heroes ahead of 75th PRC National Day

PTI BEIJING

Chinese President Xi Jinping and other state and party leaders paid floral tributes on Monday to fallen heroes to mark Martyrs' Day at the sprawling Tiananmen Square in central Beijing. The Martyrs' Day was observed

ahead of the 75th National Day of the People's Republic of China (PRC) on Tuesday. Xi, along with Premier Li Qiang, and other leaders was joined by representatives from all walks of life to pay tributes to the martyrs of the revolutionary struggle during the 19th and 20th centuries leading to the formation of PRC on October 1, 1949, headed by the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC) founder Mao Zedong. China will observe a week shut down from Tuesday to mark the national day holidays. Marking the occasion, Xi, 71, on Sunday awarded the highest state honours to several Chinese veterans

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Friendship Medal to Dilma Rousseff, former Brazilian president and the Chair of the Shanghai-based New Development Bank of BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa).

Lauding Rousseff as an outstanding representative of China's old and good friends, Xi said the Chinese people will

He also presented China's never forget international friends who have significantly contributed to the country's development and the friendship between the Chinese and foreign people.

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The Chinese people stand ready to work together with people from various countries to safeguard world peace and ment, he said. Mehan, E-713, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-110092; Mobile No. 9811215181

NOTICE INVITING BID (TENDER)

No. 550/DSGAH, Bhubaneswar dt. 30.09.2024

TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF RAW MATERIALS AND CONTINGENT ARTICLES TO GOVERNMENT AYURVEDIC HOSPITAL PHARMACY, BHUBANESWAR, GOVERNMENT AYURVEDIC PHARMACY, BOLANGIRAND GOPABANDHU AYURVEDA MAHAVIDYALAYA PHARMACY, PURI ODISHA.

Sealed tenders are invited from reputed manufacturers/authorized dealers including wholesale co-operative organizations and Government/ Semi Govt. agencies for supply of raw materials and contingent articles to Government Ayurvedic Hospital Pharmacy, Bhubaneswar, Government Ayurvedic Pharmacy, Bolangir and Gopabandhu Ayurveda Mahavidyalaya Pharmacy, Puri for preparation of Ayurvedic Medicines for the financial year

1.	Value of Tender	Rs. 1,05,00,000/- (One Crore Five Lakhs) Only
2.	Cost of Tender Book	Rs.1,050.00 (One Thousand and Fifty rupees only including GST)
3.	Availability of tender book	In the office of the Deputy Superintendent, GAH, BBSR only in shape of D.D. /Bankers Cheque in favor of the Deputy Superintendent, Government Ayurvedic Hospital, Old Town, Bhubaneswar
4.	Mode of payment of cost of Tender Book	In shape of Demand Draft / Bankers Cheque in favor of Deputy Superintendent, Government Ayurvedic Hospital, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, payable at Bhubaneswar.
5.	Date of commencement of sale of Tender Book	Dt: 01.10.2024 at 11.00 A.M. to 21.10.2024 at 4.00 P.M.
6.	Last date & time for submission of tender	Dt: 21.10.2024 at 4.00 P.M.
7.	Mode of submission of tender	To be received through a sealed Tender box kept in the office chamber of the Deputy Superintendent, GAH, BBSR, Odisha.
8.	Mode of submission of sealed samples	To be received by the Deputy Superintendent, GAH, BBSR, Odisha, and in his absence A.M.O., I/c-Pharmacy, Govt. Ayurvedic Hospital, Bhubaneswar will receive the samples at the time of submission of tender paper within the scheduled date and time.
9.	Date, Time &Place for opening of tenders	Technical bids will be opened on dt. 23.10.2024 at 11.30 A.M. at Government Ayurvedic Hospital Pharmacy, Bhubaneswar. The date, time & place of opening of the Financial Bids of the technically qualified bidders will be intimated later on.

The tender inviting authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. For details, please log on to www.ayushodisha.nic.in

> -Sd-Dr. Banditarani Mishra Deputy Superintendent Govt. AyurvedicHospital, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Sunak pleads for party unity in final address as Tory leader Sunak used the ongoing media London (PTI): Britain's interim for his speech, which reflected when we turn in on ourselves,

Leader of the Opposition Rishi Sunak has used his final address as Conservative Party chief to call on his colleagues to stop squabbling and unite behind his

The 44-year-old British-Indian politician, who resigned as Tory leader following the party's bruising defeat in the July general election, used his address to the annual Conservative Party conference in Birmingham on Sunday evening to express optimism for its future.

He and his wife, Akshata Murty, were given a warm welcome by the Tory membership gathered

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NOTICE is hereby given that Mahesh Prasad Tyagi claims to be owner and in

possession of Second Floor of Prop. No.

3/63, Khasra No. 163, Peshawar Nagar,

Nirankari Colony, Delhi-09 (herein after called the said property) by virtue of Partition Deed dated 08.08.2017, Doc. No. 9540 executed between Rameshwar

Prasad Tyagi, Mahesh Prasad Tyagi and

Uma Tyagi r/w Relinquishment Deeds 16.02.1989/31.05.2016 reg. vide Doc. Nos.

5035 & 6880 executed by Savitri Devi, & Ors, after the death of Krishan Lal Tyagi,

said Mahesh Prasad Tyagi has agreed to sell the said Property to Susheela Sharma and said Susheela Sharma agreed to

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person/s having claim against the said

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address mentioned below within 7days

from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons

will be considered to have been waived

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Vishal Diwan (Advocate)

For Diwan and Company LLP

a modified agenda as Sunak made way for the four leadership contenders to take centre stage to make their pitches to be elected his successor.

"I'm optimistic about our country's long-term future, I'm optimistic about our party's future too," said Sunak, amid loud cheers. "Whoever wins this contest, give them your backing. We must end the division, the backbiting, the squabbling. We mustn't nurse old grudges but build new friendships. We must always remember what unites us, rather than obsessing about where we might differ, because

The General Public is hereby informed that my Clients Mrs. Pushpa Devi wife of Late Puran

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we lose and the country ends up with a Labour government," he said. Former ministers James Cleverly, Kemi Badenoch, Robert Jenrick and Tom Tugendhat are going head-tohead at this week's party conference to convince fellow Tory members of Parliament and the wider party membership that they are best placed to take Sunak's place following the worst Tory general election defeat in decades

In James, Kemi, Robert and Tom, we have a slate of strong leadership candidates. Now, I sat around the Cabinet tables with

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all of them, and I can tell you, they are all good Conservatives who would lead this country well and be better Prime Ministers than Keir Starmer," said Sunak, refraining from endorsing any one of the four contenders. "If we Conservatives are going

to get back into office so that we can once more deliver for the British people, then our new leader is going to need your support. So, let's use this conference to look to the future and ensure that one of our four candidates is not just the next leader of our party, but our next prime minister too," he said.

