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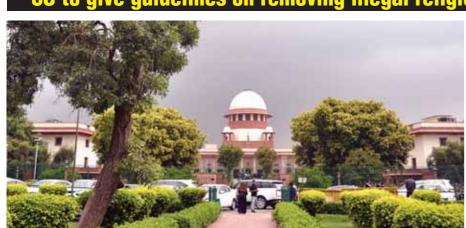
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The SC was hearing the petitions filed by Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind and others seeking directions to various state governments to ensure no demolition properties of those accused in cases of rioting and violence takes place. The Jamiat Ulamai-Hind had earlier filed a plea in the SC over the demolition some buildings Jahangirpuri area of national capital.

War in West Asia will hit fuel in India

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA

The ongoing geopolitical crisis in West Asia, and further escalation in the Israel-Iran-Lebanon conflict is likely to impact India soon. Industry insiders said it is certain that crude oil and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) imports will get dearer since the supply could hit both the international and domestic markets.

India is the world's thirdlargest consumer of crude oil and depends on imports to meet over 85 per cent of its requirement. "Our economy is too sensitive to oil price volatility and it directly affects



foreign exchange reserves, and an acute fluctuation in rupee valuation. While the situation is precarious and both the government as well as business stakeholders are keeping a watch on the hourly crisis in West Asia, we are evaluating the current global oil flows as international oil

season and it heavily impacts us," an industry source explained, on conditions of

anonymity. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday spoke to his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu over the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. Modi expressed his concerns about the escalating tensions in West Asia, emphasising that "terrorism has no place in our world." According to media reports, crude oil futures on Tuesday

declined 0.5 per cent to Rs 5,739 per barrel as participants trimmed their positions on low demand. On the Multi Commodity Exchange, crude oil for October delivery fell Rs 3 or 0.5 per cent to Rs 5,739 per barrel with a business volume of 17,697 lots.
Globally, West Texas

Globally, Intermediate crude was trading 0.18 per cent higher at USD 68.29 per barrel, while Brent crude was trading 0.17 per cent up at USD 71.82 per barrel in New York.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELH**

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said it will lay down pan-India pan-India guidelines on demolition of properties and any religious structure in the middle of a road, be it a 'dargah' or a temple, "has to go" because public interest is paramount. The SC reiterated that merely because somebody is an accused or even a convict cannot be a ground for demolition of property

A Bench of Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan said unauthorised construction made by person, irrespective of his religion or belief, has to be removed. The Bench reserved its verdict on a batch of pleas which have alleged that properties, properties, including those accused of crime, were being demolished in several states.

The SC said its September 17 order, which had said there will be no demolition of properties till October 1 without its permission, will continue till it decides the matter.

"Whatever we are laying down,

we are a secular country. We are laying it down for all the citizens, for all the institutions, not for any particular community," the Bench said. "On the first day we had pointed out, if there is any

'dargah' or some temple, it has to go because public safety and public interest is paramount," it

said, observing that there

cannot be a different law for a particular religion. 'We are going to make it clear that merely because somebody is an accused, or even somebody is a convict, can't be a ground for demolition," said the court. The SC made it clear that it will not protect any encroachment on public places, roads, footpaths, government lands, forests, water bodies and the likes.

"Whatever directions we issue, it will be applicable pan-India," it said, adding, "We will take care to ensure that our order does not help the encroachers on any of the public places."

During the hearing, the Bench observed that notices for demolition of properties be sent through registered post to the owners and it should also be displayed on an online portal so that a digital record is there. It also observed that judicial oversight may also be required over the correctness order passed by the

authorities.
The Bench suggested there should be a time window of 10 or 15 days between the order of demolition and implementation so that people alternate make arrangement." ... it is not a happy sight to see women and on the roads middle of a road, may it be a Bench observed, adding, if





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Record voter turnout in J and K



People wait in queues to cast their votes at a polling booth during the third and final phase of Jammu & Kashmir Assembly elections, at Gurez valley in Bandipora

MOHIT KANDHARI

Kashmir Tammu and recorded an overall voter turnout of over 62 per cent in all three phases of the maiden Assembly polls, held after the Abrogation of Articles 370 and 35-A in 2019. The entire poll process was completed peacefully amid unprecedented security arrangements.

However, the 2024 Assembly polls could not breach the previous best 65.91 percent voter turnout recorded during the 2014 Assembly polls. In 2008, a 61 per cent voter turnout was recorded across Jammu and Kashmir. The highest voter turnout of

over 66 percent was recorded across 40 Assembly segments across seven districts on Tuesday. The first and the second phases witnessed 61.38 and 57.31 per cent voter turnout respectively.

first-time belonging to the West Pakistani refugee community, Valmikis, and Gorkha community danced to the polling booths in jubilation and also distributed sweets as

they exercised their right to franchise for the first time in the Assembly polls.

24 Assembly segments (across Jammu, Samba, Kathua, and Udhampur districts) witnessed over 70 per cent voter turnout while only two assembly segments of Bahu and Jammu West witnessed less than 60 per cent polling till 5 pm.

In Kashmir valley, only two Assembly segments of Gurez and Handwara witnessed over 70 per cent voter turnout while seven segments (across Bandipora, Kupwara, and Baramulla) witnessed over 60 per cent voter turnout. Five Assembly constituencies witnessed over 55 per cent voter turnout and 2 Assembly segments of Sopore and Baramulla witnessed less than 50 per cent voter turnout on Tuesday.

Stakes were high for the Bharatiya Janta Party in the final round of polling across 24 Assembly segments. Compared to 2014, the 11 Assembly segments of Jammu district witnessed approximately eight per cent

less polling in 2024. The significant drop in voter turnout may alter the poll results on seats that were witnessing close contests between the BJP and the Congress/National Conference. BJP is placed

comfortably in the Udhampur In the Jammu region, 18 out of

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Punjab native loses Rs 43 lakh in digital arrest scam in Haridwar

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Anative of Punjab, employed at a private company in Haridwar, was subjected to a five hour digital arrest scam in which he lost Rs 43 lakh. The victim was tricked into believing that he was under investigation by the Mumbai Crime Branch. The deputy superintendent of police of cyber crime police station of Uttarakhand Special Task Force, Ankush Mishra said that the victim reported receiving a phone call on August 24, purportedly from FedEx, informing him about a suspicious parcel being sent from Mumbai to Iran under his name. The caller alleged that the parcel contained illegal documents, including passports, restricted medicines, and drugs, leading to a legal case filed in Mumbai. The scammers, posing as officers from the Mumbai Crime Branch, convinced the victim to cooperate with an online investigation. They orchestrated a video call through Skype, displaying fake police identification and falsely informing him that his Aadhaar card had been used in multiple money laundering cases. Over the course of several hours, the victim was coerced into transferring all his savings to a bank account for verification. By the time the victim realised he had been duped, he had lost Rs 43 lakh, the DSP said. He stated that the STF started investigation using data from banks and service providers and traced the digital evidence and finally

identified the main accused After multiple raids, the team arrested a 31-year-old man from Bhilai in Chhattisgarh on Monday and seized a mobile phone, SIM card and a 16GB memory card used in the crime. He said that as per the investigation so far, the accused has allegedly defrauded victims of Rs 1.27 crore in the digital house arrest scam.

Mishra said that no legitimate government agency will ever ask for money or personal details through What-Skype or similar platforms. Individuals who encounter such calls or messages should immediately report the matter to their nearest police station or the Cyber Crime department.

Police collect Rs 1.51 lakh penalty from auto rickshaws, e-rickshaws and Vikrams

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The police conducted verification of 1,301 public transport vehicles, including auto rickshaws, e-rickshaws and Vikrams in Dehradun in a two-day special drive that concluded on Tuesday. The police also collected a penalty amounting to over Rs 1.51 lakh from offenders during the drive. In a bid to streamline the city's traffic, the Dehradun police intensified its crackdown on auto-rickshaws, e-rickshaws, and Vikram vehicles operating without proper permits or in violation of traffic regulations.

A two-day special verification drive was initiated by all police station incharges to thoroughly inspect these vehicles as per the order of Dehradun senior superintendent of police Ajai Singh. During the inspection, the police seized 24 vehicles for not having the required permits or for violating traffic norms. Besides this, the police imposed fines on 42 vehicles, leading to court challans while 303 others were fined under the Motor Vehicles

The police collected over Rs 1.51 lakh in penalties from offenders during this two- day drive. The SSP said that this effort was part of a broader initiative to ensure safer roads and stricter adherence to traffic regulations in Dehradun. The police will continue to take firm action against those who continue to flout the rules, aiming to bring significant improvements to the city's traffic management system, the SSP said.

Excise inspectors to be held accountable for overrating: Dehradun DM

PNS DEHRADUN

Despite repeated warnings, liquor shop owners in Dehradun have continued to exploit customers by overcharging them. In response, district magistrate Savin Bansal has directed the Excise department to ensure regular inspections by Excise inspectors and take action against violators. Bansal warned that if complaints persist, stricter measures will be taken against inspectors for failing to enforce reg-ulations. Earlier in September, the DM visited liquor shops as a cus-tomer and the shop charged him Rs 20 more

than the actual price. The

fined Rs 50,000.

The administration also imposed penalties on a few more shops. However, the practice resumed shortly after, as many believe such penalties are not a significant deterrent and do not really impact such shops. Since the authorities cannot seize a liquor shop as per the recent policy, such fines do not have any deep impact on them.

Talking about the issue, Bansal said that the district administration has proposed policy changes to the State administra-

shop owner was later tion to allow the seizure of non-compliant liquor shops. Besides this, he has also directed the Excise department to conduct regular inspections of liquor shops in their respective areas to ensure regular monitoring and take action against of-

> He said that action will be taken against inspectors accordingly for failing to enforce regulations in their area. He also urged the public to report overcharging incidents on the Excise helpline at 18001804253 for immediate action.

IN BRIEF

3-day Dehradun International Film Festival concludes

DEHRADUN: The ninth edition of Dehradun International Film Festival-which went on for three days-concluded in the presence of the cabinet ministers Subodh Uniyal and Saurabh Bahuguna. While appreciating the efforts of the festival's organisers, the ministers said that such festivals should continue to be held to benefit the youth with filmmaking and acting aspirations. The actors who were present shared their experiences and explained the challenges and opportunities lying in film career Among those felicitated on the occasion included Rajasthani folk pop singer Ila Arun, actors- Rajesh Sharma, Gajendra Chauhan, Adil Hussain, Manoj Joshi, Zakir Hussain, Sharif Hashmi and Deepak Kejriwal and film directors- Pushpendra Singh, Kamal Chandra and Agni Dev Chatterjee.

THDCIL, Raj Govt ink MoU for 1,600 MW pumped storage projects

DEHRADUN: THDC India Limited signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Government of Rajasthan for the development of two Pumped Storage Projects (PSPs) in the State- Bisanpura PSP (800 MW) at Indargarh in Bundi district and Rampura PSP (800 MW) at Uniara in Tonk district totalling 1,600 MW capacity and involving a proposed investment of Rs 8,800 crores. The chairman and managing director THDCIL R K Vishnoi said that MoU had been signed during the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Meet. The Rajasthan chief minister Bhajan Lal Sharma and the State minister of youth affairs and sports Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore were present. The CM committed his governments full cooperation to ensure effective implementation and early completion of the projects.

UCO Bank's Doon zonal office hosts MSME meet

RUDRAPUR: Dehradun zonal office of UCO Bank hosted a meeting with its existing and prospective MSME customers in Rudrapur, Udham Singh Nagar district on Tuesday to discuss special MSME financing options. Chaired by the general man-



ager (Business Develop ment) Ambikanand Jha, the meeting informed its customers about various MSME products UCO Bank has dished out. The zonal head of UCO Bank zonal office Randhir Kumar was also present. The GM informed the

customers about the UCO Abhinandan Scheme which offers the lowest interest rate of 8.55 per cent among all the banks on takeover of existing MSME loans with other banks by UCO Bank. Besides, the customers were informed about the UCO M Banking App, which has a rating of 4.6, the highest compared to the mobile banking apps of all banks.

Ansys partners with IIT Roorkee for CBDE

ROORKEE: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee partnered with Ansys Software Private Limited (Ansys, NAS-DAQ: ANSS), an engineering simulation software company, on Tuesday to empower its students towards entrepreneurship through the Capacity Building on Design and Entrepreneurship (CBDE) programme launched by the Union Ministry of Education. Highlighting the importance of the Ansys fellowship, the director of IIT Roorkee Prof K K Pant said that these fellowships together with the supportive environment and resources available on campus would inspire the students, especially the female students, to contribute towards technology-driven solutions for societal advancement, fulfilling the objectives of Viksit. Bharat 2047. In his address, the area vice president, India and Japan, Ansys Mike Yeager said that Ansys provides the required educational resources to empower future engineers, adding that the Ansys Academic Programme is committed to lowering the barrier to adopting Ansys simulation for the students.

Hindi Chetna Maas 2024 concludes at ICAR-IISWC

DEHRADUN: The closing ceremony of 'Hindi Chetna Maas 2024' was organised at Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation (IISWC), Dehradun. In this ceremony, prizes and certificates were given to the winners of the competitions organised during Hindi Chetna Maas. While the secretary, Town Official Language Implementation Committee (Office-02) Chandan Sushil Sajan was the chief guest the director of IISWC M Madhu presided over. During the programme, three competitions (debate competition, extempore speech competition and self-composed poetry recitation competition) were organised by the institute in the online mode at ICAR level. The Rajbhasha Shield (Chal Vaijayanti Award) for the best scientific division was awarded to PME and AKMU Cell of the institute headquarters for the best performance in official language implementation.

FDA warns against expired & adulterated Kuttu Atta and other items consumed during Navratri

The Food Safety and Drug Administration (FDA) has urged people to buy food items commonly consumed during Navratri like Kuttu Atta and Sabudana from reliable sources and after checking its quality as these items are in high demand only during the festival season. Due to this, some shopkeepers store old stock and sell it in subsequent seasons. Many also mix old ingredients with new ones, such as Kuttu Atta, Cholai and Sabudana and market them as fresh, the FDA deputy commissioner GC Kandwal said. He further said, "Most of these items have a short shelf life once exposed to air. Products like Kuttu Atta are not meant to be stored for several months, as they become toxic over time, potentially causing severe health issues. He said that consumers should purchase these items from trusted retailers or opt for packaged products, ensuring they are FSSAI licensed, as indicated on the packaging. This can reduce the chances of adulteration, he added. He also emphasised consuming such items within the period specified on the packaging to avoid health risks. In October 2021, during Navratri, 20 people from Haripur Kalan and Bhutpawala in Haridwar fell ill after consuming pooris and pakodas made from Kuttu Atta. A year earlier, in October 2020, 115 people had fallen ill after eating pooris made from Kuttu Atta. In 2023, the ADM court fined two traders Rs 50,000 each after their samples of Kuttu Atta failed quality tests. Addressing the administration's preparations to prevent food adulteration ahead of the festive season, Kandwal stated that FDA teams have already begun inspecting food establishments and collecting samples in districts. "A meet-

ing was also held on Tuesday by the FDA in collaboration with the distributors' association and the trade union to raise awareness in Haridwar considering cases in recent years. The departmental officials were instructed to carry out continuous inspections of food businesses," he stated. Kandwal further stated that FDA teams are regularly inspecting the establishments of wholesalers and distributors. Traders have been advised not to stock expired flour, to purchase Kuttu Atta with proper billing and to ensure correct storage practices to avoid any potential health risks to consumers, he added.

FRI campus closed to visitors due to leopard movement

PNS DEHRADUN

The Forest Research Institute (FRI) will remain closed to a leopard on campus. According to the FRI officials, a leopard has been sighted regularly since September 15 in different parts of the campus. Considering the movement of the leopard during the daytime, the institute authorities have decided to close the campus to visitors for five days to prevent any untoward incident. The activity of the leopard has increased near the main building and other parts of the FRI campus. The big cat has so far preyed on dogs and deer on the campus. Considering this, the authorities have closed the campus to visitors for their own safety. It is pertinent to mention here that the FRI campus is known to attract leopards due to the dense vegetation which provides shelter and other animals which the big cats prey on.



- The Petitioner above-named has filed a petition before the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, New Delhi for determination of Tariff from DOCO to 31-03-2029 for Petition-1: Augmentation of Transformation capacity at Bhinmal (PG) S/s by 1x315MVA, 400/220kV ICT (3rd) in Northern Region
- The beneficiaries of the Transmission system are: (a) Aimer Vidyut Vitran Nigan Ltd. (b) Jaipur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. (c) Jodhpur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. (d) Punjab State Electricity Corporation limited (e) Haryana Power Purchase Centre Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd. (k) Chandigarh Electricity department (l Uttaranchal Power Corporation Ltd. (m) North Central Railway (n) New Delh Municipal council. (o) Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board. (p) Centra Transmission Utility of India Itd.
- Capacity of the generating station/ line length, number of bays of the transmission system: 400kV bay -1no, 220kV-1no, 315MVAICT-1no
- Capital cost of the project (Rs. in lakh)

Asset.	Annround	Expenditure	Projected	Projected Expenditure for FY			
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- Scheduled date of commercial operation- 25.04.2023
- 6. Actual date of commercial operation: 30.06.2024
- 7. Capital cost on the date of commercial operation (Rs. in lakh): Rs. 1608.76 Lakhs

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Asset-1A	127.11	212.28	225.76	229.54	228.66
Asset-1B	158.69	175.75	178.46	182.01	187.19

- 9. A copy of the petition made for determination of tariff is posted on the website www.powergrid.in
- 10. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the petition may be filed by any person, including the beneficiary through the e-filing portal of the Commission, with a copy to the Petitioner within 30 days of publication of this notice.

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The general public is informed that I have changed my daughter's name from SAMPADA BHATTACHARYA to SAMPADA and in future she should be known and recognised as Sampada D/o Pratibha Arora R/o 46/1, Society Area, Clement Town, Dehradun 248002

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Char Dham Yatra gains momentum, 20K pilgrims visit on Monday

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The Char Dham Yatra has picked up pace again with the rainfall halting in the State. According to official sources, there is considerable enthusiasm among pilgrims due to the better management of the pilgrimage and safety measures put in place by the State government. On Monday, a total of 20,497 pilgrims visited the Char Dham shrines with the maximum number- 7,350 visiting Kedarnath. About 38 lakh pilgrims have visited the Char Dham temples so far this year. The manner in which the State government put in all its resources to restore arrangements after the Kedar valley disaster has strengthened the confidence of the pilgrims in the government, officials said.

Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has accorded top priority to the safety of the pilgrims. It will be recalled that a major disaster was witnessed in the Kedar valley on July 31. The manner in which the government handled the disaster has been appreciated by the pilgrims. The pilgrims stranded on the bridle path and halts on the Kedarnath route were rescued along with the local residents without delay. The authorities rescued about



18,000 persons and transported them safely to their destinations. Restoring routine life in the valley, the bridle path was repaired and the pilgrimage was resumed. Officials stated that the second phase of the Char Dham Yatra is now picking up pace. A considerable number of people have registered for the pilgrimage in October and November. On Monday, 22,224 persons visited the Char Dham along with Gaumukh and Hemkund. These included 6,811 pilgrims who visited Badrinath while 3,619 visited Gangotri, 2,717 visited Yamunotri, 1,632 visited Hemkund and 115 visited

The authorities believe that

the number of pilgrims visiting Char Dham Yatra this year will set a record. Till September 30, 37.91 lakh pilgrims had visited the Char Dham while 56.13 lakh pilgrims had visited the Char Dham during the entire pilgrimage season last year. Similarly, 46.29 lakh people had visited the Char Dham in 2022 while 34.77 lakh had visited the Char Dham in 2019. During 2020 and 2021, 3.30 lakh and 5.29 lakh had visited the Char Dham shrines respec-tively with the Covid-19 pandemic causing a considerable drop in pilgrim numbers. The Char Dham Yatra started on

As part of measures taken

May 10 this year compared to

April 23 last year.

