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takes off in 2025

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⊣he Narendra Modi-led government is set to begin the long-delayed Population Census in 2025, with a target for completion by 2026. This will be followed by a nationwide delimitation process for Lok constituencies, expected to be finished by 2028. However, no decision has been taken yet on whether Caste Census will also be carried out along with the general Census.

This development comes amid demands from several Opposition parties for a Caste However, the government has not yet made a decision, and the details of the Census process are yet to be made public. The upcoming Census round is expected to include the usual surveys religion and social with class, along with counts of General,

Scheduled Castes, and Scheduled Tribes. According to sources aware of the details, the Government has not yet taken any decision on the Caste Census. The process of tabulating the country's population will begin in 2025 and is expected to conclude by 2026, following which the process of carving out constituencies for the Lok Sabha through delimitation

will begin.

The last Census was conducted in 2011, and the following round was initially planned for 2021 but was postponed due to the second wave of COVID-19.The Census cycle is now set to follow a 10-year pattern, running from 2025 to 2035 and later from 2035 to 2045. The Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner had prepared 31 questions to be asked to the citizens during the Census exercise. These questions include whether the head of the household belongs to

previous Census. for the Census and the NPR will begin early next year and the population data will be announced by 2026. With this, the Census cycle is likely to be changed. So, it will be 2025-2035 and then 2035-2045 and so on in future," said sources adding all these factors will have to be looked

into before any decision is

Scheduled Caste or Scheduled

Tribe and other family members as asked in the

The 31 questions to be asked to each family under the Census exercise include the total number of persons normally residing in the household, whether the head of the household is a woman, the number of dwelling exclusively possession of the household,

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the number of married couple(s) living in the household among others. The questions also include whether a family has a telephone, internet connection, mobile or smartphone, bicycle, scooter

or motorcycle or moped, and whether they own a car, jeep or a van. The citizens will also be asked

what is the cereal they consume in the household, source of

' drinking source of lighting, access to latrine. type of latrine, waste water outlet, availability of bathing facility, availability of kitchen and LPG/PNG connection, main fuel used for cooking, availability of

radio, transistor, television The Congress, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and several other parties have been demanding that a Caste Census be undertaken. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP's) alliance partners such as Janata Dal United (JDU) in

Bihar have also spoken about the same, but have not put any pressure on the Centre. At the central level, the final decision has been left to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his cabinet.

The BJP's other ally, Telugu Desam Party (TDP), too is of the opinion that the Census must happen, with Andhra Chief Minister Pradesh Chandrababu Naidu actively advocating for 'Skill Census' for the benefit of the masses, especially population. The Rashtriya Swayamsevak

Sangh (RSS) too is in favour not being done for gaining political mileage by any party. Many states in the South, especially Tamil Nadu, have followed a strict population policy and therefore, the government is considering a proposal to see that no unfair treatment is meted out to them via the delimitation process.

Population Census India, Spain partnership soars to new heights

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

India on Monday set in Imotion the manufacture of C295- , an ultra modern tactical transport aircraftwhich can carry troops and logistical supplies from main airfields to forward operating airfields of the country. The aircraft will be made in partnership with Spain, and can also operate on short unprepared airstrips as it is capable of Short Take-off and Landing (STOL). The aircraft can additionally be used for casualty or medical evacuation, performing special missions, disaster response and maritime patrol duties while it can operate from short airstrips just 2,200 feet long and can fly lowlevel operations for tactical missions flying at a low speed of 110 knots according to parent manufacturer Airbus.

Modi and his counterpart Pedro Sanchez inaugurated the Tata Aircraft Complex in Vadodara, India's first private facility to build these military planes, where C295 aircraft will be produced. PM Modi and Spanish PM Pedro Sanchez on Monday inaugurated the Tata Aircraft Complex for manufacturing C295 aircraft in Vadodara. Noting that the partnership between India and Spain is finding a new direction, Modi said the project would not only strengthen the relations between the two nations but also give momentum to the mission of 'Make in India, Make for the World'.

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PM Modi conveyed his best wishes to the team of Airbus and Tata, and also paid tributes to the late Ratan Tata. The Airbus C295 is a medium tactical transport aircraft that



about an aircraft as they visit the TATA Aircraft Complex after its inauguration. in Vadodara, Gujarat, Monday, October 28, 2024. Tata Sons Chairperson Natarajan was designed and initially manufactured by the Spanish aerospace company CASA, which is now a part of the European multinational Airbus Defence and Space division. The C295 can also be used for medical evacuations, disaster response, maritime patrol duties.