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It is to bring to the notice of general public that Mr. Shashank Saxena husband of my

client Aditi Saxena and his mother Mrs

Brijbala Saxena are the co-owner of the Fla

Republic, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201016 vide

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Book No. 9761 at page No. 265 to 308 S. No. 2940 dated 30/03/2012 in the Office of Sub-

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Keir Starmer and his Labour

Party colleagues accepting

er glasses to see that the shine is coming off Keir Starmer already; people can see that Labour weren't frank with them at the election... that Labour are making the wrong choices for our country," he said, amid

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ITY CGHS LTD. (Known as City Apartments), Plot No. 21, Vasundhara Enclave Delhi-110096, Original allottee/owner of flat No.B-34, THE CITY CGHS LTD. (Known as City Apartments) Plot No. 21, Vasundhara Enclave Delhi-110096, have applied for conversion of the said flat from leasehold to freehold in DDA. Original document Certificate issued by the City CGHS Ltd. in my name, has been misplaced/lost. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in the Police Station Crime Branch. New Delhi, vide FIR/NCR No LR 2132028/2024

Any person(s) claiming any right interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above address/phone No. 9811936757 within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to this property can personally inform or write to the Dy Director. (GH) or Director (RL), Vikas

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roperty will be doing it al his own risk.

Yogesh Bhardwaj-Advocate
Registration No. D/1491/200i
Chamber No. 409, Givl Sice.
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Mob: 9958849223

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PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to Rule 8(6)] Notice for sale of immovable asset(s)

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder; Details of the Amount Reserve Date and Date &

No.	Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Outstanding	Price Earnest	Time of Property Inspection	Time of E-Auction
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	Travonation Holidays Private Limited- (Borrower), Mohd Faisal- (Mortgagor/ Co-Applicant &	Shop Bearing Pvt No G-11, On Ground Floor Upto Ceiling Level Without Roof Rights , A Part Of Property Bearing No A- 1/B , Situated In The Abadi Of Acharya Niketan ,Out Of Khasara No 63 In Mayur Vihar Phase 1 In Village Kotala Delhi- 110091 area 166.34 sq ft	Rs. 1,22,52,208/- as on September 02, 2024	Rs. 23,70, 000/- Rs. 2,37, 000/-	October 11, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM	October 23, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
Co-Applicant & Guarantor), Reena (Guarantor,) Mohd Abbas. (Mortgagor/ Co-Applicant & Guarantor)Sheeba Naqvi (Guarantor) 629705015540		Shop Bearing Pvt No G-12, On Ground Floor Upto Extent Of Ceiling Level Without Roof Rights, A Part Of Property Bearing No A-1/B, Situated In The Abadi Of Acharya Niketan, Out Of Khasara No 63 In Mayur Vihar Phase 1 In Village Kotla, Illaqa Shahdara Delhi-110091		Rs. 21,30, 000/- Rs. 2,13, 000/-		

The online auction will be conducted on the website (URL Link-https://disposalhub.com) of our auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited The Mortgagors/ Noticees are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by October 22, 2024 before 05:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule. with further interest by October 22, 2024 before 05:00 PM else the secured asset(s) Will be sold as per schedule. The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh. Delhi-110005 on or before October 22, 2024 before 05:00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before October 22, 2024 before 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh. Delhi-110005 on or before October 22, 2024 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of ICICI Bank Limited 'payable at Delhi.

For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 8928935040/8588474809 Please note that the Marketing agencies1.M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited 2. Augeo Asset Management Pvt Ltd 3. Hecta Proptech Pvt. Ltd. have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

Date : October 01, 2024 Place: Delhi/ NCR

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LOST & FOUND

I, Priti Agarwal D/o Sh. Subhash Agarwal, has to inform that, I have misplaced the Original Share Certificate and original possession cum allotment letter of the flat bearing no. H-102, Prince Apartment, I.P. Extension, Patparganj, Delhi-110092 and are not traceable by my best

PD(814)C CHANGE OF NAME

I, Puneet Badial S/o Nirmal Singh R/o RZ-31/1, First Floor, Indra Park Extn., East Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 have changed my minor son's name to Navneet Badial from Navneet Singh for all future purposes. Purposes vide affidavit no. IN-DL63866164415403W.

India's consumer durables market to become global powerhouse: Cll

India's consumer durables I market is expected to touch a size of Rs 5 lakh crore by FY30 and will become the fourth largest in the world by 2027, industry body CII said on Monday.

While the country's products are inching towards global reliability, it is imperative to robust ecosystem and standardisation in the sector export Indian standards globally, said B Thiagarajan, Chairman, CII National Committee on Consumer Electronics and Durables.

the CII Speaking Electronics & Consumer Summit 2024. Durables Thiagarajan, who is also the Chairman and Managing Director, Blue Star Ltd, further said the next decade is expected to create multiple opportunities across the value chain in the sector.

"From finished goods as well development of an indigenous component ecosystem, with the right focus on domestic scale, India's prospects of becoming a global manufacturing powerhouse holds promise," he asserted.



goal of manufacturing to

contribute 25 per cent of the

GDP to the country. With

over USD500 billion in FDI

and the creation of over 8.5

lakh jobs, the progress is undeniable. The air

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become the largest in the world by 2040," Thiagarajan

On the quality front, he said

Indian products are inching

"As strengthening the quality

ecosystem fosters consumer

trust in the products offered,

it is imperative to build a

robust quality ecosystem and

adopt standardisation in the

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Thiagarajan said, "India is are well on track to meet the already the fastest growing major market for consumer durables in the world and is expected to become the fourth largest by 2027 with a projected market size to reach Rs 5 lakh crore by fiscal year

acknowledged government's support to the sector through various initiatives, including the PLI boost competitiveness and make India a self-reliant and technologically advanced global player.

The momentum we are witnessing is a clear sign that India is emerging as a key global manufacturing stage and we standards also globally as envisioned by the Prime Minister and the government of India," he added. By adopting and promoting

Indian standards on a global scale, Thiagarajan said, "We can enhance our reputation in the international markets and ensure that our products meet the expectations of the consumers worldwide.

However, he said, "While we have made significant strikes, there is still more work to be done to drive growth in sector R&D and innovation is of paramount importance."