Congress had 3 **D-** Darbari, Damad & Dealer- govt in Haryana: Dhami PNS DEHRADUN

Uttarakhand chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami addressed an election rally in support of his Haryana counterpart Nayab Singh Saini at Ram Charan Majra in Ladwa on Tuesday. The CM also participated in election meetings at Kalanaur and Rohtak on the day in support of the BJP can-

didates. Voting for 90 member

Haryana Vidhan Sabha will be

In these meetings the CM

exhorted the people to vote for the BJP candidates and elect the

BJP government for the third

He said that the BJP gov-

ernment under Prime Minister

held on October 5.

consecutive time.

Narendra Modi has taken many historic decisions and Haryana has progressed under BJP rule. He said that under the lead-

ership of PM Modi, the BJP gives guarantees of development, prosperity and transparency in governance to the people of Haryana.

> the Congress wants to push Haryana back into the mire of corruption and nepotism. Terming the Congress party as the mother of corruption, the CM said that its leaders have only engaged in filling their coffers. The Hooda government was only engaged in welfare of son in-law (damad) and not of the general public and during the Congress govern-ment the three Ds-Darbari (courtiers), Damad and Dealer - held sway, he said.

On the other hand

Continuing his diatribe on the Congress, the CM said that the Congress party has deceived the martyrs also. He said

that the Hooda government had demolished the memorials of the Kargil martyrs and the party opposes the armed forces of the country. Dhami said that the Congress party had raised questions on the surgical strikes and it can embrace terrorists also for votes, He warned that giving another chance to Congress means blocking the path of development.

PNS ■ DEHRADUN After the approval given by the National Medical Council (NMC) to the government medical college, Haridwar, the HNB Uttarakhand Medication University will include 85 seats of the State quota of this college in the third round of the centralised

the State counselling

State counselling slated on October 9 for admission in the medical colleges of the State. The NMC has approved 100 seats for the first year course of MBBS for the government medical college Haridwar for the session 2024-25. As per the rules 15 per cent of the seats in a government medical college are reserved for central quota (central counselling) while 85 per cent are filled by the State quota from the NEET score.

The controller of examinations of the HNB Uttarakhand Medical

Education University, Vijay Juval said that the last date for depositing the fee for the students of the second round of counseling is October 5 and thereafter the third round of the counseling will be held on October 9. He said that the students who have already got admission in other government colleges can also opt for the Haridwar medical college. At present there are four government medical colleges in Uttarakhand. These are government medical college Dehradun (150 seats), gov-ernment medical college Srinagar (150 seats), government medical college Haldwani (125 seats) and Government medical college Almora (100 seats). Now after the approval given by the NMC, government medical college Haridwar will be the fifth government medical

UJVN Limited generates record power in Sept

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The management of the UJVN Limited has claimed that the corporation has produced record power in the month of September. The UJVNL managing director Sandeep Singhal informed that the corporation generated 721.188 milion units (MU) of electricity in September 2024 which is the highest ever production for the month in the history of the corporation. Earlier the highest power generation in the month of September was last year when 706.08 MU of electricity was generated. Singhal said that due to the better maintenance and work plan the availability of the machines in September 2024

was 90 per cent which helped in maximising generation.

He further informed that the Chibro, Khodri, Dhalipur, Kulhal, Tiloth, Dharasu, Cheela, Vyasi and Gilogi units generated more electricity than the target. Singhal said that the UJVN Limited has generated 3,425.885 MU of electricity in this year so far which is 151.586 MU more than the power generated in the same period last year. The MD expressed happiness at record power generation and attributed this to the work culture of the corporation and hard work of the employees.

Agniveers to infuse youthful energy in **Indian Army: Governor**

PNS DEHRADUN

The governor lieutenant Dipendra Chaudhary, direcgeneral (retd) Gurmit tor brigadier (retd) Amritlal, Singh has said that the training and capability of Ashwani Kumar, major gen-



Agniveers of the Indian eral (retd) OP Soni and oth-Army is of the highest level. ers attended the meeting.

He said that the Agniveers will infuse youthful energy in the army. The governor said this while interacting with a group of ex-servicemen at Řaj Bhawan on Tuesday.

He said that the Agnipath scheme is extremely important for nation building and national security, as it not only increases the representation of youth in the armed forces, but also encourages a spirit of healthy competition among them. The governor said that he has interacted with the commanders who train the Agniveers and their passion and training standards are of highest order.

Singh said that the Uttarakhand government has decided to provide reservation for Agniveers in various departments of the State including police and work is being done in this direction. He added that similar efforts to provide reservation to Agniveers are also being made in other States.

The governor added that enthusiasm is clearly visible among the youth for the Agnipath scheme and this will contribute significantly to the security and development of the country.

The ex-servicemen discussed the problems being faced by them in ECHS and CSD facilities in remote areas and other issues with the governor. The governor assured them that appropriate action will be taken on all the suggestions. Singh said that he will hold a meeting with MD, ECHS regarding the problems being faced in ECHS. He said that the exservicemen should play their part in the anti-addiction campaign, home stays, promotion of honey production and other areas.

The Soldier Welfare department secretary

Joshi tells officials to expedite Sainya Dham construction

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Soldier Welfare minister Ganesh Joshi inspected the under construction Sainya Dham in Guniyal Gaon, Dehradun on Tuesday. The minister expressed annoyance at the slow pace of the construction and directed the officers concerned to expedite the construction work which is in the last phase. He said that special focus should be on maintaining the divinity and magnificence of the Sainya Dham.

Interacting with the media persons, the minister said that Sainya Dham is being constructed on the idea of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and is a dream project of the State government. He said that the Dham is being constructed after the study of martyrs' memorials in different parts of the country. In the central pillar of the Dham, soil ister.

from the homes of 1,734 martyrs and sacred water of 28 rivers is emplaced. He informed that arrangements for sound and light show and musical show will be made in the Sainya Dham and it will have auditorium, tanks and other equipment. The minister said that the Dham is being constructed to express gratitude towards martyrs and to preserve the glorious past of valour of the armed forces.

for better management of the

pilgrimage, 20 parking lots

have been made on the Kedarnath route and a QR

code based system has been used for parking management. Further, 850 CCTV cameras

and eight drones are also being

used to keep an eye on the pil-

grimage. A total of 56 tourism

assistance centres have been set

up to help the pilgrims while

657 sanitation workers have

been deployed to keep the

trek clean. Apart from this, the

Health department has set up

50 screening kiosks on the pil-

grimage route. A total of 156

ambulances have been

deployed on the pilgrimage route while eight blood banks

and two storage units have also been established.

Singh Dhami said that a con-

venient, safe and well organ-

ised Yatra is the State govern-

ment's top priority. "Our gov-

ernment is committed to

ensuring a safe environment

for the pilgrims. The Char

Dham Yatra is also linked to

the State's economy. We will

have to further expand the

facilities considering the rapid

pace at which the pilgrim

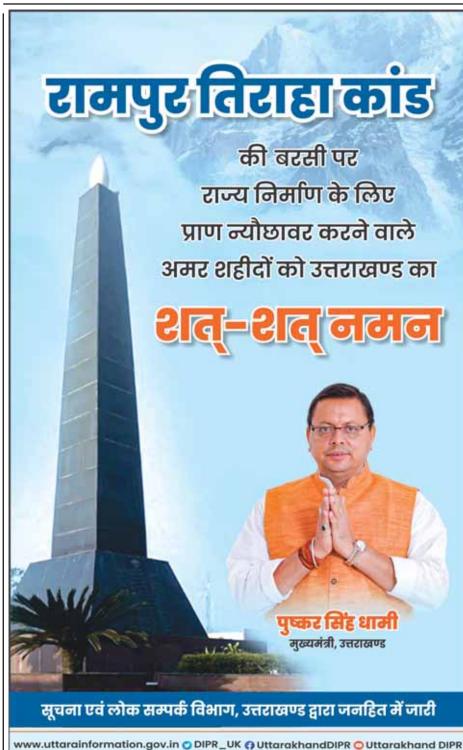
numbers are increasing. Steps

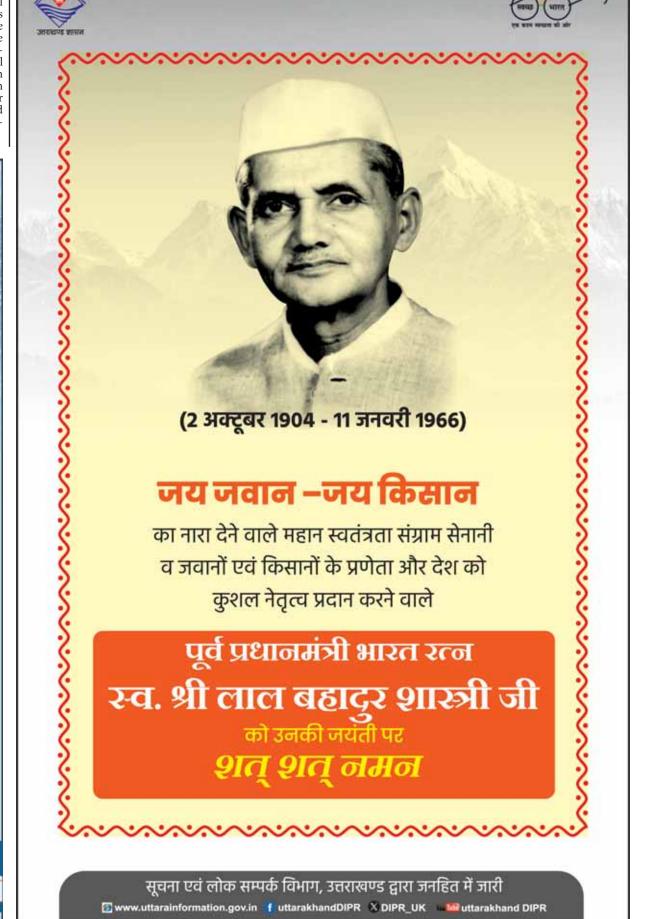
are being taken for this pur-

pose," he said.

Chief minister Pushkar

He added that once completed the Sainya Dham will be dedicated to the Veer Naris and the people of the State and it will inspire the future generation to love the motherland. The MD of Pevial Nigam (work execution agency) Ranvir Singh Chauhan, deputy director colonel (retd) MS Jodha and others accompanied the min-





LAC situation stable but sensitive amid India-China standoff: Army Chief

NEW DELHI

 $T^{
m he\ situation\ along\ the\ Line}$ of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh is stable but not normal and remains sensitive, Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi said here on Tuesday. His remarks came in the backdrop of continuing standoff between Indian and Chinese militaries in the region.

Though "positive signalling" is coming out from the diplomatic talks between the two sides, the execution of any plan depends on the military commanders on the ground, he said.

In the entire gamut, the "trust" has become the "biggest casualty", General Dwivedi said at a curtain raiser event on Chanakya Defence Dialogue.

"The situation is stable, but it is not normal and it's sensitive. If that be the case what are we wanting. We are wanting that the situation that was there pre April 2020 should be restored," he added. military standoff between the two sides began in early May of 2020.

border row has not yet been achieved though the two sides have disengaged from a number of friction points.

"Till the time the situation is not restored, as far as we are concerned, the situation will remain sensitive, and we are fully operationally prepared to face any kind of a contingency," the Army Chief

He listed several pending issues such as troops on ground, buffer zones along the LAC and resumption of patrolling by troops as planned.

General Dwivedi also briefly touched upon the Indian military's overall approach towards China. "As far as China is concerned, it has been intriguing our minds for quite some time. And I have been saying that with China, you have to compete, you have to cooperate, you have to coexist, you have to confront and contest," he

India and China held two rounds of diplomatic talks in July and August with an aim to find early resolution of standoff on the LAC in

eastern Ladakh

The positive signalling is coming from the diplomatic side, but what we need to understand (is that) the diplomatic side gives options and possibilities," General

"But when it comes to the execution on ground, when it relates to ground per se; it is dependent on the military outstanding issues in their commanders on both sides to take those decisions," he said,

responding to a question. The Army chief also referred to disputes in Depsang and

Demchok and said all the

pending issues are on the

"Whatever one can imagine is on the table along the northern front and that includes Depsang Demchok," he said.

Asked about construction of villages along is carrying out "artificial

"No problem, it is their country," he said, adding India is also having "model villages" in border areas. "But more importantly, now the state governments have been empowered to put in those resources and this is the time when the army, state governments and supervision by the central government are all coming together," he said.
The model villages that are being built now will be even better, the Army Chief said. He said there is no Chinese population close to the LAC and that is the reason Beijing is carrying out the "artificial immigration".

The Army Chief also cited how the Chinese fishermen first came to the South China Sea and then the military

Last month, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi held talks in the Russian city of St Petersburg with a focus on finding an early resolution to the row. In the talks held on the

sidelines of a conclave of

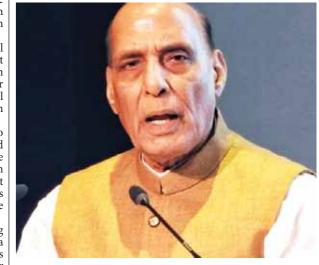
China-South Africa) nations, the two sides agreed to work with "urgency" and "redouble" efforts to achieve complete disengagement in remaining friction points in eastern Ladakh.

In the meeting, Doval conveyed to Wang Yi that peace and tranquility in border areas and respect for the Line of Actual Control (LAC) are essential for return of normalcy in bilateral ties. The ties between the two nosedived countries

significantly following the fierce clash in the Galwan Valley in June 2020 that marked the most serious military conflict between the two sides in decades. India has been maintaining

that its ties with China cannot be normal unless there is peace in the border areas. The two sides have so far held 21 rounds of Corps Commander-level talks to resolve the standoff. India has been pressing the People's Liberation Army (PLA) to disengage from the Depsang and Demchok areas. The two sides held the last round of high-level military talks in

30 lakh defence pensioners linked to SPARSH: Rajnath Singh



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday said here out of a total of 32 lakh defence pensioners, 30 lakh have been successfully linked to the SPARSH {System for Pension Administration (Raksha)} portal. He made this observation during the 277th Annual Day celebrations of Defence Accounts Department (DAD) at Bharat Mandapam.

While commending DAD's focus on technology adoption, the defence minister asserted that despite numerous challenges, the department has successful implementation of this webbased system, which processes pension claims and credits the pension directly into bank accounts of defence pensioners without any external intermediary.

He commended the efforts of DAD towards modernisation and strengthening of the country's defence ecosystem through optimum utilisation of resources, efficiency and transparency in accounting and adoption of latest technologies. He lauded the department for focusing on every little detail, which leads to necessary improvements in defence related policies and proposals.

Reflecting on the progress achieved in the defence sector in the last few years,

Rajnath Singh stated that there was a time when acquisitions were mainly dependent on imports, and the positive impact of defence expenditure on the economy was very limited. He added that due to Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Government's efforts to attain self-reliance, India is today seen as a defence exporter.

The defence minister urged

the DAD to prepare a roadmap to make the department a 'Centre of Excellence' in the field of finance defence economics. He also batted for establishing a robust and comprehensive management system that gives analytical reports to the government on the impact of defence expenditure on the country's economy, such as the contribution of defence vendors in revenue generation and employment generation. This will prove to be helpful in establishing a holistic policy regime, which would develop a sense of 'Whole of the Government

Tracing its roots to the appointment of the Military Pay Master in 1747, the DAD has continuously re-invented itself to provide exemplary services to the Armed Forces, and in turn to the Nation, in the fields of Internal Audit, Accounting, Financial Advice and Defence Pensions

approach', he added.

Arti Sarin appointed first woman DG of AFMS

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin, on Tuesday became the first woman officer to take over as the Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS). The DGAFMS is directly responsible to the Ministry of Defence for overall medical policy matters which relate to the Armed Forces, defence ministry said

appointment of DGAFMS, the Flag Officer the coveted appointments of DG Medical Services (Navy), DG Medical Services (Air) and Director and Commandant of Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune.

She is an alumna of AFMC, Pune and was commissioned into the Armed Forces Services in December 1985. She is an

MD in Radiodiagnosis from AFMC, Pune and Diplomate National Board in Radiation Oncology from Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, complemented with training in Gamma Knife Surgery University

In a career spanning 38 years, the Flag Officer has held prestigious academic and administrative appointments including Professor and Head, Radiation Oncology, Army Hospital (R&R) and (Southern n Command)/AFMC Pune, Commanding Officer, INHS Asvini, Command Medical Officer in the Indian Navy's Southern and Western Naval Commands. The Flag Officer has the rare

distinction of serving in all three branches of the Indian Armed Forces, having served as Lieutenant to Captain in the Indian Army, from Surgeon Lieutenant to Surgeon Vice Admiral in the Indian Navy and as an Air Marshal in the Indian Air Force. The Flag Officer has been recently appointed as a member of the National Task Force by the Supreme Court to formulate safe working conditions and protocols for medical professionals. She has been at the forefront of motivating young women to join the Armed Forces and is a shining icon for the Nari Shakti initiative of the

PM sends birthday greetings to former president Kovind



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday greeted former president Ram Nath Kovind on his birthday, and said he is widely respected for his service to society and con-

tribution to national progress. Kovind, who served as the President from July 2017 to July 2022, turned 79 on

"Birthday greetings to our former President, Shri Ram

contribution to national progress," Modi said in a social media post.

'His insights into various subjects are also very former President, Shri Ram Nath Kovind Ji. enriching. Praying for his long and healthy life," the prime minister said.

India to support Jamaica's development in key sectors: PM



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his Jamaican counterpart Andrew Holness prior to their meeting at Hyderabad House, in New Delhi on Tuesday. Photo By: Ranjan Dimri/The Pioneer

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

India has been a "trusted partner" in Jamaica's development jour-■ ney and it is ready to share expertise in a range of areas, including digital public infrastructure, biofuel, innovation and health with the Caribbean nation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said

He made the remarks after holding wide-ranging talks with Jamaican Prime Minister Andrew Holness.

In his media statement, Modi said he and Holness also discussed regional and global issues and agreed that all tensions and disputes should be resolved through talks and that both sides will continue to work towards ensuring global

Îndia and Jamaica are unanimous that reform of all global institutions, including the UN Security Council, is necessary, Modi said India has been a "trusted and committed"

development partner in Jamaica's growth journey and it will "We are ready to share our experience with Jamaica in areas

of digital public infrastructure, biofuel, innovation, health, education and agriculture," he said.

In the defence sphere, we will move forward on imparting training and capacity building of Jamaica's armed forces, Modi said.

The prime minister also identified organised crime, drug trafficking, terrorism as common challenges facing both nations. India-Jamaica relations are based on shared history, democratic values and strong people-to-people ties, he added. Holness arrived here on Monday. It is the first ever bilateral visit of a prime minister of Jamaica to India.

Experts urge NAT to enhance blood donation safety

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

As India grapples with a persistent blood donation deficit, experts have advocated for the mandatory implementation of Nucleic Acid Testing (NAT) to enhance the safety of patients in need given that the rate of infections is higher in replacement donors.

NAT is an additional blood safety measure in addition to ELISA screening method as it directly detects the genetic material (RNA & DNA) of the infecting organism or viruses namely HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C in reducing their window periods. On the National Voluntary

Blood Donation Day marked on October 1, the experts also stressed on an urgent car raise awareness about the importance of blood donation and the pressing need for voluntary contributions. "Voluntary blood donation

has seen growth, yet we still

have a significant gap in meeting national demand," said Dr RishiRaj Sinha, Transfusion Specialist at AIIMS Delhi. Anubha Taneja Mukherjee, Member Secretary of the Thalassemia Patient Advocacy Group, emphasised that many people are unaware of the urgent need for blood, which affects their motivation



India requires approximately 14.6 million units of blood annually but faces a shortfall of around one million units. This gap is attributed largely to myths and misconceptions of the population donating about blood donation, particularly concerns over

of patients requiring regular transfusions, said To address the safety concerns

surrounding blood supply, especially for patients needing frequent transfusions like those suffering with blood disorders such as hemophilia and thalassemia, experts favoured the NAT.

For instance, thalassemia patients often need transfusions every 15 to 20 days. "This (NAT) highly sensitive testing method can detect even minute amounts of viruses in donated blood, significantly improving the

contracting infections like safety of transfusions," said Dr HIV, as well as a general lack Sinha. He explained that undergoes testing, NAT offers a crucial enhancement by reducing the risk of transmitting infections such as HIV, Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis C through early detection.

