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

PTI KAZAN

Russia-Ukraine conflict should be resolved in a peaceful manner and India is ready to possible cooperation towards it, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday during his talks Russian President

Putin hours after arriving in coordination and "deep trust" this central Russian city to attend the 16th BRICS summit. In his televised opening remarks, the Prime Minister conveyed to the Russian leader that New Delhi "fully supports" the early return of peace and stability in the region.

Modi also said that his second Vladimir Putin. visit to Russia in the last three Modi held bilateral talks with months reflected "close"

between countries."We are in constant touch on the issue of ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine. As I said earlier, we

> "We fully support the early return of peace and stability. All our efforts give priority to

> believe that problems should

be resolved in a peaceful manner," the Prime Minister

provide possible cooperation in times to come," he said. "We have the opportunity to discuss all these issues," he added.

On his part, Putin noted the "good condition" of trade turnover between Russia and India. In his remarks, Modi also referred to his summit talks with the Russian leader in Moscow in July. Our annual summit resulted in strengthening cooperation in every field, he said.

The Prime Minister also congratulated Putin on Russia's successful presidency of BRICS. Many countries want to join the grouping now, he added. "It is a matter of great pleasure for me to have the opportunity to visit a beautiful city like Kazan for the BRICS summit. India has deep and historical ties with this city," Modi said.

"The opening of India's new consulate in Kazan will further strengthen these ties," he added. It is learnt that the Ukraine conflict figured prominently at the meeting. In the summit talks on July 9 in Moscow, Modi told Putin that a solution to the Ukraine conflict is not possible on the battlefield and peace efforts do not succeed in the midst of bombs and bullets. Weeks later he travelled to Ukraine. In his talks with Zelenskyv Modi said both Ukraine and Russia should sit together without wasting time to end the ongoing war and that India was ready to play an "active role" to restore peace in the region. India has been maintaining that the conflict in Ukraine must be resolved dialogue through diplomacy



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

We are trying to restore the trust: **Army Chief**

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With India and China reaching an agreement on patrolling along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh, Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi on Tuesday said as of now "we are trying to restore the trust" and both sides will have to "reassure each other" to achieve this.

His assertion in New Delhi came a day after India announced an agreement with China on patrolling. China on Tuesday confirmed that it has reached an agreement with India to end the standoff between the two armies in eastern Ladakh.

It means both the armies will now resume patrolling in their respective zones as was the practice before May

Following the Galwan clash in June that year, both sides deployed a large number of troops on the LAC leading to heightened tension.

Hoax threats leave financial scars

RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

While there seems to be no end to the menace of bomb threat messages targeting Indian airlines, as about 80 more flights, operating on domestic and international routes, received fresh threats from Monday night to Tuesday, it has also had a huge financial impact on the airline operators who already under financial stress, operations stakeholders like security forces logistics and regulatory bodies to under take the drill to ensure safe flight.

According to estimates from aviation industry sources, it costs about Rs one to three Crores, on an average, to undertake the security drills and the burden is on all the stakeholders government to the private agencies. Which means given

the total of 180 flights that have undergone the process after the hoax calls an additional burden of about Rs 300 Crore. "Following the laid down

protocols, relevant authorities were immediately alerted, and all security procedures strictly adhered to, as per guidance from the regulatory authorities and security agencies," an Air India spokesperson said in a statement. Protocols for the Bomb Threat

Assessment Committee (BTAC), is convened in the event of a bomb threat call to an aircraft or airport, to tackle the spate of the ongoing "random" Internet-based threats being made to various Indian airlines.

On Monday night, the BTAC that assembled at seven airports of Delhi, Mumbai, Jaipur, Pune, Mangalore, Bengaluru and Kozhikode "hoax or



More CRPF schools get bomb threats

SAUMYA SHUKLA

Days after the crude bomb blast outside the Central Reserves Police Forces (CRPF) public school in Delhi's Rohini area, an email threat was received at the central agency's school in Telangana's Hyderabad on Tuesday threatening to blow up five schools across the country. However, official sources later confirmed that the email turned out to be a hoax.

According to police sources, an email was received in a CRPF school in Medchal near Hyderabad threatening to blow up three CRPF schools in Delhi and Hyderabad, and Kendriya Vidyalayas within the forces' office premises in other cities. The three CRPF schools

include two in Delhi (Rohini and Dwarka), one in

nonspecific" bomb threat messages sent to 30 flights belonging to three carriers -The protocol undertaken by Air India, Vistara and Indigo. The threat was assessed as "non specific" as it was found that one X handle posted these "bombs onboard" messages for 10 flights each

(Telangana);

Hyderabad

premises at Panchkula (Haryana) and Rampur (Uttar Pradesh). Deputy Commissioner of Police, Dwarka, Ankit Singh said, "The CRPF school in Dwarka did not receive any

while the two Kendriya

Vidvalayas are within the

paramilitary forces' office

message or mail regarding the same. However, the message was shared to us by stay alert.

of these three carriers between 10.46 pm and 11.42

the BTAC has been tweaked and a fine assessment, acting on a set of new 'red flags', is being undertaken now, the

Kalyan Banerjee ko gussa kyon aata hai?



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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

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

Parliamentarians who had gathered for a discussion on the Joint Committee on Waqf (Amendment) Bill. Banerjee was suspended for one day from the parliamentary committee on the Waqf Bill after his theatrics. He later emerged with a bandaged hand, escorted by fellow

Sources at the meeting said the TMC MP smashed a glass water bottle and threw it

towards panel chair man

Jagdambika Pal of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), during a heated exchange of words with BJP's Abhijit Gangopadhyay, a former Calcutta High Court judge.

This is the second time Banerjee has made news for had mimicked a presiding officer of the Parliament. The act was condemned by the President of India, Prime Minister and his Cabinet colleagues. According to sources, the

panel voted nine-eight on a resolution moved by BJP MP Nishikant Dubey to suspend Banerjee for a day for his choice of words for the panel chairman, and for smashing a glass bottle and throwing it towards Pal. After the meeting concluded, Banerjee refused to talk to reporters about

the incident. After being administered first aid, Banerjee was seen being escorted back to the AAP leader Sanjay Singh.



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

Blast at Jabalpur Ordnance Factory, many injured

PNS JABALPUR

More than a dozen workers were injured in a powerful blast at the Ordnance Factory Khamaria in Madhya Pradesh's Jabalpur district on Tuesday morning, an official said. The blast took place at around 9.45 am when explosive material was being filled in the bombs at a refilling section of the factory, the official from the establishment said.

Among the injured persons, two were in a serious condition and admitted to a hospital. Another worker was missing and was possibly trapped meeting room by AIMIM | under the debris of the section chief Asaduddin Owaisi and | in which the blast took place, he said.

The blast was so powerful that it was even heard by people a few kilometres away, as per eyewitnesses. The Ordnance Factory Khamaria is one of the major ammunition production units under the Department of Defence Production.

More than a dozen workers received injuries in the blast and efforts were on to locate a missing worker, who was possibly trapped under the debris of the building, the official said. A probe has been ordered into the incident and the exact cause behind the blast will be known after completion of the investigation, he said. Fire brigade and security staff of the factory launched a relief and rescue operation, the official added.

Delhi is most polluted city: IQAir STAFF REPORTER

 $E^{\mathrm{ven}} \ \ \mathrm{before} \ \ \mathrm{the} \ \ \mathrm{arrival} \ \ \mathrm{of}$ with along with several cities of north India is gasping for clean air as air quality has degraded to alarming levels over the past few days. Based on the real time data, Delhi ranks top on he list of most polluted in the country. It was the second-most polluted city in the world on Tuesday, a live ranking on IQAir's a Swiss based air quality monitoring website indicated, after only Lahore in neighbouring Pakistan. AQI in Lahore recorded 394.

A layer of smog engulfed Delhi and surrounding areas, including Noida, on Tuesday morning, even as the air quality plummeted to the 'very poor' category at 327, followed by Haryana's Jind where the AQI stood at 311.

Meanwhile, out of 36 monitoring stations in the National Capital, 26 are in the red zone, with the AQI recorded in the "very poor" category, according to data from the Central Pollution Control Board. These stations



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

include Anand Vihar, Bawana, Dwarka, Jahangirpuri, Mundka, Narela, Patparganj, Rohini, Shadipur, Sonia Vihar, Wazirpur, Alipur, Ashok Vihar, Aya Nagar, Burari, Mandir Marg, and others. A thick layer of fog was seen in areas like Anand Vihar, Kalkaji, Nehru Place, and Akshardham Temple, as Delhi's air quality continued to deteriorate.

contributing Factors significantly to pollution include transportation, stubble burning, and dust pollution, from with emissions transportation accounting for approximately 11.45 percent of Delhi's air pollution, according to the Centre's Decision

Support System for Air Quality

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

to ease traffic congestion,

among others.



Driving to Gurgaon? Pack a meal, and a diaper

District administration has identified 18 hot spots on the city roads

BY PARVESH SHARMA

To tackle traffic congestion in the city, the Gurugram district administration has identified 18 spots on the city roads which have reported heavy traffic movement and congestion. The officials have asked traffic police and other departments to take correctional steps in this regard.

These places include Delhi-Gurugram Expressway, Sohna Road, Delhi-Jaipur Highway, Sheetla Mata Road, Old-Delhi Road and other major roads. The city administration recently wrote to traffic police asking for a reduction in jams at the identified spots. Officials have advised enforcement and increased police presence on roads so that road congestion is cleared quickly.

"We conduct drives to reduce congestion and ensure traffic movement remains smooth. We have also increased the presence of

traffic police personnel at these 18 hot spots and the enforcement has been made strict. We are also conducting awareness among the vehicle owners to follow traffic rules," Virender Vij, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic) told The Pioneer.

Another traffic congestion reason is rain. A few hours of rain causes severe water logging in different areas of Gurugram, which in turn results in traffic disruption in the city. The traffic police have also identified more than 55 places in the city, including major key points on the expressway, that witnessed water logging due to rain.

Rainwater collected at various spots also hampers the traffic movement on the Delhi-Jaipur Expressway. The traffic movement at this major junction of the expressway slowed especially when two-wheelers and wheelers faced huge inconveniences due to rainwater.



Among the 18 spots identified are Ambience Island, Iffco Chowk, Subash Chowk, Hero Honda Chowk, Umang Bhardwaj Chowk, Sohna Chowk, Kherki Daula toll plaza, Dwarka Expressway, Huda City Centre, Hero Honda Chowk, Subhash Chowk Underpass and Subhash Chowk.

Gurugram Deputy Commissioner has asked authorities to take strict measures to check violations of traffic norms. He asked officials to launch a drive to check wrong parking, ferrying of dangerous goods and seizure of old vehicles that are not allowed to ply on roads.

The city traffic police department said they have increased police presence at these hot spots and measures in line with the Graded Action Response Plan (GRAP). Traffic police issued over 24,000 penalties in the previous month. Offences include wrong-side driving, helmet-less riding, wrong parking, jumping signals, underage driving, speeding, without a driving licence, without a highsecurity number plate, using a mobile phone while driving, overloading, and driving without seat belts.

"To make people aware of traffic rules in Gurugram, people should follow the traffic rules in public places so that they can save themselves and their families from road accidents and avoid being victims effort is being made by the traffic police in Gurugram to get rid of the problem of traffic jams and ease the traffic in the cyber city by taking continuous action against the violators as per the rules," Vij said.

'To curb the traffic menace across Gurugram we have been organising special drives from time to time. We have issued a clear direction to the traffic personnel to be present on the roads and curb traffic violations, he added.



U'khand Congress a divided house before candidate selection in Kedarnath bypoll?

 $F^{\mathrm{issure\ lines\ within\ the}}_{\mathrm{State\ unit\ of\ Congress}}$ party have widened over candidate selection for the Kedarnath Assembly bypoll. On Tuesday, the spokesperson of Uttarak-hand Congress Sheeshpal Singh Bisht accused the observers appointed by the All India Congress Committee (AICC) of failing to observe a transparent process of candidate selection. Bisht is one of the 12 leaders who have staked claim for the party's ticket in Kedarnath. He told The Pioneer that it is a norm that party observers first submit their report to the Pradesh Committee (PCČ), after which it prepares a panel of names in consultation with party leaders and sends it to the party high command. Bisht said that it has come to his notice that the observers have bypassed the PCC and

sent their report directly to

the party's State in-charge Kumari Śelja, which clearly shows that there was no transparency in the entire process adopted by the observers. He said that the appointment of observers without taking the PCC president Karan Mahara was also a major mistake.

Bisht alleged that some people are trying to foist a candidate of their choice in Kedarnath Assembly bypoll due to which there is anger among the leaders who have staked their claim for Congress party's ticket in Kedarnath. The Congress spokesperson said that he and some other contenders for the party ticket will go to Delhi to apprise the party high command about the prevailing situation and register their protest.

The AICC has appointed Ganesh Godiyal as the senior observer and deputy

leader of Congress legislature party (CLP) Bhuwan Kapdi, Badrinath MLA Lakhpat Singh Butola and Jhabreda MLA Virendra Jaati as the observers for the crucial bypoll.

The appointment of Godiyal as senior observer is being viewed as the proof that the party has reposed its faith in him in the crucial battle of Kedarnath byelection. However his appointment irked the supporters of PCC president Mahara as he was not consulted by State in-charge Kumari Śelja on the issue.

Former MLA Manoj Rawat, former cabinet minister Harak Singh Rawat and the president of the district Congress committee of Rudraprayag, Kunwar Sajwan are key contenders for the party ticket in Kedarnath.

No internal strife over ticket allocation in BJP, not waiting for Congress: BJP

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The Bharatiya Janata Party ■ stated on Tuesday that there is no internal conflict within the party regarding the Kedarnath Assembly by-election and it is not waiting for the Congress to announce its candidate. The BJP State media in-charge Manveer Singh Chauhan stated that the BJP has a systematic process for declaring candidates and the responsibility of securing victory ultimately rests with the public. Responding to a statement by the Congress, Chauhan said that the notion of discord within the BJP is baseless. "The BJP is a workerdriven party where discipline is paramount. Every decision is made democratically and with consensus, ensuring that all workers are respected," he said. He also pointed to internal strife within Congress, highlighting recent developments. "The power struggle within Congress was exposed last week when a separate team of observers was an-

nounced for the Kedarnath by-election by the party's State in-charge, contradicting the team earlier declared by the State president. Now, multiple observer teams are filing conflicting reports, causing further delays in finalising a candidate," Chauhan added. He expressed confidence in BJP's readiness for the by-election. "The BJP has completed all preparations, from booth-level workers to district-level leaders and is deeply engaged with the public. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and with chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami's efforts, significant milestones have been achieved in the development of Kedarnath valley. The work done to provide basic amenities to the people in the region is unprecedented," he said, adding that BJP is certain to receive the public's blessing in the upcoming election due to these

BJP, Congress leadership tread cautiously on candidate selection for Kedarnath bypoll

The candidate selection **▲** for the crucial Assembly by-election in Kedarnath is turning out to be a very tough exercise for both the BJP and Congress. The fear of revolt, dissensions and even party hopping by the prospective candidates has prompted the central leadership of both these parties to tread cautiously on the issue of candidate selection.

The process of the filing of the nomination papers started on Tuesday with the Election Commission notification for the bypoll. However, considering the continuing dilemma on selection of candidates it is unlikely that both Congress

and BJP will declare their official candidate soon.

Interestingly, the names of two BJP leaders are said to be in the panel of both BJP and Congress which means that if BJP does not give tickets to these leaders, the Congress is likely to give its ticket to any one of them.

Meanwhile, the observers appointed by the All India
Congress Committee
(AICC) have sent their report with the panel of candidates to the State party in-charge Kumari Selja. She will now hold one to one online interaction with the observers on Wednesday.