He said advancement in technology, particularly, artificial intelligence, has revolutionised the sector, presenting it with new market opportunities and innovative applications.
"To harness the potential of

these technologies, it is crucial for the industry to proactively invest in R&D aimed at integrating artificial intelligence into consumer electronics and durables to bring innovation to the sector," Thiagarajan asserted. To further boost the sector's competitiveness on the global stage, he said, "We must harness economies of scale and build a strong domestic ecosystem."

Government extends I-T audit report filing date



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The income tax department has extended the date for filing audit report for 2023-24 by 7 days till October 7.

a circular, the department said considering the difficulties faced by taxpayers in electronic filing of various audit reports under the Income Tax Act, the deadline is being extended from September 30 to October 7

Moore Singhi Executive Director Rajat Mohan said technological issues electronic filing of tax audit reports have pushed the government to timelines by 7 more days.

"Load of filings is quite high on the portal in the last few days, throwing the entire ecosystem in a frenzy. Government should either upgrade the system to handle such rush or stagger the timelines for tax filings, Mohan said.

BharatPe, Ashneer Grover settle dispute, end months of legal battle

Fintech firm BharatPe has reached a settlement with its former co-founder Ashneer Grover, ending months of acrimonious legal and public dispute, the two sides said on As part of the settlement

agreement, Grover will not be associated with BharatPe in any capacity nor be a part of the shareholding of the company.

Grover will transfer a part of

his shareholding to the BharatPe board and the rest will be managed by a family trust, keeping him off the company's capital table. Also, the two sides will not pursue legal cases, BharatPe and Grover said in separate statements. The settlement comes days after the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Delhi Police arrested Deepak Gupta on charges misappropriation of fintech Unicron's funds. Gupta is the husband of Madhuri Jain Grover's sister.

'Certain number of shares held by him will be transferred to the Resilient Growth Trust for the benefit of the company and his remaining shares will be managed by his family

"Both parties have decided not to pursue the cases filed," BharatPe said in a statement. It all started in January 2022 when Grover had to go on

UP Government to start paddy procurement from October 1



using abusive language against Kotak Mahindra Bank staff and fraudulent practices, which he denied.

BharatPe had roped in SAM, Alvarez and Marsal (A&M) and PwC for governance review in February 2022 after sending Grover on leave.

In a report by A&M, it was alleged that Madhuri Jain Grover and her family members, brother Shwetank Jain and brother-in-law Deepak Jagdishram Gupta were involved in financial irregularities at the company. BharatPe sacked its head of controls and Grover's wife Madhuri Jain Grover on February 23, 2022, for alleged financial irregularities ranging from producing fake invoices to billing the company for personal beauty treatment and

These followed allegations of illegitimate payments to bogus human resource consultants linked to Madhuri Jain's brother Shwetank Jain. Also, there were allegations of

trips abroad.

through vendors, transactions in input-tax credit, illegal payments to travel agencies, forged invoices etc. Grover quit as managing director of the firm on March 1, 2022, after an emergency arbitrator in the Singapore International Arbitration Centre held that there was no ground to stop governance review at the fintech firm. That followed months of bickering by both sides. Grover in a post on X said, "I have reached a decisive settlement with BharatPe. I repose my faith in the management and board, who are doing great work in taking BharatPe forward in the right direction. I continue to remain aligned with the company's growth and success. I will no onger be associated with BharatPe in any capacity, nor be part of the capital table."

Coal will remain part of India's energy mix for decades: Experts

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s the UK officially shut Adown its last remaining coal power plant on Monday policy experts said coal will continue to be a part of India's energy mix for the next few decades, given that it is still a developing country with significant energy needs.

The UK on Monday closed its last coal power becoming the first G7 nation to do so amid calls for a global coal-free energy system by

The world's first coal power plant opened in London in 1882, and until 2012, coal accounted for 39 per cent of electricity UK's

Global energy think tank Ember said the closure of the UK's last coal plant means that more than a third of OECD countries are now coal-free, with three-quarters expected to eliminate coal power by 2030, in line with global climate goals aimed at limiting warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

The International Energy Agency's (IEA) "Net Zero by report recommends that developed countries phase out unabated coal by developing while countries should aim to do so by 2040 to remain on track for global net-zero emissions by

The term "unabated" in this context refers to electricity production that does not use technologies designed to capture and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

These developments occur as developed countries push their counterparts in the developing world to accelerate the phase-down of unabated coal power.

India, the world's secondlargest consumer of coal for



electricity generation after China, saw the share of coalfired power generation rise to 75 per cent in 2023-24 from

per cent in 2019-20. According to the IEA, while coal consumption fell in Europe and the US in 2023, it rose by 8 per cent in India and 5 per cent in China.

for power generation began several decades later than that of developed nations. While the UK's first coal power plant opened in 1882, India established its first major thermal power plant, the Hussain Sagar Thermal Power Station in Hyderabad, in 1920. Policy experts say India is focusing on a long-term energy transition, where coal will continue to be part of the energy mix for the next few

Sunil Dahiya, an independent analyst, said that while coal will not disappear in the near future, India must reduce harmful emissions from the sector by deploying advanced pollution control technologies and improving efficiency to curb carbon

emissions According to climate activist Harjeet Singh, India has made remarkable progress in renewable energy, but the remarkable intermittent nature of these sources and the lack of scalable battery storage mean that coal still underpins its power supply and industries like steel and cement.

"Yet, the cost of coal goes far beyond emissions destroys ecosystems, displaces communities, and deepens environmental injustice. Îndia must urgently shift away from coal, and the international community must provide the financial and technological support needed for a just and the planet," he said.

Montek Singh Ahluwalia former deputy chairman of Planning the erstwhile Commission, said in a webinar organized by the think tank Centre for Social and Economic Progress last week that India can't cut down coal immediately and it is hypocritical in the West to focus solely on coal while ignoring oil and natural gas. However, if we are going to

achieve net-zero emissions by 2070, we must recognise that we need to phase out thermal power.We should indicate to world that India's emissions will increase for a while, then peak, and eventually decline. Right now, there's misunderstanding in the West about India's willingness to reduce emissions, which is not

true," he said. Sunita Narain, the director general of the Centre for Science and Environment, echoed this sentiment, saying that India is currently dependent on coal, as it remains the cheapest form of energy available.

PTI LUCKNOW Procurement will start on October 1 in the districts of The Uttar government Hardoi, Lakhimpur Kheri and

commence procurement across the state starting October 1 and payments to farmers will be processed within 48 hours of the sale.

The process will roll out in phases, beginning in western Uttar Pradesh and extending to the eastern districts later in the month, according to an official statement issued here on Monday.

Sitapur. It will be followed by procurement in Lucknow, Rae Bareli and Unnao from November 1, among others, the statement added. "Paddy procurement

continue until January 31, covering various districts Meerut, including Saharanpur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Agra, Aligarh and Ihansi," it stated.