VK Khanna, Director of the Institute of Child Health Preeti Tuli Thalassemia Unit at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi too agreed that implementing NAT testing would particularly benefit patients with conditions requiring transfusions, thalassemia, sickle cell

disease, and cancer.

Defence Minister flags off car rally to celebrate IAF's 92nd anniversary

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday here flagged off 'Vayu Veer Vijeta' car rally from the National War Memorial to

the Indian Air Force (IAF). With the send-off, over 50 air warriors, including women, have left for Thoise in Ladakh, from where they will undertake an expedition to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh, covering a total of 7,000 kms across nine Territories States/Union (UTs). The rally will also witness the participation of former Air Force Chiefs in different legs.

Speaking on the occasion, the deence minister lauded the air warriors for serving the motherland in difficult circumstances with bravery, dedication and patriotism. "IAF has achieved significant and

feats in its bid to protect the

country and its people. It is

by striking them deep into their territory. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we are committed to equip IAF with advanced aircraft/platforms and make mark the 92nd anniversary of them more capable through the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative," he said.

The defence minister extended his best wishes to the air warriors, who will be part of the rally that would traverse through tough and varied terrains. The formal flag-off will take

place on October eight from Thoise, which is one of the world's highest altitude air force station at 3,068m above mean sea level. The air warriors will halt at Leh, Kargil, Srinagar, Jammu, Chandigarh, Dehradun, Agra, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Darbhanga, Bagdogra, Hasimara, Guwahati, Tezpur Dirang, before concluding the rally in Tawang on October 29, 2024.

capable of giving a befitting reply to the country's enemies awareness among the people about the glorious history of IAF; the deeds of valour of the air warriors in different wars and rescue operations and attract the youth to serve the motherland.

The defence minister stated that during the car rally, the air warriors will hold interactions with the youth at schools and colleges in various States/UTs, exuding confidence that the exchanges would motivate the young ignited minds to join the Armed Forces and lead the life of pride and honour.

Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, former Chiefs RKS Bhadauria (Retired)and A Y Tipnis (Retired) and other senior officials of IAF were present on the occasion.

The rally has been organised by IAF in coordination with the veterans of Uttarakhand War Memorial. Adventure Cell of IAF is leading and coordinating the

IIT Madras innovates laser heating for retinal drug delivery

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

n a ray of hope for millions Lsuffering from retinal disorders in the country, researchers at IIT Madras have developed a groundbreaking method to enhance drug delivery directly to the retina by utilising mild laser heating. The innovative approach promises to significantly improve the efficacy of treatments administered through eye injections.

Published in the peerreviewed Wiley Heat Transfer journal, the research focuses on overcoming the challenges posed by the gel-like vitreous humour in the eye, which is often replaced by less viscous fluids after retinal laser surgery.

Traditional methods of drug delivery rely on slow natural diffusion, which can take hours or even days for drugs to reach effective levels at the target site.

Prof. Arunn Narasimhan, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Madras, designed an experiment using



geometrically similar to the human eye, water, and silicone oil for the vitreous liquid and a heater to simulate laser heating.

The researchers injected a dye as a drug mimic at specific points in the vitreous region of the eye, and measured concentrations at different retinal locations with and without heating the vitreous liquid.

Remarkably, while natural diffusion alone took 12 hours to achieve effective concentration, the application of mild heating reduced this time to just 12 minutes.

"While with natural diffusion alone, the drug mimic took 12 hours to achieve effective concentration at the target region of the retina, heating

affected by retinal disorders. Since the retina is the region of the eye that contains blood vessels and nerves, such treatments must be performed carefully and with precision, the team said. "Using glass-eye experiments and bioheat simulations to

Student, at IIT Madras.

This research is particularly

vital for the estimated 11

million individuals in India

analyse invasive treatments in the human eye, we have shown that mild targeted heating can enhance drug delivery to the retina. The medical community needs to take this further and implement it in treatments of retinal diseases," Narasimhan said.





40 schools participate in waste management centric awareness programme

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n order to raise awareness among the general public **1** the Social Development for Communities (SDC) Foundation organised a waste management centric awareness programme at 40 schools in Dehradun on Tuesday under the theme of 'Swachhata Hi Seva -Swabhav Swachhata and Sanskaar Swachhata". Large-scale collection of single-use plastic waste was carried out for recycling purposes during the programme. The primary goal was to raise awareness in society, particularly students, about waste management and to collect plastic



waste on a large scale for recycling. Students and community members were educated on the detrimental impacts of plastic waste. Apart from this,

meaningful conversations took place with school authorities and students on the importance of using plastic alternatives and embracing effective waste management practices during the programme.

SDC Foundation member Dinesh Semwal informed that they have successfully set up 210 plastic banks in Dehradun within the last 11 months under the Plastic Bank Project. He shared insights from this initiative, mentioning that the foundation currently manages these plastic banks in partnership with 69 Maggi points along the Dehradun-Kimadi-Mussoorie route, 64 educational institutions, 40 accommodations, nine universities and colleges, seven resident welfare associations, seven showrooms and various other establishments, impacting more than 80,000 individuals in Dehradun. Praveen Upreti of SDC Foundation underlined the importance of collective action in maintaining cleanliness during the programme. He encouraged all to contribute towards ensuring the well-being of society and the environment. Upreti also spoke of the foundation's goal to establish 300 plastic banks in Dehradun, engaging about 100,000 students and community members in managing plastic waste in the near

HelpAge India conducts a seminar on challenges faced by senior citizens

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HelpAge India organised a seminar on the challenges and solutions for elderly individuals at Doon Library and Research Centre on Tuesday to mark the International Day of Older Persons. During the event, meaningful and positive steps were discussed for the elderly who feel isolated from society and family. A panel discussion was held on the subject of policy and law in dealing with the challenges of the elderly.

Speaking on the occasion, founder and senior advocate of Samadhaan NGO, Renu D Singh emphasised the importance of providing mental support to the elderly, as they often become mentally weak in old age. She also highlighted issues such as mobility problems, property usurpation and sexual exploitation faced by elderly individuals, emphasising the need for a system to provide immediate help under the national policy for old persons. Further, senior journalist Ramesh Kudiyal suggested the establishment of community halls and entertainment options for the elderly to help combat loneliness and provide them with opportunities to interact with others of the same age. Apart from this, the State head



of HelpAge India, Chaitanya Upadhyay discussed the organisation's 46 years of work in promoting the health and development of the elderly. He stressed the need for collective efforts to improve the social, economic and practical lives of the elderly. He emphasised the urgency of addressing the various challenges faced by the elderly in society and the need to accelerate efforts to support them.

Temperature remains above normal in Doon, light rain likely in four districts

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 $E^{\, \rm ven \, as \, the \, with drawal \, of \, monsoon \, continues \, in \, various \, regions \, of \, the \, country,}$ temperatures have risen one to three degrees Celsius above normal in Dehradun and elsewhere in the State. The State meteorological centre has forecast that very light to light rain/thunderstorms are likely to occur in Pithoragarh, Nainital, Álmora and Champawat districts on Wednesday. Dry weather is likely to prevail in the remaining districts of the State today.

The provisional State capital Dehradun is forecast to witness a mainly clear to partly cloudy sky. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be about 32 degrees Celsius and 22 degrees Celsius

respectively in Dehradun today. While no significant rainfall was reported in the State on Tuesday, the maximum and minimum temperatures were 32.4 degrees

in Dehradun, 32.5 degrees Celsius and 22.6 degrees Celsius in Pantnagar, 24.1 degrees Celsius and 13.5 degrees Celsius in Mukteshwar and 24.4 degrees Celsius and 16.1 degrees Celsius in New Tehri. The maximum and mini-

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mum temperatures in Dehradun were each two degrees Celsius above normal while the minimum temperature in Pantnagar was a degree above normal. The maximum temperature in Mukteshwar was three degrees

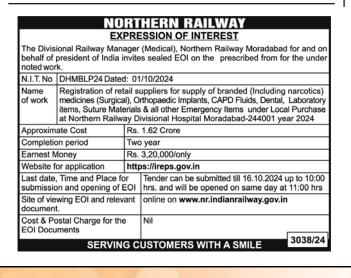
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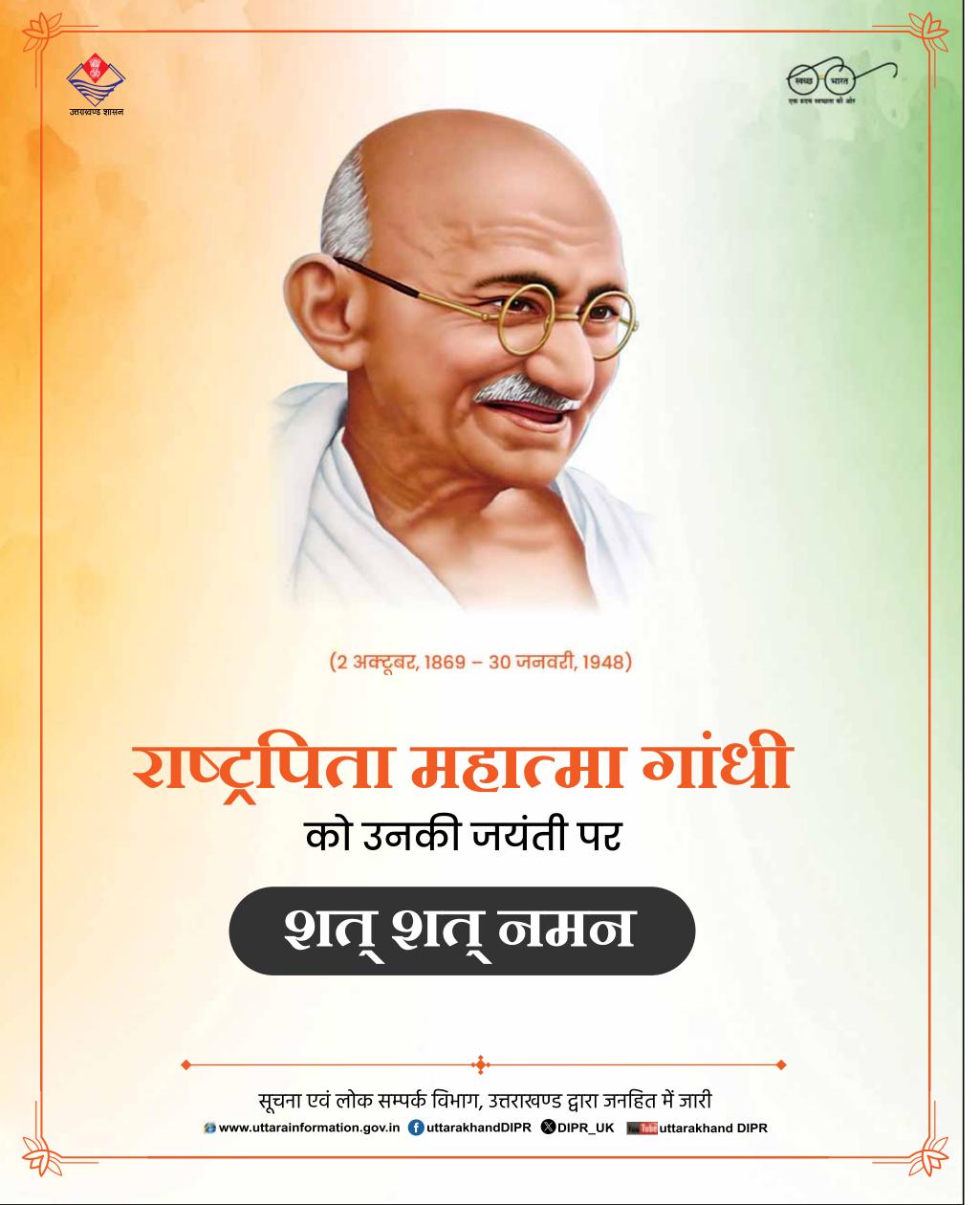
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Saving Ladakh

Sonam Wangchuk's foot march highlights the urgent need for ecological protection and local autonomy of Ladakh

adakh, a region known for its breathtaking landscapes and unique culture, is now under threat from an ecological disaster. Climate change and unchecked development are eroding its delicate environment, pushing it towards a tipping point. In the face of this growing crisis, climate activist Sonam Wangchuk has emerged as a key figure in the fight to protect Ladakh. Recently, he, along with over 100 supporters, embarked on a foot march from Leh to New Delhi to demand concrete steps for safeguarding Ladakh's fragile ecosystem and securing the region's autonomy under the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution. However, upon reaching Delhi's Singhu border, Wangchuk and his supporters were detained by the police for violating prohibitory orders. Despite this setback, the march has already sparked widespread attention and support for his demands. Ladakh's environment is one of the most sensitive in India. Nestled in the Himalayan range, the region is already witnessing alarming impacts of climate change. Melting glac-

iers, shrinking water sources, and unpredictable weather patterns are threatening not only the ecosystem but also the livelihoods of the local population.

The rapid melting of glaciers is particularly concerning as they are the primary source of water for the region. This has caused Ladakh to face a severe water crisis, with rivers and streams drying up at an unprecedented rate. Unchecked tourism and infrastructure development further exacerbate the issue. Waste management remains a significant challenge, and the increasing construction of roads and buildings has disrupted the natural landscape. Wangchuk, who is known for his innovative environmental solutions like the 'Ice

Stupa' project, has been vocal about the need for sustainable development in Ladakh. His demands are not only about preserving the environment but also about giving the local people the power to manage their resources and protect their cultural identity. One of his primary demands is to include Ladakh under the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution. The Sixth Schedule provides special protections and autonomy to certain tribal areas in India, allowing them to preserve their culture, manage their resources, and have law-making powers over local matters. Ladakh, with its predominantly tribal population and distinct cultural heritage, has been seeking similar protection. The people of Ladakh in general have expressed disappointment with the current governance structure, which is led by a Lieutenant Governor appointed by the central government. Right now the people of Ladkah have a limited say in decision making. Granting Ladakh Sixth Schedule status would empower its people to make decisions that are in line with their unique environmental and cultural needs. It would allow them to enact laws that protect their fragile ecosystem, manage resources more effectively, and ensure sustainable development. The people of Ladakh are making their voices heard. Now, it is up to the government and the rest of the nation to listen and take meaningful action.



A view of Humayun's Tomb, a UNESCO world heritage site, in New Delh

Remembering Gandhi: A

Walking through the woods in UK



Suspension of winter fuel allowances, Starmer's push to reset relations with Europe, and the forgotten legacy of the Gorkhas are echoing in the woods of the UK

lage in Tonbridge Kent, UK, with the Old Hadlow Road leading to it. Tonbridge is a poorer cousin of the historic Tunbridge Wells but a great place for a walking-talking vacation this September when the sun broke through the clouds permitting invigorating small walks. Hadlow Stair is the perfect escape from rain-spoilt London, just 40 minutes away by train to Charing Cross in Trafalgar Square. Ordinary Brits have been stunned by the new Labour, suspending Pound 200 winter fuel allowance to pensioners, ostensi-bly to fill the Pound 22 bn deficit left by the Tories though inflation is below 3 per cent. In the village, most read newspapers only on the weekend: the talk is about Ukraine, Gaza and Lebanon and Prime Minister Keir Starmer and his wife accepting gifts. Former civil servant Sue Gray who sorted out Boris Johnson for his indiscretions during the pandemic is now the chief advisor to Starmer with a pay package of Pounds 180,000, surpassing the wages the PM gets. Modernising Britain's Continuous Sea Deterrence as well as upgrading its nuclear submarines from Vanguard to Dreadnought class is also underway. Peers in the House of Lords warned that 2.5 per cent on defence spending (at present 2.3 per cent) may not be enough to meet the challenges and fix the military.

Here too, there is a Pound 10 bn hole which is proposed to be filled up by taxes. India's spending is below 2 per cent with immeasurably bigger threats. But who cares! All this and more, John Lawson, my walking companion shares with me. Amongst all the walks the one in the undulating woods nearby is most enjoyable as John takes myriad routes and detours along the soggy earthy soil. You can do a dozen different trails here and not know they are in the same woods. Go south from Hadlow Road past the Scottish St Andrews Church across fields and through apple orchards with apples to eat and apples to cook. But there are no pickers due to Brexit, laments



A THIRD BATTALION through the Higham Woods. This I did every morning, meeting making friends with people walking their dogs. Every house here has a cat or a dog or even a horse! Almost every afternoon John and I did serious walking bringing the milometer to roughly 120 plus miles in 12 days. In his spare time, John moves auto parts and trucks in the UK and Europe where too, Brexit means cost and time overruns. At the Labour Party annual conference, Starmer said he wants to reset relations with European Union and make Brexit work with the EU reset. The biggest applause at the conference was reserved for the Home Secretary, who decried the recent racial riots.

across the Channel and since Rwanda is a closed issue, they will be settled in Britain. I've been travelling to the UK since the 1970s and can say this: Indian or Asian or coloured are no longer looked down upon even though many of the menial jobs are still being done by them. I was horrified to learn that there is a Gorkha Cleaning Company in Kent. The Gorkhas, the Brits once worshipped in battle are all but forgotten except by the likes of Joanna Lumley. This became more evident in London where along a side lane from Whitehall Avenue resides the life-sized stone statue of the eternal Gorkha soldier. The plan to raise a third battalion of Gorkha Rifles was abandoned though three Gorkha companies were raised for the Special Forces. Aldershot is where retired Gorkhas allowed residency in Britain live, while the battalion is further south. The other battalion is in Brunei for which the Sultan pays. Sadly, very few recognise the badges of the Gorkha Regiment any more. Why blame the Brits when we have offered the poor choice of Agniveer to Nepali Gorkhas who stopped joining five years ago? The British Army is 70,000 (with a reserve of less than the size of our Gorkha Brigade. The Navy and Air Force together make another 70,000 warriors but all field state-of-the-art equipment including conventional and strategic forces which are the best in Europe.

The military component of the Indian High Commission in Aldwych has been downsised from three officers to just one with a Naval Commodore holding the fort instead of the Army Brigadier. Returning to my trudge on the tarmac along Whitehall Avenue, the old MoD has become Raffles Hotel, RUSI next door renovated and a few meters ahead are bronze statues of leaders who won fame in India: Field Marshals Slim, Auchinleck, and Allanbrooke. Another Indian famous is the Duke of Wellington honoured in Trafalgar Square and Wellington Corner. The Brits nurture the military and that's one reason they are respected. Thoughts that wafted during the walk in the woods. We must learn.

(The writer, a retired Major General, was Commander, IPKF South, Sri Lanka, and jounaer member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the Integrated Defence Staff; The views expressed are



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THE EDITOR

PTI

journey of justice and simplicity

Gandhi's transformative journey, which began with racial discrimination in South Africa, helped shape his lifelong pursuit of justice, equality and nonviolence

n September 11, 2024, Union Minister for Culture, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, inaugurated a restored railway coach at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, New Delhi. This coach, donated by the Ministry of Railways and painted in brown with a "III" marking for third class, represents Mahatma Gandhi's simple lifestyle and his close relationship with the Indian railways. A life-size sculpture of Gandhi stepping off the train further emphasises his connection with the masses. Organised by the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, the exhibition offers an immersive experience of Gandhi's rail journeys. Shekhawat, in his address, highlighted how Gandhi turned the freedom struggle into a mass movement, remarking that the coach will inspire future generations to uphold the values of justice, equality, and peace for which Gandhi stood

Gandhi's association with the railways was deeply symbolic and formative in his transformation from an ordinary lawyer to the leader of India's independence movement.



A key moment occurred on 1893, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, when Gandhi, then a young barrister, was forcibly removed from a first-class train compartment despite having a valid ticket. This act of racial discrimination left a lasting impact on Gandhi and ignited his lifelong dedication to justice and nonviolent resistance. He often referred to this incident as the turning point that set him on the path toward becoming the Mahatma.

Gopal Krishna Gandhi, Gandhi's grandson, poignantly reflected on this moment. He wrote that when Gandhi was thrown off the train, an Indian fell, but when Gandhi rose, both India and South Africa rose with him. The experience transformed Gandhi, turning a personal

humiliation into a public cause. What began as a lawyer's indignation became a revolutionary's commitment to human justice.