On the other hand, the State parliamentary board of BJP has sent the names of former MLA Asha Nautiyal, Kuldeep Rawat, Aishwarya Rawat (daughter of previous MLA Shaila Rani Rawat), Chandi Prasad Bhatt, Kuldeep Azad Negi and Colonel (retd) Ajay Kothiyal to the central parliamentary board. However, considering the possibility of revolt by a couple of leaders, the BJP high command is learnt to have asked the opinion of State leaders on some other names which includes former chief minister Tirath Singh Rawat and daughters of former Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) late General

BJP releases list of 40 star campaigners for Kedarnath bypoll

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In order to lend pace to its campaign for the Kedarnath Assembly bypoll, the Bharatiya Janata Party released a list of 40 star campaigners on Tuesday. The list includes various national and State level leaders including cabinet ministers. The list reoffice includes BJP State president and Rajya Sabha MP Mahendra Bhatt, chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, national general secretary and State in-charge Dushyant Kumar Gautam, State co in-charge Rekha Verma, Union minister of State and Almora MP Ajay Tamta and Rajya Sabha MP Naresh Bansal. The star campaigners also include former chief ministers Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Trivendra Singh Rawat, Vijay Bahuguna and Tirath Singh Rawat along with Nainital-Udham Singh Nagar MP Ajay Bhatt and

Garhwal MP Anil Baluni. The cabinet ministers named in the list include Satpal Maharaj, Dhan Singh Rawat, Subodh Uniyal, Ganesh Joshi, Rekha Arya and Saurabh Bahuguna. The other party leaders named as star campaigners include Ajaey, Aditya Kothari, Bharat Singh Chaudhary, Anil Nautiyal, Bhupal Ram Tamta, Deepti Rawat, Dan Singh Rawat, Asha Nautiyal, Jogendra Pundir, Samir Shashank Rawat, Chandi Prasad Bhatt, Mahavir Singh Panwar, Rishi Kandwal, Raghuvir Singh Bisht, Amardei Shah, Sumant Tiwari, Shakuntala Jagwan, Vachaspati Semwal, Vijay Kaparvan, Dinesh Unival and Dinesh Bagwadi. With this development, the BJP has taken a lead on the Congress, which is yet to announce its star campaigners for the by-

CM warns of punitive action on laxity in road repair works

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Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami reviewed the progress of the potholefree roads campaign at his residence on Tuesday. He directed the officers to ensure that the road repair works should be completed on a priority basis. On a stern note, the CM warned that strict action would be taken against the officers found engaged in laxity in the road repair works and delay in completion of the patchworks. He said that the officers should ensure that people get access to safe transportation in the State.

The CM also directed the officers to promote local products during the ongoing festive season. He said that proper arrangements should be made for the sale of local products. Dhami appealed to the people to purchase local products during the festival. This will not only help the local entrepreneurs, farmers



impetus to campaigns such as local for vocal' and Atmanirbhar Bharat, he said. The CM also directed the officers of the Health department to undertake an intensive campaign to prevent adulteration in food items. He said that the department should take samples of food products regularly. He said that the traffic should be managed properly and it should be ensured that the

venience while travelling during the festive season. Principal secretary RK Sudhanshu, secretaries Shailesh Bagauli, Vinay Shankar Pandey, additional director general of police AP Anshuman and Mussoorie Dehradun Development Authority vice chairman Banshidhar Tiwari and others were also present in the meet-

CS orders Health Dept to keep adequate number of oxygen concentrators in Char Dham

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Chief secretary Radha Raturi has directed the Health department to keep an adequate number of oxygen concentrators at the Char Dham, other tourist places and hotels located at high altitude. She said that a large number of oxygen plants were installed during the Covid-19 pandemic and efforts should be made to use these in ensuring a safe Char Dham Yatra and safety of tourists. Raturi said this while chairing a meeting

of 12th governing body meeting of Uttarakhand Health and Family Welfare Committee at the secretariat on Tuesday. She also directed the officers to make maternal death audits mandatory to reduce maternal mortality rate and ensure effective coordination between the Health department and the National Health Mission (NHM). In order to achieve the target of making the state TB-free by 2025 she directed that the TB prone areas should be identified for a special campaign.

Raturi said that special focus should be laid on improving medical services and human resources instead of building more buildings and infrastructure in the health and medical sector. The CS also directed the department to increase health literacy at the grassroots level in the state.

She also approved the proposal for rationalisation of honorarium of personnel working under NHM Ut-tarakhand. Financial approvals for various works of central oxygen pipeline and oxygen plant in Community Health Centres (CHCs) at Salt and Chaukhutia, oxygen plant and shed works in Sahaspur and Doiwala CHCs were also given in the meeting.

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Three dead, four minors injured in Pauri accident

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sustained injuries after a pickup truck veered off the road and plunged down the mountainside between Rasiya Mahadev and Thakulsari Badi near Thalisain in Pauri on Tuesday. According to the police, the incident occurred around 2 PM when the three deceased, driver Anand Singh (60), Mohan

Three senior citizens informed that the bodies died and four minors of the three men were of the three men were transported to Bironkhal Hospital with the help of locals. They said that the four children who were passengers in the vehicle were rescued by villagers and sent to the Bironkhal Hospital. One of the injured children was later referred to Ramnagar for further treatment due to the severity of his injuries.



Singh (65) and Arjun Singh (60) were in the vehicle and four school students, Sonu (16), Anurag (14), Aditya (14) and Ayush (11) hitched a lift from them.

The driver reportedly lost control of the vehicle due to which it veered off the road and fell down the mountainside. The police

The search and rescue team of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) also arrived at the accident site and conducted a thorough search of the wrecked vehicle and the surrounding area to ensure no other victims were trapped. The police said that the investigation is ongoing.

Forest department to set up new units to boost pirul collection and use

Step aimed at checking forest fires while boosting income of locals

The Forest department will set up seven new pirul (dry pine needles) based units in the State to enhance the collection and use of pirul for making briquettes and palettes. This decision comes following the directions of chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami and Forest minister Subodh Unival for measures to boost pirul collec-

tion and utilisation in order to check forest fires while also boosting the income of locals. Officials said that the department is working to set up at least one briquette/palette unit in the pine covered ranges of forest divisions while also setting the target for pirul collection.

The divisional forest officers concerned have been directed to boost the operation of the units currently in operation to ensure cent per cent use of the pirul to enhance production of briquettes and palettes. Approval has also been granted for setting up seven new units including three in Almora, two in Champawat and

In addition to this, the department officials have also been directed to coordinate with the district magistrates concerned, district industry officers and other officials concerned to set up new units. Officials further informed that the department has set a target to set up at least one briquette/palette unit each in the 57 ranges of pine covered forest divisions with more than 5,000 hectare area with pine

one each in Garhwal and

Narendranagar.

The initiative of the de-

partment to focus on increasing the number of collection and briquette/palette units is expected to help in checking forest fires while also boosting the income of locals. The inflammable pine resin is considered to be a major factor responsible for forest fires which are witnessed every year in Uttarakhand.

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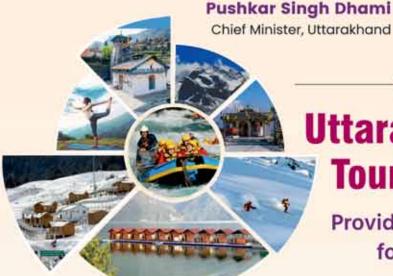
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EXPERIENCE THE AMAZING CONFLUENCE OF DEVOTION. CULTURE AND ADVENTURE

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

> Narendra Modi Prime Minister



Uttarakhand **Tourism Sector**

for investment.

Uttarakhand is called the 'land of

gods'. The state not only boasts of

breathtaking natural beauty, but also

offers travelers a unique opportunity

traditions through homestays. In such

For weddings, it has become a **New Destination.**

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

Devbhoomi is a religious, spiritual, a destination wedding location. a large number of couples tie the knot in the sacred bond of matrimony at pllgrimage town of Rishikesh, it is currently emerging as a major popularity both domestically and abroad. Uttarakhand also offers hill stations like Auli, known as 'Mini

> Due to the developed facilities for tourism and pilgrimage in Uttarakhand, the attraction towards wedding destinations here is increasing. After the Prime Minister's slogan 'Wed in India,' it is now expected that the Dhami government will work swiftly in this direction. The 'Wed in India' movement will, in the coming times, establish Uttarakhand as the perfect destination for weddings. This will not only boost local businesses but also create new livelihood

a situation, the homestay running Uttarakhand Tourism under 'Deendayal Upadhyay Grih Awas Yojana' has not only provided around 5000 self-employment to the local people. but it is also making a significant contribution to the economy of the state. The homestay system has these homestays gained momentum under the Deendayal Upadhyay Grih Awas cottages to traditional Yojana' started by the Uttarakhand wooden houses that government. The objective of this reflect the region's scheme is to uplift the economic architectural style, condition of the local people by providing them a sustainable source of income. Under the scheme, local people get the opportunity to host domestic and foreign tourists at their Switzerland, for those looking to marry own homes. In this way tourists get an in the lap of nature. opportunity to understand the indigenous cuisine, local culture, historical heritage, traditional hill lifestyle and art of Uttarakhand. about which they had not heard

Ranging from cozy cottages to traditional wooden houses that reflect the architecture of the region, each homestay offers tourists a comfortable and welcoming connect with the local community.

Continuous development of rural tourism with Uttarakhand Homestay Scheme

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

The development of homestays in Uttarakhand has had a positive impact on the economy of the state. These accommodations provide tourists with to experience the local culture and not only unique and presently with Department there are registered homestays listed. Nestled in the lap of Himalayas in provide comfortable

tourists a welcoming and comfortable environment, allowing them to connect with the local community. The development of homestays in Uttarakhand has had a positive impact on the state's economy. These accommodations provide tourists with not only a unique and personalized experiences but also promote local Through this they are reaching places businesses by creating employment opportunities. As a result, their contribution is strengthening the local economy. Homestay owners often collaborate with local artisans, farmers, and service providers. This promotes local supply chains and sustainable development. Homestays have played a environment, allowing them to crucial role in curbing migration from the state. Homestays have played a



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

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

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

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

You must visit these charming places:

These picturesque places situated in the lap of nature will touch your heart.

There are many such places in the charming natural wealth of Uttarakhand, which are no less than a treasure. If you come to Devbhoomi then definitely visit these places. Away from the hustle and bustle of tourists. these lesser-known destinations make your trip more exciting. You are able to connect directly with nature. lush green delightful Pangot of



From the picturesque Kartikeya you haven't even imagined before. A Swamy Temple to the tranquil village visit to these places will give you an of Peora, the breathtaking views of experience to be remembered Khirsu and the untouched beauty of throughout your life. Sachin Kurve, CEO Mandal, places like this have a unique of Uttarakhand Tourism Development charm. Don't forget to enjoy Board, says that these lesser-known birdwatching among the birds in the destinations of Uttarakhand offer a glimpse of the rich cultural heritage of Chaukori. The peaceful atmosphere of the state. For example, Kartikeya Gwaldamakh Abbott Mount, Swami Temple is situated in the Shitalakhet and Nagathat are places beautiful landscape of Uttarakhand. It that provide coolness to the mind. reflects traditional architecture and These hidden treasures of spiritual significance. We are Uttarakhand are inviting you to go on a promoting offbeat destinations in unique journey. Surely you will be every nook and corner of the state and impressed by the peace and natural our aim is to provide unique beauty of this place. Believe it, you will experiences to tourists and promote be able to reach such a place, which sustainable tourism development.

A UNIQUE CONFLUENCE OF UNSEEN ADVENTURES

significant role in preventing migration

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

When it comes to adventure tourism in the country, Uttarakhand has become a favorite destination for adventure lovers due to its diverse landscapes. There is no dearth of exciting activities here. You get to play many exciting sports here and that is why this state provides an extraordinary experience for adventure lovers around the world. Many tourists come to Uttarakhand only to participate in these activities. For adventure lovers, there are many exciting sports and activities available here including river rafting, trekking,

hiking and bungee jumping. TREKKING AND HIKING

You can travel to remote places of Uttarakhand through trekking and hiking. Here one can enjoy trekking on the traditional Roopkund track amidst lush green forests and grasslands or

passing through the valley of flowers can give a pleasant feeling. For long walkers, Kedarkantha and Gaumukh Tapovan tracks provide a memorable experience of a lifetime.

BUNGEE JUMPING

Also known as the Yoga Capital of the World, Rishikesh is also known for its high-intensity adventures as it is the site of the highest bungee jumping in the entire country. Thrill lovers who want to defy gravity come here to go bungee jumping amidst the spectacular Himalayan hills.

Auli, located in Chamoli district, is

known as the center of skiing lovers. Adventure lovers visit Auli to find their way through its winter wonderland with snow-capped mountain slopes. This spectacular venue is also famous

for hosting the National Winter Games, where athletes get the perfect opportunity to showcase their

RIVER RAFTING

The rivers of Uttarakhand not only enhance the beauty of the state but also excite the lovers of white water rafting who come here for the thrill. When tourists conquer the rapids through white water rafting or boat on the water during a serene canoeing or kayaking in the Ganges, Tons and Alaknanda rivers, they definitely get to experience different thrills.





PARAGLIDING

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





Udham Singh Nagar SSP announces Rs MCD deploys extra workforce 5 bounty on fugitive shootout suspects

PNS DEHRADUN

 $F^{\text{ollowing a recent shootout}}_{\text{in Jafarpur, Udham Singh}}$ Nagar district, where more than 50 rounds were fired, the senior superintendent of police of the district Manikant Mishra has announced a reward of Rs five each for the arrest of three of the accused. This decision has drawn attention, as it flips the traditional perception that the bigger the reward, the more dangerous the criminal. This is possibly the first time an SSP in Uttarakhand declared such a low amount as a bounty on the accused's head. The incident reportedly resulted from a dispute in the Jafarpur area between two men Manmohan Singh and Rakhvir Singh, over a commission of Rs seven lakh. On the night of October 12, both parties involved reportedly confronted each other near a vacant lot at the Jafarpur petrol pump, leading to a violent clash where over 50 rounds were fired, injuring nine peo-



ple. Following the incident, police registered an FIR based on Manmohan's complaint against Rakhvir, Sahab Singh alias Sabi, Kanwal Singh, Jashandeep Singh, Jitendra Singh, Karan Singh and some other unidentified persons. Meanwhile, the other side, represented by Gurwant Singh, also lodged an FIR against Manmohan, Harendra, Manpreet, Gopi, Harman, Jassi, Harendra,



head of each of the three main absconding accused, Jasvir, Manmohan and Sahab Singh, citing the criminal history of the accused. Mishra said that by minimising the bounty, he aims to challenge the perception that criminals with high

bounties are inherently more dangerous, attempting to demoralise those seeking notoriety. He said that he came to know that these accused use cases registered against them and bounty announced on their head as a means to brag among locals and used it to create a sense of threat among them to achieve their personal benefits. "By declaring a low bounty of Rs five on these accused, I aimed to let such offenders know that they are not worthy of anything more than this. They are nothing more than mere offenders in front of the law. They exaggerate a sense of power among locals to establish a reign of terror. I aimed to take this power from these accused," he said The SSP also informed that the police have sought non-bailable warrants from court against the eight accused in the case and will put all of them behind bars

for Deepawali cleanliness drive

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iii. Elimination of child labour or children in distress

L Corporation of Dehradun (MCD) has deployed 24 additional vehicles and 40 sanitation workers in view of Deepawali. A special drive will target areas prone to garbage accumulation, in collaboration with local shopkeepers as waste generation increases during the festive

The Dehrdaun municipal commissioner Gaurav Kumar stated that the city's garbage output spikes to 450-500 metric tonnes daily during Deepawali, compared to the average quantity of about 350 metric tonnes on a daily basis. He informed that the MCD has deployed 16 JCBs, eight tractor trolleys and 40 workers to enhance waste collection and dis-

Municipal posal during the festival season. Besides this, sanitation inspectors will also monitor cleanliness efforts and be held accountable for any lapses. Kumar assured that all preparations for maintaining sanitation during the festival are in place.

> Meanwhile, several sanitation workers involved in door to door garbage collection service delayed their duties

children/children with disabilities

v. Child psychology or sociology

on Tuesday morning, citing unpaid allowances from the companies that hired them. They also demanded their Diwali bonus sooner. However the companies' representatives claimed that

the MCD recently deducted a significant amount from their monthly charges and is also yet to pay them some dues due to which they are unable to pay to their sanitation

workers. Talking about this, Kumar said that the MCD will soon issue the pending funds and the workers will get their pending allowance and bonuses within two days.

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Mrs Nagma Parveen w/o Mohd Tausif resident of Lane C13 Turner Road, Clementown

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NSUI leader climbs tower, members protest seeking student union election date

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A leader of the National Students Union of India (NSUI) Harish Joshi climbed a mobile phone tower at DAV PG College to protest the delay in announcement of the student union election date on Tuesday. Joshi vowed to remain atop the tower till concrete action is taken. Efforts were underway to convince him to come down though he was on the tower till the time of this report media to declare that he being filed. Student leaders would remain at the top of

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The Sports and Youth Welfare minister, Rekha

Arya, announced the estab-

lishment of a youth commis-

sion to oversee the youth pol-

icv in Uttarakhand. Stating

this while chairing a meeting on the State's youth policy on

Tuesday, Arya emphasised

that various aspects of the pol-

icy need to be reviewed and

assigned officials to develop

the proposal based on con-

sultations with young people.