The minimum support price



the price for grade A paddy stood at Rs 2,320 per quintal. Additionally, farmers will 20 per quintal for unloading, sieving and cleaning their produce, it added. To facilitate this extensive

procurement process, the Food and Civil Supplies Department has established around 4,000 purchase centers statewide.

Minister Chief Adityanath has directed that payments to farmers be processed within 48 hours of the sale, ensuring timely financial support, according to the statement.

"The Yogi government has

directed that payments to farmers be processed within 48 hours," it added. Registration for the paddy

Grover, who had previously

accused the BharatPe board of

mismanagement, ended the

post with "Peace!".

purchase scheme commenced September approximately 32,000 farmers already registered within the first month. The Agriculture Department estimates that the paddy cultivation area for the Kharif marketing year 2024-25 is 61.24 lakh hectares, with an anticipated production of 265.54 lakh metric tonnes and an average yield projected at 43.36 quintals per hectare.

Solex Energy announces

Centre's fiscal deficit touches 27 per cent of full-year target in first five months



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre's fiscal deficit at the end of the first five months of the current fiscal touched 27 per cent of the full-year target, government data showed on Monday

In absolute terms, the fiscal deficit the gap between expenditure and revenue was at Rs 4,35,176 crore as of August-end, according to data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA)

The deficit stood at 36 per cent of the Budget Estimates (BE) in the corresponding period of

In the Union Budget, the government projected to bring down the fiscal deficit to 4.9 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP) in the current 2024-25 financial year. The deficit was 5.6 per cent of the GDP in 2023-24.

In absolute terms, the government aims to contain the fiscal deficit at Rs 16,13,312 crore

during the current fiscal.

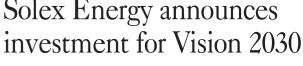
Unveiling the revenue-expenditure data of the Union government for the first five months of 2024-25, CGA said the net tax revenue was Rs 8.7 lakh crore or 33.8 per cent of the BE for the current fiscal.

The net tax revenue collection was 34.5 per cent at July-end 2023.

The central government's total expenditure in the four months through August stood at Rs 16.5 lakh crore or 34.3 per cent of BE. The expenditure was 37.1 per cent of the BE in the year-ago period.

Of the total expenditure, Rs 13,51,367 crore was in the revenue account and Rs 3,00,987 crore was in the capital account.

Out of the total revenue expenditure, Rs 4,00,160 crore was towards interest payments. Fiscal deficit is the difference between the total expenditure and revenue of the government. It is an indication of the total borrowing that is needed by the government. | fully





PNS NEW DELHI

Solex Energy Limited on Monday announced an investment exceeding 8,000 crore as part of its Vision 2030 strategy. The initiative reflects Solex's initiative reflects commitment to advancing solar technology and scaling operations, positioning the company as a fully integrated solar player. Solex is exploring the development of a new cell manufacturing facility with an initial capacity of 2 GW, designed to scale up to 5 GW. Its module manufacturing capacity will also be increased from 1.5 GW to 15 GW. Solex aims to expand its workforce to over 25,000 to support this growth.Chetan Chairman & Managing Director of Solex Energy Limited, said, "Vision 2030 represents a key milestone in our journey to becoming a integrated

company. introduction of TOPcon Technology featuring Rectangular Cells, Solex Energy is raising the bar for efficiency and reliability." A major component of Vision 2030 is the launch of the Tapi-R series. This revolutionary solar module incorporates N-Type TOPcon Technology and a rectangular cell design, setting a new standard for solar energy generation in India. The series, named after the Tapi River, a symbol of vitality in the region where Solex is headquartered, and the "R" for its rectangular cell design, significantly enhances efficiency reliability. In addition to technological advancements, Solex Energy Limited is committed to supporting India's national goal of

achieving 500 GW of non-

fossil fuel-based installed

electricity capacity by 2030.

RED reduces losses by 41 per cent

redit card bill payments **∪**app CRED on Monday reported 66 per cent year-onyear increase in revenue to Rs 2,473 crore in FY24, on the back of growth in monetised members and a drop in user acquisition costs.

Operating losses were reduced by 41 per cent from Rs 1,024 crore in FY23 to Rs 609 crore in FY24, a company statement

"This came on the back of some very exciting sort of pieces of execution that we always had as a thesis, but it's always good to see that play out in action. The number of members that we monetised

rew 58 per cent year-on- year. CAC (customer acquisition costs) came down significantly by 40 per cent," CRED founder Kunal Shah said during a press briefing. Total Payment Value (TPV) for the platform surged 55 per cent to Rs 6.87 lakh crore,

while monthly transacting users (MTU) rose by 34 per "Members used CRED for a

statement said.

wide range of payments beyond credit card bills, with strong adoption of P2P UPI payments. They also expanded adoption of CRED Pay across online merchants, boosting transaction volumes by 254 per cent during the year," the Organic growth contributed to

a high-quality user base and

dropped customer acquisition

costs by 40 per cent, Shah said,

wide range of

customer acquisition now comes through organic or referral channels. The unicorn fintech launched its in-app vehicle management feature--CRED Garage--in

September last year.
"We managed to cross close to 4.2 million vehicles in the last financial

year and now touching close 6.5 million vehicles on the platform. And it kind of demonstrates the power of the platform coming together where we are squarely focused on an audience segment," Shah said. In July 2024, it introduced

CRED Money, a tool that

enables users to track, analyze

and reflect on their financial

adding that 70 per cent of its behaviour. The entrepreneur also hinted at new products in the

pipeline.
"When you think from a capital investment and capital allocation perspective, there's a lot of exciting things coming up on the road map. A significant amount of our capital utilization is towards research and development costs, for example, things on products, investments on products that are in the works, and will come out pretty soon,"

Responding to whether CRED plans to go public, Shah said the company's still in its growth phase and doesn't intend to list anytime soon.

Tata Power inks pact with Rajasthan Government for investment in green energy

installations, and EV charging,

PTI NEW DELHI

 ${f T}$ ata Power on Monday said it has inked an initial pact Rajasthan government for investment of Rs 1.2 lakh crore, including Rs 75,000 crore in green energy, in the state's power sector. The 10-year plan aims to

Rajasthan's support transformation into a power surplus state, providing 24/7 clean, affordable, and reliable power supply. Investments will be made in renewable energy projects and manufacturing, transmission, distribution, nuclear power, rooftop

a company statement said. The MoU was signed during the 'Rising Rajasthan' Investor Meet in New Delhi on Monday.An amount of Rs 20,000 crore will be invested in the state transmission and distribution area to modernize the grid infrastructure, reduce energy losses, and improve power quality across the state.

be invested for transmission systems exploring opportunities to develop nuclear power plant. Nearly Rs 75,000 crore will be for renewable energy projects.