His later train journeys in South Africa, including those to Johannesburg and Pretoria, deepened his understanding of racial discrimination in the railway system. Gandhi confronted railway officials and managed to negotiate some concessions for Indian passengers, marking the beginning of his use of negotiation and protest as tools for

Upon returning to India in 1914, Gandhi's relationship with the railways grew stronger. He followed the advice of his mentor, Gopal Krishna Gokhale, by traveling in third-class compartments to stay connected with India's impoverished masses. For

Gandhi, trains were a means to engage with ordinary people and understand their struggles firsthand.

The challenging conditions he faced-overcrowded compartments, unsanitary surroundings-only strengthened his resolve to fight for social justice. His decision to travel third class symbolised his commitment to egalitarianism and helped transform the freedom struggle into a mass movement that resonated with the broader popula-

Gandhi traveled by train from Calcutta to Delhi' and stayed at Birla House where he spent the last 144 days of his life. During this time, he tirelessly worked for peace amidst the communal violence of Partition.

His assassination in January 1948 ended a life devoted to nonviolence and service to humanity. As we celebrate Gandhi Jayanti today as the International Day of Nonviolence, we are reminded of Gandhi's self-sacrifice, dedication, and compassion.

(The writer is Programme Executive, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti; views are personal)

WEST ASIA TURMOIL

Migrants continue to sail

Tonbridge Castle.

Madam — Apropos, 'West Asia on fire' (September 30). Israel which had vowed 'enough is enough' in the aftermath of a brutal terrorist attack by Hamas on October 7 last year, has dealt a body blow to Hezbollah, the most powerful militant and political force in Lebanon, by eliminating its head Hassan Nasrallah, who had been a global figurehead of anti-Israel resistance for decades. He had been a prime target of Israel since the last Lebanon War of 2008. Now, Hezbollah, considered the vital part of the Axis of Resistance, is

leaderless and thus rudderless. However, Nasrallah's demise may only keep Hezbollah lying down for a while. It cannot be written off. Wounded but not destroyed, it may not be long before Hezbollah tries to avenge Nasrallah by raining a barrage of missiles on Israel to keep its people from returning to the northern region. Netanyahu stakes his political fortunes on this. Meanwhile, with thousands of its citizens fleeing northern Israel in wake of Hezbollah strikes, Israel's main task remains unaccomplished. Its bombarding Lebanon may go on till Netanyahu gets war-weary and domestic pressures mount or until breakthrough on the hostage issue. It is an opportune time for the international community should it desire to prevail upon Tel Aviv to agree for ceasefire. But peace is unlikely to return to Gaza till Hamas frees hostages and a ceasefire is

N Sadhasiva Reddy | Washington

NON BJP STATES WITHDRAW CBI CONSENT Madam — Karnataka has joined the long list of states that have withdrawn general consent to the CBI to conduct investigations relating to corruption, economic offences and crime or violence in that particular state. The Delhi Special Police Establishment (DSPE) Act, 1946, under which the CBI was setup, has defined general consent and

Women education empowers India

30,000) soldiers and Infantry



7ice President Jagdeep Dhankhar made insightful remarks on the significance of women's education. He said that a developed India is incomplete without women's empowerment, which is a powerful reminder of the crucial role they play in our society. Women constitute a substantial portion of our

specific consent that can be accorded by the states to the CBI to function in their

Only the Supreme Court and the High Courts can order a CBI investigation in any state without the state's nod if consent is withdrawn. It has to be remembered that states that have refused permission for the CBI are non-BJP ruled thereby underscoring the political undertones in the issue.

The Supreme Court, in 2013, said the CBI was a 'caged parrot' following the orders of its 'master', the government. The federal system of governance in India has clearly demarcated powers between the Centre and the states. By the 1946 rule itself, the CBI is an agency that has no autonomous powers. The apex court has said that keeping in mind the federal structure of the country the CBI cannot infringe upon the states. By the same token, if the agency is accorded unbridled power without making it an autonomous body, its misuse may be the order of the day

Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

population, and their active participation in all spheres of life is essential for holistic development. By investing in women's education, we not only unlock their individual potential but also empower their families and communities. Educated women are more likely to make informed decisions regarding health, nutrition, and child-rearing, leading to healthier and more prosperous families.

Moreover, women's education is a catalyst for economic growth. When women have access to education and employment opportunities, they contribute to the workforce, boost GDP, and reduce poverty. Their participation in decision-making processes ensures that diverse perspectives are considered, leading to more inclusive and equitable policies

Fiza Fatima | Hyderabad

POTHOLES OF CORRUPTION

Madam -No matter which party is in power, the conditions of the roads all over the nation are pathetic. It requires no rocket science to understand why this is happening. Corruption is the root cause as inferior quality materials are used due to cuts taken by everybody from top to bottom in passing tenders and clearing bills. Therefore, it is hard to be enthused about the promise of pothole free roads by the CM of Delhi Atishi Marlena. Accidents caused by bad roads have come at a great cost including injury and sometimes fatality with no accountability fixed for the loss, what is worse, it is not just potholes but literally craters the vehicles are expected to navigate. Recently, there was a container truck that was completely swallowed by the road. This despite the vehicle owners being made to pay all kinds of taxes for permission to park their vehicles on such roads!

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SLEEP, SPIRITUALITY AND THE MODERN MIND

Reclaiming quality sleep requires reconnecting with spiritual practices



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

n the famous poem "Childhood", Ravindra Nath Tagore bemoans the loss of innocence as a child grows up. One thing we can all agree that to sleep like a child is a great asset. But as we grow up our minds begin to play havoc with our sleep. Before I go any further let us understand the basics of sleep. Sleep is one of the most important biological functions and inadequate sleep can cause many problems. Sleep is the time when the body rejuvenates itself. Sleep restores physical well-being and removes fatigue related to emotional activi-

Our brains are beehives of activities during sleep, including the time when one is dreaming. How much sleep is required? It depends on each individual according to age, type of activities, level of activities, etc. Lord Krishna has mentioned sleep as one of the four activities, which must be appropriate. (The Bhagavad-Geeta 6.17) We need sleep excellence. What does the modern man do? There are three types. One cuts on sleep and another cannot fall asleep and resorts to drinks

The third sleeps too much wasting precious human life. Taking up the busy ones, they have no respect for rules made by God – the Creator of our bodies. They feel that they can do with less sleep and nothing adverse will happen. But they get harmed in many ways.

The first causality is the energy level; it goes down. Physical health is affected in many ways, but it takes a long; one feels that he is fine until hit by some serious health problem. Performance declines; cognitive ability reduces; memory consolidation is affected as does mental health. You cannot copy someone else, because, as stated earli-



er, it is, person specific - a bodily necessity. The second group suffers no less, if anything substantially more in the long term.

One thinks that he can order the body to sleep whenever one wants. Have you tried to postpone sleep? What happens? Circadian rhythms are 24-hour cycles that are part of the body's internal clock. Its primary function is sleeping and waking.

We cannot take charge; it controls us. So what does the modern man do? He resorts to artificially induced sleep by taking drinks and drugs. We all know what drinks do to our liver. And drugs are similarly harmful to the brain. Both are habit forming. One is stuck once this is continued over some time. Why is one unable to fall asleep, when bodily and mentally tired? Because we have allowed our minds to take charge of our lives.

We have unlimited desires for a sense of enjoyment, power, fame, etc. We are being driven by emotions like lust, greed, anger, hate, etc. By the way, drinks and drugs do not stop bad and scary dreams from coming, which leave a very bad feeling upon waking up.

The third kind harms oneself in more ways than one by making sleep one's shelter. Let us come to our senses. Shelter is available in God. There are simple spiritual practices, which connect one to God. He will help us curb our wrong tendencies, as only God can. But one has to first accept that one is wrong; one has to give up overblown

It is quite strange that a small, ignorant and helpless soul has such a big ego. What is the conclusion? There is only one shelter, as instructed by Lord Krishna. You will get plenty of sleep and of good quality too sans bad dreams.

(The writer is a spiritual teacher; views are personal)

Transforming lives of the Indian farmers



for the farming community.

Transforming the lives of our food providers (Annadatas) is the first and foremost goal of our Prime Minister. This is the reason why agriculture and farmers remained the top priorities in the first 100 days of the third term of the NDA government. Under his leadership, the government is making unprecedented efforts for the empowerment and upliftment of the agriculture sector. We are committed to increasing farmers' income, which is reflected in schemes such as the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), and PM AASHA. Post-harvest losses in India are a major challenge, which threatens the production capacity of the agricultural sector and it also adversely impacts the hard work put in by lakhs of farmers. According to the latest estimates, about 16-18 per cent of the total food production is affected every year in India due

These losses can be attributed to various stages of agriculture such as harvesting, threshing, storage, transportation and processing. Lack of proper storage, cold chain, inadequate processing units, and lack of effi-cient logistics contribute to these huge losses, as a result of which the overall food security of our country gets affected.

Keeping all these factors in mind, the Modi government is working with renewed enthusiasm towards strengthening this. Under the able leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government is making efforts to take the research of scientists from lab to land, due to which the cost of production has reduced considerably and profits have increased for farmers. The Prime Minister with a visionary approach launched the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) way back in July 2020 as a transformative initiative under the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative. Its objective is to increase the income of farmers and address post-harvest management issues through farm assets to reduce food wastage. These challenges have to be addressed by promoting new projects and new age technologies. Under AIF, banks provide interest subvention of 3 per cent per annum with an interest cap of 9 per cent and financial institutions will provide loans up to Rs 2 crore with credit guarantee coverage under CGIMSE (Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises) for loans. Through this initiative, the government aims to not only increase production to preserve quality and quantity, but also help farmers access markets more efficiently, and as a result, their income will also increase.

Due to the able leadership of the Prime Minister, the benefits of the scheme, till August 2024, the amount sanctioned under this scheme has crossed Rs 47,500 crore. Of this, more than Rs 30,000 crore has already been disbursed for various projects. Notably, 54 per cent of the projects that were sanctioned are linked to farmers, cooperative societies, agricultural production organisations and self-help groups (SHGs), which is in line with the Prime Minister's vision. It reflects the strong participation of farmers in providing farm-gate level infrastructure.Prime Minister Modi is very committed towards strengthening farm gate infrastructure to solve the major problem postharvest losses in agricultural produce. He prioritised the development of infra-



about 441.9 lakh metric tonnes of cold storage is available in India, while the cold chain capacity is only 15.72 per cent of the production of fruits and vegetables in the country. AIF initiative has helped bridge the storage capacity gap by approximately 500 lakh metric tonnes. Contributing to saving about Rs 5,700 crore post-harvest losses for the nation. Furthermore, under the leadership of the Prime Minister, the development of proper cold storage facilities has reduced the loss of horticulture products by 10 per cent, due to which 3.5 lakh metric tonnes of produce is being secured post harvest and about Rs 1,250 crore is being saved every year. This commitment of the Prime Minister towards the agriculture sector and farmers will not only ensure economic empowerment but also raise their standard of living. Under the AGRICULTURE
RASTRUCTURE
guidance of the Transconding new impetus to the growth and development of agricultural infrastructure. As of August guidance of the Prime Minister, the 2024, as many as 74,695 agriculture infrastructure-related initiatives across the country have been approved under AIF. These include 18,508 custom hiring centres, 16,238 primary processing centres, 13,702 warehouses, 3,095 sorting and grading units, 1,901 cold stores and cold chains, and 21,251 other types of infrastructure facilities. These 74,695 projects have attracted a total investment of Rs 78,702 crore in the agriculture sector since 2015, which marks significant progress in the sector. Prime Minister Modi has encouraged entrepreneurship among farmers, as approximately 50,000 new agricultural enterprises have been set up in the country. These efforts have helped create

more than 8,00,000 employment

opportunities, and this number

will only increase in the future, even-

tually leading to the creation of 2.5 million jobs, directly or indirectly. The Prime Minister's welfare policies have brought about positive changes in the working style of farmers. The creation of advanced infrastructure on farms has facilitated farmers to sell directly to a wider consumer base, thereby enhancing price realisation and increasing their overall income. Due to modern packaging and cold storage systems, farmers can time their market sales more strategically, resulting in better value realisation.

On average, this infrastructure initiative has enabled farmers to get 11-14 per cent higher prices for their produce. Prime Minister Modi's policies will not only encourage the development of agricultural infra-structure but also reduce credit risk. Through credit guarantee support and interest subvention, lending institutions can give loans with minimal risk, thereby helping their customers. This helps in expanding their base and portfolio diversification. Significantly, this fund is involved in the creation of agricultural infrastructure in collaboration with the refinance facility of NABARD, reducing the effective interest rate for Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) to

1per cent. This has brought significant benefits to thousands of farmers associated with such PACS. Under AIF, 9,573 PACS projects have been approved with a loan amount of Rs 2,970 crore to date by NABARD. In an important step under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the central government has approved the progressive expansion of the ambitious Agriculture Infrastructure Fund scheme, making it more inclusive and substantially more influential. The make agriculture a profitable business we have come up with a six-point strategy to increase the income of farmers, such as increasing production, reducing the cost of farming, fair prices for production, providing the appropriate amount of relief during natural disasters, diversification of agriculture and natural

farming.
At present, some promising projects for agricultural asset development, such as hydroponic farming, mushroom cultivation, vertical farming,

aeroponic farming, polyhouse and greenhouse, are reserved for only farmer groups and collectives.

Now by expanding the scheme

coverage to include integrated pro-

cessing projects, farmers will get better prices for their produce through the creation of integrated processing plants, which include both primary and secondary processing.In addition to this, component A of PM-KUSUM (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan) Yojana provides the facility for the installation of solar power plants up to 2 MW on bar-ren, fallow, cultivable, pasture or marshy lands, and it can be easily be converged with the AIF scheme. This strategic convergence will help individual farmers and empower farmer groups, enhancing their role from being 'Annadaata' (food givers) to 'Urjadata' (energy providers). The dedicated credit guarantee cover window, which was exclusively kept for FPOs, i.e. NAB Sanrakshan Trustee Company Private Limited, will remain open for AIF beneficiaries as well, where they will be eligible for guarantee fee reimbursement. These changes will increase processing capabilities, diversify food production, and increase and improve the quality of the yields.

They will increase the shelf life of the produce, boost transport capacity and improve rural supply by link-ing it to the urban demand. Additionally, these changes will help in generating rural employment opportunities. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund is making a significant contribution towards the development of the agriculture sector and empowerment of Indian farmers, by providing a sustainable solution. Due to the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, even the minutest problems faced by farmers are being resolved, intense communication and combined efforts have brought a new dawn in the context of farmers' welfare, and this will prove to be a key milestone to fulfil the dreams of a developed agriculture sector of a 'Viksit Bharat.

(The writer is the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Rural Development; views

Through modern infrastructure, expanded credit support, and sustainable farming methods, PM Modi's policies are revolutionising Indian agriculture rime Minister Narendra Modi's deep concern and sensitivity towards farmers is visible in the decisions, policies and plans taken



THE PRIME MINISTER WITH A VISIONARY **APPROACH** LAUNCHED THE INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (AIF) WAY TRANSFORMATIVE BHARAT' INITIATIVE

BACK IN JULY 2020 AS A INITIATIVE UNDER THE 'ATMANIRBHAR

year, four of which are shovel-ready with the industrial plots being allotted, and four others are being implemented with trunk infrastructure being set up. As against eight projects implemented or under implementation over the last 17 years, the Government has recently approved twelve such smart industrial cities in 10 States, at one go, with a big bang approach which is characteristic of PM Modi's style which focuses on Speed and

All these sites have been validated using the geospatial data on the PM Gati Shakti National Platform to minimise disturbances to existing habitations and ecology, with prioritisation to availability of land parcels with the State Governments, covering land of relatively lesser agricultural value, with proximity to major transport modes for multi-

model connectivity. A new aspect of using PM Gati Shakti to not only ensure the enhancement of transport infrastructure for improved connectivity but also to combine such network planning with an area planning approach by asking States to start filling social infrastrucgaps (schools, Anganwadis, ITls, accommodation) concurrently with pro-

ject implementation, has been

initiated. This combination of transport network planning and area planning should lead to these green field industrial cities getting plug and play infrastructure and multi-model transport links ahead of demand for the private sector and particularly for foreign investors who wish to participate in India's growth story.It may be recalled that India's Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) ranking had improved from 143 in 2014 to 63 in 2020, in the last year that such rankings were published by the World Bank. While contract compliances and improvement are linked to the broader issue of judicial reform, the NICDP programme will substantially address, along with

parallel initiatives by the States, the issues of land availability and its transparent administration, for any investors seeking industrial sites in these cities. The NICDP Programme also de-risks the investor from one key compliance burden that new investors are concerned about, the issue of environmental clearances by ensuring that full environmental clearance for the entire township is already in place and is backed up by a full spectrum of utility services like power, sewage and waste treatment, roads etc., in a smart city with stateof-the-art infrastructure and digitized grievance redressal (The writer is former Secretary,

DPIIT and currently OSD, Ministry of Defence; views are



India stands as the world's fifth-largest manufacturing powerhouse, generating nearly \$560 billion in goods annually

ndia is the world's fifth largest manufacturing pow-Lerhouse producing nearly 560 Billion Dollars' worth of goods per year but our share in global manufacturing output is below 3 per cent. And the share of manufacturing in India's Gross Value Added (GVA) is stuck at just 17 per cent, not far ahead of the share of agriculture. It is often stated that India seems to be transitioning directly from a primary sector-dominant economy into one dominated by the service sector.

The question often asked is whether manufacturing is going to play its part in India's often paradoxical and counterintuitive growth story. However, one element of India's industrial landscape is



Economist Perroux along with its accompanying concepts of the inevitability of unbalanced regional growth in industrial clusters, with an agglomeration effect that will accentuate regional diversity, seems pretty close to India's development experience.

Thus, even where India had set

places like Rourkela, Bokaro or even Jamshedpur in an earlier era, these do not appear to have led to broader regional development, with the nearby hinterland areas remaining under-developed for the most part.
The broader issue of regional

disparities that have emerged in India has been sought to be addressed institutionally by various Finance Commission's devolution formula which gives overwhelming weightage to per capita income and, therefore, ensures higher resource flows into backward areas.

The market, on the other hand, has responded to these disparities by the movement of migrant labour to the faster growing parts of the country, quite predictable. The concepts up new industrial townships in with the migrant labour being

the unsung hero of the construction and manufacturing growth in these areas. The concepts of growth poles and growth centres are now being supplemented by the phenomena of port-led industrial growth with major ports, old and new, serving as growth centres in many countries. The National Industrial

Corridor Development Programme (NICDP) takes on the challenges of accelerating India's manufacturing growth, creating multiple industrial growth foci and linking industrialisation to transport nodes,

The NICDP has focused on the development of industrial townships adjacent to 11 key transport corridors.

Eight such townships had been approved till the current

I pleaded guilty to journalism for freedom: Assange

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange said Tuesday that he was freed after years of incarceration because he "pled guilty to journalism." Assange gave evidence of the impact of his detention and conviction to the legal affairs and human rights committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France. The Parliamentary Assembly includes lawmakers from 46 European countries.

A group of supporters, holding a banner that said "Thank you, Julian" greeted Assange as he stepped out of van smiling and raising his fist in defiance along with his wife, Stella, and WikiLeaks editor-in-chief Kristinn Hrafnsson.

"Assange is free! We are here. The world is with you," one supporter shouted before Assange entered the Council of Europe building for his first public address since his release from



Wikileaks founder Julian Assange and his wife Stella Assange raise their arms as they arrive at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, eastern France, Tuesday. AP/PTI

prison in June "I am not free worked," Assange said. "I am today because the system free today after years of incar-

ceration because I pled guilty to journalism."