She directed the officials to

consider different demo-

graphics, including male and

female youth, youth from

border areas, those affected by

disasters and youth from SC,

ST, EWS and OBC back-

grounds. The aim is to create

a policy that reflects the sen-

timents, needs, challenges and

important suggestions of the youth, she said. Arya further

said that in collaboration with

the Planning department and

the Youth Welfare depart-

ment, efforts would be made

Rawat expresses

concern over delay in

student union election

Former chief minister Harish Rawat has expressed concern over the delay in appropriate of the concern of the delay in appropriate of the concern of the conc

tion date in Uttarakhand. He said this in response to NSUI

leader Harish Joshi climbing a tower to protest against the

delay on Tuesday. Rawat stated that he felt very tense wit-

nessing Joshi's actions. He urged the government to declare

the student union election date as soon as possible. Further,

he made it clear that if the government continues to ignore

the students' demand for the student union election, he would

Youth commission to help in

monitoring youth policy: Arya

to create a robust youth poli-

cy that can be implemented by

the coming Youth Day on January 12, 2025. She also

instructed the officials to

incorporate significant sug-

gestions concerning young

women and girls into the pol-

icy. Additionally, Arya direct-

ed the departmental officials

to arrange for registration

through an online portal to

recruit youth volunteers for

the upcoming National

Games. She emphasised that

both young men and women

should be given equal oppor-

tunities to volunteer in the

National Games, adding that

the Youth Volunteer Portal

(YUP) will be launched once

the date for the Youth Festival

is confirmed, she said. She fur-

ther said that all district mag-

istrates should engage with the

youth from border areas to

gather essential suggestions for

the youth policy, ensuring

that the proposal aligns with

the needs of the stakeholders.

also be willing to climb a tower like Joshi did.

over the delay in announcement of the student union elec-

PG College students recently organised a protest on announcement of the student union election date. Stepping up the protest, Joshi climbed the tower at DAV PG College on Tuesday morning. His companion also joined in raising slogans while protesting at the base of the tower. Joshi took to social

from NSUI and other DAV the tower until officials campus against the delay in to maintain order and

took action. Reaching the site, the police took action prevent escalation. Meanwhile, other NSUI members rallied to the residence of Education minister Dhan Singh Rawat but were held at a barricade by the police.

Central/State Government should route their applications through proper channel. Songzalian) Under Secretary to the Government of India CBC-46101/11/0007/2425 क्या आप आज पर्यावरण के लिए काम करना चाहते हैं? एक बेहतर कल बनाने के लिए नामांकन करें !!

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i. Child Education

जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय (एम.ओ.ई.एफ एण्ड सी.सी) ने हरित कौशल विकास कम से कम 18 वर्ष या उससे अधिक है, चयनित अभ्यर्थियों को मास्टर प्रशिक्षक (एमटी) / विशेषज्ञ के रूप में तैयार करने हेतु निम्न प्रशिक्षण कार्यकम प्रस्त्त किया जा रहा है।

न्यूनतम शैक्षिक

प्रमाणपत्र

पाठ्यक्रम का

माननीय प्रधानमंत्री जी के **कौशल भारत** | पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय **मिशन** के अनुसरण में पर्यावरण, वन और | (एमओईएण्डसीसी) से संबंधित प्रतिष्ठित संस्थानों में प्रशिक्षण प्रदान किया जायेगा। प्रारम्भ में लिखित परीक्षा / साक्षात्कार में भाग लेने और प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम में सम्मिलित होने के लिए कोई कार्यक्रम (जी.एस.डी.पी) प्रारम्भ किया है, टी०ए०डी०ए० नहीं दिया जायेगा। मास्टर प्रशिक्षक के रूप मे जिसके तहत इच्छुक अभ्यर्थी जिनकी आयु । आपको विभिन्न पर्यावरणीय क्षेत्रों में युवाओं के कौशल विकसित करने में लगाया जायेगा, इस प्रकार आप भारत के 'ग्रीन स्किल्ड वर्कफोर्स का राजन करेगें। पाठ्यक्रम प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम एनएसडीए, कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्रालय के राष्ट्रीय कौशल योग्यता फ्रेमवर्क (एन.एस.क्यू.एफ) के अनुसार होगें पाठ्यक्रम पूरा करने पर सफल उम्मीदवारों को प्रमाण पत्र दिये

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Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Grihum Housing Finance Limited (formerly known as Poonawalla Housing Finance Limited as the name Poonawalla Housing Finance Limited changed to Grihum Housing Finance Limited with effect from 17 Nov 2023 (Previousl known as Magma Housing Finance Limited and originally incorporated with name of GE Money Housing Finance Public Unlimited Company herein after referred as Secured Creditor of the above Corporate/ Register office under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Asse and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred as the "said Act") and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12 of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice below dated calling upon the bel Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has take

possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule of the said rules of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002 on this 17th Day of October of the Year 2024. The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will b subject to the charge of secured Creditor the amount and interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset Details of Property taken in possession are herein below

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Place: DEHRADUN

IN BRIEF

Bodhgaya to be connected to **Buddhist circuit: Maharaj**

DEHRADUN: The State Tourism and Culture minister Satpal Maharaj said that efforts will be made to connect Bodhgaya where Lord Buddha attained divine enlightenment to the Buddhist circuit and Patna Sahib Gurudwara to Paonta Sahib while inaugurating the two-day Travel and Tourism Fair (TTF) hosted by the Bihar government in Patna on Tuesday. Dwelling further on the tourism master plan, he said that Punpun, the tributary of Ganga in Bihar where Pind Daan is offered would be linked to Brahmakapal located in Badrinath and Baidyanath Dham at Deoghar in Jharkhand, one of the 12 Jyotirlingas of India, would be linked to Kedarnath Dham. He also spoke of the Vibrant Village scheme and the State government's initiatives to promote winter tourism. Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar were also pre-

4 Patanjali graduates receive **CCRAS** scholarship

HARIDWAR: Four graduates of Patanjali Bhartiya Ayurvigyan Evam Anusandhan College (PBAEAC) were awarded scholarships for 2023-24 by the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) during a programme held here on Tuesday. The graduates who were awarded the scholarship are Priyanshu Parija, Ishita Agarwal, Shraddha Sharma and Suyash Dubey. Addressing the programme, Acharya Balkrishna said that intensive research is being done on Ayurveda to present it on the world stage in a fact-based and scientific form. Congratulating the graduates who received the scholarship, he said that these students will help Ayurveda regain the global prestige it enjoyed in yesteryears.

SRHU awarded A + Grade by NAAC

DEHRADUN: The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) team awarded Swami Rama Himalayan University (SRHU) Jolly Grant, the A + Grade following a three-day visit to the university by the team. They made the announcement after evaluating the university's academic and research quality as well as its administrative and infrastructural systems. The team also held discussions with students, alumni, parents and staff. Hailing the achievement, the SRHU president Vijay Dhasmana said that the university would continue to strive for excellence in teaching and research, adding that each achievement comes with greater

SPICMACAY organises programme at All Saints' College

NAINITAL: To keep the young generation connected with ised at All Saints' College in collaboration with SPICMAČAY (Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth). Padma Shri recipient singer Bharti Bandhu and his team presented the main musical performance. Indu Bhushan, CV Vachaspati Bharti and Bhushan Bharti present-ed songs together with Komeshwar Sahu on the table, V Pavas Bharti on the dholak and Dharmendra Chakradhari on the synthesiser. The presentation involved the devotional compositions of Kabir, Rahim and Amir Khusro. Bharti Bandhu congratulated the principal of All Saints' College Kiran Jeremiah for the institution being ranked first among vintage legacy girls day cum boarding schools in India by Education World.

I&B ministry director checks sanitation in Doon offices

DEHRADUN: Information and Broadcasting ministry director Meenu Batra conducted a Swacchata Survekshan at the Akashvani and Doordarshan Kendra along with the regional offices of the Press Information Bureau and CBC here on Tuesday. Appreciating the cleanliness programme underway in these offices, she exhorted the staff to make efforts for increasing public participation. Appreciating the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam campaign launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in June, she also planted a sapling in the Akashvani & Doordarshan Kendra compound. Batra also issued some directions to the officers and employees during her visit.

KU professor presented with Excellence in Academic Award - 2024

NAINITAL: Political Science professor at DSB campus of Kumaun University, Mohit Singh Rautela has been awarded the Excellence in Academic Award - 2024 by the Society of Agricultural Research and Social Development (SARSD) New Delhi and Southern Federal University, Russia. He received the award for his presentation at the International Conference ICAATS-2024 (International Conference on Advances in Agricultural Technology and Allied Sciences) jointly organised by SARSD and Southern Federal University Russia. The conference was held on September 15-16 at Neotia University in West Bengal in which Southern Federal University of Russia was involved as an international organising partner.

PM SHRI KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA **ORDNANCE FACTORY RAIPUR DEHRADUN** (Website: https://dehradunoef.kvs.ac.in, Tele: 0135-2971615, 2971668)

वॉक-इन-इंटरव्यू (Walk-in-Interview)

Applications are invited for empanelment for the post of Computer Instructor for the session 2024-25 (Nov 2024 to Feb 2025) on a full part time contract basis at KVOFD, Raipur

Designation and Post	Date and time of Interview
Computer Instructor	28.10.2024 (10:00 am)
fore applying for the posts	interested candidates to visit K

HQ, New Delhi website (www.kvsangathan.nic.in) for eligibility honorarium and other information. Please note the following

1. No Travel allowance/Dearness allowance will be payable for the attending the interview.

2. All terms and conditions shall be applicable as per the directions of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for contractual 3. Applicants to bring duly filled Application Form, Bio-data form

(with photograph) and all the relevant certificates (self attested)

along with the original certificates (for verification). 4. The time of Registration will be from 09:00 am to 10:00 am on the scheduled dates of the interview.

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Doctors slam Didi Government for 'sympathy' to health mafia

The Bengal junior doctors who announced the withdrawal of the 17-day-long fastunto-death late on Monday evening consequent to "par-tially successful talks" with "insensitive, arrogant and arbitrary" powers that be on Tuesday assured continuous agitation via different forms and means until they extracted justice for the Kolkata rape and murder victim and "restore health of the moribund health department.'

The doctors had been agitating post the brutal rape and murder inside the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital of a postgraduate lady doctor in the small hours of August 9 triggering a nation-wide, nay world-wide protest.

"Though we managed to get some assurance of fulfillment of some of our demands --- of which we will still have to wait for the directive to come from the Government --- the body language of the State Government was not positive," Debashis Haldar one of the agitating doctors said adding "though the common people supported the doctors' cause whole-heartedly the powers



listen to us when we were raising issues on the corrupt officials and elements who have been under the CBI scanner and who have been perpetrating a threat and extortion syndicate in most of the Government medical colleges

Doctor Ániket Mahato one of the protesting doctors who had heated verbal arguments with Banerjee on the issue of getting 59 junior doctors and students of RGKMCH expelled said, "Chief Minister was rebuking our Principal for taking action ... she was scolding him for expelling the criminal elements who had perpetrated a regime of sexual exploitation,

extortion and examination malpractices besides other kind of corrupt activities in connivance with the former Princial Sandip Ghosh."

Seemingly the first person on

camera match the Chief Minister word-by-word and decibel-by-decibel in the past 13 years of the Trinamool Congress rule he continued, Mahato said, "we would not take such insult of our teachers in front of us ... when we told her that the expulsion was done by an empowered committee in consequence of deposition by victims and witnesses she refused to take our argument and warned all the Principals against taking such action in the future ... she said

Mamata asks PM to reduce drug prices SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

> The Bengal Opposition has advised Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to "first mind her own business" by putting a lid on the "rampant corruption in the State Health Department of which she happens to be the minister incharge before lecturing Centre after the former shot off a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to roll-back in the hiked price of eight life saving drugs.

the State Government would be

necessary ... does this mean that the Government has taken

no lesson from the RG Kar rape

and murder case which is fall-

out of the existing corrupt cul-ture ... does this mean that the

Government is siding with the hardened criminals ... Was this meeting held for setting the

system right or sending a message to the criminals that they

would once again get license to

Another doctor said, "when

we were raising the issue

which was being live-streamed

the Chief Minister seemed

more worried about her

Government's getting bad name in Delhi than she was

concerned about the limping

health infrastructure of the

State marred by corruption

and threat culture perpetrat-

ed by some students, doctors

and officials who have been

drinking from the cup of

Meanwhile, the doctors who

called off the Tuesday's gener-

al medical strike sector too said

that their movement would

continue in days to come via

different ways "which will be

decided following future meet-

perpetrate crimes.

"I urge upon your kind office to issue directions to the con-cerned ministry to immediately reconsider the decision on the price escalation in the overall interest of the health and wellbeing of the common people," the Chief Minister wrote to the Prime Minister saying "the welfare of the citizens" should "of paramount importance" for the Government.

"Perhaps, our aim ought to be preserving a balanced approach that respects both commercial viability and the citizen's right to affordable healthcare. The welfare of the citizens is of paramount importance, and all the stakeholders must align the policies to reflect this commitment. Looking forward to your urgent and kind consideration," the two-page letter said.

Bengal Opposition Leader Suvendu Adhikari promptly hit back saying the Chief Minister should first mid her own business before lecturing the Centre. "The entire Government departments in have rotted ... the Health and Education sector are brimming with corruption ... and her own party men are the main pivot of that corruption raj which is why the junior doctors and the people in general have descended on the streets today ... she has no right to write sermons before cleaning her own backyard," the BJP leader said.

A 50 percent hike in price of eight essential drugs was earlier green-signaled by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) a government-controlled agency responsible for availability of essential drugs at affordable

When asked whether the Trinamool Congress would use the price hike issue in the November 13 Assembly elections to six seats, senior party leader Kunal Ghosh said that the people were smart conscious enough to differentiate between a friend a foe and a pseudo friend apparently indicating the Trinmaool Congress, BJP and the Left adding, his party would raise the issue in public.

Tej Pratap owns 2.4 kg gold and assets worth over Rs 10 crore



BISWAJEET BANERJEE LUCKNOW

Tej Pratap Yadav, the former MP known for his simple public persona, has a penchant for gold jewelry in his private life. Currently contesting from the Karhal constituency, Yadav owns more than 2.4 kilograms of gold ornaments, significantly more than his wife, Rajlakshmi. Both Tej Pratap and Ŕajlakshmi are millionaires.

On Monday, Tej Pratap Yadav filed his nomination as the Samajwadi Party (SP) candidate from Karhal. In the affidavit submitted with his nomination papers, he disclosed details of his assets.

According to the document, Tej Pratap Yadav owns movable and immovable assets worth Rs 10.25 crore, while Rajlakshmi's

assets are valued at Rs 2.3 crore. Besides his wealth, Tej Pratap also surpasses his wife in gold ownership, possessing 2.410 kilograms of gold ornaments compared Rajlakshmi's 240 grams.

Additionally, Tej Pratap Yadav owns two luxury vehicles-a five-year-old Jeep Camper worth around Rs 15 lakh and a two-year-old car valued at about Ŕs 35 lakh. Rajlakshmi, however, does not own any

Tej Pratap Yadav first entered the electoral fray in 2014, contesting the Lok Sabha by-election from the Mainpuri seat. Now, a decade later, he is running in the assembly by-election from Karhal. During this period, his assets have more than doubled, increasing from Rs 4.29 crore in 2014 to Rs 10.27 crore by 2024.