Besides, Rs 10,000 crore will

setting up 1 lakh EV charging points across Rajasthan. Rooftop solar power for 10 lakh households will support the PM Surya Ghar Yojana. The MoU will have a transformative economic impact, creating over 28,000 direct jobs in the state. Tata Power already has a significant footprint in Rajasthan, with a robust

An investment of Rs 1,000

crore has been earmarked for

portfolio of energy projects. company commissioned 1 GW of solar projects and 185 MW of wind projects in the state.

USHA SLAMS EC MEMBERS FOR NOT FELICITATING OLYMPIC MEDALLISTS

ndian Olympic Association (IOA) President PT Usha on Monday said it is "deeply concerning" that the Executive Committee members failed to honour Olympic medallists and accused the Finance Committee of blocking funds intended to support Indian athletes' preparation for the Paris Games

India secured six medals, including two historic bronze by young shooter Manu Bhaker, but Usha said the "EC does not want to celebrate their success" and it makes her "verv sad.'

"These athletes have made the nation proud, and it is the responsibility of the IOA to celebrate their achievements with the respect they deserve. It is deeply concerning that, even after returning home in mid-August, the EC has failed to discuss or take any steps towards organizing a formal felicitation ceremony," she said in a

She revealed that a proposal for a

preparatory grant of Rs 2 lakh for each Olympic-bound athlete and Rs 1 lakh for each coach had been blocked by the Finance Committee, notably by IOA Treasurer Sahdev Yadav.

"I strongly believe that this grant would have given our athletes and their coaches the support they needed in the crucial period leading up to the Olympic Games.

The refusal to disburse these funds reflects a lack of understanding of the needs of athletes and shows a complete disregard for their preparation and well-being," she

Highlighting the contrast with previous leadership, Usha pointed out that a successful felicitation ceremony was organised for the seven medallists from the Tokyo 2021 Olympics, even amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"If my predecessors could celebrate the achievements of our athletes during a global pandemic, what is stopping the current EC members from doing the same? These medallists have worked tirelessly to



they deserve to be acknowledged." Usha questioned the commitment of some EC members, particularly those who are former athletes.

"As someone who has represented India on the world stage, I understand the importance of recognising the hard work, sacrifices, and victories of our athletes. It is disheartening to see that others in positions of power, especially those who have also worn the national colours, are failing to uphold this duty." The IOA had planned to award each individual medallist between Rs 50

lakh and Rs 1 crore, with coaches receiving Rs 15 lakh to Rs 25 lakh as part of the official felicitation.

"By not following through on these plans, the IOA is letting down the athletes who have made our country proud. I urge the Executive Committee to take immediate action and ensure that our athletes they deserve?

She reaffirmed her commitment to stand by the athletes, saying: "Our

Indian sport. I will not rest until they are given the due respect, support, and acknowledgment they have earned."

On Saturday, 12 members of the Executive Council had sent a letter to senior International Olympic Committee (IOC) official Jerome Poivey, accusing Usha of running the organization in an "autocratic' manner after she rejected their demand to remove Raghuram Iyer as IOA CEO during a contentious

meeting. Usha called the accusations "malicious and false," asserting that they aimed to undermine her leadership and the efforts to improve Indian sports. On Sunday, she criticized the dissenting council members for prioritizing personal power and financial gain over the welfare of the sport.

receive the honours and recognition

In a press release, Usha on Sunday alleged that several of these EC members have questionable track records, including accusations of gender bias and instances of sexual harassment against them.

Delhi Capitals co-owner

Hampshire in county cricket

GMR group takes over

World Cup winner Antoine Griezmann retires from international soccer after 10 years with France



AP PARIS

World Cup winner Antoine Griezmann took the soccer world by surprise on Monday when he announced the end of his international career with

The 33-year-old Atletico Madrid player has played 137 matches with Les Bleus, scoring 44 goals during a successful 10-

Griezmann started with France in 2014 in a friendly match against the Netherlands then quickly established himself as a

stalwart of the team coached by Didier Deschamps with his versatile talent and influence as both a goalscorer and an assist

Only two players, Hugo Lloris and Lilian Thuram, have played more international games with France than Griezmann. "It's with a heart full of memories that I

close this chapter of my life," Griezmann said in a message posted on Instagram. Thank you for this wonderful tricolor adventure and see you soon.

Griezmann is fourth on France's list of alltime scorers behind Olivier Giroud,

Thierry Henry and Kylian Mbappe. He won the 2018 World Cup and the Nations League three years later with his France

"After 10 incredible years, marked by challenges, successes and unforgettable moments, it is time for me to turn a page and make way for the new generation," he said. "I was lucky enough to experience some incredible moments alongside some exceptional teammates. We have shared victories that will remain forever engraved in our memories.

After a disappointing showing at the European Championship earlier this year, where France lost in the semifinals, Griezmann had lost some of his influence in Deschamps' team. His final appearance in the France kit was in September in a 2-0 win over Belgium in a Nations League match when he came on as a late substitute. Although Griezmann has admitted he struggled at the Euros, he was expected to keep on playing with France until the 2026 World Cup.

In his retirement message, Griezmann thanked Deschamps for his support over the last decade despite the coach's decision to make Mbappe France captain ahead of him last year following Lloris' retirement. Griezmann had Griezmann had previously said Deschamps' snub had been difficult to stomach. Griezmann didn't say how long he'll

continue with his club career.



Young Indian shuttler Raksha Kandasamy wins titles in Croatia and Belgium

Young Indian badminton player Raksha Kandasamy continued her brilliant run as she clinched back-to-back titles in the Croatian International and Belgium Junior tournaments.

The 16-year-old remained unbeaten throughout the two tournaments as she won each of her five games en route to her title wins.

Raksha defeated England's Leona Lee 21-9, 21-5 in the final of the Croatian International played at Samobor on Sunday. She had

earlier defeated Bulgaria's Stefani Stoeva 21-14, 21-23 in the semifinal and Poland's Joanna Rudna 21-11, 21-10 in the quarterfinal.

Earlier, Raksha had crushed the challenge from Tammi van Wonterghem of Belgium 21-5, 21-8 in the quarterfinals of the Belgium Junior event.

Ireland's Siofra presented a strong fight against Rakha but the Indian prevailed 21-8, 19-21, 25-23 in their lastfour clash.

Raksha beat Germany's Gloria Poluektov 21-14, 10-21, 22-20 in the final played in the Belgian city of Herstal.