The C295 aircraft factory is a reflection of the new work culture of New India, the PM said, adding India's speed from idea to the execution of any project can be witnessed at the factory, whose foundation stone was laid in October 2022. Emphasising the focus on eliminating unaccounted delays in the planning and execution of projects, PM Modi recalled the setting up of Bombardier train coach manufacturing facility in Vadodara as the Chief Minister of Gujarat. Metro coaches made in that

identity manufacturing was about import and none could that imagine defence manufacturing could take place on such a large scale in India, the PM said. "Our government decided to walk on a new path and set new goals for India, whose results are evident today," he said. The transformation of India's defence sector exemplifies how a right plan and partnership

can turn possibilities into prosperity, PM Modi said.

factory are being exported, the

PM said, and expressed

confidence that the aircraft

inaugurated on Monday would

also be exported. Quoting the

famous Spanish poet, Antonio Machado, PM Modi said, "As

we start treading towards the

goal, the path towards the goal

A decade ago, the priority and

is created automatically."





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Prime Minister

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Almost November, but no winter vibes?

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With clear skies, no rain, and absence of snowfall in Himalayas and easterly winds, north and central India including Delhi has been warmer than usual so far in the month of October. The pleasant 'wintery' nip in the air is missing. The National Capital Region has been recording 2024. According Octobers in north and central

above-normal

temperatures consistently in the second half of October meteorologists and scientists, India are getting warmer and are expected to get worse in the coming years with fewer Western disturbances, unpredictable rains during the monsoon season, and the larger impacts of climate change and changing weather patterns are to blame.

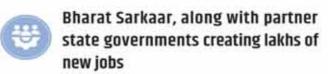
Earlier,

India the

Meteorological Department (IMD) had hinted at the possibility of a severe winter in North India, especially in the northwest and central regions, including Delhi-NCR. This forecast was linked to the potential development of La Nina conditions during October and November.

The IMD officials said the observatory of Safdarjung has the measured lowest temperature of 17.4°C, so far this month. In the remaining three days of this month, the temperature is expected to hover around 20°C and may even breach 21°C, during this period. Safdarjung recorded the lowest minimum of under 15°C for the last four consecutive years in October. The lowest temperature of the last two decades was 12.5°C.

recorded on October 29,





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NSUI members rally to secretariat | 300 kg synthetic mawa seized seeking student union election

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Members of National Students Union of India (NSUI) on Monday rallied towards the secretariat to protest the failure of authorities to hold student union elections this year. The police attempted to stop the protesters from advancing towards the secretariat which resulted in a mild altercation. During the altercation, one NSUI member sustained injuries and was taken to Government Doon Medical College (GDMC) hospital. NSUI State in-

Saurabh charge claimed that the cancellation of the student union elections was a well-planned conspiracy by the government. He averred that the government aims to leave the youth leaderless, preventing them from voicing their concerns. NSUI State president Vikas Negi exdisappointment over the government's alleged failure to conduct the student union elections this year. He pointed out that these elections have been

held for many years to address student issues in colleges. He questioned why government could change admission dates but not the dates for the student union elections. opined that the failure to conduct elections indicates that the State government is infringing on the rights of the youth. The NSUI members submitted a memorandum addressed to the chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami regarding their

The police apprehended an individual with 300 station areas in the district. kilogrammes of adulterated The police searched a car in (synthetic) mawa, preventthe wee hours on Monday. ing its supply to Dehradun During the check, the powhere the demand for such lice recovered about 300 kilogrammes of adulterated items has risen considermawa in the trunk of the ably in the run up to Deepawali. This arrest follows directions of the Dehradun senior superintendent of police Ajai Singh to curb

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the influx of adulterated

food items from neighbour-

ing States during the festive

season. Singh stated that in-

tensive checks for adulter-

ated food items are being

The Dehradun food safety officer was called to the spot to test the item. He further said that upon examination, the officer declared the recovered mawa to be synthetic. Samples were taken for further

conducted across all police

analysis and the remaining synthetic mawa was destroyed. During interrogation, the accused, Amit (36) from Muzaffarnagar, revealed that he had obtained the product from Muzaffarnagar and intended to supply it to various reputed shops and dairies in Dehradun city at inflated prices for the Deepawali celebrations. The police arrested the accused and registered a case against him under the relevant sections, the SSP



निविदा सूचना पत्रांकः 2417/निविदा/156,

एतद्द्वारा अध्यक्ष, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल संसाधन विकास एवं निर्माण निगम की ओर से निम्न कार्यो हेत् पाईप लेईंग, "डी" या उच्चतर श्रेणी के उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम/उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान सम्बन्धित कार्यक्षेत्र हेतु पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से मोहरबन्द निविदायें दि० 11.11.2024 (किसी कारणवश अवकाश घोषित होने पर अगले कार्यदिवस) की अपरान्ह 3:00 बजे तक इस कार्यालय आमन्त्रित की जाती हैं, जो उसी दिन दि० 11.11.2024 को उपस्थित ठेकेदारों के समक्ष अपरान्ह 3.30 बजे अधोहस्ताक्षरी अथवा अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा मनोनित अधिकारी द्वारा खोली जायेगी। निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक 08.11.2024 की अपरान्ह 5:00 बजे तक इस कार्यालय से क्रय किये जा सकते हैं।

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Rain and snowfall likely in five mountainous districts today