He added: "I pled guilty to seeking information from a source. I pled guilty to obtaining information from a source. And I pled guilty to informing the public what that information

Assange was released in June after five years in a British prison after he pleaded guilty to obtaining and publishing US military secrets in a deal with Justice Department prosecutors that concluded a drawn-out legal saga. Prior to his time in prison, he had spent seven years in self-imposed exile in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, where he claimed asylum on the grounds of political persecution

The transition from years in a maximum security prison to addressing the European parliamentarians has been a "profound and a surreal shift," Assange said as he detailed the experience of isolation in a

"It strips away one's sense of self,

leaving only the raw essence of existence," he said, his voice cracking while he offered an apology for his "faltering words" lives — such as people who provided information to US forces in Iraq and Afghanistan — at risk, and strayed far beyond the and an "unpolished presenta-

"I'm not yet fully equipped to speak about what I have endured — the relentless struggle to stay alive, both physical-ly and mentally," Assange said. The Australian internet publisher was accused of receiving and publishing hundreds of thousands of war logs and diplomatic cables that included details of US military wrongdoing in Iraq and Afghanistan. His activities were celebrated by press freedom advocates, who heralded his role in bringing to light military conduct that might otherwise have been con-

Among the files published by WikiLeaks was a video of a 2007 Apache helicopter attack by American forces in Baghdad that killed 11 people, including two Reuters journalists. Critics say his conduct put American national security and innocent

risk, and strayed far beyond the bounds of traditional journalism duties.

The yearslong case ended with Assange entering his plea in a US district court on the Northern Mariana Islands, an American commonwealth in the Pacific. Assange pleaded guilty to an Espionage Act charge of conspiring to unlaw-fully obtain and disseminate classified national defence information. A judge sentenced him to the five years he had already spent behind bars in the UK fighting extradition to the United States. Assange returned to Australia a

free man in late June. At the time his wife, Stella, said he needed time to recuperate befre speaking publicly. His appear-ance on Tuesday comes after the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly published a report on Assange's detention in a high-security UK prison for five years.

Japan's parliament elects Ishiba as PM

Tapan's parliament on Tuesday formally elected Shigeru Ishiba, head of the governing Liberal Democratic Party, as the country's new prime minister. Ishiba was chosen as the party's leader on Friday to replace Fumio Kishida, who then stepped down earlier on Tuesday to pave the way.

. Ishiba will announce his new Cabinet later on Tuesday. Kishida took office in 2021 but left so his party could have a fresh leader after his government was dogged by scandals. Ishiba plans to call a parlia-mentary election for October

"I believe it is important to have the new administration get the public's judgment as soon as possible," Ishiba said Monday in announcing his plan to call a snap election. Opposition parties criticised Ishiba for allowing only a short period of time for his policies to be examined and discussed in parliament before the national election.

Kishida had announced in August he would resign at the end of his three-year term. Kishida and his ministers stepped down at a Cabinet meeting on Tuesday morning, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi said. Kishida left his office after a brief send-off ceremony in which he was presented a bouquet of red roses and applauded by his staff and for-

mer Cabinet members. "As we face a critical moment in and outside the country, I earnestly hope key policies that will pioneer Japan's future will be powerfully pursued by the new Cabinet," Kishida said in a statement, citing the need to bolster security amid a deepening global divide, such as Russia's war in Ukraine, while tackling a declining birthrate and population, as well as economic and political reforms at home. Ishiba earlier announced his



party's leaders ahead of naming his Cabinet. Former Minister Environment Shinjiro Koizumi, who came in third in the party leadership race, will head the party's election task force. He is expected to name defense experts Takeshi Iwaya as foreign minister and Gen Nakatani as defense chief.

The majority of his Cabinet ministers, like Ishiba, are expected to be unaffiliated with factions led and controlled by party heavyweights, and none are from former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's powerful group linked to damaging scandals. Ishiba's lack of stable power

base could also mean a fragility of his government, and "could quickly collapse" even though Ishiba hopes to build up party unity as it prepares for the upcoming election, the liberal-leaning Asahi newspaper said. The move is also seen as

revenge by Ishiba, who was largely pushed to the side during most of Abe's reign. Ishiba has proposed an Asian version of the NATO military alliance and more discussion among regional partners about the use of the US nuclear deterrence.

He also suggested a more equal Japan-US security alliance, including joint management of US bases in Japan and having Japanese Self Defense Force bases in the United States. Ishiba outlined his views in an article to the Hudson Institute

Gunmen kill 6, including local paramilitary Guard chief in Iran

AP TEHRAN

 $U_{\text{six people}}^{\text{nidentified gunmen killed}} \\ \text{local chief of the paramilitary}$ Revolutionary Guard, in two separate attacks on Tuesday, state TV reported. The head of a town council

and two volunteer members of the Guard were also among the dead in the first attack, it

It occurred after the victims participated in a school ceremony in Nikshahar town, about 1,350 kilometers (840 miles) southeast of the capital, Tehran, the report said.

chief as Parviz Kadkhodaei but provided no other details of the attack in the southeastern province of Sistan and Baluchistan.

It identified the town council

Two police officers were killed



in the second attack, which took place in Khash town in the same province, it said. No one immediately took responsibility for the attacks. In September, gunmen killed four border guards in the province in two separate attacks. The militant group Jaish al-Adl, which seeks greater rights for the ethnic Baluch minority, claimed responsibility for one the attacks, in which one officer

and two soldiers in the border guard were killed.

The province, bordering Afghanistan and Pakistan, has been the site of occasional deadly clashes involving militant groups, drug smugglers and Iranian security forces. It is one of the least developed parts of Iran. Relations between the predominantly Sunni Muslim residents of the region and Iran's Shiite theocracy have long been strained.

UK chartered plane to fly out British nationals from Lebanon

A UK government-chartered flight will on Wednesday fly out of Lebanon those British nationals who want to leave following escalating violence in the region. UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy's announcement on Monday evening comes amid growing safety concerns following the killing of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah in Israeli airstrikes on Beirut at the weekend. Prime Minister Keir Starmer previously called on British nationals in Lebanon to "leave immediately" as tensions continue to mount in West Asia. Lammy, who described the situation in Lebanon as "volatile" and warned it could "deteriorate quickly", said in a statement: "The safety of British nationals in Lebanon continues to be our utmost priority." "That's why the

UK government is chartering a flight to help those wanting to leave. It is vital that you leave now as further evacuation may not be guaranteed," he said. According to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), British nationals, their spouse or partners and children under the age of 18 are eligible to be accommodated on the charter flight which is due to leave Beirut-Rafic Hariri International Airport on Wednesday. The FCDO said it has been working with partners in recent weeks to increase capacity on commercial flights to enable British nationals to leave, with the chartered flight intended to provide additional capacity. Those who have registered their presence with the FCDO will be sent details on how to request a seat. "If you are a British national in Lebanon

who has not already registered your presence, please do so immediately. Vulnerable British nationals and their spouse or partner, and children under the age of 18, will be prioritised for this flight," the FCDO said. The UK government said it would pay to charter the flight, with British nationals expected to pay a fee of GBP 350 per seat. It reiterated that no one should arrive at the airport unless they have a confirmed seat on the plane. Any non-British dependants boarding the flight will require a visa granted for at least six months to enter the UK in line with usual immigration rules and entry process, it said.Meanwhile, 700 British troops alongside Border Force and Foreign Office officials have been deployed to Cyprus to continue contingency planning for a range of scenarios in

Walz and Vance to face off in their only VP debate anonymity to discuss strategy. with Walz, saying he was "not

AP WASHINGTON

Tim Walz and JD Vance will meet for their first and possibly only vice presidential debate Tuesday, in what could be the last debate for both campaigns to argue their case before the election. The debate in New York hosted by CBS Republican freshman senator from Ohio, and Walz, a twoterm Democratic governor of Minnesota, the chance to introduce themselves, make the case for their running mates, and go on the attack against the opposing ticket.

Tuesday's matchup could have an outsized impact. Polls have shown Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump locked in a close contest, giving added weight to anything that can sway voters on the margins, including the impression left by the vice presidential candidates. It also might be the last debate of the campaign, with the Harris and Trump teams failing to agree on another meeting.

The role of a presidential running mate is typically to serve as an attack dog for the person at the top of the ticket, arguing



against the opposing presidential candidate and their proxy on stage. Both Vance and Walz have embraced that role. Vance's occasionally confronta-

tional news interviews and appearances on the campaign trail have underscored why Trump picked him for the Republican ticket despite his past biting criticisms of the former president, including once suggesting Trump would be "America's Hitler.

Walz, meanwhile, catapulted onto Harris' campaign by branding Trump and Republicans as "just weird," creating an attack line for Democrats seeking to argue Republicans are disconnected from the American people. A new AP-NORC poll found

that Walz is better liked than Vance, potentially giving the Republican an added chal-After a Harris-Trump debate

in which Republicans complained about the ABC News moderators fact-checking Trump, Tuesday's debate will not feature any corrections from the hosts. CBS News said the onus for pointing out misstatements will be on the candidates, with moderators "facilitating those opportunities." Ahead of the debate, allies of both men were lowering expectations that their candidate

mance. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., called Vance "an accomplished debater" and contrasted that

will have a decisive perfor-

a lawyer-debater type."
Klobuchar said Walz spent
time growing up thinking
about football, not debating.
Jason Miller, a senior adviser
to Trump, portrayed Walz
much differently than
Klobuchar

Klobuchar.
"Tim Walz is very good in debates, really good. He's been He'll be very well prepared for tomorrow night," Miller told reporters Monday. He predicted the Democratic governor of Minnesota will be much more "buttoned up" than he is on the campaign trail and ready to defend his record, but added, 'That's not to say that JD Vance won't be prepared tomorrow, or that somehow he

isn't up to the challenge." Vance, speaking to reporters last week, said he didn't "have to prepare that much" for the debate because he had "welldeveloped views on public pol-

But Vance has been doing debate prep sessions where he's been joined by his wife, Usha Vance, Miller, senior Vance aides, and Rep. Tom Emmer, R-Minn., who has played Walz, according to a person familiar with his preparations who requested

Moderating their mock debates was Monica Crowley, who served in the Trump administration, hosts a podcast and contributed to Project 2025, a conservative blueprint for remaking government that Trump claims he knows " nothing about?

"JD Vance is prepared to wipe expose him for the radical liberal he is," Emmer told reporters on Monday.

Walz's debate prep has included sessions hunkered down in a Minneapolis hotel, with Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg standing in for Vance, according to a person familiar with the process who requested anonymity to discuss the campaign's internal dynamics. Others helping in the preparations include Rob Friedlander and Zayn Siddique, who helped Harris prepare for her debate with Trump, along with other aides to Walz and the cam-

paign. Klobuchar said Walz will show the American people "a real person" who brings "buoyancy" and positivity to the debate stage that will contrast with Vance, but "he is not going to be shy about pointing out the problems?

Suspected Yemen Houthi rebel attack targets ship in Red Sea

AP DUBAI

Asuspected attack Tuesday by Yemen's Houthi rebels targeted a ship in the Red Sea, likely marking their first assault on commercial shipping in threatens to become a regional conflict

The attack comes as Israeli ground forces entered Lebanon after days of Israeli airstrikes that killed Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah and other top leaders and the earlier explosions of sabotaged electronic devices used by the Shiite militia. The Houthis had threatened "escalating military operations" targeting Israel on Monday after they apparently shot down a US military drone flying over the country.

The attack Tuesday morning took place some 110 kilometres off the port city of Hodeida in the Red Sea, which has become a battlefield for shippers since the Houthis began their campaign targeting ships travelling through a waterway that once saw USD 1 trillion a year of cargo pass through it. A captain on a ship saw four

"splashes" near his vessel, the British military's United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations centre said in a warning. That likely would have been missiles or drones launched at the vessel.

"All crew are safe and the vessel is proceeding to (its) next port of call," the UKMTO said. The Houthis did not immediately claim the attack. However, they sometimes take hours or days to acknowledge one of their assaults.

Houthis have targeted more than 80 merchant vessels with missiles and drones since the war in Gaza started in October. They have seized one vessel and sank two in the campaign that has also killed four sailors. Other missiles and drones have either been intercepted by a US-led coalition in the Red Sea

or failed to reach their targets, which have included Western military vessels.

The rebels maintain that they target ships linked to Israel, the US or the United Kingdom to force an end to Israel's cam-However, many of the ships attacked have little or no connection to the conflict, including some bound for Iran.

The last attack on a merchant ship by the Houthis came on September 2.

The Houthis claimed an attack targeted American warships last week. The rebels fired more than a half dozen ballistic missiles and anti-ship cruise missiles and two drones at three US ships that were travelling through the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, but all were intercepted by the Navy destroyers, a US official said Friday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss details not yet publicly released.

The Houthis also continue to launch missiles targeting Israel, drawing retaliatory airstrikes from the Israelis this weekend on Hodeida.

had to average below 1,500

per day for a week in order

for the restrictions to be

lifted. The version rolled out

on Monday says the daily numbers will have to be

below 1,500 for nearly a

month before the restric-

tions can be lifted. And the

Congo rebel group generates \$300,000 monthly from seized mine, says UN

An armed rebel group in Congo generates around USD 300,000 a month in revenue through its control of a mining area in the east of the country, the UN Security Council heard

In April, the M23 - a rebel group with alleged links to Rwanda — seized the Rubaya mining area in eastern Congo, which holds deposits of a key mineral used in the production of smartphones and computers. Over 15 per cent of the world's supply of tantalum, a rare metal extracted from coltan, comes from Rubaya, Bintou Keita, head of the UN mission in Congo, told the Security Council

"Unless international sanctions are imposed on those benefiting from this criminal trade, peace will remain elusive and civilians will continue to suffer," Keita

Tantalum is among the minerals that was identified earlier this year in a letter from Congo's government questioning Apple about the tech company's knowledge of "blood minerals" being smuggled in its supply chain. The decadeslong conflict in eastern Congo has produced one of the world's worst humanitarian crises, with more than 120 armed groups fighting for power, land and valuable mineral resources while others try to defend their communities. Some armed groups have been accused of mass killings, rapes and other human rights violations. The violence has displaced some 6 million people in

the country's east. M23, or the March 23 Movement, is a rebel military

group mainly made up of ethnic Tutsis that broke away from the Congolese army just over a decade ago. They staged a large offensive in 2012 and took over the provincial capital of Goma near the border with Rwanda. the same city they are threatening again. Congo alleges that Rwanda has been involved in war crimes in the east and US and UN experts accuse it of giving military backing to M23. Rwanda denies the claim, but in February admitted that it has troops and missile systems in eastern Congo to safeguard its security, pointing to a buildup of Congolese forces near the border. In July, UN experts estimated that between 3,000 and 4,000 Rwandan government forces are deployed in eastern Congo alongside M23, which has been making major



A man walks through a damaged street after Hurricane John passed through Coyuca de Benitez, Guerrero state, Mexico

Biden administration doubles down on asylum restrictions per day. The daily numbers

Washington (AP): The Biden administration said on Monday it is making asylum restrictions at the southern border even tougher, as it's increasingly eager to show voters uneasy over immigration that it is taking a hard stance on border security.

The new rules, which toughen restrictions announced in June, bar migrants from being granted asylum when US officials deem that the southern border is overwhelmed. Under the previous rules, the

US could restrict asylum

access when the number of

migrants trying to enter the

country between the official

border crossings hit 2,500

administration is now counting all children toward that number, whereas previously only migrant children from Mexico were counted. These changes, which go into effect on Tuesday, will make it much more difficult to lift the restrictions and allow people entering the country between the official border crossings eventually to apply for asylum in the US.

School bus in Bangkok catches | S Korea unveils its most powerful missile fire, more than 20 feared dead

Abus carrying young students with their teachers caught fire in suburban Bangkok on Tuesday, with more than 20 of those on board feared dead, officials and rescuers said.

The bus was carrying 44 passengers from central Uthai Thani province for a school trip in Ayutthaya and Nonthaburi provinces, Transport Minister Suriya Jungrungruengkit told reporters at the scene.

Videos posted on social media showed the entire bus engulfed in fire with huge

plumes of black smoke pouring out as it stood on the side of the road. Bodies were still inside the bus hours after the fire. The students on the bus were reported to be in elementary and junior high school. Interior Minister Anutin Charnvirakul said officials could not yet confirm the number of fatalities because they had not finished investigating the scene. He said the driver survived but appeared to have fled and could not yet be found. Anutin had earlier said 25 were feared dead, but Piyalak Thinkaew, a rescuer of the Ruamkatanyu Foundation

told reporters later that two more survivors had been found, reducing the number of those still missing to 23 three teachers and 20 stu-

Rescuers and officials were able to access the bus hours after the fire was put out. Pivalak said they were still unable to identify the bodies, most of which were found in the middle and back seats, leading them to assume that the fire started at the front of the bus. Thai media reports and rescuers said the bus was heading to Nonthaburi when the fire started around noon in Pathum Thani province, a northern suburb of the capi tal. A rescuer at the scene told Suriva that the fire likely started after one of the tires exploded and the vehicle scraped against a road barri-Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra

offered her condolences in a post on social media platform X, saying the government would take care of medical expenses and compensate the victims' families. The patRangsit Hospital, which is located near the scene, said in a news conference that it admitted three young girls one of whom suffered burns to the face, mouth and eve.

Couth Korea unveiled its) most powerful ballistic missile and other weapons that could target North Korea during a massive Armed Forces Day ceremony on Tuesday, as the South's president warned the North's regime would collapse if it attempts to use nuclear

South Korea's weapons displays and warning against North Korea came after its northern rival recently rose regional animosities by disclosing its uranium-enrichment facility and tested missiles ahead of the US presidential election in November. "If North Korea attempts to use nuclear weapons, it will face the resolute and overwhelming response of our military and the (South Korea)-US alliance,"

President Yoon Suk Yeol told thousands of troops gathered at a military airport near Seoul. "That day will be the end of the North Korean regime." "The North Korean regime must abandon the delusion that nuclear weapons will protect them," Yoon said. During the ceremony, the South Korean military displayed about 340 military equipment and weapons systems. Among them was its most powerful Hyunmoo-5 ballistic missile, which observers say is capable of carrying an 8-ton conventional warhead that can penetrate deep into the earth and destroy underground bunkers in North

It was the first time for South Korea to disclose that missile. The United States flew a longrange B-1B bomber during the ceremony in an apparent demonstration of its security commitment to its Asian ally. South Korea also flew some of its most advanced fighter jets. Later Tuesday, South Korea paraded its troops and weapons through the streets of Seoul, the country's capital, as part of efforts to boost military morale and demonstrate its deterrence capabilities against potential North Korean aggres-

Since taking office in 2022, Yoon, a conservative, has put a stronger military alliance with the US and an improved trilateral Seoul-Washington-Tokyo security cooperation at the centre of his security polices to cope with North Korea's advancing nuclear programme.

In recent years, North Korea has performed a provocative run of missile tests and threatened to use

PUBLIC NOTICE
To be known to all that we, ANJANI KUMAR

To be known to all that we, ANJANI KUMA BISHNOI son of SH.MADAN LAL BISHNOI an RUPA VARSHNEI wife of SH. SUNIL KUMA

erson claiming any right, interest, objectio rith respect to this property, can personal

form or write to Deputy Director (CS)/Ass

is is to inform the Public at large that Sh. Mohi, mar Mundra along with Smt. Sushma Mundra the Title Holders' in possession of 'Entire cond Floor of Freehold Built up Residentia operty Bearing Plot No. 4, Block No. F-31 shah Nagar, Shahdara, New Delhi-51' vide labe Deed duly registered as Regn. No. 2941, Bool of No. 10, No. 3668, pp. 158-169 on 27. O3. 23 in the fire of the Suit Registrar - USA Vivek (Vihar, New Fire of the Suit Registrar - USA).

No. 1. Vol. No. 3668, pp. 158-169 on 27.03.23 in the Colfice of the Sub Registrar –IV-B, Vivek Vihar, Ne Delhi. And Sh. Manish Kumar Mundra along wisht. Uma Mundra are the "Title Holders" possession of 'Entire Third Floor with Rocferrace Rights of Freehold Built up Residenti Property Bearing Plot No. 4, Block No. F-1 (rishan Nagar, Shahdara, New Delhi-51' vicale Deed duly registered as Regn. No. 2942. Book No. 1, Vol. No. 3668, pp. 170-181 on 27. 33.23 in the Diffice of the Sub Registrar–IV-B, Vivek Vihar, New Lelhi. That the original documents in relation to the Colfice of the Sub Registrar–IV-B, Vivek Vihar, New Lelhi. That the original documents in relation to the Sub Registrar–IV-B.