The GMR Group, co-owners of IPL franchise Delhi Capitals, on Monday completed an agreement with Hampshire to buy majority stake in the English county

Initially, the GMR Group will hold 53 percent stake in Hampshire, thereby making it the first county team to have an overseas ownership.

In a phased manner through the next 24 months, the Indian percent stake.

'Hampshire Sport & Leisure Holdings Limited, owner of the Utilita Bowl site and Hampshire Cricket, has signed and exchanged definitive agreements with GMR Global Pte Ltd (GGPL), marking the start of a significant strategic

partnership," the club said in a statement in its website. "As part of the agreement, GGPL will initially acquire a majority stake in Hampshire Sport & Leisure Holdings Limited, with the completed acquisition of 100% ownership expected within the next 24 months," the statement added. Kirankumar Granthi

Corporate Chairman of the GMR Group, said his aim will be to cultivate "value creation" and providing opportunities to budding talents.

"With this acquisition, along with our investments in the US, Dubai, and India, GMR is focused on engaging and connecting with the global youth. We are committed to financial prudence, value and creation, creating opportunities for young talent. "Our vision is to transform sports into a platform that unites people and cultures, drives global excellence, and nurtures the creation of future

world

Granthi. Currently, GMR holds a 50 percent stake in the Delhi Capitals (IPL and WPL), the Dubai Capitals (ILT20) and the Pretoria Capitals (SA20).

champions,"

Additionally, the GMR group has invested in the Seattle Orcas in the Major League Cricket, USA.

Under the new ownership structure, Hampshire's existing leadership team will remain in

Rod Bransgrove will continue least September 30, 2026, and David Mann will retain his role

as the Group CEO. 'This is the fulfilment of a dream for me and, I hope, for Hampshire supporters. After a thorough selection process, we chose GGPL (the parent company of

GMR) as our partners due to their shared values and commitment to our vision. "Becoming the first English cricket club to join an international cricket group will

open exciting new opportunities as we embrace the globalization of this great sport," said Bransgrove. Richard Gould, ECB Chief

Executive Officer, welcomed the acquisition.

"This is an exciting time for Hampshire Cricket. I am pleased to see GGPL's commitment to continuing to develop Hampshire's cricket teams and pathways and enhance facilities at Utilita Bowl, and their respect for the traditions of the game in this country.

This announcement also demonstrates the global interest in investing in cricket in England and Wales, and underlines the continuing appeal of county cricket," said

Arteta talks up Enrique's 'unbelievable power' as | Chennaiyin FC aim for strong show Arsenal hosts PSG in Champions League game

AP ■ LONDON

Days after professing his "love" and "respect" for Pep Guardiola, Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta has spoken in an equally effusive manner about another influential Spanish coach he will face in the Champions League on Tuesday.

Luis Enrique takes his Paris Saint-Germain team Emirates Stadium for the most high-profile fixture in the second round of games in the new-look competition.

Arteta and Enrique go way back, having been together at Barcelona in the late 1990s and early 2000s when Arteta was starting out his professional career and Enrique was coming toward the end of his. Arteta said he "learnt a lot of things" from Enrique as a player and now as a coach, saying Monday his compatriot "brings a smile on my face."

"I am a huge admirer of him," Arteta said. "I remember his personality, huge character, huge energy, very supportive of his young players. What I love about him is that wherever he has been, as a player or as a manager, his fingerprints are all over place. You can see it's



his team. "He has this unbelievable power ... Then there's his approach to life, his profession - it's something to really look at and I learnt a lot of things from him."

Arteta spent much of last week talking about Guardiola and Manchester City amid the fallout from Arsenal's feisty 2-2 draw at the Premier League champions that appears to have ignited a rivalry between the teams.

He has long been viewed as a protégé of Guardiola, yet it seems that Enrique has been an influence, too.

"I love his honesty - he is very straightforward, he looks you in the eyes and tells you what he thinks," Arteta said. "I think in the end, players appreciate

that? Arteta described PSG, where he enjoyed a spell on loan in 2000-01 alongside players like Ronaldinho and Nicolas Anelka, as a team "probably at the highest level you can find in European football.

Enrique's side leads the French league with five wins and a draw from the opening six games of its title defense and began the Champions League with a 1-0 win over Girona albeit courtesy of a 90thminute own-goal.

Arsenal started with a 0-0 draw at Atalanta.

Arteta said Arsenal will check on the fitness of fullbacks Ben White and Riccardo Calafior on Monday.

against winless Hyderabad FC

PTI HYDERABAD

Hyderabad FC would look for their first win of the season while Chennaiyin FC seek to move up the standings when the two sides face each other in an Indian Super League match here on Tuesday

previous match. In their Hyderabad lost 0-2 to Punjab Chennaiyin while succumbed to a 0-1 defeat to Mohammedan debutant

Sporting. Hyderabad have a strong defensive structure that could trouble Chennaiyin. The two teams have clashed against each other on 10 occasions in the ISL and have registered four wins each, while two matches ended in a draw. Meanwhile, CFC have scored

in their previous four away matches. Their previous longest goal-scoring run in away games was 16 contests between January 2020 to February 2023. Ahead of Tuesday's fixture,

Hyderabad head coach Thangboi Singto hoped to draw inspiration from last when his side triumphed over Chennaiyin. "I can see that the boys have gelled with each other in the



last few weeks of training. So far, we have played only away games, and our next match will be at home," Singto said on the eve of the game.

"Chennaiyin FC were the only team that we beat last season. Are we going to defeat them again? I wish.

'It won't be easy because of the kind of foreigners that they have brought in, and the Indian players are there; they are much better in terms of physicality and experience. It will be tough, but the only thing we can do is train and keep trying."

Chennaiyin head coach Owen Coyle said while their start has been better than the last season, there are still some grey areas that need to be worked upon. "I'd love to be sitting here with

six points, for sure. We're obviously on three, which is better than we were this time last year. But six was achievable. So, we have to take that punch to the nose and look to bounce back quickly," he stated.

Farukh Chennaiyin's Choudhary has taken eight shots from inside the box this season. Hyderabad's Abdul Rabeeh's 50 touches inside the opposition's box since the beginning of the year is the most by any player from the side so far.

Atletico equalises late against Madrid in derby interrupted after objects thrown on the field

including lighters - being The interruption came a day after the Spanish league said it would ask police to act against Vinícius Júnior at the derby.

authorities to identify individuals who participate in racist chants or insults.

Atletico fans before the match chanting "Vinícius is different." Vinícius occasionally clashed with Atletico players at the Metropolitano.