PNS DEHRADUN

Even as the maximum and temperatures have continued to remain above normal in various parts of the State, rain and snowfall are likely in some parts of the State on Tuesday. The rain and snowfall is expected to bring down the mercury level by a few notches. The State meteorological centre has forecast that very light to light rain is likely to occur at isolated places in Uttarkashi, Chamoli, Rudraprayag, Bageshwar and Pithoragarh districts. Further,

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The National Medical

▲ Commission (NMC) has

given its permission to the

Government Doon Medical

College (GDMC) for seven

new seats in the MD paedi-

atrics course. The admission

in these seats will be done

from the merit of NEET- PG

examination. The Health

minister Dhan Singh Rawat

said that the objective of the

State government is to expand

the scope of medical educa-

tion in the State to remove the

problem of paucity of special-

ist doctors. He said that efforts

are being made to start PG

classes in every medical col-

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there is also a possibility of snowfall in areas situated at altitudes of 4000 feet and above. Apart from this, dry weather is likely to prevail in the remaining districts of the State today. The provisional State capital Dehradun is forecast to witness a mainly clear to partly cloudy sky. Mist/haze are likely to occur during the morning hours. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be about 31 degrees Celsius and 18 degrees Celsius respectively in

lege of the State. The minister

informed that at present the

PG courses are available in

three government medical

colleges of Dehradun, Srina-

gar and Haldwani. He said

that NMC has approved 174

seats in these colleges in 19

disciplines. The minister ex-

pressed gratitude to Prime

Minister Narendra Modi and

Union Health minister IF

Nadda for providing new PG

seats in paediatrics to GDMC.

He said that efforts are being

made to increase the number

of PG seats in the medical col-

expansion of franchises in

Jammu, Ludhiana and Paonta

Sahib, aiming to broaden the

school's reach and provide

quality education to more stu-

dents. The principal, Ruchi

Pradhan Datta spoke of main

events and results of the past

vear in scholastic and non-

scholastic areas and high-

all-round

the

leges of the State.

The Asian School celebrates its silver jubilee

DEHRADUN: The Asian School celebrated its silver jubilee

with a string of cultural programmes including the performance

by the school band Groovers. Veteran actor Anupam Kher who

was present on the occasion as the chief guest said that the

biggest obstacle holding today's youngsters back is the fear of

failure and urged parents and elders to address it. Failure is not

a reflection of a person's worth, but rather an event meant to fos

ter growth, he added. Those present on the occasion included

the president of the school Amarjeet Singh, the vice-president

Madanieet Singh and the directors Tarunivot Iuneia, Gaganiyot

Juneja and Vartika Sah Juneja. Gaganjyot Juneja announced the

lighted

achievements of the school. A ceremonious launch of the

25th edition of the school magazine 'Colors' and the third

volume of 'Reflections', a collection of short stories penned

Book written by Dr BKS Sanjay

DEHRADUN: The book 'From the Pen of Surgeons' writ-

ten jointly by Padma Shri awardee orthopaedic surgeon Dr

BKS Sanjay and Dr Gaurav Sanjay was released by the

Union Minister of Tourism and Culture Gajendra Singh

Shekhawat, former Union Education minister Ramesh

Pokhriyal 'Nishank' and Union Minister of State for Road

Transport and National Highways Ajay Tamta at India's first

Writer's Village. The book is compilation of guest columns

written by the duo in The Pioneer. Assembly speaker Ritu

Bhushan Khanduri was also present on the occasion. The

book covers various health, education, nutrition and social

issues prevailing in India, Dr Sanjay said, adding that the

preface of this book had been written by the former director

of Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administra-

Yogasana Sports Competi-

tion concludes at THDCIL

DEHRADUN: The three-day 5th Uttarakhand State-level

Yogasana Sports Competition 2024 organised by THDC

India Limited in collaboration with the Uttarakhand Yo-

gasana Sports Association and Dehradun District Yogasana

Sports Association concluded at its corporate office in

Rishikesh. The chairman and managing director RK Vish-

noi, congratulated the winners, saying that aside from being

a fitness practice, yoga means holistic well-being and inner

harmony. The director (Personnel), Shallinder Singh

presided over the closing ceremony and awarded the win-

ners. Singh expressed concern over the youth adopting

wrong lifestyle choices like substance abuse and stressed on

tion and historian Sanjeev Chopra.

yoga as a solution.

& Dr Gaurav Sanjay released

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NMC approves seven new seats

in MD, Paediatrics in GDMC

Dehradun today.

The maximum and mintemperatures recorded on Monday were 30.9 degrees Celsius and 18.4 degrees Celsius respectively in Dehradun, 32 degrees Celsius and 19.6 degrees Celsius in Pantnagar, 21.6 degrees Celsius and 11.8 degrees Celsius in Mukteshwar and 22.9 degrees Celsius and 13.6 degrees Celsius in New Tehri.

TV actors enter wedlock at resort in Ramnagar

PNS RAMNAGAR

Noted television actress Surabhi Jyoti of 'Nagin' fame got married to actor and producer Sumit Suri at a resort in Ramnagar on the weekend. Various television actors and MP Chirag Paswan were among those who attended the marriage function. The newly married couple departed from Ramnagar on Monday morning.