Not. 1, vol. Not. 360, pp. 170-181, Vol. Not. 360, pp. 170-181, Vol. Not. 360, pp. 170-181, Vol. Registra-IV-B, Vivek Vihar, Nev. Delhi. That the original documents in relation to the Schedule Plot I.e. *Plot No. 4, Block No. F-13 Krishan Nagar, Shahdara, New Delhi-51* being (i) Sale Deed dated 24,03.53 and (ii) Sale Deed dated 419.04.54 have been lost/ misplaced by the Terstwhile Owners' of the Schedule Plot and ar untraceable as on date, in lieu of which Informatio Report(s) by both the above mentioned Floc Owners, have been filed individually with Delf Police being LR No. 2166606/ 2024 & LR Nc. 2166591/ 2024 respectively, both dated 30.09.24 Also, consequent to execution of Sale Deed date 19.04.54, no transaction/ transfer pertaining to the Schedule Plot was undertaken, till execution cellinquishment Deed dated 15.10-19. Thus this notice is issued to the Public at large, it to any Person(s), Company(ies), Authority(ies Society(ies), Organisation(s), Financia Institution(s), Bank(s), HUFs etc. having an knowledge, custody or possession of the above mentioned lost/ misplaced documents or otherwishaving any claims. rights, title, interest consequence of the in the Schedule Plot consequence of the Naving and the rights.

nuclear weapons preemptively in potential conflicts with South Korea and the United States. Last month, concerns about North Korea's bomb programme further grew after it published photos of a secretive facility to enrich uranium for nuclear weapons. It was North Korea's first unveiling of a uranium-enrichment facility since it showed one at the country's main Yongbyon nuclear complex to visiting American scholars in 2010, South Korean officials say North Korea will likely try to further dial up tensions with high-profile weapons tests ahead of the US election to increase its leverage in future diplomacy with a new US government.Experts say North Korea likely thinks an expanded nuclear arsenal would help it win bigger US concessions like extensive sanctions relief.

Road ahead may be stormy, Xi warns as China celebrates 75th National Day

PTI BEIJING

hina celebrated its 75th National Day Tuesday, with President Xi Jinping issuing a stern warning that the road ahead for the Communist nation won't be smooth as it is weighed down by economic headwinds coupled with intensifying rivalry with the US and growing tensions with neighbours, including India. A large number of people attended the ceremonial flag hoisting at the sprawling Tiananmen Square in Beijing on Tuesday to celebrate the National Day as the country shut down for a week-long holiday.

Other than this, there were no festivities nor grand military parades displaying China's military might like in the 60th and 70th anniversaries of the National Day, but a rallying call from Xi asking people to prepare for hard times

"The road ahead won't be smooth and flat, there will be difficulties and obstacles. [We] might face high winds and rough

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that my client Sh. Bahadur S/o Sh. Pardeshi, R/o G-73, Block-G,

Saurabh Vihar, Jaitpur, Badarpur, New Delhi 110044 hereby debars his son Mr. Anand Kumar from all his moveable & immovable properties and has severed all his relations from them. Anybody dealing with them in any manner shall be doing so entirely at his/her cost, risk & consequences & under no circumstances my client shall be liable for T.S. VARUN (Advocate) Mob.: 9891588500

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Annual General Body Meeting of AMIA-TUL-BANAT-AL-ISLAMIA (Educational & Social Society) Registered under the Societies Registration Act-XXI of 1860, is going to be held on 27.10.2024 at the Madarsa premises Plot No. B-112, Zyed College, Shaheen Bagh, Street No. To confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting

To confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting 2. Discussion on ongoing situation of the society and other legal steps.
 To discus the auditor report and income & expenditure report with balance sheet for the financial year 2023-24.
 To elect the members of the society and confirm the membership of the applicants.
 To consider the annual report of the society.
 To appoint the auditor of the society.
 Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

the chair.
All the members of the Society i.e Life Members General Body Members are requested to attend the meeting positively.
N.B. Kindly bring your identity Proof.
Mohammad Zakarya

(Chairman of Managing Committee

VARIOUS TYPES OF BRIDGE RELATED WORKS

E-Tender Notice No. DCBL/12/ 2024/MLG, dated: 28-09-2024. Open E-Tenders are invited by the undersigne for the following works: Tender No. DCBL212024MLG; Name of works: 3-D scanning of River bed in identified bridges of N.F. Railway under Dy. CE/BR-Line Maligaon, Approximate Tender Value ₹2,89,08,960.90; Bid Security: ₹2,94,600.00. Tender DCBL232024MLG; Name of works Supplying, Installation, Testing and commissioning of Intelligent Water Level Monitoring Instruments (WLMI) for two years for Identified Important/Major oridges under Dy. CE/Br-Line/Maligaon Approximate Tender Value: ₹1,90,59,101.7; Bid Security: No.: DENGHY-18-2024; Name of Work: At Guwahati-Repairing of station ₹2,45,300.00. Tender DCBL252024MLG; Name of works Under water inspection in identified oridges by RORV. Approximate Tende Value: ₹66,41,899.23; Bid Security 1,32,800.00.**Tender** DCBL262024MLG; Name of works Portable Train Detection and Alarr system in identified bridges of N.F. Railway under Dy. CE/Br-Line/Maligaon Approximate Tender Value ₹52,80,000.00; Bid Security ₹1.05.600.00.Tender DCBL272024MLG; Name of works: Assessment of fatigue load at 09 nos major bridges (Br. No. 44UP, 73UP, 32UP 3UP, 40UP, 59DN, 209, 293DN & 270DN) by doing instrumentation and REM nalysis as per relevant Railway codes Approximate Tender Value 45,69,997.00; Bid Security ₹4.22.900.00. Tender DCBL282024MLG; Name of works Assessment of the strength of the Pier & Abutment with RDSO standard of 25T loading-2008 standard PSC Slab Approximate Tender Value: ₹5.31.86.581.6: Bid Security ₹4,15,900.00.Date of closing of Tender 21-10-2024 at 15.00 hrs. Date of opening of tender at 13:00 hrs. or 21-10-2024. For complete information Opening of Tenders: 21-10-2024 at 15.05 hrs. at office of the Deputy Chie Engineer/Bridge-Line/Maligaon

Guwahati- 781011 (Assam). For Detail please visit www.ireps.gov.in. Dy. CE/Bridge-Line/Maligaor NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

seas, even stormy seas," Xi said at a banquet on the eve of the anniversary as China tries to regain economic momentum amid an increasingly challenging set of geopolitical headwinds. "We must be vigilant in times of peace, plan ahead, and rely closely on the entire (Communist) Party, the entire army, and people of all ethnic

groups across the country," he

said. "No difficulties can stop the

Chinese people from moving

forward," he said. Heading the

Public Notice

This is to inform the general public that Mrs. Kiran Verma, Mrs. Virinda & Mr. Vivan are the Owners of DLF property bearing no. D-6/5, (block no. D-6 & olot no. 5). Area measuring 97.40 sq. mrs. Situated in the layout plan of "Krishan Nagar", In the area of village Ghondii, Shahdara, Delin 110051. Mr. Rajesh Verma was the owner of said property through 2 Sale Deed ie. Sale deed dated 18.06,2012 regd. as doc 11673 executed by Mr. Krishan Lalin favour of Mr. Rajesh Verma in respect of half undivided share of area measuring 116.5 sq. yds. of said property and Sale deed dated 01.08.2012 regd. sas doc. No. 15414 executed by Mr. Krishan Lal Lalin favour of Mr. Rajesh Verma in respect of half undivided share of area measuring 116.5 sq. yds. of said property Later on, Rajesh Verma expired on 24.09.2012 leaving behind Har Devi. Mrs. Virinda & Mr. Vivan as his legal heirs. Mrs. Har Devi relinquished her 1/4th undivided share to Mrs. Kiran Verma wich Relinquishment deed dated 15.05.2014 regd. as doc. No. 3604. Mrs. Kiran Verma wich region or concerns regarding this transaction should be raised within a period of 7 days from the date of this public notice. Ary objections submitted after the completion of this 7-days period will not be considered binding with respect to the said property or the interests of sur client.

one wishes to raise an objection, please do s

PUBLIC NOTICE

Re: Built-up Plot No. 97, area measurin 132 sq.mtr., Khasra No. 10/18, in Villag Qutubapur, Situated in Unauthorize

the "Said Property").

Notice is hereby given to the general public including Banks, Financial Institutions, etc. that, as informed by our clientess, Mrs. Hem Lata, she is the sole and absolute owner of the said property vide Conveyance Deed executed by POI through DDA (PM-Unauthorized Colonies in Delhi Awasadhikar Yojana Cell) and registered as Document No. 11381, in Book No. 1, Volume No. 12431, pages 55 to 59 on 22.09.2023 (SRO-IX). Earlier, the said property was transferred to her by Mr. Vijay Pal vide POA documents viz., Redd. GPA

Pal vide POA documents viz., Regd. GP/ Document No. 7991)) ATS and Will date. 10/12/2004. Now our clientess intends to mortgage the said property with SMFG ndia Home Finance Company Ltd., fo

any person, society, bank, financia

objection against the ownership of outlientess on the said property and

ubsequently rightful mortgage of the sai

Finance Company Ltd., by our clientess may raise his/her/their objection/s, i writing, by Registered AD post, to the undersigned, within 07 days, on addres

entioned below. Otherwise after expiry of days from the date of publication of the

tice, the said property shall be rtgaged by our clientess in favour clief India Home Finance Company Ltd d no objection shall be acceptable interpretaries.

FOR M/S INTELLECTIVE LAW OFFICES.

ENGINEERING WORKS

OVER LUMDING DIVISION

Tender Notice No.: 29 of 2024, Dated

27-09-2024: E-Tender are invited by the

ndersigned for the following work

Tender No.: DENGHY-17-2024; Name

of Work: At New Guwahati-Specia

repairs to Railway staff quarters of

running staff under the jurisdiction o

SSE/W/New Guwahati (100 Units)

Tender Value: ₹1,48,33,870.96/

Earnest Money: ₹2,24,200/-; Tender

building, platform surface, PP shed

repairing and painting of CDO office

building, repairing of road from parce

office to CDO office, repairs to leaky roo

of AC Sick line shed and othe

miscellaneous works under the

jurisdiction of SSE/W/Guwahati. Tende

Value: ₹1.35.47.958.70/-: Earnes

Money: ₹2,17,700/-; Tender No.

DENGHY-19-2024; Name of Work: A Pandu-Through repairs to 32 uni

Type-II DS building No. 67, 69, 70, 38

(All 8 units) at Rest camp (32) units

under the jurisdiction of SSE/W/E/Pandu Tender Value: ₹59.95.905.31/-: Earnes

Money: ₹1,19,900/-; Tender No.

DENGHY-20-2024; Name of Work: A

New Guwahati-Maintenance of service

building under the jurisdiction of SSE

W/New Guwahati, Tender Value

₹67,93,266.64/-; Earnest Money

₹1,35,900/-; <u>Tender No.</u>: DENGHY-21

2024; Name of Work: Repair work a

Kamakhya station & nearby service

building like CDO office, pitline, sickline

laundry room etc. Tender Value

₹79,58,014.85/-; Earnest Money

₹1,59,200/-; Date & time of closing

with the tender document of above e

tender will be available in website

Divisional Engineer/GHY, Maligad

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ww.ireps.gov.in

against such mortgage. SHIVKANT ARORA, ADVOCATE

A-74, LOWER GROUND FLOOR

vailing loan facility.

Party, the military and the Presidency, 71-year-old Xi is currently in his unprecedented third five-year term and expected to continue life-long in power. The People's Republic of China (PRC) was formed in 1949 after the Communists headed by Mao Zedong seized power in the civil war while the nationalists led by Chiang Kai-shek retreated to Taiwan, which over the years emerged as the self-governing island adhering to a democratic system.

But 75 vears on Taiwan's integration with the mainland continues to be an unfinished agenda for China's Communist Party, especially for Xi, who has been vowing to reunify it with

To be known to all that, Smt. Promila Raweri wife of Late Shri Satish Kumar Raweri, R/o 4/
63, First Floro, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi-110
015, is the absolute owner/mutate of physical ossession of D.D.A. BUILT-UP SFS FLAT NO. BG-138-B, ON FIRST FLOOR, BLOCK-BG-1, STUT/FBB-7, DR-7, DR

PUBLIC NOTICE

clients Mr. Ratan Kumar Sharma s/o Sh. R F ma and his wife Mrs. Rajni Sharma r/ A-3/34-D, Green Apartment, Paschim Vihar New Delhi-63 have severed all relations with their son Udit Sharma and his wife Himanshi Sethi due to their bad habits and bad conducts as well as being out of control of my clients in al manners. My above named clients have also from their movable and immovable properties Anybody dealing with Udit Sharma and his wife Himanshi Sethi will do so at their own risk and responsible for any act, deed or dealing done by Udit Sharma and his wife Himanshi Sethi SANJEEV DWIVED! (ADVOCATE) 48. Gaianand Block, Tis Hazari Courts, N.D-54

TO WHOMSOEVER MAY IT CONCERN

Limited, having their corporate office at G-34, Sector 63, Noida – 201301, is in the process of canceling the allotment of the residential unit bearing No. 1006, Tower-C2, in the project Panchsheel Greens-II, located at Housing Plot No. GH-01A, Sector-16, Greater Noida District Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.), which was initially allotted to Mrs.Santosh Verma. Following her demise, the said unit was transferred to her son, Mr. Mohammad Nayil. The general public is hereby notified that our client intends to cancel the allotment of Uni

No. C2-1006 at Panchsheel Greens-II, situated at Plot No. GH-01A, Sector-16, Greater Noida. District Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.), due to the inability to trace the current address of the Allottee. Several notices have been sent to the Allottee, but no response has been eceived to date. The Allottee has failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Builder Buver Agreement. In light of this, the Allottee is hereby called upon to settle their account in accordance with

he terms and conditions of the Builder Buyer Agreement within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Should the Allottee fail to come forward and settle the account within this period, any claims by the Allottee will not be entertained and shall be deemed waived and/or abandoned. Our client shall be compelled to cancel the said unit and proceed with the necessary steps to conclude negotiations, and no claims will be SANJEEV ARORA (ADVOCATE)

Enrol. No. D-259/03 Ch.-Lawver's Chamber No. K-48, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

TO WHOMSOEVER MAY IT CONCERN The general public is hereby informed that our client, M/S Panchsheel Buildtech Private

Limited, having their corporate office at G-34, Sector 63, Noida – 201301, is in the process of cancelling the allotment of the residential unit bearing No. 1902, Tower-C2, in the project Panchsheel Greens-II, located at Housing Plot No. GH-01A, Sector-16, Greater Noida, District Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.), which was initially allotted to Mrs.Rinky Kumari and Mr. Vinod Kumar Kaul.

The general public is hereby notified that our client intends to cancel the allotment of Unit No. C2-1902 at Panchsheel Greens-II, situated at Plot No. GH-01A, Sector-16, Greater Noida, District Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.), due to the inability to trace the current address of the Allottee. Several notices have been sent to the Allottee, but no response has been received to date. The Allottee has failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the

In light of this, the Allottee is hereby called upon to settle their account in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Builder Buyer Agreement within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Should the Allottee fail to come forward and settle the account within this period, any claims by the Allottee will not be entertained and shall be deemed waived and/or abandoned. Our client shall be compelled to cancel the said unit and proceed with the necessary steps to conclude negotiations, and no claims will be considered thereafter SANJEEV ARORA (ADVOCATE)

Enrol. No. D-259/03 Ch.-Lawyer's Chamber No. K-48, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

NOTIFIED AREA COUNCIL, PATNAGARH



Letter No...1882/ Dated: ...26/09/2024

C-689 1st Corrigendum Financial BID For providing smooth sanitation services, the Tender committee has decided that each

bidder must quote his rate not less than 3.85% and not more than 7% on T & P and Contractor Profit only, unless bid shall be rejected. Also, wrong computation in finance bid will be liable for rejection. For reference Estimate is enclosed.

Population as per 2011 cen

Current Population (Approx.)

OIPR-13102/11/0005/2425

Detaestimate for sweeping of streets, collection of garbage, cleaning of drains & lifting of garbage from Ward No.1 to 15 of Patnagarh NAC

21024

365 Days 2,16,56,801.00

NAC Patnagarh

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Tot	al nos. of labour required			(8	8) Nos.
Len	gth of drain				25km
Len	gth of Road	38 km			
No.	of Households		5528		
No.	of commercial units, Govt. and private institutions				
SI No	Details	Required Labour	Rate	No of Days	Cost (In Rs)
1	Sweeping of Road (Lane/by-lane) as per requirement, bush cutting and shifting of dead animals, transportation of solid waste. (Un-Skilled)	80	450.00	1	36,000.00
2	Labour (Semi-Skilled) Supervisor	4	500.00	1	2,000.00
	Labour (Skilled) Driver	4	550.00	1	2,200.00
3	TOTAL	88			40,200.00
4	EPF (13%)				5226
5	ESI (3.25%)				1306.5
6	Tools & Plants and Contractor profit (5% + 5% = 10%)				4,020
7	Vehicle (Tractor) with driver along with fuel 4 nos. Tractor (Detained hour 8 hrs & working hours 6 hours) @ 357.55 per hours.			.1	8581.20
8	GRAND TOTAL (Per Day)				59.333.70

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Korea.

OPEN TENDER NOTICE The Divisional Engineer/IV, Northern Railway, DRM Office, Delhi Division, State Entr Road, New Delhi-110055, for and on behalf of the President of India invites sealer

Name of Work	Approx Cost of Work	Earnest Money to be deposited	Completion period	Date of opening
Providing and fixing single piece spring inserted reusable seize nut for size M-25 lock nut M-25 for fish plate bolt over DLI Division. (Cost is inclusive of GST)	8171136.40	Rs 1,63,400	12 Months	22.10.2024

The tender is to be submit through railway website 'https: ireps.gov.in The tenders can be submit on website up to 15:00 hrs. on 22.10.2024 and shall be opened then

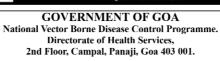
after. NO: 128-W/Sr.DEN-C/NIT-15-2024-25-WC Date: - 01.10.2024 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

E-AUCTION PROGRAMME FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER'2024

-Auction programme for Sale of Railway Scrap material under urisdiction of Dy.CMM/NFR/New Jalpaiguri for the month of OCT'2024 is hereby fixed as under:

N		Mon	th		Date Fixed				
1	(остов	R'202	24	07-10-2024			2024	
				advised					

Dy. CMM, New Jalpaigur **NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY**



Phone: 0832-2225837, Fax 0832-2222037 No: DHS/NVBDCP/CYP/2024-25/636

Email: nvbdepgoa@gmail.com

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme for supply of Cyphenothrine 5% EC (300

The Tender forms with terms and conditions may be purchased from the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme. Directorate of Health Services, Campal, Panaji Goa on all working days during office hours on payment of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) (Non-refundable) till 03.00 pm on or before 14/10/2024 The tenders will be opened on 17/10/2024 at 3.30 pm in the office of

D1/Advt/991/2024

ELECTRICAL TRD WORKS AT ALIPURDUAR DIVISION

F-Tender Notice No. AP-FL-TRD-

05-24-25-RT2, F-Tenders are invited

by the undersigned for the following

works: Tender No. AP-EL-TRD-

05-24-25-RT2. Name of work

Electrical TRD works in connection

with OHE modification work for

provision of additional goods line at

Dhupguri for simultaneous loading

unloading and handling and holding

two rakes at a time. Tender Value:

₹90,49,521.03/-. Earnest Money:

₹1.81.000/-. Date & time of closing

of tender: 15.00 hrs. of 21-10-2024

& opening at 15.30 hrs.of 21-10-

2024 at DRM/Elect (TRD)/Alipurduar

Jn. office. The complete information

with the tender document of above

e-tender will be available in website

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Reg: Upper First Floor without/roof/terrace rights, referred to as the "Said floor" built or portion of area measuring 50 Sq. Yds. "Saic portion" part of Property Bearing No. NW-23 measuring 100 Sq. yds., out of Khasra No 4/11/2, 10/1, situated in the area of Village Khyala, Delhi state Delhi, Colony known Svishnu Garden, New Delhi-110018 (Hereinafter referred to as the "Said Property".