Atletico's Marcos Llorente was sent off in stoppage time. **OTHER RESULTS:** Fourth-

place 10-man Athletic Bilbao conceded a stoppage-time equaliser in a 1-1 draw with Sevilla at home, while Giovani Lo Celso scored an 85thminute goal in Real Betis' 1-0 home win over Espanyol.

Iago Aspas got an 81st-minute equaliser for Celta Vigo in a 1-Social media videos showed 1 draw against visiting Girona.

AP MADRID

Angel Correa scored in stoppage time and Atletico Madrid drew 1-1 with Real Madrid in a tense Spanish league derby that was interrupted for more than 15 minutes in the second half after Atletico fans threw objects onto the field.

Correa equalised for Atletico in a breakaway five minutes into added time with a goal that was initially disallowed for offside but was awarded after video review. Éder Militão had given Madrid the lead in the

The draw left Madrid in second place, three points leader Barcelona, which lost 4-2 to Osasuna on Saturday to end its seven-game winning streak. Atletico was third, two points behind Madrid after eight rounds. "I always think positively," Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti

said.
"We moved closer to the leader and we have been playing well." The derby was interrupted shortly after Madrid's goal at the Metropolitano, with the

the locker rooms after Atletico fans kept throwing objects onto the field. Militão had celebrated near the

sideline in front of Atletico fans, and Madrid goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois was seen appearing to provoke Atletico fans after Militão scored. 'What the fans did wasn't right

but we are not helping when we provoke them," Atletico coach Diego Simeone said. "I'm not justifying what the fans did, but we need to help as

It was Courtois who alerted the referee sending the players to referee about the objects -



thrown onto the field near Atletico defender José María

Giménez and midfielder Koke Resurrección went to talk to the fans in the section behind Courtois' goal. That section is where usually the more radical Atletico supporters are located. Atletico coach Diego Simeone also asked several times for the fans to behave.

A message over the stadium loudspeakers said the match was being interrupted for 15 minutes, and that it would be suspended if the problem

the promoters of a social media campaign which the league said was aimed at promoting racist acts against Madrid star The social media campaign was based on a hashtag encouraging Atletico fans to wear face masks, apparently to make it more difficult for

INDIA PUSH FOR VICTORY WITH T20-STYLE BATTING

Trying to force a result in the limited time available, India played a sensational T20-style cricket to take a 52-run firstinnings lead against Bangladesh in the second Test infusing life into the second Test, infusing life into the rain-hit contest here on Monday.

The sun shone bright in the Kanpur sky after two gloomy days and the on-field action finally began after losing eight sessions. India had six sessions to force a win, and the hosts did everything they could on the fourth day of the

The pitch hardly offered assistance to India bowlers but the hosts still bundled out Bangladesh for 233 in their first innings, built around Mominul Haque's patient

unbeaten 107. India then unleashed their batting might on the visitors, striking at 8.22 runs per over to reset the records for fastest team 50 (18 balls), 100 (74 balls) and 200 runs (24.2 overs) in Test cricket.

India declared their second innings at 285 for nine to have another go at the visiting batters. At stumps, Bangladesh were 26 for two with Zakir Hasan and Hasan Mahmud becoming off-spinner They were trailing India by 26

India are going for the kill as an outright victory will consolidate their top position in the World Test Championship (WTC) table. Considering the tougher assignments ahead, especially the Australia Tour, India need to log as many wins as possible against comparatively easier rivals to get

Young opener Yashsvi Jaiswal (72 off 51 balls) set the tone with three boundaries in the opening over bowled by Hasan Mahmud and skipper Rohit Sharma (23 off 11) bludgeoned Khaled Ahmed for two consecutive sixes - one landing on the roof of the stadium. It was clear that India were showing an urgency to surpass the Bangladesh total quickly after

some cushion before the tough

overseas rubbers.

to bad weather. The onslaught surprised the rival attack but the home fans were rewarded for visiting the stadium. Adopting a see-the-ball and hitthe-ball approach, India completed the fastest team fifty in three overs.

more than two days' play was lost

Realising the ineffectiveness of his pacers, Bangladesh



introduced spinner Mehidy Hasan Miraz and he responded to the call

by castling Rohit. Jaiswal completed his fifty with a single off left-arm spinner Taijul Islam and continued in his aggressive fashion. His innings, which contained 12 fours and two

sixes, was cut short by Mahmud.

The young opener added 72 runs for the second wicket with Shubhman Gill (39).

Rishabh Pant did not last long but there was no change in approach for the hosts with Virat Kohli and KL Rahul building on the foundation with their swift 87-run stand for the fifth wicket.

In a breathtaking show, Indian batters hit 28 fours and 11 sixes, collecting 158 runs in boundaries. In the process, Kohli became only the fourth player in history to complete 27,000 runs in international cricket across formats.

Ravindra Jadeja also cherished a rare double of 300 Test wickets and 3000 Test runs. He is the second quickest to complete the double behind England great Ian Botham. He also became only the seventh Indian to take 300 Test wickets when he dismissed Khaled



Samit Dravid misses India U19 first fourday game against Aus

Injured Samit Dravid was ruled out of the opening four-day game between India U-19 and Australia U-19 and is also unlikely to be fit in time for the second match of the

The series opener began here on Monday.

Samit is currently at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) recuperating from a sit out of the three-match youth one-dayers against the Aussies recently.

He was expected to make his Ū-19 debut at Puducherry but did not feature in any of the three matches. India had won the series 3-0. "As of now he's at the NCA, recovering from his knee injury. So, I don't know yet. It looks unlikely," head coach Hrishikesh Kanitkar was quoted as saying by

ESPNCricinfo. In fact, for Samit, son of former India captain and head coach Rahul Dravid, this is the last chance to represent India at the

U-19 level. He is set to turn 19 on October 11 this year, which will also

make him ineligible for playing for India in the ICC 2026 Under-19 World Cup.

"His MRI scan was done during the one-day matches.
We thought of giving him a go at the four-day game, but let's see how he progresses at the NCA. We are waiting for their report. We also have a second match," a source close to the development told PTI.

The second four-day match will start from October 7 at hence Samit has Chepauk another week to recover from the knee injury

Kanitkar said playing four-day red-ball game at the Under-19 will help development of players.

"It's a great initiative to play Test games because red-ball [cricket] really tests you. There's enough time for the bowlers to plan and make strategies. So, for both batters and bowlers and even for fielders it's the ideal challenge

to see where you stand. 'To be able to play against a foreign side is a great thing. I know a lot of people, including myself who played Under-19 cricket against foreign teams and it really helped us a lot," Kanitkar added. PTI ■ SHARJAH

Dakistan great Zaheer Abbas Feels the comparisons between Virat Kohli and Babar Azam are baseless as the Indian superstar is a lot more consistent than the under-fire Pakistan batter.