Following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for holding destination weddings in Uttarakhand, many are choosing to enter the wedlock at Ramnagar in Nainital district. Suri and Ivoti got married at a resort at Sanvalde in Ramnagar. The marriage function was spread across three days. culminating on Sunday. The managing director of the resort, Kamal Tripathi informed that the couple got married on Sunday night. They left Ramnagar on Monday morning. More than 50 television actors and actresses were among those who attended the marriage programme, he added.

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nterest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors) For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website ie., www.karnatakabank.com under the head "Mega E-Auction on 27.11.2024" The E-auction will be conducted through portal https://bankauctions.in/ on 27.11.2024 from 11:30 A.M to 12:30 P.M with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at https://bankauctions.in/ and get the user Id and password free of cost and get online training on E-auction (tentatively on 26.11.2024) from M/s.4closure, 605A, 6th Floor, Maitrivanam, Ameerpet, Hyderabad-500038 Contact No.040-23836405, Mobile: 8142000809, E-mail: info@bankauctions.in. Date: 28.10.2024

Sd/- For Karnataka Bank Ltd Chief Manager & Authorised Officer. Place: Roorkee

कार्यालय नगरपालिका परिषद विकासनगर देहरादुन पत्रांक 670 / स0व्य0लो0 / 2024—25

निविदा सूचना

नगर पालिका परिषद विकासनगर जिला-देहरादून क्षेत्रान्तर्गत सफाई व्यवस्था हेतु ट्रैक्टर मय लोडर फिटिग सहित क्रय किये जाने वास्ते अनुभवी फर्म / एजेन्सीयो से दिनाक 13.11.2024 समय 02:00 बजे तक (टू–बिड सिस्टम) तकनीकी एवं वित्तीय सीलबन्द निविदायें आमन्त्रित की जाती हैं, जो उसी दिन सांय 4:00 बजे निविदाताओं अथवा उनके अधिकृत प्रतिनिधियों की उपस्थित में निविदा समिति द्वारा खोली जायेगी, निविदा प्रपत्र दिनाँक 11.11.2024 को अपरान्ह 12:00 बजे तक निविदा प्रपत्र शल्क नगर पालिका परिषद विकासनगर कार्यालय में जमा कर प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं, धरोहर धनराशि की एफ०डी०आर० अधिशासी अधिकारी नगर पालिका परिषद विकासनगर जिला देहरादून के पद नाम से बन्धक कर देनी होगी। किसी एक या समस्त निविदादाताओं को स्वीकार / अस्वीकार करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरी को होगा। निविदा शर्तें तथा सामग्री सम्बन्धी स्पेसिफिकेशन एवं अन्य जानकारी किसी भी कार्यालय दिवस पर देखी या प्राप्त की जा सकती हैं।

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Franch Office: ICICI Bank Limited shal Tower Plot No-23, New Rohtak RoadKarol Bagh New Delhi-110005