Ivishnu Garden, New Delhi-110018 (Hereinafter referred to as the "Said Property"). Be it known to all that our client, Mrs. Nahir Khan (hereinafter called the "Purchaser' intends to purchase the said floor from Mr. S Satnam Singh (hereinafter called the "Attorney-holder). In this connection, the Attorney-holder has informed the purchaser that he is the sole and absolute attorney of the said floor vide Pod documents viz., GPA, ATS and Will dater 19.12.2023 executed by Mr. Mahesh Pal in his favour. The Attorney holder has further informed the purchaser that the said property was owned by Mr. Krishan Pal vide Pod documents viz., GPA, ATS, and Will dated 02/11/1988 executed by Ms. Kalawati, Mr. Narinder Kumar and Mr. Mahinder Singh in his favour. Mr. Krishan Pal expired and the said property devolved on his legal heirs viz. Ms Asha Rani, Mr. Mahesh Pal, Ms Seman Pal, and Ms Sunita Pal. Later on, Ms Asha Rani, Ms. Seema Pal, Ms Suman Pal and Ms Sunita Pal. Later on, Ms Asha Rani, Ms. Seema Pal, Ms Suman Pal and Ms Sunita Pal, in respect of their shares in the said portion. The said Relinquishment Deed in favour of Ms. Mahesh Pal, in respect of their shares in the said portion. The said Relinquishment Deed was registered as Document No. 14526, Book No. 1, Volume No. 26782, pages 138-142, on 23/11/2022 (SRO.)

Document No. 14526, Book No. 1, Volume No 26782, pages 138-142, on 23/11/2022 (SRO-II), Finally, Mr. Mahesh Pal transferred the said floor to Mr. S Satnam Singh vide POA documents viz., GPA, ATS and Will dated 19.12.2023. Thus, Mr. S Satnam Singh (the present Altorney-Holder) became the sole and absolute attorney of the said floor. The Attorney-holder has further informed the purchaser that the said floor is not mortagener.

purchaser that the said floor is not mortgage anywhere and there is no charge or dispute

M/s Intellective Law Offices

A-74, LGF, Defence Colony,

New Delhi-110024

Sr DEE/TRD, OP & GS,

vww.ireps.gov.in

(Dr. Kalpana Mahatme) Dv. Director, NVBDCP, DHS

RUPA VARSHNEI wife of SH. SUNIL KUMAR VARSHNEI, have applied for conversion of H. NO.5-241,PANCHSHILA PARK,NEW DELHI from lease hold to free hold vide Request Id No.1D41.78c5/CON/18072024 in DDA. The original document i.e.PERPETUAL SUB-LEASE DEED dt. 25.03.1970 of the above said property has been lost. An NCR/LR NO.21688 85/2024 dated 01.10.2024 to this effect has been lodged in P.S.Crime Branch,Delhi.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.9999257387 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.The 100 sd.yds out of Khasra no. 442 situated at Villagi Uldhan Pur in the abadi of Gali no. 4 and 5 Kanti Nagar extn., illaqa Shahdara Delhi-110051 through

gistered Sale Deed Dated 22 04 2022 executed by Sh. Mahender Singh and others vide Reg. no. 3675 at SR-IV B Delhi the above–mentioned property is going to be mortgage with SMFG India Credit Co. Ltd . If any person/ bank/ financial institution having any claim, right, lien, any objection whatsoever in regard to the above property, should notified to the undersigned Adv Vishal Mehan E-713 karkardooma court delhi 110092 along with documentary evidence under address through registered within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which any laim, lien or objection shall be deemed to have been Court, Delhi-110092; Mobile No. 9811215181

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Javed Malik and Mohd Israfil the owner of built up property bearing no. B-48/B area measuring

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Shivendra Pratap Singh R/o 3358/4, 3rd Floor, Narang Colony, Tri Nagar Delhi-35, Informed you the my minor son Shravan Pratap Singh and Sarvan Pratap Singh both are the same and one person and shall hereafter be known as Shravan Pratap Singh.

I, Dharam Wati W/o Sh. Govind Ram R/o VPO: Baghola, Tehsil & Distt. Palwal, Haryana-121102 declare that my name has been wrongly written in my son Ravinder Vashisth Army Service record as Dharam Vati.

my correct name is Dharam

Wati for all future purposes

vide afidavit no. 36AA773657

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DECLARATION ABOUT CRIMINAL CASES (As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP(Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.) Name and address of candidate: RABIA KIDWAI at 1081-P, Sector-47,

Gurgaon District Gurgaon-122108 Name of political party: AAM AADMI PARTY

Name of Election: Haryana Legislative Assembly Election-2024

Name of Constituency: **79 –NUH**

I, RABIA KIDWAI (name of candidate), a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

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India's manufacturing growth hits | Car sales fluctuate in September

eight months low in September

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m ndia's}$ manufacturing sector growth fell to an eightmonth low in September amid softer increase in factory production, sales and new export orders, a monthly survey said on Tuesday.

The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMIfell from 57.5 in August to 56.5 in September, registering the weakest pace of growth since January.

In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below 50 denotes contraction. "Momentum in

manufacturing softened in September from the very strong growth in the summer months.

"Output and new orders grew at a slower pace, and the deceleration in export growth



especially evident as the new export orders PMI was the lowest since March 2023," Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC, said.

The September PMI data revealed a mild setback in manufacturing growth across India. For the third straight month, rates of expansion in factory production and sales Moreover, international orders rose at

manufacturers marginally increased their charges in September. According to Bhandari, input prices rose at a faster rate in the slowest pace in a year-September, while factory gate

inflation

favourable

conditions,

On the price front, there were

moderate increases in input

As a result of rising

purchasing prices, as well as

greater labour costs and

costs and selling charges.

intensifying the compression on manufacturers' margin. Weaker profit growth might impact on companies' hiring demand, as the pace of employment growth slowed for a third month," Bhandari noted. Hiring growth also receded in September, reflecting a reduction in the number of part-time and temporary workers.

Going ahead, the overall level of business confidence fell to its lowest since April 2023. Around 23 per cent of Indian manufacturers forecast output growth in the year ahead, while the remaining firms predict no change. HSBC Manufacturing PMI is compiled by S&P Global responses questionnaires sent

purchasing managers in a

around

India experienced an 8% decline in retail sales, with only 4,588 units sold compared to 5,003 units in 2022. September automaker noted that new energy vehicles (NEVs) accounted for 49% of their total sales, emphasizing a shift in consumer interest amidst market challenges.

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overall sales,

October 3.

The Indian automotive market has showcased a

diverse performance among key players in September,

reflecting varying consumer

preferences and market

Talking about the stats,

reported a notable 24% surge

in SUV sales, achieving 51,062

units compared to 41,267

units in the same month last

year. The company also saw

commercial vehicles (CVs) and three-wheelers, rise 16%

year-on-year to 87,839 units.

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set to launch the much-

anticipated Thar RoXX on

Conversely, JSW MG Motor

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Kirloskar Motor reported a 14% increase in wholesales, reaching 26,847 units, up from 23,590 units last year. The brand's success is attributed to significant growth in its SUV, MPV, and small car segments, bolstered strategic operational

improvements that reduced waiting periods for popular models

Hyundai Motor India faced a 10% dip in total sales, down to 64,201 units from 71,641 units in the previous year. Domestic dispatches also fell by 6%, with exports down 25%. The

company noted that SUVs now comprise 70% of its overall sales and introduced new models to attract consumers during the festive season. In addition the domestic dispatch of vehicles to dealers saw a 6 per cent dip to 51,101 units last month from 54,241 units in the year-

ago period.
Finally, Maruti Suzuki India showcased a slight 2% increase in total sales, reaching 1,84,727 units, up from 1,81,343 units a year prior. Sales of compact cars, including Baleno, Celerio, Dzire, Ignis, Swift, Tour S and WagonR, however, declined to 60,480 units as compared to 68,551 units in the year-ago month.

However, domestic passenger vehicle sales declined by 4%, despite growth in utility vehicle sales. Exports showed positive momentum, rising to 27,728 units from 22,511 units last September. Overall, the fluctuating sales

figures reflect a complex landscape in the Indian automotive market, influenced by consumer trends, economic conditions, and approaching festive season.

Andhra Pradesh notifies new liquor policy

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Andhra Pradesh I government has notified a new liquor policy, allowing private retailers to sell spirits on the lines of Haryana and others with the state expecting to rake in Rs 5,500 crore revenue.

In a complete overhaul of excise policy based on best practices from other states Andhra Pradesh has decided retail sales of liquor through 3,736 notified private shops across the state.

The new policy will take effect from October 12, 2024, as per the notification dated September 30, 2024.

The permission to sell IMFL (Indian-made foreign liquor) and and FL (foreign liquor) will be granted to private persons or entities through a selection process, notification said.

The period of licence for



selling IMFL and FL by shops shall be from October 12, 2024 to September 30, 2026, it

shops to be licensed in 2024-26, as many as 3,396 will be in the open category, while 340 shops will be reserved for allocation to 'Geetha Kulalu'

(a toddy tapping community) with a view to empower them and promote equity and social

Out of the total number of The selection process for granting licence will be through a draw of lots and an applicant can apply for more than one shop. There shall be

justice.

of shop licences a person can hold, it added.

Applicants will have deposit a non-refundable fee of Rs 2 lakh for each shop. As per the notification, the retail excise tax (RET) ranges from Rs 50 lakh for locality with population of 10,000 to Rs 85 lakh per annum for a

corporation having population above 5 lakh during the fiscal 2024-2025. It will be increased by 10 per cent for 2025-26.

estimated to result in the state government raking in Rs 5,500 crore. The RET per annum shall be

The overall exercise is

paid in six equal advance instalments as applicable for each year during the licence period 2024-26.

As per the notification, the retailer margin will be 20 per cent on issue price across all categories of IMFL and FL, including beer, wine and RTDs (ready to drink).

For the premium stores, the notification said, "In order to provide an enhanced and high-end retail experience within the state of Andhra Pradesh, a total of 12 Premium Store Licenses shall be granted as a separate

These premium stores shall be strategically located across major municipal corporation cities namely Vijayawada, V i s a k h a p a t n a m, Rajamahendravaram, Kakinada, Guntur, Nellore, Kurnool, Kadapa, Anantapur or any other city as notified by the state government from time to time, it added.

A cabinet sub-committee of the state government had studied the excise policies of states such as Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Ňadu, Kerala, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh and also took extensive feedback from key stakeholders, before framing the latest policy.

had assessed performance of the existing policy with respect to public health impact and other critical metrics including revenue generation efficiency

SEBI to enhance F&O regulations

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Capital markets regulator Sebi is expected to take measures regarding the Futures and Options (F&O) segment very soon, in a bid to enhance investor protection, its senior official said on Tuesday.

In addition, Sebi has urged the government to introduce tax breaks for subscribers of municipal bonds, which are crucial infrastructure development. The regulator will make a case

for a tax break for municipal

bonds during a meeting with

the finance commission, the regulator's whole time member Ashwani Bhatia said Since 1997. municipalities have raised Rs 2,700 crore through bonds for infrastructure projects. Talking about F&O, Bhatia said," Sebi is very soon going to do something about F&O.

Study has come (recently)". The regulator, in its consultation paper recently, tighten the rules for index derivatives-revise the minimum contract size and require upfront collection of option premiums intra-day monitoring of position limits, rationalisation of strike prices, removal of calendar spread benefit on expiry day and increase in near contract margin. implemented, these measures

would help in improving risk management and increase transparency in the derivatives

In its consultation paper, the regulator had suggested to revise the minimum contract size for index derivatives in phases, considering market growth.

In phase 1, the minimum contract value at the time of introduction should be between Rs 15 lakh and Rs 20 lakh. After six months, phase 2 will raise the minimum value to between Rs 20 lakh and Rs 30 lakh. The current minimum contract size of Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh was last set

A recent study by Sebi revealed that 93 per cent of over 1 crore individual F&O traders incurred average losses of around Rs 2 lakh per trader (inclusive of transaction costs) during the three years from FY22 to FY24. The aggregate losses of individual traders exceeded Rs 1.8 lakh crore over the three-year period between FY22 and FY24

CAG: Development of hinterland essential for India's goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047

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Without the development of hinterland, India cannot become Viksit Bharat or a developed nation by 2047, Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) Girish Chandra Murmu said on Tuesday.

Noting that decentralisation of power has not taken to the extent it should have happened, he said, gram sabha or rural bodies are yet to get its due importance in the federal structure.

"Without the development of grassroots level at the local level, we cannot achieve

Viksit Bharat. More than 50 governance, development.

(Viksit Bharat goal).

that if everyone take one step, we will have 1.4 billion steps... That is why Jan Bhagidari is important," he

panchayats and 7,000 urban local bodies in the country. He empahsied the need for strengthening of local bodies

available in regional and

international languages. Based on Facial Recognition

Technology (FRT), Digi Yatra

provides for contactless,

passengers at various check

foundation is the nodal agency

for Digi Yatra, which was

introduced in December 2022.

The shareholders of the

foundation are Airports Authority of India (AAI), Cochin International Airport

Ltd (CIAL), Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL), Delhi International

Ltd

Airport Ltd (HIAL) and

Mumbai International Airport

(DIAL),

International

not-for-profit entity, the

seamless movement

points at airports.

Airport

Hyderabad

Ltd (MIAL).

so that efficiency of government schemes are achieved and the sooner it happens, the better it is for the country. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) cannot be achieve without strengthening local bodies, he said, adding, that accounting and auditing play

important roles in flow of funds to the local bodies. corporations

Lenders recover ₹ 3.5 lakh crore through IBC: IBBI Chairperson

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Last lake crore through enders have recovered Rs resolution of stressed assets under the insolvency process in the last eight years, a period during which NCLT approved 1,000 resolution plans, IBBI Chairperson Ravi Mital said on Tuesday.

Insolvency The Bankruptcy Code (IBC) provides for a market-linked and time-bound resolution of stressed assets. The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of (IBBI) are

This is the lowest price of jet fuel this year. The price

reduction, the second in a

month, will help ease the burden of airlines for whom

fuel makes up for almost 40

per cent of the operating cost. Prices were on September 1 cut by Rs 4,495.5 per kl, or 4.58 per cent. The ATF rate in

Mumbai was reduced to Rs

81,866.13 per kl on Tuesday from Rs 87,432.78 previously.

Prices differ from state to

state depending on the incidence of local taxes.

Alongside, oil firms increased

the price of commercial LPG



institutions in the IBC ecosystem.

In the last two years, NCLT has cleared 450 resolution foundation day of the IBBL

directly by lenders, of which Rs 1 lakh crore was in the last two years. Under the IBC, the recovery is about 84 per cent of the assets' fair value, as per official data.

Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran said a continuously improving and evolving bankruptcy system is important for economic

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PARAMJEET SINGH GETS WARM FAREWELL

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MOU BETWEEN CCRH AND SRMIST



Homoeopathy has officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST). The partnership aims to enhance collaborative research infrastructure of SRMIST.

5000 LIGHTS TO BE INSTALLED IN NARELA

NARELA: On Sunday a ceremony was held in the Comfort Zone to commemorate the birth anniversary of martyr Bhagat Singh. The event's organizer Dheeran Maan shared that hundreds of tractors and vehicles formed a rally.



.GNDU 'B' ZONE ZONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL CONCLUDED



AMRITSAR: Zonal Youth Festival of Zone 'B' of the Guru Nanak Dev University was concluded in Dasmesh Auditorium of the

REC SIGNS MOU WITH GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN

NEW DELHI: REC Limited has signed MoU with Govt of Raiasthan, Department of Finance during the Rising Rajasthan Investors meet today. As per MoU, REC will provide Rs. 50,000 Crore annually to finance projects for a period of six years.



Digi Yatra to be made available in regional, international languages

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Digi Yatra, which seeks to provide seamless movement at airport check points, will be made available in regional and international languages, according to a senior official.

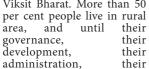
The facility is now available at 24 airports and is expected to be rolled out at 4-5 more airports in the coming months.

Digi Yatra Foundation CEO Suresh Khadakbhavi on Tuesday said a pilot project is likely by June next year for connecting two countries with

Digi Yatra. Under the pilot project, foreign citizens will be able to use Digi Yatra.

Speaking at the CAPA India Digital Aviation Summit in the national capital, Khadakbhavi said a campaign will be started to sensitise passengers about the facility.

While Digi Yatra is slowly gaining traction, concerns have been expressed in various quarters about the privacy of data of the passengers. He said Digi Yatra will be made



resources are not augmented, we will not be able to reach As our prime minister says

There are about 2,60,000

With regard to urban local bodies, the CAG said, municipal cannot be given permission to raise resources from market if they have not followed proper accounting

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Tet fuel, or ATF, price was on

Tuesday reduced by 6.3 per cent to its lowest level this

year, while the rate of commercial LPG used in

hotels and restaurants was

hiked by Rs 48.5 per 19-kg cylinder in the monthly revision done in line with

international oil price trends.

Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF)

price was cut by Rs 5,883 per

kilolitre, or 6.29 per cent, to Rs 87,597.22 per kl in the national capital, according to

state-owned fuel retailers.



bottle.

plans. This accounts for 45 per cent of the 1,000 such plans approved in the last eight years, Mital said at a function to mark the eighth

According to him, Rs 3.5 lakh crore has been recovered

monthly increase. Prices were hiked by Rs 6.5 per cylinder

on August 1 and by Rs 39 on September 1. The three rounds of increase follow The Board of Directors of Reliance Infrastructure Limited monthly reductions. In four price reductions, rates were cut by Rs 148 per 19-kg cylinder and now in three rounds of increase, prices have gone up by Rs 94 per Commercial LPG now costs Rs 1,692.50 per 19-kg cylinder in Mumbai, Rs

1,850.50 in Kolkata and Rs 1,903 in Chennai. The rate of cooking gas used in domestic households, however, remained unchanged at Rs 803 per 14.2-kg cylinder. State-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL), and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) revise prices of ATF and cooking gas on the first of every month based on the

average price of benchmark

international fuel and foreign

exchange rate.

Jet fuel prices cut, LPG hiked approves US \$ 350 million by Rs 48.5 to Rs 1,740 per 19-kg cylinder. This is the third straight **fundraise**

approved an Employees Stock Option Scheme (ESOS) for all employees of the Company and its Company and its subsidiaries. ESOS provides for grant of upto 2,60,00,000 fully paid-up equity shares of INR 10 each, representing

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(Reliance Infrastructure) on Tuesday approved raising of funds upto US\$ 350 million (INR 2,930 cr) to VFSI Holdings Pte. Limited, an affiliate of Värde Investment Partners, LP, a leading global alternative investment firm. The FCCBs will be unsecured and will have ultra-low cost coupon of 5% p.a. with a long maturity of 10 years. The FCCBs will be convertible into Equity Shares at INR 330 per share. The Board of Directors also

approximately 5% of the Company's fully diluted

INBRIEF

Cornoration Limited was given farewell on his retirement on Monday



MANE LEADS AIR RIFLE DOMINANCE WITH DOUBLE GOLD

It was double delight for Parth Rakesh Mane as he was crowned junior world champion in 10m air rifle and also claimed a team gold to lead India's impressive performance at the ongoing ISSF Junior World Championship in Lima, Peru. In a thrilling 24-shot final, the 16-year-old Mane overcame a field oozing class with consummate ease, shooting 250.7 to edge out reigning junior Asian champion Huang Liwanlin of China by 0.7 points.

Braden Peiser of the USA took the bronze medal. Paris Olympic silver medallist Victor Lindgren of Sweden was fourth while reigning double junior champion Romain Aufrere was sixth.

Parth's own compatriots, the in-form Ajay Malik and the seasoned-at-15 Abhinav Shaw finished fifth and seventh

in shoot-off to Lindgren to finish with 186.7 while Abhinav bowed out in seventh with 144.2.

Mane also won the men's team event alongside Ajay Malik and Abhinav Shaw. India's third gold of the day came when Gautami Bhanot, Sambhavi Kshirsagar and Anoushka Thakur also picked up the junior women's 10m

air rifle team title. Earlier in the 62-strong qualification round, Malik secured second place with a score of 628.8, followed by Mane in fourth with 627.7, and Shaw in sixth with 627.0 after 60 shots.