Once regarded as part of the 'Fab Five' including Kohli, Steve Smith, Joe Root, and Kane Williamson, Babar is currently enduring extended slump in form.

"Yeh fizool ki baatein hai (the comparisons are pointless). Virat Kohli scores in every match the other player (Babar) doesn't score in any match so then how can you compare. then how can you compare. The person who scores, he is the bigger player," Abbas told PTI on the sidelines of the Cricket Predicta Conclave here. Kohli has 80 international hundreds to his name while the much younger Babar has scored 31 centuries

across formats. Abbar also acknowledged the consistency displayed by India across formats and said the Rohit Sharma-led team will be a strong contender for the upcoming Champions Trophy. "Indian team overall is very good. Their batters are doing well and the bowlers both are good. It is a very balanced team, one that plays soch samajh kar (thoughtfully)," said Abbas.

"They have a very good captain, who understands cricket very well. So, when everything is going in your favour it is smooth sailing. That's the case with India right

"There is a very good chance of them doing well (at the Champions Trophy) because they have a balanced team," the 77-year-old said.

Hailed as the 'Asian Bradman' for insatiable appetite for runs, Abbas was one of the most elegant batters of his time. He played 78 Tests and 62 ODIs for Pakistan, accumulating 2572 runs 5062 and respectively.

TEAMS IN T20S CAN WIN

Comparing Kohli and Babar baseless, the Indian star way ahead: Zaheer Abbas

BY FLUKE, NOT IN TESTS: The 77-year-old strongly believes that Test cricket truly tests the players' character, resilience, mental strength, technique, and consistency.

Test cricket is real cricket. That it is the real Test of any player, bowler. At one point India and Pakistan's Test team used to be good. And now the boards are realising that we can't go on without Test cricket.

"How many T20s can you play? How many white-ball tournaments can the ICC organise? Maybe 2 or 3 but in the end you have to return to ODI or Tests

"If you continue Test cricket the cricket will last longer. I know people like to get results fast but slowly they will get bored of T20s and we need Tests and ODIs."

An increasing number of players are turning down central contracts from their boards to focus on careers in T20 franchise leagues, a worrying trend that Abbas believes should be addressed. "Test cricket is ultimate. Anvone can win in T can win by fluke. But that is not the case in Test cricket as it has two innings. You have the scope to do well in one innings. Test cricket teaches you a lot. "I know a lot of the players don't want to play Test cricket and play T20 instead. That needs to be stopped. They need to come up with something... Something like you have to play at least 5 or 6 Test matches a year then you can play ODI or T20s. Every year a minimum number of Test matches need to be allotted," he

LOSS TO BANGLADESH WAS A HUGE SETBACK: Once a cricketing powerhouse, Pakistan now find themselves



in a difficult situation. Their downward spiral began with the Asia Cup last year which was followed by the team's early elimination from the ODİ World Cup in 2023 and the T20 World Cup this year. Earlier this month they suffered their first-ever Test

series loss to Bangladesh. "Bohot bada dhakka tha (It was a huge setback) that Pakistan lost to Bangladesh. We never thought that not only Pakistan will lose but it will lose so bad.

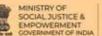
abhi cricket "Pakistan daamadol hai (is not doing great). The performance has dropped. I am hopeful that it will get better. The reasons

behind this are many.
"It happens, the West Indies used to be the best in the world, that's not the case now. But I'm hopeful that Pakistan cricket returns to the top, the boys are working hard." Pacer Shaheen Afridi replaced

Babar as skipper in T20Is after the 2023 ODI World Cup but the former was reappointed as the captain earlier this year. Abbas urged the PCB to take some action before the issue "Yes, there have been rivalries in the Pakistan teams in the past but the board should take note of the rivalry between Babar and Shaheen fast. The faster the better because it will keep on escalating. "Rivalry is good, but it should

not become serious, if it does, it harms the team," said Abbas. Abbas, former Pakistan player Mudassar Nazar and former Pakistan coach Dav Whatmore spoke at the conclave to celebrate the the centenary episode of Cricket Predicta, the largest cricket live stats based







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He accepted the job with trepidation but batting great VVS Laxman says he is now a content man as head of BCCI's Centre of Excellence, having played his part in creating a "supply chain" that will help India dominate world cricket across formats for at least the next decade.

Laxman took over as the head of the erstwhile National Cricket Academy (NCA) in 2021 from his one-time teammate Rahul Dravid, and built on the excellent platform that was already laid out. NCA has been refurbished into a CoE by the Board and was inaugurated on Sunday. Laxman got a one-year extension into the position after his original tenure ended

earlier this year. "I can say with a lot of confidence, barring a couple of skillsets, I think, for the next 10 years, we've got a lot of players who will make our country proud. I'm not only

talking about men's, but also dictate them (players) that women's (cricket) as well. We're blessed to have that kind of talent," Laxman told a select media gathering at the Centre of Excellence.

He said India's dominance in world cricket is a perfect reflection of its steady "supply

"We won the (T20) World Cup (2024) in the West Indies which was a great result. But if you see all the three formats, we have dominated. Not only the rankings, we have dominated (other aspects

"There is a supply chain as far as cricket is concerned. That means the amount of players we have at our disposal, it is a

real blessing? The 49-year-old said grooming the players without tinkering with their natural was essential to

maintain that supply chai. 'The whole idea is to monitor them, how to groom them, so that they realise their "...Because ultimately the potential. It's not that we state association coaches

you have to do this or you have to change (technique). "Ultimately the player should feel comfortable, the player acknowledging and accepting that option. We don't want the player to suddenly feel the burden of

The former India batter then explained how monitoring of the "targeted" players was done at the CoE. "When Rahul was the head

whose advice he has to listen

coach of the Indian team, he used to take care of the contracted players and we at NCA used to take care of the targeted players, emerging players and the under-19 players," he recalled.

For this purpose, Laxman said he and the other support staff created a wonderful synergy with various state associations to ensure continuity and

similarity in coaching. ...Because ultimately the

spend a lot more time with a player than what we do. We have an athlete management system. profile is created for all the players who come and attend the ZCA and the NCA camps...right from their reports of skills to the fitness musculoskeletal screening

report.
"Now, we are going to even request the state association to follow that process. So, at least 50 players of each state association — 25 men and 25 women — should be there on the watch list.

"We will know how the player has progressed and it will become very easy for anyone who is taking care of that player to know what the player has gone through every year," he elaborated on the process.

with skill Along enhancement, Laxman said keeping the players in a good mental state is also important for their growth.





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