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

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Sr. Name of the Borrower/ No. Co-Borrower/Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address		Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Sunpreet Singh Wadhwa/ Jasbir Singh Wadhwa/ Inpreet Singh Wadhwa (LBDEH00004702043) & R/o 52/2, D.L. Road, PO Rispna Dehradun G.P. Uttarakhand Dehradun- 248001	Land Bearing Khata No. 1460 (Fasli 1416 To 1421), Khasra No. 649 Ka, (Old Khasra No 303), Situated At Mauza Aamwala Tarla, Pargana Parwadoon, District Dehradun, Uttarakhand- 248001	17-08-2024 Rs. 30,13,134.85/-	31/05/ 2024
2.	Sunpreet Singh Wadhwa/ Jasbir Singh Wadhwa/ Inpreet Singh Wadhwa (LBDEH000004702046) & R/o 52/2, D.L. Road, PO Rispna Dehradun G.P. Uttarakhand Dehradun- 248001	Land Bearing Khata No. 1460 (Fasli 1416 To 1421), Khasra No. 649 Ka, (Old Khasra No 303), Situated At Mauza Aamwala Tarla, Pargana Parwadoon, District Dehradun, Uttarakhand- 248001	17-08-2024 Rs. 12,74,754.77/-	31/05/ 2024
3.	Ramesh Singh Mehta/ Prema Mehta (LBRUD00005195947) & House No. 68A, Bankhandi Nath Colony Fulsunga, Post Office Transit Camp Rudrarpur, Uttarakhand Udham Singh Nagar- 263153	Plot No. 68 And Part Of 1/2, Khet No. 76 Minjumla, Gram Fulsungi, Tehsil Rudrapur, District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand- 263153	04-09-2024 Rs. 5,87,323.54/-	03/06/ 2024
4.	Ramesh Singh Mehta / Prema Mehta (LBRUD00005195957) & House No. 68A, Bankhandi Nath Colony Fulsunga, Post Office Transit Camp Rudrarpur, Uttarakhand Udham Singh Nagar- 263153	Plot No. 68 And Part Of 1/2, Khet No. 76 Minjumla, Gram Fulsungi, Tehsil Rudrapur, District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand- 263153	04-09-2024 Rs. 5,80,461.66	03/06/ 2024
5.	Poonam/ Deepak Kumar (LBSAH00002985283) & R/o 6340(1), Mech-wksp C/o56 Apo, Nasirabad, Rajasthan Ajmer- 305401	Part of Khasra No. 1693 Minjumla Ka, Situated At Village Salempur Rajputana, Inside Roorkee Nagar Nigam, Pargana Bhagwanpur, Tehsil Roorkee, District Haridwar, Uttarakhand- 247667	10-09-2024 Rs. 7,33,638.29/-	03/06/ 2024
6.	Suraj/ Mamta Yadav (LBDEH00006493996) & LANE NO. 2, Nanda Enclave, Shimla By Pass Road, Harbhajwala Mehuwala, Uttarakhand Dehradun- 248001	Part of Khasra No. 2096 Ka, Situated At Gram Mehuwala Mafi, Pargana Pachwadoon, Tehsil And District Dehradun, Uttarakhand- 248001	14-09-2024 Rs. 43,961/-	09/07/ 2024
7.	Suraj/ Mamta Yadav (TBDEH00006476817) & Lane No. 2, Nanda Enclave, Shimla By Pass Road, Harbhajwala Mehuwala, Uttarakhand Dehradun- 248001	Part of Khasra No. 2096 Ka, Situated At Gram Mehuwala Mafi, Pargana Pachwadoon, Tehsil And District Dehradun, Uttarakhand- 248001	14-09-2024 Rs. 7,52,720.50/-	09/07/ 2024
8.	Suraj/ Mamta Yadav (TBDEH00006476820) & Lane No. 2, Nanda Enclave, Shimla By Pass Road, Harbhajwala Mehuwala, Uttarakhand Dehradun- 248001	Part Of Khasra No. 2096 Ka, Situated At Gram Mehuwala Mafi, Pargana Pachwadoon, Tehsil And District Dehradun, Uttarakhand- 248001	14-09-2024 Rs. 17,45,285/-	09/07/ 2024
9.	Sandeep Goswami/ Nisha Goswami (LBDEH00005876436) & Haripuram	Khata Khatauni No. 3135, Fasli Year 1394 To 1399, Khasra No. 1297, Situated At Mauza Kapwali Paragna	14-09-2024 Rs.	29/07/ 2024

Kanwali Near Kheda Mandir Situated At Mauza Kanwali, Pargana 818758.52 Uttarakhand Dehradun- 248146 Central Doon, District Dehradun, Uttarkhand- 248001 Khata Khatauni No. 3135, Fasli Year 1394 To 1399, Khasra No. 1297, Situated At Mauza Kanwali, Pargana Central Doon, District Dehradun, 10. Sandeep Goswami/ Nisha Goswami (LBDEH00005857701) & Haripuram Kanwali Near Kheda Mandir 14-09-2024 2024 15,56,494.28/-Jttarakhand Dehradun- 248146 Uttarkhand- 248001 Sandeep Goswami/ Nisha Goswami (LBDEH00005939267) & Haripuram Kanwali Near Kheda Mandir Khata Khatauni No. 3135, Fasli Year 1394 To 1399, Khasra No. 1297, Situated At Mauza Kanwali, Pargana Central Doon, District Dehradun, Uttarkhand- 248001 14-09-2024 29/07 Rs. 53,095.16/-Uttarakhand Dehradun- 248146 Ashok Kumar/ Shweta Chauhan (LBHWR00004259506) & R/o 75/ 1 Plot No. 25, Khara No. 1735, Situated 09/07 2024 14-09-2024 At Amar Colony Subhash Nagar, Inside Nagar Nigam, Pargana Jwalapur, Tehsil And District Haridwar, Uttarakhand- 249407 Rs. 5,30,863.40/-Haridwar Road, Jwalapur Idgah, Gali No. A12, Subhash Nagar Uttarakhand Haridwar- 249407 Plot No. 25, Khara No. 1735, Situated 14-09-2024 At Amar Colony Subhash Nagar, Inside Nagar Nigam, Pargana Jwalapur, Tehsil And District Haridwar, Uttarakhand- 249407 Rs. 14,56,689.94/-Haridwar Road, Jwalapur Idgah, Gali No. A12, Subhash Nagar Uttarakhand Haridwar- 249407 Vishal Jauhari/ Akiko Morita Jauhari (LBLUC00005369147) & House No. 4/133, Vipul Khand Gomti Nagar Unit No. C-15 G, Ground Floor, Situated 03/10/2024 At Village Parsvnath City, Uttardouna, Pargana Tehsil And District Dehradun 2024 41,64,858.40/-Uttarakhand- 226001 Rajeev Kumar/ Jyoti Gangwar/ Girish Chandra Saxena (LBRUD00006273001) & Chandpura Bisalpur Uttar Pradesh Pilibhit-262201 Plot No. 61 and 60 With Roof Rights, Part of Khata No. 000656, Khet No. 26 Minjumla, Situated At Village Fulsungi Tehsil Rudrapur, District Udham Singh 03/10/2024 31/07/ 2024 Rs. 12,15,543.26/-Nagar, Uttarakhand- 263153 Rajeev Kumar/ Jyoti Gangwar (LBRUD00006277104) & Chandpura Bisalpur Uttar Pradesh Pilibhit-262201 Plot No. 61 And 60 With Roof Rights, Part Of Khata No. 000656, Khet No. 26 03/10/2024 Rs. 83,860.06/-Minjumla, Situated At Village Fulsungi, Tehsil Rudrapur, District Udham Sing Nagar, Uttarakhand- 263153 Sudesh Dheeman/ Sushama Dheeman/ Sumit Kumar (TBHWR00006721720) & Mohanpur, Mohanmmadpur, Milap Nagar, Roorkee, Uttarakhand Haridwar- 247666 08/10/2024 02/08