India, Singapore agree to further step up defence cooperation

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m ndia}$ and Singapore on Tuesday agreed to further step up defence cooperation including industry collaboration in niche domains during the sixth India-Singapore Defence Ministerial Dialogue

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Minister of Defence of Singapore Ng Eng Hen co-chaired the Dialogue. Both Ministers acknowledged the deep and long-standing bilateral defence relations based on shared outlook on regional peace, stability and

This meeting assumes significance in the backdrop of India marking a decade of its Act East policy, in which Singapore has played a key role in promoting economic cooperation & cultural ties, and developing strategic connectivity with countries in the

Both Ministers expressed satisfaction at the growing defence cooperation between the two countries. There have been regular

engagements between the Armed Forces of the two countries in recent years. As 2025 marks 60 years of



relations between India and Singapore, both Ministers agreed to further step up defence cooperation and agreed to achieve new feats. They also agreed to extend bilateral agreement on Joint Military Training Army for the next five years. Recognising that both nations

are natural partners for commencing co-development and co-production of defence equipment, both sides agreed to enhance industry cooperation, including exploring collaboration in niche domains such as automation and Artificial Intelligence.

establishment of diplomatic The two Ministers also decided to take forward the cooperation in emerging areas like cyber security. Rajnath thanked Ng Eng Hen

for Singapore's support as country coordinator for India in ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting - Plus from 2021 to The Defence Minister of

Singapore acknowledged that India is a strategic voice for Asia's peace and stability. The bilateral relationship was recently elevated to Compréhensive Strategic Partnership during the visit of Prime Minister Narendra

SC permits Setalvad to travel to Amsterdam

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

The Supreme Court on The Supreme Court between November 14 and November 24 to attend the International Documentary Film Festival in Amsterdam. Setalvad had received an invitation from the organisers to attend the festival in her capacity as producer of the documentary film Cycle Mahesh. A bench of Justices R Gavai and K V

filed by Setalvad. The apex court had in July, 2023, granted her regular bail in a case of alleged fabrication of documents to frame innocent people in the 2002 post-Godhra riot cases. During the hearing on Tuesday, senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Setalvad, said she had filed an application seeking permission to travel abroad as the apex court had

in July, 2023, directed for her

passport to be in the custody

Viswanathan allowed the plea

Amit Shah stresses on need for clarity in laws

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▼nion Home Minister Amit the need for clarity in laws, stating that judiciary can intervene only when people responsible for drafting legislations leave "grey areas". He was addressing the Gujarat Legislative Assembly here as part of a day-long 'Legislative Drafting Training Workshop' organised for the officials of the Assembly Secretariat.

"I know that whatever I am going to speak will create a controversy, but I want to tell you that the judiciary will intervene only when you leave any grey area in drafting the legislation. More clarity in the legislation, less the intervention of courts. Shah said in his address to the House, where MLAs, MPs as well as former legislators and Speakers were present.

Citing the Modi government's move of abrogating Article 370, he said, "When the Article was drafted, it was clearly written that it is a temporary provision of the Constitution which can be removed through an amendment that can be passed through a simple majority in Parliament." "Now, if it was written that it is a constitutional provision instead of a temporary one, then we would have required a two-thirds of majority during voting instead of a simple majority. Thus, more clarity leads to less judicial intervention," the minister

added. In August 2019, the Centre revoked the special status granted under Article 370 of the Constitution to Jammu and Kashmir. The Supreme Court later also upheld its abrogation stating that it was a temporary provision. Shah claimed that bad drafting" of legislations is the main reason why the difference between legislature, executive and judiciary is getting blurred today.

"Our Constitution is very clear about the roles of legislature, executive and judiciary. It says that the government will formulate policies and the legislature will pass laws as per those policies. Judiciary will define the



laws and the executive will implement them. But lines are blurred today between these three because of bad drafting of legislations," he said.

The "art of drafting legislation" is slowly getting extinct, he said, and opined that every legislative assembly should conduct such workshops for its staff to enhance their drafting skill. He also stressed that officials involved in this process should be given guidance on what to include in the Act and what provisions should become part of the rules of that act. Shah said India's Constitution, drafted and edited under Dr B R Ambedkar, is the most ideal example in the entire world on legislative drafting.

"At that time, there were 72 barristers who were part of the constituent assembly...Nearly 14 per cent of their time was spent on discussing fundamental rights. After such intense discussions, our Constitution was prepared. And today, some NGOs give us advice on the issue of fundamental rights," he said. The senior BJP leader said national and international perspectives should be kept in mind while drafting any act and common man should be able to understand its language also. Giving an example, Shah said the three new criminal laws the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) have been prepared keeping in mind Indian perspective as directed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. These three new laws replaced the Indian Penal Code (IPC), Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) and the Indian Evidence Act, all of which came into existence during the British era, he said.



After offered two seats; Congress wary to contest UP by-polls

The Congress party has shown reluctance in contesting the upcoming Uttar Congress leadership is hesibeing offered just two seats by its INDIA bloc ally, the Samajwadi Party (SP). This hesitation stems from internal divisions and concerns that a poor performance could undermine the party's bargaining power in the 2027 assembly elections.

BISWAJEET BANERJEE

Some Congress leaders argue against accepting SP's offer to contest two seats—Ghaziabad and Khair-which are considered strongholds of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). They believe that a loss in these constituencies could

weaken the party's position when negotiating seat-sharing arrangements for the 2027

elections.
"This is why the state alliance with the Samajwadi Party for the by-polls," a senior party leader revealed. Initially, Congress sought five of the 10 seats up for grabs in the by-elections. However, SP has nominated its candidates in seven constituencies, leaving Ghaziabad and Khair for Congress. These seats are seen as difficult for Congress to win, leading to internal debates over whether to participate at all.

Sources indicate that Congress fears a poor showing in these by-elections could



limit its leverage when negotiating seat distribution for the 2027 assembly elections. If the party fails to perform, it may be left with little choice but to accept whatever seats allocates in the future,

weakening its negotiating stance.

Ajay Rai, the Uttar Pradesh Congress president, addressed the concerns, stating, "We haven't refused to contest the by-elections, but two seats are

not enough. The state leader-ship has communicated the reality to the party's top brass. Defeating the BJP is crucial, and we are willing to make sacrifices if necessary."

opposes participating in the by-elections unless the party secures a more favorable seat allocation. These leaders worry that

accepting an unfavorable arrangement could set a precedent, making it difficult for Congress to demand a better deal in future elections. Political analysts see Congress in a delicate position as it attempts to regain influence

in Uttar Pradesh. The 2027 assembly elections are viewed as a crucial opportunity for the party's resurHowever, a break with the SP

could allow the latter to cast Congress as a spoiler within the anti-BJP alliance, damaging its credibility among vot-

The Samajwadi Party is also wary of openly rejecting the alliance, as a future BJP victory could prompt Congress to blame SP for any setbacks. Both parties remain in a strategic limbo, with the final decision on their alliance's direction resting with the central leadership

"The upcoming by-elections are expected to play a decisive role in shaping the future of the Congress-SP alliance, with potential implications for their strategies heading into the 2027 assembly elections.

Cylinder explosion in Bulandshahr leads to house collapse; six dead

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A tragic incident unfolded in the Ashapuri Colony of Bulandshahr, where a twostorey house collapsed following a massive oxygen cylinder explosion, resulting in the death of six family members and leaving three others critically injured.

Emergency personnel, along with local residents, carried out relief and rescue operations throughout the night, working to save 17 individuals trapped under the debris. The accident occurred late on Monday night, sending shockwaves through the neighborhood.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Shlok Kumar confirmed the fatalities, stating, Six people lost their lives in the accident. How the incident occurred will be determined after an investigation. Those trapped under the debris have been rescued.'

According to sources, the explosion happened while oxygen was being administered to Rukhsana, the wife of Riyazuddin, a shuttering worker. Rukhsana had recently been



pital after experiencing breathing issues but started having difficulties again upon returning home. During the setup of an oxygen cylinder for her, it suddenly exploded, causing the house to collapse.

The impact of the explosion buried 26 members of Riyazuddin's extended family under the rubble, including his sons, daughters, daughters-inlaw, and grandchildren. Among those who lost their lives were Rivazuddin, his wife Rukhsana, their sons Siraj and Shahrukh, and their daughter Tamanna.

Rescue efforts involved fire

brigade units, the State Disaster

Response Force (SDRF), and

local volunteers. By late night,

17 individuals were rescued, while seven others sustained injuries. One remains in critical condition and is currently undergoing treatment at a nearby hospital. The explosion's deafening

noise sent panic through the neighborhood, with many residents initially mistaking it for an earthquake or a bomb blast. Rashid, a resident of the Ashapuri Colony, described the sound as "deafening, as if a bomb had been dropped." Smoke filled the area, adding to the fear and confusion.

Realizing the house had collapsed, neighbors rushed to the scene, using their hands and makeshift tools to dig through the rubble and reach those trapped underneath.

VP Dhankhar emphasises on need of supportive framework for artists

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Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar on Tuesday emphasised the urgent need for a supportive framework that allows artists to flourish free from financial insecurity. He highlighted the importance of recognizing and uplifting those dedicated to dance and music who are currently facing hard-

"We must handhold them and reignite their passion," he said at the Concluding Ceremony of the International Festival on Indian Dance held here organised by the Sangeet Natak Akademi in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).

Dhankar acknowledged the critical role of fiscal assistance, noting that many artists become so immersed in their craft that they overlook their financial needs.

He assured that the Union Culture Ministry would establish a mechanism to unite all stakeholders in the arts, promoting collaboration to create a nurturing ecosystem where artists feel secure and sup-



ported. This initiative aims to uncover and celebrate the immense talent found in villages and smaller cities, fostering a vibrant cultural landscape. The Vice President also expressed concern about the lack of inclusivity across various sectors.

He asserted that India has become a global beacon of inclusive growth, benefiting from good governance and affirmative policies that uplift the most vulnerable and marginalized. "This has instilled a sense of hope and possibility in our nation, a sentiment that was absent just a few years ago,"

he noted In a world rife with conflicts and challenges, Dhankar pointed to the unifying power of dance and music. "These art forms transcend cultural barriers and offer a ray of light amidst turmoil," he remarked. He called for collective action to engage the youth in Indian dance and music, emphasizing that such involvement can help divert them from detrimental habits like drug use. By participating in the arts, whether as performers or spectators, young people can foster positivity and a sense of community well-being, he added. Dhankar urged a collaborative

effort to promote Indian cultural heritage, ensuring that the richness of our artistic traditions resonates widely and positively impacts society.

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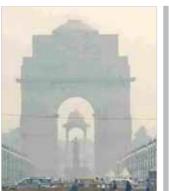
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Breathless in Delhi

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

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



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

A significant contributor to Delhi's poor air quality is the burning of crop residue in neighbouring states like Punjab and Haryana. Despite bans and incentives for alternative disposal methods, stubble burning remains

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



People buy lanterns ahead of the Diwali festival, in Solapul

Trump tries hard to win the second term



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

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

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

For all his matching vitriol, boorishness (remember, 'childless cat ladies') and Oorah-style brouhaha as a former Marine, JD Vance was once stoutly anti-Trump. Vance had once declared himself as a 'never-Trump guy' and called Trump 'reprehensible' and an 'idiot'. Vance then had the clarity to articulate the reason for his non-support of Trump by insisting, "The reason, ultimately, that I am not...is because I think that (Trump) is the most raw expression of a massive finger pointed at other people."
In the 2016 US Presidential elec-

tions, Vance had rationalised Trump's authoritarian, illiberal and intolerant ways by slamming, 'back and forth between thinking Trump is a cynical a-hole like Nixon who wouldn't be that bad (and might even prove useful) or that he's America's Hitler"! For all his matching vitriol, boorishness (remember, 'childless cat ladies') and Oorah-style brouhaha as a former Marine, JD Vance was once stoutly anti-Trump.

Vance had once declared himself as a 'never-Trump guy' and called Trump 'reprehensible' and an idiot. He was quick to take down' uncomfortable views that he had expressed about Trump would have hoped. like the one he had put about the Much as he remained loyal to 'Access Hollywood' tape where the bitter end, Pence did final-

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

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

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

Meanwhile, the elephant in the room who says a lot by not speaking at all is former Vice President Mike Pence - once the most devout and virtuous of Christians who was earlier the most loyal confidante of Trump. Presumably, the diehard Republican had put up with all of Trump's crassness in the silent hope that the Republican Presidency would set things right with conservative and far-right policies, as



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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THE EDITOR

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

To deny the significance of external validation is to ignore an essential part of the human experience. Whether we realise it or not, the approval shame in it. Validation from we seek from others has a even just a simple "well

profound impact on our selfperception and our efforts to

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

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

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

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

When we validate others, we lift them, creating a supportive environment where everyone's contributions are acknowledged.

It doesn't just boost their morale; it strengthens their commitment to the work they're doing. Of course, we must also be wary of relying solely on external validation. The danger lies in overdependence, where we begin to measure our worth only by what others say.
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and writing coach based in Dubai; Views are personal)

MAHAYUTI GAINS EDGE Madam — This refers to the news report,

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

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

Manoj Parashar | Ghaziabad

NAIDU'S BOLD MOVE

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

Yamuna pollution on the rise



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

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

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

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

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

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IMMIGRANTS FACE UNCERTAINTY

next 15 years, it will fall even faster.

Madam — The escalating diplomatic row between India and Canada will have the more than 4 lakh Indian students studying in Canada worried and concerned about their future. Many have sold everything they owned in Índia to study in Canada, which is seen as a gateway to a better future. The 20 lakh Indians will wonder what their future is going to be.

The first thing the government needs to do is reassure the immigrants that their interests will be protected by the government of India. The Indian media too should stop bashing Justin Trudeau the way they have been doing. India needs also to be worried that other nations like America, the UK, Australia and New Zealand have come out in support of Canada over the plot to assassinate Canadian citizens on its soil.

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THE PATH TO **TRUE GROWTH**

Constant comparison overshadows cooperation, empathy and joy of life



RAJYOGI BRAHMA KUMAR **NIKUNJ JI**

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

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



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

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

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NEP 2020: A blueprint for transformative education



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

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

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

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



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

Learn to Leave: Having decided what course to take up for secondary and higher education, a student used to be trapped forever whether one liked the subject course or not. (In the older education system for example if one had opted for Physics or Sanskrit: one was struck with that forever whether one liked these subjects

There was no way to move out unless one gave up higher education or started afresh. The other difficulty was that due to some odd circumstances if one had to discontinue the education there was no way to restart unless you lose years/ time, but in this, one could leave anytime or rejoin anytime (Comes under Multi

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

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

ited access to traditional pathways or linking them with one another are some of the hallmarks of the present system. This is to develop the right syl-

labus to reduce disparities. Emphasis in this is on equitable access to quality education. Essentially NEP 2020 shall be attempting to reduce unwanted syllabus for comprehensive under-standing towards skill-based edu-**Teach to transform:** the teaching

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

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

Biggest flaw so far: Unfortunately, to date, not even 50 per cent of Institutions have registered themselves in this (in ABC) which is the real key to the success of this policy. This is a way to keep records of students' subjects, their movements and credits earned.

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

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

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

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reduction in fuel consumption

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

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

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



state officials, a process prone to sub-optimality, bias and human error. In October 2021, the Prime Minister launched the PM GatiShakti Master Plan aiming to enhance multimodal connectivity and optimise logistics across the coun-

One of its key pillars, "Optimisation," envisions selecting the most efficient routes for transporting goods, each state. Using this data, cus-

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

thereby saving time and reduc-

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

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

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



possibilities of local procurement within the state and the grain required to be sourced from the FCI. This gave the state a clear view of its yearly logistics, allowing for cost-saving adjustments. By choos-ing the optimal option, Bihar reduced transport distances by 19 per cent, saving over Rs 3.09 crore per month. Similarly, Mizoram optimised its routes by eliminating unnecessary transfers of food grains 30 out of 31 states, with intra-

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

This integration enables the platform to generate the shortest possible motorable routes from FCI godowns to state godowns, and further from state godowns to FPSs.

The platform also allows realtime route re-optimisation based on updated infrastructure data (such as new roads) from other ministries. Since March 2023, route optimisation assessments have been completed for

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

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

Blinken arrives in Israel as US looks to renew cease-fire efforts

Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in Israel on Tuesday on his 11th visit to the region since the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war. The US hopes to revive ceasefire efforts after the killing of top Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar, but so far all the warring parties appear to be dig-

Israel is still at war with Hamas more than a year after the militant group's Oct 7 attack, and with Hezbollah in Lebanon, where it launched a ground invasion earlier this month. Israel is also expected to strike Iran after its ballistic missile attack on Oct 1.

Blinken landed just hours after Hezbollah launched a barrage of rockets into central Israel, setting off air raid sirens in the country's most populated areas and its international airport, but causing no apparent damage or injuries. The Israeli military said it intercepted most of the five projectiles, with one landing in an open area.

Another 15 projectiles were fired from Lebanon into northern Israel at around the same time, the military said.