Their combined total of 1883.5 easily surpassed teams from the USA (1877.6) and Germany (1873.9) to win the team gold.

Two other Indians in the fray Umamahesh Maddineni (625.5) and Talwar Singh (625.2) finished 13th and 14th respectively.



Three Indians also made the junior women's air rifle final but missed out on individual

Gautami Bhanot finished second in the 90-strong qualification field with a score qualification field with a score of 634.7 as China's Wang Zifei topped with a junior world record score of 635.7.
Shambhavi Kshirsagar finished fourth (632.6) and

Ojasvi Thakur (631.4) qualified in fifth place. Anoushka Thakur was 17th with 627.5, while Saumya Khedkar was 20th with 627.4. Gautami then finished fourth in the final going down to the in the final, going down to the bronze-winning US athlete by 0.2 after the 20th shot. She finished with a score of 209.3. Shambhavi (188.4) was fifth and Oicyi (146.1) howed out and Ojasvi (146.1) bowed out in seventh place.

Gautami and Shambhavi, however, combined effectively with Anoushka Thakur to clinch the team competition, bossing USA with a junior world team

Norway was third.

Indians also competed in the junior men's and women's skeet competition at the shotgun ranges but couldn't

reach the finals. Gurfateh Singh Sandhu finished 29th with a score of 112 in qualification, while Bhavtegh Singh Gill shot the same score in the junior men's skeet to finish 31st on

Harmehar Singh Lally was 44th with 107.

countback.

In junior women's skeet, Mansi Raghuwanshi was the best placed Indian in shotgun. Her score of 109 giving her 8thplace as she missed out on qualification by a point. Mufaddal Dessawala and

Shivani Raikwar shot scores of 98 each to finish in 30th and 31st positions respectively. With five gold medals till

date, India continues to lead the overall medal tally at the championship.



Ronaldo scores winner for Al-Nassr in AFC Champions League Elite

AP ■ RIYADH

ristiano Ronaldo scored Cthe winning goal as Al-Nassr of Saudi Arabia defeated Al-Rayyan of Qatar 2-1 in the AFC Champions League Elite group stage on Monday. The five-time Ballon d'Or

winner missed Al-Nassr's opening 1-1 draw against Al-Shorta of Iraq two weeks ago because of a viral infection. On Monday, he had a goal ruled out for offside, but his shot into the top corner with 14 minutes remaining in Riyadh proved to be decisive.

Former Liverpool forward Sadio Mane headed home for Al-Nassr just before the break and the points seemed secure when Ronaldo added a second.

Al-Rayyan came back in the game three minutes from the end when Roger Guedes scored from close range.

title, hung on, however.

Riyad Mahrez scored his first goal of the season as Al-Ahli of Saudi Arabia won at Al-Wasl of the United Arab Emirates 2-0 for a second straight win.

The Algerian attacker, who joined the Jeddah club from Manchester City in 2023, had been struggling for fitness. Mahrez opened the scoring

after just three minutes. He ran on to a long pass from defender Roger Ibanez and shot home from inside the area. He returned the favor seven minutes before the break as his corner was headed home powerfully by Ibanez. Elsewhere, Al-Sadd of Qatar defeated Esteghlal of Iran 2-0, whose Tehran rival Persepolis drew with Pakhtakor of

Uzbekistan 1-1.

HI announces 40 probables for national camp to prepare for home series against Germany PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Hockey India on Tuesday announced a 40-member core probable squad for the senior men's national coaching camp in Bengaluru to prepare for the upcoming two-match home series against world champions Germany. The team for the two matches

against Germany to be played at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium here on October 23 and 24 will be selected from the camp. The camp will run from October 1 to 19.

The team heads into this camp following their recent successes that include a second consecutive bronze medal at the Paris Olympics and a successful title defence at the Asian Champions Trophy in

The focus will be on honing



skills of the players and strategies during matches, a Hokey India release said. India captain Harmanpreet Singh said the camp will help in ensuring that the team is well-prepared and in peak

before facing condition Germany. 'Playing against the world champions is a tremendous opportunity for us to showcase our abilities, and having an exciting mix of players in this camp will allow us to improve our strategies and build the cohesion needed," he said.

"Each player in this core group brings unique strengths and varying levels of experience and we'll be focusing on how to harness these individual talents and help us grow as players. "Our objective is to create an environment where everyone

pushes each other and by the

Singh; 2. Amit Rohidas; 3. Harmanpreet Singh; 4. Sumit; 5. Sanjay; 6. Jugraj Singh; 7. Amandeep Lakra; 8. Nilam Sanjeep Xess; 9. Varun Kumar; 10. Yashdeep Siwach; 11. Dipsan Tirkey; 12. Mandeep

Midfielders: 1. Rajkumar Pal; Midtielders: 1. Rajkuma 2..., 2. Shamsher Singh; 3. Manpreet Singh; 4. Hardik Singh; 5. Vivek Sagar Prasad; 6. Nilakanta Sharma; 7. Moirangthem Rabichandra Singh; 8. Mohammed Raheel Mouseen; 9. Vishnukant Singh; 10. Rajinder Singh; 11.

Poovanna CB Forwards: 1. Abhishek; 2. pusnes each other and by the end of this camp, we want to be an even stronger and better coordinated team."

THE PROBABLES:

Goalkeepers: 1. Krishan Bahadur Pathak; 2. Pawan; 3. Suraj Karkera; 4. Mohith

Defenders: 1. Jarmanpreet

Forwards: 1. Abnishek; 2. Sukhjeet Singh; 3. Lalit Kumar Upadhyay; 4. Mandeep Singh; 5. Gurjant Singh; 6. Angad Bir Singh; 7. Aditya Lalage; 8. Boby Singh Dhami; 9. Sudeep Chirmako; 10. S. Karthi; 11. Maninder Singh; 12. Shilanand Lakra; 13. Dilpreet Singh.



Pegula out of China Open after a 4th round loss to Badosa

Daula Badosa reeled off 11 of the last 12 games in a 6-4, 6-0 victory over US Open finalist Jessica Pegula at the China eighth career quarter-final at a WTA 1000-level event.

From 3-1 down in the opening set, former No. 2-ranked Badosa dominated in her firstever win over third-ranked Pegula.

"She's one the of the players I never want to face -- she's very solid, hits very flat, changes very well direction," said Badosa, who was 0-3 previously against Pegula. "I prepared myself for a battle, but I think today everything

worked pretty well. "Every point was very important for me, especially against Jessica, because she can come back at any moment." Badosa next faces 35-year-old Chinese player Zhang Shuai, who continued her resurgence with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Magdalena Frech of Poland.

Zhang entered the China Open on a 24-match losing streak and ranked No. 595, but she's yet to drop a set in four

matches this week. includes eliminating US Open semi-finalist Emma Navarro in straight sets for her first win over a Top 10 player in two years.

hang women's tour quarter-final since Tokyo in 2022, and her first at a WTA 1000 tournament since Cincinnati in the same year.

Later Tuesday, No. 14-ranked Anna Kalinskaya was scheduled to meet Yuliia Starodubtseva of Ukraine, before the marquee women's match of the day between fourtime major winner Naomi Osaka and sixth-ranked Coco

Gauff. It will be the first meeting between the two Grand Slam champions in over two years, with the head-to-head series tied at 2-2.

On the men's side, Carlos Alcaraz was playing fifth-ranked Daniil Medvedev in the first semi-final, with the Spaniard holding a 5-2 advantage in their head-tohead history.
Defending champion and top-

ranked Janner Sinner was set to face No.

Mumbai City FC hope happy homecoming against high-flying Bengaluru FC

 M^{umbai} City FC would look to notch their first win of the Indian Super League (ISL) this season and move up the points table when they face high-fi Bengaluru FC in a clash between two heavyweights here on Wednesday.

Bengaluru have made a commanding start, winning all their three outings so far to sit atop the points table, while Mumbai are surprisingly placed at 11th after two away matches, with just one

Mumbai have found the back of the net in their previous eight matches at home and are looking to equal their longest such ISL run, having done so in nine meetings between October 2022 and February

Interestingly, they have also won their previous three matches versus Bengaluru. Bengaluru have scored one-third of their goals in the competition this year within the opening 15 minutes, the highest such rate for any team so far.

Mumbai City head coach Petr Kratky said his team needs to avoid conceding goals from set-pieces.

We need to get better in the area where The 24 teams are divided into two groups of 12 - one based in the west and one in the east -with the top eight from each progressing to the round of 16.



going. We need to analyse and identify what's (going) wrong and have to find why. The 'why' is very important.

"If we know why we're conceding, why we're losing, or why we're not getting the points, then we can figure out what to fix. So, this is our and my first goal."
On the other hand, BFC head coach

Gerard Zaragoza expressed his happiness at the impressive start but admitted that they cannot afford to slow down yet. "Let me enjoy. Three games, three wins, and we are happy. But it's too early," he

"Mumbai City FC will be there, and Odisha FC will be there. We are going to Mumbai, and it will be difficult there. The two sides have face each other on 16 occasions in the tournament, with Mumbai winning on eight instances, as against seven victories for Bengaluru. One match ended in a draw.

Meanwhile, Bengaluru FC legend and former India captain Sunil Chhetri has netted nine times versus Mumbai City in the competition. He will be aiming to become the first Indian to score on 10 occasions against a single opponent in the

Al-Nassr, seeking a first Asian Women's soccer on a high as new Asian Champions League launches

Women's soccer is on a high in Asia after some World Čup performances that captivated nations, raising expectations for the new AFC Champions League.

North Korea's win over Japan in the women's Under-20 World Cup last month has the women's game back in focus across the continent.

Australia's run to the semifinals at the Women's World Cup it co-hosted last year with New Zealand drew record crowds and attention to the talent in the region.

Now, the continental club championship has been revamped and the group stage of the Women's Asian Champions Lagrangian Champions League launches this week with the Urawa Red Diamond Ladies flying the flag

for Japan. The Reds defeated South

Korea's Incheon Red Angels in the final of the Women's Club Championship in May, a pilot tournament for the AFC's Women's Champions League, and would like nothing page and would like nothing more than to repeat that success. "To have two Asian nations in the (under-20) World Cup

final is good for Asia and good for us, too, as we have rivals to compete with," Urawa coach Naoki Kusunose said. We are grateful for this new challenge in club soccer - and

we want to move on to the next step and win the Women's AFC Champions League." 12-team tournament, including four teams that advanced through a through preliminary stage, is divided

into three groups of four. Urawa kicks off against India's Odisha on Thursday and will go on to face Ho Chi Minh City and Taiwanese team Taichung Blue Whale.

The Group C games will take place in Vietnam as each group is played in a single venue over nine days, with the placed teams. The semi-finals

top two advancing to the quarter-finals next March along with the two best third-

and final will be held in May of Australia's Melbourne City is in Group B and kicks off against Iran's Bam Khatoon in Thailand. Melbourne City who will also face Kaya-Iloilo of the Philippines and Thailand's College of Asian Scholars.

"For women's football in general in Asia, it's a great opportunity," Melbourne City coach Michael Matricciani

"To be in the inaugural campaign, it's an honor for us representing Australia , and also an opportunity for silverware and to test ourselves against the best in Asia."
Incheon Red Angels are in

Group A along with Sabah of Malaysia, China's Wuhan Jiangda and Abu Dhabi Country Club from the United Arab Emirates.

Football Asian Confederation has confirmed that the champion will receive at least USD 1.3 million in

prize money.
"We are confident that the

competition will empower women in Asian football, contributing to gender equality and breaking down societal barriers, to make a positive impact on the growth of the women's game," AFC president Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa said in a statement.

With varying degrees of professionalism in the women's game across the continent, going deep into the tournament can make difference financially.

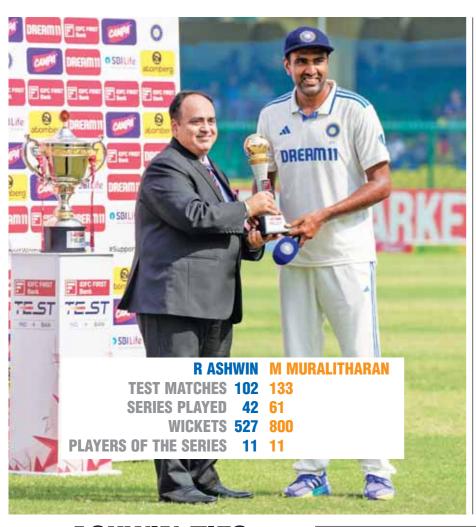
There are concerns, however, that the new tournament does not reflect the reality of women's soccer in Asia.

FIFPro Asia/Oceania, part of a worldwide organization representing 65,000 soccer players, compiled a report on the tournament in August based on 88 players who participated in the pilot Women's Club Championship. It found that just 62% of players in the tournament identified as professional, less than half earned more than USD 10,000 from soccer per season and a quarter reported that the sport was not their primary income.

FIFPro wants more cooperation between the AFC and other stakeholders.

"Whilst the potential of the women's game in Asia is immense, we must ensure it is developed in a way that is responsive to the lived realities illustrated in this report," said Kathryn Gill, a FIFPro board member and former Australia international.

'This can only occur through establishing a genuine partnership between the AFC, leagues, clubs and players, and not through unilaterally overlaying regulations that are fit for men's competitions onto female competitions.



We were willing to get all out for 100: Rohit on India's boldplay in Kanpur Test

India were willing to take the risk of being bowled for 100-odd in its bold push for a result in the weather-hit second Test against Bangladesh, said Rohit Sharma after the hosts pulled off a dramatic win here on Tuesday.

India managed to win the game comfortably on day five despite two full days were lost due to wet outfield at the Green Park Stadium. Even on day one, only 35 overs possible. After bowling out Bangladesh for 233, India batted in T20 mode to smash 285 in 34.4 overs before declaring their first innings. Having lost two batters overnight. Bangladesh batters overnight, Bangladesh were bowled out in their second innings at stroke of lunch and India ended the game in the second session.

Once we lost two and a half days, when we came on day 4 we wanted to get them out as quickly as possible and see what we can do with the bat. When they got bowled out for 230, it wasn't about the runs we



get but the overs we got at them," said Rohit at the postmatch presentation.

To make a game out of it on that pitch was a superb effort. It was a risk we were willing to take because when you're trying to bat like that, you can be bundled out for a low score. But we were ready for it even if we got bowled out for 100-120. It was India's record extending 18th series win in a row at home. Among the new players, Rohit was pleased by Akash

Deep's relentless effort.

"He's been good (Akash Deep). Lot of domestic cricket he has played. When you come up through the ranks like that, there are a lot of overs in the legs. He has the quality and the skill. Good body as well - can bowl long spells. You have to make sure you prepare your bench strength," said the skipper.

It was the first Test series under new head coach Gautam Gambhir who overtook the responsibility from Rahul

Dravid. "We had a fantastic time (with Dravid) but life moves on. Gautam Gambhir, I've played with him and know what sort of mindset he comes in with," said Rohit

Ashwin was named player of the series for his all-round show. He rated the improbable win was "massive" in the context of World Test Championship.

"When we bowled them out

yesterday, it was little after lunch. Rohit was keen that we needed 80 overs to bowl at

"And the moment he came inside out and gave that talk where we're going to go after it even if we get out under 230. It's not only him saying it, he went out there and hit his first ball for six. He set the tone that way," said the premier spinner. Opposition skipper Najmul Hasan Shanto said that team's batting through the two Test series let them down.

"Both the Tests we didn't bat well. In these conditions we need to bat well. If you look at our batters - we played 30-40 balls and got out. It's important in a Test match, when batsmen get in, you should look to score ig runs," said Shanto.

"The way Ashwin and Jaddu batted at that time (in Chennai after India were six down) they batted really well. As a bowling unit we need to look at those moments - how we can get those wickets. That partnership cost us that game," added Shanto.

ASHWIN TIES OF THE SERIES MARK

Indian off-spinner Ravichandaran Ashwin has etched his name in the records book once again, equalling the most number of Player of the Series in Test cricket's history, with his stellar performances in Bangladesh series Ashwin now stands with Sri Lankan spinner Muttiah Muralitharan

They both now shares the 11 Player of the Series accolades, Ashwin performance in the Bangladesh series conquered many records in history of cricket. Ashwin's took 11 wickets and scored 114 runs in both the innings two Test matches

Ashwin performances throughout his test career gave many cherish moments for India, In first test match in Chennai his crucial knock of 113 runs gave team a fighting total and took 6 wickets in second innings for winning the Test match.

number of Player of the series, Back from his Test debut in 2011 he has only played in 42 series so far. On the other hand Sri Lankan legend Muralitharan featured in a total of 61 series for Sri Lanka during his 18-year-long career and won the Player of the Series award on 11 occasions.

In the list of most number of Player of the Series Ashwin alongside with muralitharan tops the list followed by Jacques kallis (South Africa)-9, Imran Khan (Pakistan)-8, Richard Hadlee(New Zealand)-8, Shane Warne (Australia)-8.

For India Sachin Tendulkar and Virender Sehwag are second in the list of India

the Series awards in Tests five number of occasions they were rewarded. Virat Kohli has three Player of the Series awards to his name in Tests, whereas Kapil Dev, Anil Kumble, Harbhajan Singh, and Rahul Dravid in their careers with four Player of the Series awards each.

Ashwin who considered as an All-rounder batting at number eight scored six centuries allowed him to match New Zealander Daniel Vettori who scored five centuries batting at lower order for their team. The 38 year old spinner currently ranks number two in ICC Test All-rounder rankings.

Ashwin's heroic show in the second Test against Bangladesh has tossed him to the top of the wicket-takers list in the ongoing 2023-25 World Test Championship (WTC) cycle.

He has taken 53 wickets from 10 matches at an average of 21.18 and a strike rate of surpassing Hazlewood, who is second in the list of most wicket takers with 51 wickets.

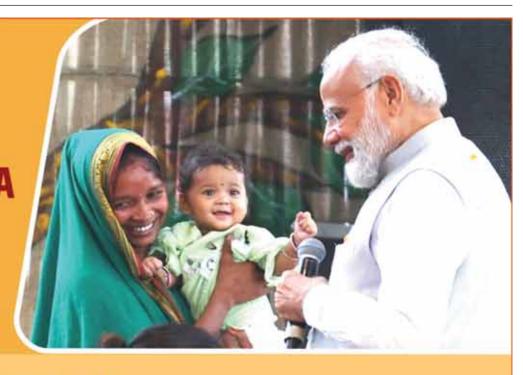
It would be an epic battle to see in the upcoming Border Gavaskar Trophy later this year in Australia which might be his last Border Gavaskar feat in Australia currently he is second most wicket taker after Nathan Lyon in Border Gavaskar Trophy.

This achievement further highlights Ashwin's crucial role in India's Test cricket success marks as one of the greatest spinners of his generation. Ashwin's ability to adapt to different conditions and bowl effectively in all phases of the game and made him a nightmare for batsmen

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Sabalenka extends winning streak, Osaka to play Gauff at China Open

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Aryna Sabalenka's domi-nant hard-court season showed no signs of slowing down as she cruised to a 6-2, 6-2 win over Ashlyn Krueger at the China Open on Monday for her 14th consecutive vic-

The three-time Grand Slam winner started her streak with a title at Cincinnati in August and continued with a run to the championship at the U.S. Open earlier this month. She also won the Australian Open earlier in the year.

The second-ranked Sabalenka converted five of her seven breakpoint opportunities in a lopsided contest against Krueger and will next face Madison Keys, hoping to equal her career-best 15 consecutive victories set in 2020-

Beatrice Haddad Maia of

Brazil. Haddad Maia won the Korea Open last week but struggled to combat the baseline power of Keys.

Former No. 1 Naomi Osaka continued her positive start with new coach Patrick Mouratoglou with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Katie Volynets, advancing to a round of 16 match against sixth-ranked Coco Gauff.

It will be the first meeting between the two Grand Slam champions in more than two years, with the head-to-head series tied at 2-2.

"It's going to be a really cool test for me," Osaka said. "She's played really well this year. I'm excited to play the match, and I know people are excited to watch the match.

Osaka, who returned from maternity leave at the start of this season and is No. 73 in the current rankings, fired Keys had a 6-3, 6-3 win over five aces and produced three service breaks