Milap Nagar, Roorkee, Uttarakhand Haridwar- 247666 These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of

Part Of Khasra No.285, Village Mohanpura, Mohammadpur, Pargana Tehsil Roorkee, District Haridwar, Uttarakhand- 247667

Rs. 7,99,419.62/-

08/10/2024

Rs. 8,79,684.58/-

02/08/ 2024

Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Date: October 29, 2024 Sincerely. Authorised Signatory For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Sudesh Dheeman/ Sushama Dheeman (LBROK00004654012) & Mohanpur, Mohanmmadpur,

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BJP's Asha Nautiyal, Congress' Manoj Rawat file nomination papers for Kedarnath bypoll

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The stage is set for the KKedarnath Assembly bypoll with the filing of nom-ination papers by the candidates of Bharatiya Janata Party and Congress on Monday. The BJP candidate Asha Nautiyal filed her nomination papers in the presence of chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, former CM Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, Garhwal MP Anil Baluni and other leaders in Ukhimath. The Congress candidate Manoj Rawat filed his nomination papers on the day with the top leaders of the Uttarakhand Congress. Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Karan issued," he said. Accusing the

Narendra Modi, the BJP has always given preference to development in Kedarnath. He appealed to the people to give their vote to the BJP candidate Nautiyal to continue the development journey in Kedarnath. Paying homage to the late MLA Shaila Rani Rawat, the CM said that he had promised the people of Kedarnath that he will act as an MLA of Kedarnath till a new legislator is elected from the constituency. "I have fulfilled the promise made to you and in a short span of time government orders for many schemes worth crores of rupees have been

the key contenders for the party ticket in the nomination process and public meeting. However Aishwarya Rawat, the daughter of the late Shaila Rani Rawat was conspicuous by her absence, fuelling speculation that she could revolt. The Congress party on the other hand organised a Padyatra and public meeting in Agastyamuni town after filing of nomination papers by its candidate. Addressing the meeting, the PCC president Karan Mahara said that after registering victories in Manglaur and Badrinath Assembly by-elections, the Congress will register a thumping victory in



BJP candidate Asha Nautiyal files nomination in the presence of CM Pushkar Singh Dhami, ex-CM Ramesh Pokhriyal and others(left); Congress candidate Manoj Rawat files nomination accompanied by PCC chief Karan Mahara, ex-PCC chief Ganesh Godiyal and others on Monday (right) Pioneer photo

Mahara, State co-in charge Surendra Sharma, leader of opposition (LoP) in the Assembly, Yashpal Arya, former PCC president Ganesh Godiyal, district Congress president Kunwar Sajwan and others accompanied Rawat. After filing nomination papers, the BJP leaders addressed a public meeting in Ukhimath. Speaking on the occasion, the CM said that under the leadership of Prime Minister ence of Kuldeep Rawat, one of

Congress party of spreading lies, the CM said that the government has issued clear orders so that no one can construct temples in the names of Char Dham of Uttarakhand. He also accused the Congress party for engaging in appeasement politics. The CM said that the State government is committed to prevent demographic change in Uttarakhand. The BJP leaders were relieved by the pres-

Kedarnath. Former CM Harish Rawat said that corruption rules the roost in the BJP government and the women are not safe in the BJP rule. He said that the people are reeling under escalating prices and unemployment. Rawat highlighted the steps taken by the Congress government in Kedarnath after the disaster of 2013 and appealed to the people to teach the BJP a lesson.