Blinken is expected to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other top officials. Following Israel,

Hezbollah fires rockets into central Israel

resume cease-fire talks in Gaza following the

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has

pledged to annihilate Hamas and recover

dozens of hostages held by the group. Hamas

says it will only release the captives in return

for a lasting cease-fire, a full Israeli withdraw-

al from Gaza and the release of Palestinian pris-

On Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas-led militants blew

holes in Israel's security fence and stormed in,

killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting another 250. Israel's offensive in

Gaza has killed over 42,000 Palestinians,

according to local health authorities, who do

The United States, Egypt and Qatar have brokered months of

talks between Israel and

Hamas, trying to strike a deal

in which the militants would

release dozens of hostages in

return for an end to the war, a

lasting cease-fire and the release of Palestinian prisoners. But both Israel and Hamas

accused each other of making

new and unacceptable

demands over the summer, and the talks ground to a halt

The US has also tried to bro-

ker a cease-fire between Israel

and Hezbollah, but those

efforts fell apart as tensions

spiked last month with a series

not distinguish combatants from civilians.

in August.

death of Hamas leader Yahva Sinwar.

Emirates.

Hezbollah launched a barrage of rockets into Central Israel on Tuesday, setting off air raid sirens in the country's most populated areas but causing no apparent damage or injuries, a few hours before US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken arrived in the region on a mission to restart stalled Gaza ceasefire talks. The Israeli military said five projectiles were fired from Lebanon into Israel and said most were intercepted by Israel's missile defense system. One landed in an open area.

The rocket fire came as Israel stepped up its strikes in Lebanon, targeting a Hezbollah-run financial institution, and as the US pushed to

he's expected to visit a number of Arab countries, likely to He said Blinken also would underscore the need for a drainclude Jordan, Saudi Arabia, matic increase in the amount of Qatar and the United Arab humanitarian aid reaching Gaza, something that Blinken "Secretary Blinken will disand Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin made clear in a letter to cuss the importance of bringing the war in Gaza to an end,

Israeli officials last week. That letter reminded Israel that the Biden administration could be forced by US law to curtail some forms of military aid should the delivery of humanitarian aid continue to be hindered.

Blinken's previous trips have yielded little in the way of ending hostilities, but he has managed to increase aid deliveries to Gaza in the past

militant group's top leader, Hassan Nasrallah, and most of his senior commanders.

Israel is currently waging another major operation in already-devastated northern Gaza, which has killed hundreds of Palestinians over the last two weeks, according to local health authorities.

In Lebanon, Israel has carried out waves of heavy airstrikes across southern Beirut and the country's south and east, areas where Hezbollah has a strong presence. Hezbollah has fired hundreds of rockets, missiles and drones into Israel, including some that have reached the country's populous centre. Hamas-led militants stormed

into southern Israel on Oct 7 2023, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and taking another 250 hostage. Around 100 of the captives are still held in Gaza, a third of whom are believed to be dead. Israel's offensive has killed over 42,000 Palestinians in Gaza and wounded tens of thousands, according to local health authorities, who do not say how many were combatants but say more than half were women and children. It has also caused massive devastation across the territory and displaced around 90% of its population of 2.3

Two men plead guilty to murder of Air-India bombing suspect

14, 2022.

Two men accused of killing Ripudaman Singh Malik, a Sikh man acquitted in the tragic 1985 Air India Kanishka terrorist bombing case, have pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in a Canadian court, according to media reports. Tanner Fox and Jose Lopez entered the pleas in the British Columbia (BC) Supreme Court on Monday on the eve of their trial for the killing of 75-yearold Malik, who was shot several times outside his family

Malik was shot dead in Surrey, British Columbia in 2022. He and co-accused Ajaib Singh Bagri were acquitted in 2005 of mass murder and conspiracy charges related to the two bombings in 1985 that killed

business on the morning of July

331 people. In the court in New Westminster on Monday, both Fox and Lopez pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of seconddegree murder, the Global News reported.

The court heard an agreed statement of facts that revealed the two men had been hired to kill Malik, the report added.

'What we know from the agreed statement of facts is that there was some type of financial incentive that was involved in the commission of this crime, but in terms of any other specifics, it is another one of those situations where unfortunately it is just something that we as people on the outside will probably never know," Lopez' lawyer Gloria Ng told Global

"One of the things we certainly have in the forefront of our minds is the youth of our client — Lopez is a very young man and we are certainly hopeful with prospects for rehabilitation.

In a statement, Malik's family described him as a "father, brother, husband and grandfather as well as a tireless com-munity leader," the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation reported on Monday. While we are grateful that the

shooters are being brought to justice, we know that nothing will erase the pain that we have gone through losing a family member in this way," the familv said.

"However, the work is not complete. Tanner Fox and Jose Lopez were hired to commit this murder. Until the parties responsible for hiring them and directing this assassination are brought to justice, the work remains incomplete."

The family called on the killers to "co-operate with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in bringing those that hired you to justice.

removal of

A prominent students' organ-lisation, which spearhead-

ed the protests against Sheikh

Hasina's government in

Bangladesh, on Tuesday staged

demonstrations in Dhaka,

demanding the removal of President Mohammed

Shahabuddin over his com-

Crown and defence lawyers have agreed that Fox and Lopez should not be eligible for parole for 20 years. And they will next appear in court on October 31

for sentencing. The 1985 Air India bombing is among the worst terrorist attacks in Canadian history and in the history of the airline. On June 23, 1985, Air India flight 182, carrying 329 people, including 268 Canadian citizens and 24 Indian citizens, flew from Toronto and stopped in Montreal from where it was en route to London and then onwards to its final destination Bombay.

The plane was flying 31,000 feet above the Atlantic Ocean when a suitcase bomb exploded in the front cargo, killing all on

Another bomb was meant to be planted in an Air India flight scheduled to take off from Japan but it exploded at Tokyo's Narita airport killing two bag-

gage handlers. Īnderjit Singh Reyat was convicted on various charges and spent 30 years in prison for helping to make the bombs, and for lying during trials, including Malik's. He was released in 2016 after serving two-thirds of his perjury sentence.

Reyat was the only person convicted for the Kanishka

COMMENTS ON HASINA'S RESIGNATION

Protesters demand

China holds live-fire drills opposite Taiwan

securing the release of all

hostages, and alleviating the

suffering of the Palestinian people," State Department

spokesman Matthew Miller

Blinken will also discuss plan-

ning for when the conflict

ends and "the need to chart a

new path forward that enables

Palestinians to rebuild their

said in a statement.

lives," Miller added.

hina is holding live-fire China is nothing included drills off the coast of its southern Fujian province facing Taiwan, just a week after a massive air-and-sea drill it called punishment for Taiwan's president rejecting Beijing's claims of sovereignty.
The live-fire drills were being

held near the Pingtan islands off Fujian province, according to a notice from the Maritime Safety Administration. It warned ships to avoid the area. It did not offer additional details

Taiwan's Defence Ministry said China's drills were part of an annual exercise and was tracking them. "It cannot be ruled out that it is one of the ways to expand the deterrent effect in line with the dynamics in the Taiwan Strait," the statement the US has continued what it calls "freedom of navigation"

Taiwan is a self-ruled island that Beijing claims is part of China. Tensions around the issue have flared in recent years. China has increased its presence in the waters and skies around Taiwan. It now increasingly sends large amounts of warplanes and navy vessels in military exercises near Taiwan and its coast guard

carries out patrols. Last week, China held a oneday military exercise aimed at practicing the "sealing off of key ports and key areas". Taiwan counted a record oneday total of 153 aircraft, 14 navy vessels and 12 Chinese government ships.

In response to Chinese moves, it would fight the request.

calls "freedom of navigation" transits through the Taiwan Strait. On Sunday, the destroyer USS Higgins and the Canadian frigate HMCS Vancouver transited the narrow band of ocean that separates China and Taiwan.

Germany sent two warships through the Taiwan Strait last month as it seeks to increase its defence engagement in the Asia-Pacific region. China has also exerted diplo-

matic pressure on Taiwan, poaching its allies. South Africa, which does not recognise Taiwan as a country, asked the island last week to move its liaison office outside the capital, Pretoria, as a concession to China. Taiwan on Monday said



hospital in a densely-populated neighborhood, in southern Beirut, on Tuesday

S Korea warns it may supply arms to Ukraine

stockpiles.

North Korea and Russia have

denied the North Korean

troop deployment as well as

the purported weapons trans-

AP SEOUL

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South Korea warned Tuesday it could consider supplying weapons to Ukraine in response to North Korea allegedly dispatching troops to Russia, as both North Korea and Russia denied the movements.

The South Korean statement is apparently meant to pressure Russia not to bring in North Korean troops in its war against Ukraine. South Korean officials worry that Russia may reward North Korea by giving it sophisticated weapons technologies that can boost the North's nuclear and missile programs that target South Korea.

In an emergency National Security Council meeting, top South Korean officials condemned North Korea's alleged dispatch of troops as "a grave security threat" to South Korea and the international community. They described North Korea as "a

criminal group" that forces its youths to serve as Russian mercenaries for an unjustifiable war, the South Korean presidential office said in a statement.

The officials agreed to take phased countermeasures, linking the level of their responses to progress in Russian-North Korean military cooperation, according to the statement.

Possible steps include diplomatic, economic and military options, and South Korea could consider sending both defensive and offensive weapons to Ukraine, a senior South Korean presidential official told reporters on condition of anonymity in a back-

ground briefing.
The official said North Korea could attempt to get high-tech Russian technologies to per-fect its nuclear missiles. The official said Russia's possible help for North Korea's efforts to modernize its outdated conventional weapons sys-

tems and acquire a space-based surveillance system would pose a serious security threat to South Korea as well. North Korea and Russia intensify cooperation

Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, South Korea has joined U.S.-led sanctions against Moscow and shipped humanitarian and financial support to Kyiv. But it has avoided directly supplying arms to Ukraine in line with its policy of not supplying weapons to countries actively engaged in conflicts.

South Korea's spy agency said last week it had confirmed that North Korea sent 1,500 special operation forces to Russia this month. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has said his gov-ernment had intelligence that 10,000 North Korea soldiers were being prepared to join invading Russian forces.

At a UN Security Council meeting Monday, Russia's UN Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia dismissed the South Korean assertion as well as Western North Korea and Russia have allegations of Iran supplying been sharply boosting their Russia with missiles and China providing arms comcooperation in the past two

years. In June, they signed a major defense deal requiring ponents. He accused the West of "circulating scaremongerboth countries to use all availing with Iranian, Chinese and Korean bogeymen, each one able means to provide immediate military assistance if of which is more absurd than either is attacked. South Korea the one before. At a separate UN committee said at the time it would con-

meeting, a North Korean diplomat said his delegation sider sending arms to Ukraine, a similar statement feels no need to comment on that it made Tuesday. the troop dispatch, calling it "groundless, stereotype rumors aimed at smearing the South Korea's spy agency said that North Korea had sent more than 13,000 containers image" of the North and of artillery, missiles and other conventional arms to Russia undermining the legitimate since August 2023 to replencooperation between two sovish its dwindling weapons

ereign states. The US and NATO haven't confirmed North Korea's troop deployment, but they warned against the danger of such a development if true. US deputy ambassador to the UN Robert Wood said that if true, the North Korean troop dispatch marks "a dangerous and highly concerning development" and noted that the US was "consulting with our allies and partners on such a

| Pollution affects Lahore most

PTI LAHORE

Pakistan's cultural city Lahore been declared the most polluted city in the world, with an alarming Air Quality Index (AQI) of 394, and the Pakistan's Punjab government has planned for artificial rain to mitigate smog impact. The AQI is a measure of the concentration of various pollutants in the air. An AQI above 100 is considered unhealthy and above 150 "very unhealthy". The Smog crisis has been fuelled by crop residue burning and industrial emissions. The hazardous smog has led to widespread health issues among the city residents, including coughing, breathing difficulties, eye irritation, and skin infections. "Yesterday Lahore was declared the most polluted city in the world. We have taken a number of initiatives to address the matter and now we are planning for an artificial rain in the city," Punjab Information Minister Azma Bokhari told a press conference here on Tuesday.

ment on the resignation of the deposed prime minister. In an interview with Bangla daily Manab Zamin last week,

PTI DHAKA

Shahabuddin said he does not have any documentary evidence of Hasina resigning as prime minister before she fled the country in August amidst student-led mass protests. The Anti-discrimination

spearheaded the campaign that led to the ouster of Hasina, rallied in front of the Central Shaheed Minar here, demanding Shahabuddin's resignation. "The president is an ally of fascism. He was in favour of genocide. We demand his resignation," Nasir Uddin Patwari,

a protest leader, said. Some of the protesters also said that the president might face a campaign against him.

A group of protesters under the banner of Shadhinota-Shorbobhoumotto Rokkha Committee (Committee to protect independence and sovereignty) also staged a sit-in protest at the Dhaka University demanding campus, Shahabuddin's resignation and

calling for the termination of the Constitution and the formation of a "revolutionary government". The protesters also demanded the disbanding of Hasina's

Awami League party and its allies from political activities. They later marched towards Bangabhaban, the president's official residence. A prominent leader of the group, Rafiq

B'desh president Khan, called Shahabuddin a "culprit" as he was "unlawful-ly" appointed by "killer Hasina". We request him to resign immediately and vacate the Bangabhaban. Otherwise, we will start another movement like the one in July," he said. In his interview with the Bangla Daily, Shahabuddin said he heard that Hasina had resigned

> not have documentary evi-Despite numerous efforts, the president said, he had failed to find any documents. "Perhaps she did not have the time,

Shahabuddin said.

as prime minister before she fled Bangladesh, but he does

Nobel laureate Muhammad 84, esh's inter Yunus, ment's Chief Adviser on August 8 after Prime Minister Hasina fled to India on August

Narrating the events of August 5, Shahabuddin told the daily that at around 10:30 am, a call came to Bangabhaban from Hasina's residence, informing him that Hasina would meet him. However, "within an hour, another call came, saying she was not coming". Shahabuddin said before he administered the oath of office to Yunus and his advisory council members on August 8, he had sought the opinion of the Supreme Court, which advised him go ahead in view of the extraordinary situa-

The interim government's Law Affairs Adviser Asif Nazrul on Monday accused the president of "falsehood", saying his remarks were "tantamount to violation of his oath of office". He said if Shahabuddin remained firm on his comments, the interim government would need to think whether he was still qualified to hold his office.

deny his first appeal for a retrial. His second appeal for a retrial, filed by his sister in

Japanese police chief apologises to man acquitted after 50 years on death row

AP ■ TOKYO

A Japanese police chief on Monday apologised in person to Iwao Hakamada for his decades-long suffering that started from an overbearing investigation and wrongful conviction that had kept him on death row until last month, when he was acquitted in a retrial.

The 88-year-old Hakamada, a former boxer, was acquitted by the Shizuoka District Court, which said police and prosecutors had collaborated to fabricate and plant evidence against him, and forced him to confess with violent, hourslong closed interroga-tions. The acquittal was finalised earlier this month

when the prosecution waived its right to appeal — though it complained about the ruling — finally ending Hakamada's nearly 60-year legal battle to prove his inno-

Shizuoka Prefectural Police chief Takayoshi Tsuda on Monday visited Hakamada at his home and offered an apology in person. As he entered the room where Hakamada, his sister Hideko Hakamada and their sup-porter waited, Hakamada silently rose from his sofa to greet him.

'We are sorry to have caused you unspeakable mental distress and burden for as long as 58 years from the time of the arrest until the acquittal



Former Japanese death row inmate Iwao Hamakada (left) on being released from prison

was finalized," Tsuda said, as he stood straight in front of Hakamada and bowed deeply. "We are terribly sorry." Tsuda promised a "meticulous and appropriate investigation."

culty carrying out conversation due to his mental condition from the decades of death row confinement, responded: "What it means to have the authority ... Once you have the power, you're not supposed to grumble." Hakamada's 91-year-old sister, who had stood by her brother through the long process to clear his name and now lives with him, thanked the police chief for

visiting them.