Woman candidate & strong women voter base, BJP looks forward to victory in Kedarnath bypoll

PURNIMA BISHT ■ DEHRADUN

The Bharatiya Janata as an independent, finish-Party is aiming to ing third. While Congress' secure the Kedarnath Assembly by-election by banking on a woman candidate and the support of women voters. The BJP has fielded its Mahila Morcha chief and two-time former MLA Asha Nautiyal as its candidate in the bypoll, leveraging Kedarnath's history as a woman-dominated seat. In every Assembly election since Uttarakhand's formation, a woman has won in Kedarnath—except in 2017, when Congress can-didate Manoj Rawat, now fielded again by the opposition, claimed victory.
BJP's choice of Nautiyal could give it an edge, with the party looking to capitalise on the tradition of women-led representation and the influential women electorate. Nautiyal brings strong credentials to the race. She first won the Kedarnath seat as a BJP candidate in 2002 and retained it in 2007 by defeating Congress' Kunwar Singh. However, her winning streak was halted in 2012 when she lost to the Congress can-

In 2016, following a political shake-up, Shaila Rani Rawat and 11 other Congress MLAs joined the BJP after rebelling against the then chief minister Harish Rawat. BJP then fielded Rawat in the 2017 elections, inbrespibse to which Nautiyal contested Manoj Rawat won that year, Rawat reclaimed the seat for the BJP in 2022 as Nautiyal chose not to con-

Women voters are a substantial force in Kedarnath, both in numbers and turnout. According to the official data, Kedarnath currently has 90,540 voters, with 45,775 women and 44,765 men. In 2017 assembly elections in Kedarnath, 57.88 per cent men voted while 71.79 per cent women and in 2022, 60.29 men voted and 69.61 per cent women. This shows the significant difference in voter turnout of men and women in the constituency. Women's vote turnout has been consistently higher than the state average in Kedarnath, further highlighting their influence in the constituency. With Nautiyal as its candidate, the BJP is counting on her appeal and the backing of women voters to give it an advantage over the opposition's male candidate in this critical by-election. The BJP State president Mahendra Bhatt, who is confident about Nautiyal's victory in the bypoll, said that she has been working for people of Kedarnath at the ground level for over two decades. He said that not just in terms of getting maximum votes of women voters, BJP has an edge over the Congress' candi-

date in every aspect, be it development, ethics or support of every gender.

GOLD E-AUCTION COM INVITATION NOTICE

The below mentioned borrowers have been issued notice to pay off their outstanding amount towards the facility against gold ornaments. ("Facility") availed by them from ICICI Bank Limited ("ICICI Bank"). We are constrained to conduct an E-Auction of pledged gold ornaments on Nov 08, 2024 as they have failed to repay the dues. ICICI Bank has the authority to remove account /change the E-Auction date without any prior notice. Auction will be held online - https://jewel-auction.procuretiger.com between 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. For detailed Terms and conditions, please log into given website. In case of deceased borrower, all conditions will be applicable to legal heirs. Loan A/C No. | Customer Name Branch Name: Haridwar 023905006932

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[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

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1		Guarantors/	with known	standing			Auction	Auction	
1		Legal Heirs.	encumbrances,		Money	Inspection		Date	
		Loan Account No.	if any		Deposit				
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		Sandeep Kumar (Borrower) Santosh (Co-Borrowers) Loan Account No. LHHWR00001530875/ LHHWR00001530876/ LHHWR00001534242	Village Jwalapur,	Rs. 34,08, 111/- October 22, 2024	31,43, 448/- Rs.	November 06, 2024 11:00 AM 03:00 PM	November 15, 2024 02:00 PM 03:00 PM		Physical Possession

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link-https://assets.matexauctions.com) of our auction agency Matex Net Pvt Ltd. The Mortgagors/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till November 14, 2024 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Reference) Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article ono before November 14, 2024 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit signed copy of Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before November 14, 2024 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favorof "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. – Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article. For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of

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Date: October 29, 2024 Place: Haridwar Authorized Officer, ICICI Home Finance Company Limited CIN Number:- U65922MH1999PLC120106

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कार्यालय प्रभागीय वनाधिकारी उत्तरकाशी वन प्रभाग, उत्तरकाशी



-: अपील :-

समस्त क्षेत्राधिकारियों से आगामी दिनों में आने वाले विभिन्न त्यौहारों व दीपावली के मौके पर अपील की जाती है कि-

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- 3. समस्त क्षेत्राधिकारियों से अनुरोध है कि ईकोफ्रेण्डली दीवाली मनायें। आरक्षित वन क्षेत्रों के आस-पास पटाखे व दीपक न जलाये।
- 4. आरक्षित वन क्षेत्रों में गंगा तट व अन्य स्थलों में अवैध रूप से कैम्पिंग गतिविधि न की जाये, पकड़े जाने पर भारतीय वन (उत्तरांचल संशोधन) अधिनियम, 2001 की सुसंगत धाराओं के तहत वैधानिक कार्यवाही की जायेगी।
- 5. वन विभाग द्वारा वन क्षेत्रों में निगरानी हेतु ड्रोन, सी०सी०टी०वी० कैमरा व मुखविरों के माध्यम से क्षेत्र में पूर्णतः निगरानी की जा रही है, पकड़े जाने पर संबंधित के विरूद्ध सुसंगत धाराओं के तहत कार्यवाही की जायेगी।
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Enthusiasm in Kedarnath nomination points towards BJP's victory: Baluni

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the Bharatiya Janata Party, Anil Baluni said that the overwhelming enthusiasm during the Kedarnath nomination process on Monday signalled a tual site, constructing a planeclear win for the party candi- tarium and planning road date. Baluni said that all party workers and the family of the late Shaila Rani Rawat, the former Kedarnath MLA, are united in realising her vision for regional development.