"There is no use complaining to him after all these years. He was not involved in the case and he only came here as his duty," she told reporters afterward. "But I still accepted his visit just because I wanted (my brother) to have Hakamada, who has diffia clear break from his past as a death row inmate. He was arrested in August,

1966, in the killing of an executive at a miso bean paste company and three of his family members in Hamamatsu, central Japan. He was initially sentenced to death in a 1968 district court ruling but was not executed because of the lengthy appeal and retrial process in Japan. It took nearly three decades for the Supreme Court to

2008, was granted in 2014. The court ordered his release from his death row solitary cell but without removing his conviction, pending the retrial process. Hakamada was the world's longest-serving death row prisoner and only the fifth death row inmate to be acquitted in a retrial in postwar Japan, where criminal trials take years and retrials are extremely rare. His case and acquittal have triggered calls for more transparency in the investigation, legal change to lower hurdles for a retrial and debate over death penalty in Japan.

Pak's special parliamentary panel to nominate new chief justice

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

The recently adopted 26th Constitutional Amendment brought numerous changes pertaining to the judiciary, among which is appointing the chief justice by a Special Parliamentary Committee (SPC) out of three top judges against the previous rule of the senior-most judge becoming the chief justice under the seniority principle

The incumbent chief justice, Qazi Faez Isa, is set to retire on

October 25 and under the old ment" of the outgoing CJ, rule, senior puisne judge, which sets the deadline for rule, senior puisne judge, Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, was set to be the next chief.

Under amendments to clause 3 of Article 175A, instead of the president appointing the "most senior judge of the Supreme Court" as the chief justice, the top judge will now be "appointed on the recommendation of the Special Parliamentary Committee from amongst the three most senior" judges of the Supreme Court.

After Justice Shah, the next two senior apex court judges are Justices Munib Akhtar and Yahya Afridi.

Under a new clause 3C of Article 175A, the first nomination after the Amendment was in force is to be sent "within three days prior to the retirenomination by tonight.

The SPC comprises eight members of the national assembly and four senators nominated by their respective parliamentary leaders. Political parties have representation in the committee based on their strength in the parliament. The attorney general is also part of the com-

But the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf decided to stay away from the meeting of the SPC. "Of course, we will not be part of any parliamentary committee. We believe not only the amendments but in the manner they were passed itself was illegal," PTI leader Zulfi Bukhari said in a statement on X. "Why would we legitimise

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

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

Sudanese military and had been operated by "jihadist mili-

It said it collected the aircraft's

black box "along with crucial

documents and intelligence

tions" that it did not publish.

Sudan has been unstable since

a popular uprising forced the

removal of longtime dictator

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at Belakoba yard, Pt No. 121, 122 at

Raninagar Jalpaiguri yard, BG TTR (P)

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127, 131 at Raninagar Jalpaiguri vard

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Former NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg (left) receives the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany from German President Frank-

Mystery of downed cargo airplane in Sudan deepens the aircraft belonged to the

The mystery surrounding a crashed cargo plane in Sudan purportedly downed by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces deepened on Tuesday as had been de-registered in

Kyrgyzstan. Just who was flying the Ilyushin Il-76 at night over war-torn Darfur remains in question. The aircraft previously was linked to an effort by the United Arab Emirates to arm the paramilitary force known as the RSF, something the UAE has strenuously denied despite

evidence to the contrary. But the plane's crash early Monday highlights the chaos gripping Sudan since April 2023, when the RSF and Sudan's military went to war.

Germany detects

Germany's disease control cen-

ter said Tuesday that a new,

more infectious variant of the

mpox virus has been detected

in Germany for the first time.

The Robert Koch Institute said

but didn't give any further

details, including on where the

The institute said it "is moni-

toring the situation very close-

ly and adjusting its recommen

The first case of the mpox virus

variant outside the African

continent was confirmed in

Sweden in mid-August. A case

was also reported in Thailand.

Organisation has declared that

the increasing spread of mpox

So far, the vast majority of cases

have been reported in Congo

Outbreaks of mpox are cur-

rently affecting 18 out of 55

countries in Africa and officials

there reported there had been

1,000 deaths as of last week

The total number of suspected

cases in Africa since the begin-

ning of the year now stands at

42,438, with 8,113 confirmed as

mpox, according to the Africa

Centres for Disease Control

and Prevention.

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case was being treated.

dations if necessary".

emergency.

the person was infected abroad **PUBLIC NOTICE**

first Mpox case

AP ■ BERLIN

online showed RSF fighters among the plane's burning wreckage, claiming they shot it down with a surface-to-air

Identity documents shown included a Russian passport and an ID that linked to a UAE-based company, whose phone number was disconnected.

The Russian Embassy in Sudan since Monday has been investigating.

A crumpled safety card, also purportedly from the aircraft, identified the plane as flown by

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> records regarding the aircraft," she said. "We are saddened by the news of the incident that occurred in Sudan and express our condolences to the crew and their families."

> Kyrgyzstan's state-run Kabar news agency separately reported, citing the country's Foreign Ministry, that the plane had been removed from its aircraft registry in January this year "and transferred to the registration of the Republic of Sudan" No Kyrgyz nationals died in the crash, the report said.

> For its part, the RSF maintained

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Sr. DEE/G & Chg./Katiha NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

ESCORTING, OPERATION AND TROUBLESHOOTING OF AC COACHES

E-Tender Notice No. EL/29/ 16_2024/K/835 Dated: 17-10 2024. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works Tender No. 16 2024. Name of work: At Katihar Division:- Escorting operation and troubleshooting of AC coaches from source to destination and back in Primary based Trains at Katihar/Balurghat/New Jalpaiguri Kishangani depot for three years Tender Value: ₹5,73,35,744.31/-Earnest Money: ₹4,36,700/-. Date & Time of Closing of Tender: 15.00 hrs. of 11-11-2024 & opening at 15.30 hrs. of 11-11-2024. The complete information with tender documents o above e-tender will be available upto

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GRADE ENERGY AUDIT

15.00 hrs. of 11-11-2024 in website www.ireps.gov.in.

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RFP FOR CONDUCTING INVESTMENT

Proposal (Rfp) for conducting at Katihar Division (Phase-II). Tender document of above e-tender will be in website www.ireps.gov.in.

DRM (S&T), Katihar NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Yellen says isolationism 'made America and world worse off'

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen is telling world financial leaders that the US economy has grown stronger because the Biden administration rejected isolationism, offering a barely veiled criticism of former President Donald Trump's policies two weeks before the US election. Yellen was opening the IMF and World Bank annual meetings on Tuesday by highlighting US economic growth since the nation was in the grips of the COVID-19 pandemic. Without mentioning Trump by name, she said in an advance draft of her remarks that the Biden administration had ended a period of international isolationism that "made America and the world worse off". "We went from millions having lost their jobs to a historic labour market recovery," Yellen says. She said US economic growth has been "almost this profession of the same that the same to the same twice as fast as most other advanced economies this year and last, even as inflation came down sooner".

The IMF released its international outlook on the global economy on Tuesday morning and upgraded its economic outlook for the United States

expectations for growth in

Europe and China.
The IMF expects the US economy — the world's largest — to expand 2.8 per cent this year, down slightly from 2.9 per cent in 2023 but an improvement on the 2.6 per cent it had forecast for 2024 back in July. Growth in the United States has been led by strong consumer spending, fuelled by healthy gains in inflation-adjusted

The meetings mark the last major international finance gathering held during the Biden administration and come as economic issues are a top concern for American voters. Republicans have blamed the Biden-Harris administration for inflation that reached a 40year high before dropping. Trump campaign press secretary Karoline Leavitt said in a statement that the Biden-Harris administration "created an inflation crisis, record-high gas prices, skyrocketing mortgage and interest rates resulting in the lowest consumer and small business confidence in decades".

Voters remain largely divided

over whether they prefer the Republican nominee, Trump,

President Kamala Harris to handle key economic issues, according to an October survey by The Associated Press-NORC Centre for Public

Affairs Research.

Who wins the US election will also have enormous impacts on global finance and the world's economy.

Trump and Harris have spoken little about their plans for the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. But they have differing views on trade, tariffs and other economic issues. Trump has been scepti-cal of world financial bodies and is promising heavy tariffs if elected. Harris is more likely to continue the Biden administration approach favouring international cooperation over threats, though she has supported some tariffs. Yellen, like other federal offi-

cials, is barred from partisan political activity by the Hatch Act and chose her words carefully in her speech. But she praised Biden-Harris initiatives on climate, health care, infrastructure spending and other areas. She alluded to Trump's interna-

tional leadership saying: "From day one, we rejected isolation-

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

Trump, who has embraced isolationism and criticised multilateral institutions, promises as president to impose a 60 per cent tariff on all Chinese goods and a "universal' tariff of 10 per cent or 20 per cent on everything else that enters the United States, insisting that the cost of taxing imported goods is absorbed by the foreign countries that produce those goods. Mainstream economists say that would amount to a tax on American consumers that would make the economy less efficient and send inflation surging in the United States.

The Biden-Harris administration has not eliminated tariffs imposed on China during the Trump administration and in May also slapped major tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles, advanced batteries, solar cells, steel, aluminum and medical

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

It was a historic realignment of Europe's post-Cold War security landscape triggered by Moscow's invasion of Ukraine. Blinken and Stoltenberg along with former Finnish Prime Minister Sanna Marin and for-mer Finnish Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto will receive the Royal Order of the Polar Star, given to foreign citizens and stateless persons "for extraordinary efforts for Swedish inter-"The awards are an expression of our great gratitude for the efforts of these people in connection with Sweden's membership in NATO," Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson said Tuesday. after Finland. Both ended decades of post-World War II neutrality and centuries of broader non-alignment with

major powers. MAMTA" CHILDREN OF THE WORLD, DELHI

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PUBLIC NOTICE Portion) without roof rights, "said floor" part Plot bearing No. 73/A, land area measuring 1: So, yds. (out of total plot 250 sq. yds.), part (Khasra No. 13/11, situated in Village Kamalpi, Majra Burari, Bhagat Colony, Gali No. 8, A-Block, West Sant Nagar, Burari, Delh hereinafter referred to as the "said property". Be it known to all that our client, Mr. Amites Kumar (hereinafter called the "Purchaser intends to purchase the said floor from M Pawan Singh and Mr. Rajender Sing (hereinafter called the Attorney Holder). In this connection, the Attorney Holder have informed the purchaser that they are the joint courses. ame the sole and absolute owner of the s operty and transferred the said property vour of Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Rana. The Attorne older has also informed the purchaser that the aid floor is not mortgaged anywhere and the s no charge or dispute or any litigation pendi

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Shivkant Arora, Advocate N-74, LGF, Defence Colony,

Initial report shows Liam Payne had cocaine in his system when he died AP BUENOS AIRES widely reported in local media

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

not expected to be made public for some weeks. But the preliminary toxicology report of the wildly famous boy band star, handed to local prosecutors on Monday, suggested evidence of exposure to cocaine, the official said, stressing that these initial results don't offer an accurate reading of just how much was circulating in his blood when he The official spoke on condition

of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief journalists. The preliminary report was on Monday. Argentina's public prosecution is

investigating the case — which is not uncommon when a death is sudden or unexpected. Payne's autopsy concluded that

the traumatic injuries that caused his death were consistent with his three-story fall from the hotel window. Prosecutors have ruled out anyone else being involved.

Argentine investigators found what appeared to be narcotics and alcohol strewn about broken objects and furniture in 31vear-old Payne's hotel room, leading the public prosecution to surmise Payne had suffered a substance abuse-induced breakdown around the time of his fall. The prosecution said Payne could have plunged from his hotel room balcony in a state of "semi or total uncon-

sciousness." Photos purportedly taken from inside Payne's hotel room published by local media showed snowlike powder left on a table and a smashed-in TV screen. Police also discovered a blister pack of clonazepam, a central nervous system depressant, and overthe-counter medications scattered among Payne's belongings. Shortly before Payne's death, the hotel manager called 911 to report a guest acting aggressively and under the influence of drugs and alcohol. Investigators are also trying to figure out who sold Payne the drugs he took at the CasaSur Hotel in Palermo, a chic neighborhood of the Argentine capital. Police have taken statements from at least three hotel employees, as well as two women who visited Payne's hotel room a few hours before his death.

CORRIGENDUM NO-2 FOR TENDER NOTICE NO.: N_7_HQ_EPC_ EI_2024-25 DTD. 18-10-2024 Corrigendum No. 2 has been

issued against Tender No. N_7_HQ_EPC_EI_2024-25. New Item Added: Document Description: SN-1: Corrected EPC Document; File Name: CorrEI18.10.20241.pdf; SN-2: Tentative Drawing for SnT Service Building; File Name : EISERVICEBUILDINGTYPICAL DRG1.pdf; For details please visit in website www.ireps.gov.in.

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OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER OF THE MAESTRO MULTI STATE COOPERATIVE GROUP HOUSING SOCIETY LTD. D-24, GREENVIEW APARTMENTS, SECTOR-9, ROHINI, DELHI -110085 **Election Program for the Board of Directors**

TIME Sr.No. **PARTICULARS** DATE Publication of Provisional List of 16th October, 2024 11:00 a.m Members eligible (Wednesday) Time Window for Raising Objections to the Provisional List 17th-19th October, 2024 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Thursday to Saturday) (Every Day) Scrutiny of objection received to 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 20th-23rd Oct., 2024 (Sunday to Wednesday) Publication of Final List of 24th October, 2024 3:00 p.m. Member Eligible to Vote (Thursday) 25th-28th October, 2024 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Issue and Filling of Nomination Form (Friday to Monday) (Every Day) Display on Notice Board of 28th October, 2024 5:00 p.m Society (at a conspicuous place) Nomination Forms received by Returning Officer 29th October, 2024 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Scrutiny of received Nomination Forms Publication of List of Valid 29th October, 2024 5:00 p.m. Nominations (Tuesday) Withdrawal of Nominations 2nd-6th Nov., 2024 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Every Day) (Saturday-Wednesday) Publication of Final List of 5:00 p.m. 10. 6th November, 2024 Contesting Candidates (Wednesday) 08:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and all Date of Polling if Necessary 10th November, 2024 (Sunday) those who have entered the polling station at 2:00 p.m. or before will be allowed to cast vote. 10th November, 2024 Counting of Votes Immediately after the polling (Sunday) After approval of Cooperative Election Authority New Delhi on Declaration of Results of Board of Directors 1th November, 2024 (Monday) Format 19M Election Program of Office Bearers Announcement of Election 14th Nov. 2024 (Thursday) After Declaration of Result of

Schedule:
(i) Time window for filing
Nomination
(ii) Time window for withdrawal 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 2:00p.m.to 3:00 p.m. 3:15 p.m. (iii) Display of list of the Contesting candidate 11.00 a.m. onwards Meeting of Newly Constituted Board & Publication of List for 15th November, 2024 (Friday valid Nominations, Polling (if necessary) After approval of Cooperative Election Authority, New Delhi on Declaration of Result of Election of Office Bearers

Returning Officer, DM, North West Delh

India well positioned to capitalise growth opportunities: FM Nirmala Sitharaman

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

made Sitharaman remarks on Monday while delivering a special lecture on 'India's Economic Resilience and Prospects Amidst A Challenging and Uncertain Global Environment' at Columbia University here.

She said that India is looking towards boosting domestic capacities, and building resilience against external shocks.

"While the past decades saw global growth led by broad multilateral trade, the coming years, I think, will likely be defined by strategic economic partnerships and India is very well poised to take advantage of this transition.'

She said that the global economic environment may present challenges, but "India is well positioned to capitalise on new growth opportunities. "The shift towards a more fragmented global economy, characterised by redefined alliances and changing trade patterns, could in fact work to



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

Sitharaman arrived in New York Sunday from Mexico where she had chaired the Tech Leaders Roundtable in Guadalajara. She had also visited the TCS headquarters in Guadalajara.

In New York, she addressed a Roundtable on 'Investment of Opportunities in India' at the New York Stock Exchange and participated in a fireside chat on India's decadal

reforms economic growth with IBM Chairman and CEO Arvind Krishna.

From New York, Sitharaman will head to Washington DC to participate in the Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank, the 4th G20 Finance Ministers and Bank Governor Central (FMCBG) Meetings, besides the G20 Joint Meeting of Environment FMCBGs. Ministers, and Foreign Ministers; and G7 - Africa Ministerial Roundtable. Sitharaman noted that it may

be an understatement that we are living through times profound uncertainty, which is steadily rising before

"The world today grapples with multiple challenges, such was the 10th largest economy and presently, it is the fifth largest economy.

The International Monetary Fund has projected it to become the third-largest economy by 2027. "India's contribution to global growth is projected to see an increase of 200 basis points in the next five years," she said.

She further stressed that India's trade policies have also undergone significant reform, with a focus on facilitation and greater integration with key economic partners. India fostering a more competitive and exportoriented economy trade free pursuing agreements with nations like the UAE and Australia, alongside initiatives such as the Production Linked Incentive schemes and One One Product District schemes.

"Furthermore, India must continue to strengthen its position in the geopolitical landscape. As the world undergoes a realignment of power dynamics, emerging economies like India would need to navigate complex international relationships. This would require a nuanced approach to diplomacy where economic interests are balanced with strategic she said adding concerns," as countries look inwards, globally there is the added risk of regress towards de-industrialisation. She said India's rise in the

its growing influence in sectors like high-end capital goods, renewables pharmaceuticals, signal its potential to become a vital player in global markets. Another vital aspect of the

policy agenda has been the strengthening of India's financial sector. The soundness of our banking system marked by low levels of NPAs (nonperforming assets) and enhanced provisioning for bad loans reflects the reforms we have undertaken to improve asset

quality," she said. She added that by 2047, as India celebrates 100 years of independence, "we will have a chance to define a new era of prosperity, not just for our own citizens, but for the global community as well. "India's role in the world is expanding, and we stand

ready engage constructively with the international community, sharing our innovations and contributing to global peace and prosperity," she said, as she cited the example of the COVID-19 pandemic during which India supplied vaccines developed and manufactured by it to nations across the world. "The coming decades will be defined by how effectively India manages its dividend, demographic strengthens its global partnerships, and navigates the complexity of a rapidly changing world," she said.

Insurance industry can use ecommerce, telecom network to distribute policies: LIC chief



Ctate-owned life insurance Sbehemoth LIC's chief executive and managing director Siddhartha Mohanty on Tuesday pitched for using the e-commerce and telecom network to distribute policies deep in the country.

'As we are serious about 'insurance for all', we must rethink how we distribute and market insurance products, Mohanty said, speaking at an event organised by CII here. He said the current channels including agents, brokers, and bancassurance have been effective, but fraught with its own limitations given the challenge of taking insurance to each citizen of the country. Specifically, the current models have "limitations" to taking insurance to the vast and underserved rural market, the LIC executive said, adding that the future is in opening non-traditional channels.

"Collaborating with nontraditional players, such as telecom companies, fintech firms and e-commerce platforms, we can significantly

"These organisations have unparalleled access to remote underbanked communities. By partnering with them, we can ensure that affordable and accessible coverage is available to all," he

added. Adopting a newer approach will hugely increase the spectrum of insurance products across the insurers that will be available for sale to meet the varied needs of the customers, he said, stressing that reaching over a billion

people "is no easy task". Moĥanty also said that digital technologies should be a key to reaching rural and lowincome groups and sought regulatory support to ensure that any innovations are "nurtured and appropriately".

Technologies and platforms like artificial intelligence, machine learning automation

revolutionising the entire insurance sector and making it more customer-friendly, he

Consumers worried about data breaches: PwC India survey

onsumers are worried Cabout data breaches, and a large number of them are not aware of their rights related to personal data. According to a PwC India

The PwC Survey on Data Privacy offers vital insights from 3,233 consumers and 186 organisations across exploring awareness and

implementation Personal Data Protection Act (DPDPA), the consultancy firm said.

As per the survey report titled 'How aware and prepared are Indian consumers and businesses to navigate the new era of digital privacy?? A survey of India's data privacy landscape', 42 per cent of consumers are not sure if they will continue using the services of a company post a

"This rate is higher in Tier-1 cities at 46 per cent. Although 52 per cent of organisations planning additional controls around security personal data, technology alone won't solve the compliance issue," PwC India

data breach.



said.

The survey also showed that only 16 per cent of consumers are aware of the DPDP Act across diverse geographies, age groups, occupational backgrounds and urban-rural

Sivarama Krishnan, Partner & Leader - Risk Consulting, PwC India and Leader of APAC Cyber Security and Privacy, PwC opined that the DPDP Act 2023 will play a critical role as India transitions to a high-growth digital economy.

"Our engagement with over 3,000 consumers across the country and with around 200 corporates reveals the significant gap in

understanding of the basic tenets of privacy among all," Krishnan said.

The survey also found that 56 per cent of consumers are not aware of their rights related to personal data and 69 per cent are not aware of their rights to take back their consent.

Anirban Sengupta, Leader and Partner, Business and Technology Risk, PwC India said that in India, sectors that are regulated and direct-toconsumer show maturity in privacy mechanisms yet, concerns about privacy laws enforcement.

"The need of the hour is a cultural shift towards prioritising data privacy, necessitating active from both participation businesses and consumers to foster a privacy-conscious environment," Sengupta added.PwC India said the survey also throws light on the urgent need for ecommerce, social media and technology sector to focus on educating the age group of 18-30 years on digital privacy, consent management, protection of personal information and consequences of data sharing

Reliance Infrastructure to launch Dhirubhai Ambani Defence City



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 $R^{\text{eliance Infrastructure on}}_{\text{Tuesday announced}}$ announced of Dhirubhai setting up Defence Ambani (DADC) integrated project Manufacturing of Explosives, Ammunition and Small Arms in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra. The company has been

as the conflict in the Middle

East and between Russia and

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increases in global tariffs due

to trade wars and oil price

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allotted 1000 acres of Land in Watad Industrial Area of Ratnagiri, Maharashtra to develop DADC. It will be the largest GREENFIELD project in Defence Sector in India by any Private Sector company. Reliance Infrastructure will invest over Rs. 10,000 Cr over the next 10 years. Reliance Infrastructure through its subsidiaries has exported defence equipment worth more than Rs. 1,000 Cr over a

period of time. Infrastructure's Reliance wholly owned subsidiaries Jai

Armaments Limited and Reliance Defence Limited already have license from India Govt of manufacturing of Arms and Ammunition. The proposed Projects envisage Joint Ventures with up to six leading Global Defence Companies.

Ammunition range to include Small, Medium & Large Caliber and Terminally Guided Munition (TGM) Small Arms portfolio will address the export markets, both Civil and Military applications Reliance already has successful Joint Ventures (JVs) at MIHAN, Nagpur, Maharashtra with two of the leading Global Defence companies Dassault Aviation and Thales of France.

Dassault Reliance Aerospace Limited (DRAL) and Thales Reliance Defence Systems (TRDS) export 100% of their production.

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

PTI NEW YORK

India's GDP growth is I projected at 7.2 per cent in 2024-25, around 7 per cent in the next fiscal, and after that, there is a strong likelihood that the growth will revert to the 8 per cent trend, said Reserve Bank of India deputy governor Michael Debabrata

He was speaking at the New York Fed Central Banking Federal Reserve Bank here on Monday

...I do believe with all the strength of my conviction that India's time has come," he said, and highlighted the country heads into its future with the youngest population in the world with a median age of 28 years.

Unlike in many parts of the world, the working age population is growing -every sixth working age person is an Indian. since

Patra said that independence in 1947, India's growth path has undergone three structural shifts with trend growth, having risen to 7 per cent during 2002-2019. After the severe contraction



growth trajectory averaging 8 per cent seems to be forming during 2021-24, he said. fastest growing economy in the world.

Already the fifth largest economy in terms of market exchange rates, it is poised to become the third largest economy by 2030, the senior RBI official said and added the country is already the third largest economy in terms of purchasing power

Our projections show that India's real GDP growth will be 7.2 per cent in 2024-25 and around 7.0 per cent in 2025-26 in a cyclical correction to the rebound from the pandemic. Thereafter, there is a strong likelihood that India's growth will revert to the 8 per cent trend," Patra

On inflation, he said it is projected to average 4.5 per cent in 2024-25 and 4.1 per

Consumer Price Index (CPI) based inflation fell below target during July-August but rose to 5.5 per cent in September on the back of a pickup in price momentum in some food items and adverse base effects inherent in yearon-year measurement.

Our projection indicates that these price pressures will persist in October and November before headline inflation realigns with the target from December 2024 and remains aligned in 2025-26," the deputy governor said. He also emphasised that India is emerging as a world leader leveraging digital technologies transformative change.

Adani Group to acquire Orient Cement

without thought

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Billionaire Gautam Adani-led Adani Group on Tuesday said it will acquire CK Birla group firm Orient Cement at a valuation of Rs 8,100 crore, as part of its expansion drive.

With this acquisition Adani Cement will achieve a capacity of 100 MT (million tones) per annum by end of FY25 and a gain of 2 per cent in the overall market share in the country.

Adani Cement has signed a binding agreement for the acquisition of Orient Cement Ltd (OCL) at an equity value of Rs. 8,100 crore.

As per that, its step down unit "Ambuja will acquire 46.8 per cent shares of OCL from its current promoters and certain public shareholders", according to a joint statement. The acquisition will be fully funded through internal accruals, it added

The latest acquisition will add 16.6 MTPA capacity to the



firm, which operates through Ambuja Cements in the

Besides, this deal will also help Adani group, which is aspiring to have 140 MTPA capacity by FY28, reduce the overall logistics costs for the cement business and improve

market share. Adani had June, announced the acquisition of Penna Hvderabad-based Cement at an enterprise value Ambuja Cements' accelerated

the country's second largest cement manufacturer.

In December last year, it completed the acquisition of Saurashtra-based Sanghi Industries Ltd at an enterprise value of Rs 5,185 crore.

Commenting over the latest development Ambuja Cements Director Karan Adani said: "This timed acquisition marks another significant step forward in of Rs 10,422 crore, which growth journey, increasing

cement capacity by ~30 MTPA within two years of Ambuja's acquisition. By acquiring OCL, Ambuja is poised to reach 100 MTPA

cement capacity in FY25, he added. "The acquisition will help to expand Adani Cement's presence in core markets and

improve its pan-India market share by 2 per cent," Adani added. OCL has 5.6 MTPA of clinker capacity and 8.5 MTPA of cement capacity along with the statutory clearance to

increase the clinker capacity by another 6.0 MTPA and cement capacity by another 8.1 MTPA C K Birla, Chairman of

Orient Cement and the CK Birla Group, said, "The CK Birla Group is continuously reallocating capital to sharpen

its focus on consumercentric, technology-driven service-based businesses." "We are confident that the

infrastructure, is the ideal new owner to drive continued growth at Orient Cement for our people and stakeholders, he said.

Adani Group entered into the cement sector in September after acquiring controlling stakes in Ambuja Cement from Swiss firm Holcim for cash proceeds of USD 6.4 billion (about Rs 51.000 crore). Ambuja Cements owns a 51 per cent stake in ACC Ltd.

Later it also launched a Rs 31,000-crore open offer for the acquisition of 26 per cent additional stakes from public shareholders.

According to data from the Cement Manufacturers Association, the country has a total of 541 metric tonnes (MT) of installed cement capacity.

The Indian cement market is led by Aditya Birla group firm UltraTech Cement Ltd. which has a consolidated capacity of Adani Group, with its strong

Power Grid board approves raising up funds via bonds

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Power Grid board on Tuesday approved_a proposal to raise up to Rs 5,000 crore through issuance of bonds on private placement basis. The base issue size of the bonds is Rs 1,000 crore with additional 'Green Shoe Option' of Rs 4,000 crore."Committee of Directors for bonds in their meeting held today i.E. On 22nd October, 2024 approved the raising bonds

unsecured. Nonconvertible, cumulative, redeemable, taxable, POWERGRID taxable, POWERGKID Bonds...Up to Rs 5,000 on crore on private placement basis," it stated. crore Bonds are redeemable at par at the end of 10th year and interest payment on yearly basis. The bonds will be listed on BSE/NSE.

INBRIEF

JALLIANWALA BAGH MASSACRE-LECTURE SERIES II AT GNDU

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



N. F. RAILWAY TO OPERATE FOUR DIESEL SPECIAL JOYRIDES



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

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

It has been learnt that over 12,000 fans have already registered for the free tickets on offer through a private ticketing portal. The National Stadium has a seating capacity of just over 16,000. The two Tests hold great



significance Indian hockey, which is on an upswing following back-toback Olympic bronze medals in Tokyo and Paris.

In the French capital, the Indians, under the talismanic and in-form Harmanpreet Singh's leadership, lost 2-3 to Germany in a closelycontested semifinal. "This series is not just about

the two teams playing; it's about reviving the spirit of hockey in Delhi. We hope this will inspire more young players from the region to take up the game," Harmanpreet had said after the rubber was announced.

That sentiment aside, India also have a very good opportunity to avenge their

loss in Paris. But the Germans will be a hard nut to crack as they are the reigning world champions and displayed that fortitude in Paris, going down only in the shoot-out to Netherlands in Going by rankings, the Germans are favourites as India are currently placed fifth in the world but in modern hockey, there is hardly any difference hardly any difference between the top 10 teams and anyone can beat a high-

the gold medal match.

placed rival on their day. In the last five encounters between the two sides, India hold an edge, having won three and lost two.

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

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

the squad is defender and drag-flicker Varun Kumar, who is returning after a sabbatical from the game that was forced by allegations of sexual harassment by a junior volleyball player. His name has since been cleared in the

The Indians will be led by star drag-flicker Harmanpreet, who is enjoying the form of his life and mid-fielder Vivek Sagar Prasad will be his deputy.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Garbiñe Kenin beat Muguruza in the Melbourne Park Grand Slam singles final in 2020 and lost to Iga Swiatek in the French Open final a few months later. After her Australian Open win, she achieved her highest

ranking of No. 4, but a series

of injuries over the past several years has seen her

ranking slip to her current No. 155. She also had to withdraw from the 2021 US Open due to COVID-19. Kenin was joined in the second round by Canadians Bianca Andreescu, who beat Serena Williams for the US Open title in 2019, and Leylah Fernandez, who won

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

their opening matches



Zverev sympathises after routing local wild card in Vienna

AP VIENNA

No. 3-ranked Alexander Zverev was sympathetic for Joel Schwaerzler after hammering the 18-year-old wild card in his hometown debut at the Erste Bank Open. Zverev won by a quick 6-2, 6th-ranked Schwaerzler, appearing in his second ATP tour-level match, encouragement when they met at the net.

"When you come to your tournament and probably the biggest crowd you have played in front of, as an 18-year-old and you're playing the world No. 3, it's not the easiest thing in the

world," Zverev said. "I've been there. I did that as a 17-yearold in Hamburg, where I got to the semifinals and all of a sudden had a sold out stadium and was playing against a certain David Ferrer.
"The match was over half an hour later and I won one (Schwaerzler) feels. It's not an easy situation to be in but he's a wonderful player and he's going to have a wonderful

Zverev's 60th win of the year equalled his season best from 2018. In other matches, Italians Matteo Berrettini and Flavio Cobolli were also

Hockey, shooting, cricket, badminton among major sports axed from 2026 Glasgow CWG

PTI ■ LONDON

Tn a body blow to India's Imedal prospects in the Commonwealth Games, key sports such as hockey, badminton, wrestling, cricket and shooting have been dropped from the 2026 edition by host city Glasgow, which unveiled a pruned roster of 10 disciplines to keep the event budget-friendly.

Table tennis, squash and triathlon have also been axed in a bid to limit the cost and streamline logistics given that only four venues will host the entire showpiece. The total number of events at the Games will be nine fewer compared to the 2022 Birmingham edition.

sports - striking a balance between ensuring the event has a multi-sport feel and the need to manage financial and operational risk," the Commonwealth Games said Federation in statement.

"The sports programme will include Athletics and Para Athletics (Track & Field),

Swimming Swimming Gymnastics, Track Cycling and Para Track Cycling, Netball, Weightlifting and Para Powerlifting, Boxing, Judo, Bowls and Para Bowls, and 3x3 Basketball and 3x3 Wheelchair Basketball," the Commonwealth Games Federation said statement.

The 23rd edition of the Games is scheduled to take place from July 23 to August 2, marking Glasgow's return as host after 12 years.

"The Games will take place across four venues Scotstoun Stadium, Tollcross International Swimming Centre, Emirates Arena including the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome and the Scottis Campus Athletes and support staff will housed accommodation," it added.

The roster is a massive setback to India's medal prospects given that bulk of the country's medals came from the removed disciplines in the past editions. Shooting was never expected to return



after being dropped from the Birmingham programme four years ago, owing to logistics. While announcing said "Glasgow 2026 will feature a 10-sport programme concentrated across four venues within an eight-mile corridor"

This ruled shooting out of the roster as the Barry Buddon centre in Dundee -- the venue during the 2014 CWG -- is more than 100km away from Glasgow.

continued to be ignored. The sport last featured at the Games in the 2010 Delhi edition.

Exhibition and Scottish Conference Centre, which hosted hockey and wrestling in 2014, has been dropped from the list of venues, while Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome, where badminton was held that year, will be used only for

cycling this time. 100km away from Aside from cost, hockey's exclusion could also be down

to the fact that the Games are being organised close to the World Cup that is scheduled two weeks later from August 15 to 30 in Wavre, Belgium and Amstelveen, Netherlands The Australian state of Victoria was the original host of the 2026 edition but pulled out last year due to rising costs. Scotland then stepped in to save the Games. Hockey's omission from the

Games would be a significant blow for India. The men's team has won three silver and two bronze medals, while the women have also shone, clinching three medals, including a historic gold in the 2002 Games.

In badminton, India has racked up an impressive 31 and 13 bronze.

Notably, the nation was to enter the 2026 edition as defending champions in men's and women's singles, as well as men's doubles.

Shooting was a stronghold for India, with a staggering 135 medals to its name. The count included 63 gold, 44 silver, and 28 bronze.

The wrestling competition has yielded 114 medals for the nation, including 49 gold, 39 silver, and 26 bronzes.

After the cricket's reintroduction in 2022, the cricket's Indian women's team claimed a silver.

Para-athletes have been a part of the Games since the 2002 Manchester edition and will continue to be there in

the 2026 edition as well. "Para sport will once again be fully integrated as a key priority and point of difference for the Games, with six Para sports included on the sport programme,"

CGF said. The CGF said that the Games will deliver over 100 million pounds of "inward into the city is expected to add an economic value of over 150 million pounds for the

The body asserted that all this would be possible thanks to a model "that has been specially designed to not require public funding for the delivery of the



Neymar back after a year out and helps Al-Hilal in Asian Champions League

Neymar returned to action after a year out through injury and helped Al-Hilal beat Al Ain of the United Arab Emirates 5-4 in the group stage of the AFC Champions League Elite. Neymar signed for the Saudi

Arabia club in August 2023 but played only five times before tearing an anterior cruciate ligament October. He came off the bench 369 days later for the four-time Asian champion with 13 minutes remaining at Al Ain. He almost scored

In a thrilling match between
Al-Hilal and the defending
Al-Ahli won at Qatar's Alchampion, Renan Lodi gave Al-Hilal the opener after 26 minutes. Soufiane Rahimi, the tournament top scorer last season, leveled soon after.By the break, Sergej Milinkovic-Savic and Salem Al-Dawsari put Hilal 3-1 ahead Mateo Sanabria ahead.Mateo Sanabria pulled a goal back just after the hour but Al-Dawsari scored twice more to complete a hat trick, and Rahimi achieved the same

feat to make it 5-4.

immediately when his low shot from left of the area shaved the post.

The win maintained Al-Hilal's perfect record in Asia after three games.

Rayyan 2-1 thanks to goals from Gabri Veiga and Firas Al-Buraikan.

Iraq's Al-Shorta drew with Uzbekistan's Pakhtakor 0-0, and Qatar's Al-Sadd defeated Iran's Persepolis 1-

Al-Nassr and Cristiano Ronaldo are in action on Tuesday against Esteghlal of Iran. The game was moved from Tehran to Dubai due to the security situation in

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

PTI ■ KATHMANDU

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

hand them them the top spot in Group A.

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

sitting on one point each. A draw would leave Bangladesh as group runners-

up with two points.
The Blue Tigresses clinched their place in the semifinals with a commanding 5-2 victory over Pakistan but now their focus shifts to topping

their focus shifts to topping the group and avenging a painful memory of 2022. In that edition, Bangladesh dealt a shocking blow on India by ending their unbeaten streak in the championship with a decisive 3-0 win in the group stage 3-0 win in the group stage. It marked the first time India had lost to their South Asian rivals in SAFF history, and the

Blue Tigresses will be eager to



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

We have both senior and young players and we are prepared to push for a win. We have had productive training sessions, and I hope we can put what we have practiced into action."

As the captain, I aim to lead by example and support the team in every Bangladesh has some fast and

our mental strength gives us an edge, which will be crucial in tomorrow's game," added 34-year-old Manipur. Head coach Santosh Kashyap

has led the team through five days of training in Kathmandu, preparing for the challenges that lie ahead against Bangladesh. He has carefully assessed all the potential threats posed by

the opposition.

"Tomorrow's match will be challenging, as Bangladesh are a strong side with a

tactical plans. Although we have already booked a spot in the semi-finals, we are taking it one game at a time, aiming to win every match.
"I prefer playing attacking

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

Defender Dalima Chhibber, who was named the Most Valuable Player in the 2019

return to the tournament after missing the 2022 edition. She was absent last time due to playing three seasons in Canada, but now she's back and ready to compute in the and ready to compete in the SAFF Championship once

Championship, is making her

Bangladesh and Pakistan are currently tied on one point each after a 1-1 draw in their group-stage match. For Bangladesh, the absence of coach Golam Rabbani

Choton, along with key players like defender Akhi Khatun and Anai Mogini, will be felt.

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

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

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

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

ndia assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate said on Tuesday that middle-order batters KL Rahul and Sarfaraz Khan are locked in a selection battle for the second Test against New Zealand here even though head coach Gautam Gambhir is keen to give the former,

With India looking to bounce back from the eight-wicket thrashing at Bengaluru in the opening Test, focus will be on the team combination with Washington Sundar being added to the squad. Shubman Gill and Rishabh Pant are both aiming to shake off injury concerns for the match starting Thursday.

"Yeah, there's no point in sugarcoating it, there's a fight for a spot," ten Doeschate told the media when asked if Rahul and Sarfaraz were battling for a place in the team, here at the MCA Stadium ahead of India's training session.

"Sarfaraz was obviously brilliant in the last Test. I went to KL after the last Test (and) said how many balls do you play at (and) miss at? He didn't play at (and) miss at one ball and that's what tends to happen when you're not getting runs.

"There's certainly no concerns about KL, he's batting nicely, he's in a good mental space. But we are certainly



going to have to fit seven pieces into six spots for this Test and look at the pitch now and decide what's going to be best for the team," he said.

Sarfaraz scored a second-innings 150 in the Bengaluru game, while Rahul remained off-colour in both

While admitting that it is difficult to keep Rahul out of the equation in the Test format, ten Doeschate said head coach Gautam Gambhir is "keen to" give him a long rope. "It's not like we're worried about his form. If you go on just the past three months since Gauti has been in here, he's keen to give him (Rahul) as much rope as we can. We have a lot of faith in him," he said.

"But at the same time, it's a very competitive environment, with Sarfaraz getting 150 plus runs (222 not out) in the Irani Trophy final. The decision will be what's best for the team, but we'll certainly back all the guys in," he added.

Pant, who did not keep wickets for a significant part of the opening Test,

and Shubman Gill, who missed the match due to stiffness in his neck, are close to attaining their full

"Rishabh is pretty good. I think Rohit (Sharmna) touched on it the other day. He was having a little bit of discomfort at the end range of his movement with the knee. But fingers crossed, he'll be good to keep in the Test as well," he said.

"He (Gill) looks so (available for this Test). He has batted last week in Bangalore, he had a few nets, he's got

a little bit of discomfort, but I think he'll be good to go for the Test," he

Ten Doeschate said the addition of Washington Sundar is "no desperate measure" but to add a bowling option who would take the ball away

option who would take the ball away from the Kiwis left-handers.
"Definitely not. They (New Zealand) are filled with four left-handers in the XI. We've had Washy around the white-ball squad for a while and we like the way he operates. It's also nice to see that guys are getting rewarded for Ranji Trophy performance as well."

well."
"We just want to make sure we're absolutely prepared for conditions here and if that does mean taking the ball away from the left-hander, we want that option," he added.

Ten Doeschate said Mohammed Siraj could be going through a "wicket-drought" but there was

with the was struggling for rhythm.
"Siraj bowled beautifully in the second innings. That hour of Test match cricket on the last morning

was really high quality," he said. "It maybe wasn't a nicking wicket, which is obviously his big strength, particularly to left-handers when he moves the ball across. There's nothing there to say like he's not bowling well or his rhythm is not

'Alongside trying to win the

series, the tour will serve as important preparation for next year's ODI World Cup in India."

New Zealand won the

Women's T20 World Cup in Dubai with a 32-run win

New Zealand Women's ODI

Molly Penfold,

over South Africa.

challenge.

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

Palastair Cook feels Joe Root has the potential to surpass the legendary Sachin Tendulkar as the leading rungetter in Test cricket thanks to his insatiable hunger and incredible talent.

33-year-old The currently has 12716 Test runs and is 3205 short of the Indian icon (15921).

Root occupies the fifth spot in the leading run-getter's chart at the moment with Rahul Dravid (13,288), Jacques Kallis (13,289) and Ricky Ponting (13,378) and Tendulkar ahead of him.

"I think Joe Root could set a mark, certainly on an English side, that'll be very hard to beat. But, you just never know," Cook was quoted as

saying by the ICC.
"I hope he can get very close, if not be the first person who scores 16,000 Test runs. It'd be a great achievement.

Root overtook Cook as England's leading run-scorer in the longest format during the Multan Test against Pakistan earlier this month. Having watched

over South Africa.

"It's been an amazing 24 hours for this group becoming T20 World Cup champions," said Sawyer.

"We're relishing the win but when we get to India we'll need to refocus and set our sights on the next challenge." compatriot go past him to become England's most decorated batter, the 39-yearold Cook struggled to express his feelings and called up Root to congratulate him for his massive feat.
"I watched the moment, then

I rang him after the end of the play. I couldn't think of the right words to write in a text message," Coon said.
"So, I thought I'd just ring

him, see what he was up to, and make sure he had a beer in his hand, which I think he

Root's remarkable form over the past four years has seen him score more than half of his total 35 Test centuries in that period, averaging close to 60.

Cook believes that he is currently the best batter in the world with New Zealand's Kane Williamson coming close to matching him. "I think at this precise moment in time, I find it hard

to see anyone playing as well as Joe Root. Over the last year or so, of the so-called 'Big Four', I think Williamson and him are probably in the best form at the moment.
"They're all wonderful, wonderful players, all very

different, actually, in their methods and ways of playing. But one thing, which kind of unites them is that hunger and desire to keep improving and keep churning out the runs," Cook said.

Root will look to continue to amass big scores and add to his tally during the third Test against Pakistan Rawalpindi, beginning on Thursday.

Moving to another topic, Cook has expressed his support for England's 'Bazball' style of play in Test

cricket. "I think the game has certainly made a big jump

forward in what is now deemed possible in Test cricket. "I think the jump happened

in one day cricket first, probably. The fundamental change, certainly from the English point of view, is when Owen Morgan took the side forward in 2015. And obviously the Ben Stokes era has changed the mentality of what was possible."

We're here to make amends: **Cummins**

PTI MUMBAI

Australian skipper Pat Cummins is determined to "make amends" against India in the upcoming fivematch Test series, as he aims to reclaim the Border-Gavaskar Trophy for the first time in over a decade.

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

Senior New Zealand batter Kane Williamson will not

be available for the second

Test against India here as his

rehabilitation from a groin strain is still not complete, the country's cricket board

New Zealand lead the three-

match series 1-0 after winning the first game by eight wickets in Bengaluru.

The second match will start

Williamson, who is yet to join the squad here, suffered

the injury during the recent

Test series against Sri Lanka.

Blackcaps head coach Gary Stead said Williamson was not yet ready even though he has made significant

We're monitoring Kane and

he's tracking in the right

direction, but isn't yet 100

per cent fit," said Stead in a

statement issued by New

announced on Tuesday.

here on Thursday.

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

PTI CHRISTCHURCH

Wicketkeeper-batter Polly Inglis earned her maiden call-up as recently-crowned Women's T20 World champions New Zealand announced their 15-member squad for the upcoming three-match ODI against India, beginning in Ahmedabad on Thursday. Inglis, 28, was rewarded for

consistent performances with both bat and gloves for Otago Sparks in the women's Super Smash and New Zealand A, leading to her first New Zealand Cricket central contract in

tour," Head coach Ben Sawver said in a statement. Johnstone Shield one-day following a maternity break.

Williamson ruled out of 2nd Test against India



competition and throughout "We're really excited to the New Zealand A series introduce Polly for her first against England, so it's a great next step for her." Lauren Down also returns

"She put her hand up in last to the squad after resuming Hallyburton international cricket in July

as possible to get himself

"We're hopeful to see further ready, but certainly continue

improvement over the coming days and have him available for the third Test.
"We'll give him as much time to take a cautious approach," he added. The third Test is scheduled in Mumbai from November 1.

Mair, Rosemary sustained a serious back injury earlier this year, has been rested as part of her long-term rehabilitation.

Mair and off-spinner Leigh Kasperek are the only two players missing from the

"Touring India is one of the great experiences in world cricket," Sawyer said.

"It's such a special place to come and I know everyone is looking forward to the Rowe, Lea Tahuhu.

squad: Sophie Devine (C), Suzie Bates, Eden Carson, World Cup in the UAE. Lauren Down, Izzy Gaze, Maddy Green, Brooke Halliday, Polly Inglis (WK),

Fran Jonas, Jess Kerr, Melie Georgia Plimmer, Hannah

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

Top order batter Prithvi Shaw has been left out of the Mumbai squad for their next Ranji Trophy match against Tripura owing to fitness and disciplinary issues. The match is scheduled to be played in Agartala from October 26 to 29.

The right-handed opening batter, who has played five Tests, six ODIs and one T20I for India, seems to have run into trouble. It is reliably learnt that the 24-

year-old does not regularly attend the team's training sessions and has also appeared a "little overweight". "You have to look at his fitness and his running when he is on the field. The MCA has a rich history and there cannot be exceptions for a certain player," an official from Mumbai Cricket



out in the two rounds of Shaw's form has been a concern given that he has scores of 7, 12, 1 and 39 not shad by the Mumbai senior men's fitness conduct to drop him has been taken scored to drop him has been taken to drop him has been t

selection panel owing to his

named 29-year-old lefthanded opening batter Akhil Herwadkar as replacement. Herwadkar has played 41 first-class matches and averages 36.51 with seven centuries and 10 fifties.

Also, middle-order mainstay and India's T20I skipper Suryakumar Yadav has been rested from the Mumbai squad. Suryakumar scored seven in his only outing for Mumbai in their nine-wicket win over Maharashtra.

Mumbai squad: Ajinkya Rahane (c), Ayush Mhatre, Angkrish Raghuvanshi, Akhil Herwadkar, Shreyas Iyer, Siddhesh Lad, Suryansh Shedge, Hardik Tamore (wk), Sidhaant Addhatrao (wk), Shams Mulani, Karsh Kothari Himanshu Singh Kothari, Himanshu Singh, Shardul Thakur, Mohit Juned

Royston Dias.

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Mumbai Indians, Kolkata Knight Riders, Rajasthan Royals, Sunrisers Hyderabad and Lucknow Super Giants are among the IPL franchises who have submitted bids to acquire teams in the English Cricket Board-run The Hundred,

according to a report.
The GMR Group, recently named the new owner of Hampshire, and Avram Glazer, co-owner of Manchester United Football Club, also submitted bids before the ECB's October 18 deadline for potential

reported

investors,

ESPNCricinfo. The ECB has invited bids for a 49 per cent stake in each of the eight franchises, with the board retaining majority

Zealand Cricket (NZC).

control. "Expressions of interest could be for all eight teams, which would be culled to four in the next step which will start in November when the investors get to meet the host counties of each Hundred franchise," stated

the report. "Following that, investors would need to prune their wishlist to four teams, as part of the second stage, which will then come down to two teams of which they



would need to make their

final choice. The ECB is aiming to

finalise investors by early 2025 but is committed to a

deliberate approach to avoid "underselling what it believes is a valuable product". ECB chairman Richard Thompson has also mentioned the possibility of a "hybrid" ownership model, where some teams remain where some teams remain under ECB control while others are sold to private investors.

The report further says while several IPL franchises showed early interest, not all followed through with bids.

"Punjab Kings opted out, while there has been no confirmation on whether five-times IPL champions Chennai Super Kings and equity major CVC Capital Partners, which owns Gujarat Titans, have submitted bids," it added.
"Global sports investors INEOS, owned by Jim Ratcliffe, which owns a 27%

operations wing, have also opted out of bidding." One of the main concerns for IPL franchises was whether they would be "happy being passive

stake in Manchester United

and run the football club's