In a media interaction on Monday, Baluni shared his experience during the nomination of BJP candidate Asha Nautiyal. "The scene at the BJP nomination event was a testament to the public's support. We are confident of a victory with an even larger margin than before," he said, adding that this atmosphere in favour of the BJP is likely to intensify in the coming days.

Baluni also reassured the people of Garhwal about development promises made to voters, stating that various min-

The Garhwal MP and istries and departments of the national media in-charge of central government are actively contributing. Ongoing projects include assessing new train routes, expanding Kanv Ashram as a prominent spiriexpansions. He confirmed that the administration has requested a list of roads halted due to Forest department objections and are working closely with nodal officers. "No road in Garhwal will be left unfinished due to forest and environmental laws," he said. He also highlighted efforts to establish Ramnagar as a wildlife capital and enhance areas around Rishikesh to further enrich the Char Dham pilgrimage experience. Responding to a question about the late Rawat's daughter, Baluni recalled her dedication and hard work during past elections, despite suffering an injury. He affirmed that her vision for development will be carried forward by all BJP workers and her family in

Police bust Rs 92 crore fraud in U'khand, arrest five linked to Rs 190 crore scam across India

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The police arrested five individuals including two women in Pauri for committing a fraud of Rs 92 crore in Uttarakhand by luring people to invest in their fake company. The accused have also ortealy aupea other people of about Rs 190 crore in several other States as well, the Pauri senior superintendent of police Lokeshwar Singh said. He informed that the case came to light when a Kotdwar resident Tripti Negi filed a complaint on June 1, 2024, against Vineet Singh and Pragya Rawat, who acted as a manager and cashier at the company named The Loni Urban Multi-State Credit & Thrift Co-operative Society (LUCC) in Dugadda, Kotdwar. Negi accused the duo of taking her money under the pretence of opening a recurring deposit account but failed to provide her any bond or deposit proof. The SSP formed a special investigation team to investigate the matter. It was revealed that a Rishikesh resident Girish

Chandra Singh Bisht had reportedly established the company's branch in Rishikesh in 2016 and enticed locals to invest, claiming attractive returns. Bisht expanded the company across Uttarakhand, opening around 35 branches in Pauri, Dehradun, Rudraprayag, Chamoli, Uttarkashi and Tehri. He hired heads of these branches whose role involved collecting money from local branches and transferring it up the chain. The SSP further informed that in 2021, Vineet Singh set up another branch in Dugadda and organised seminars to attract more investors with promises of investments in foreign oil wells and gold mines. Singh said that some maturity payments were made initially to strengthen public trust but as the scheme expanded, the payments stopped, causing significant financial losses. Further investigations uncovered that LUCC is one of six societies under the control of Samir Aggarwal, who allegedly fled to Dubai. He

established six entities, each operating in different states, including LUCC in Uttarakhand and others across Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Bihar. In LUCC's Dugadda oranch alone, lakh matured this year, yet no repayments were made. Singh said that out of about Rs 190 crore deposited in LUCC's accounts, only Rs two lakh were in there, with evidence suggesting funds were diverted to private accounts and possibly moved abroad through hawala transactions. The police arrested five accused and seized two luxury cars connected to the case on Sunday, the SSP said. The arrested individuals are identified as Urmila Bisht (45) Jagmohan Singh Bisht (51), Pragya Rawat (25), Vineet Singh (37) and Girish Chandra Bisht, (59). The suspects have been presented in court for further legal proceedings and further action will be taken accordingly, he added.

Pithoragarh duo dupe people of about Rs 30 crore, arrested by STF in Delhi

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The Uttarakhand Special Task Force (STF) arrested Pithoragarh residents from Delhi for committing a fraud of about Rs 30 crore. The senior superintendent of police of STF, Navneet Singh said in a Press conference in Dehradun on Monday that the accused Jagdish Bora and Kamlesh Bora are brothers and were wanted for duping citizens of about Rs 25 to Rs

They have been evading arrest for over three years, hiding in various states and changing their names and identities. Since 2019, they allegedly orchestrated a largescale scam in Pithoragarh, luring nearly 40-50 people into investing in false schemes and the stock market by promising high returns. The victims were convinced to invest further with assurances that market growth will bring even larger profits.

The brothers also alleged ly conducted real estate fraud, collecting advance payments from people in Haldwani by offering land at cheap rates, the SSP said. He informed that the duo's network reportedly included 17 accomplices who operated across multiple areas. "Numerous cases have been filed against this gang in various police stations in Pithoragarh, making their capture a high priority. It took surveillance of over a year to nab these accused.

The STF also conducted raids in multiple states. This hard work and efforts finally led to their capture in Delhi on Sunday. Both accused are natives of Garali village in Pithoragarh, and had been residing with their mother in Patel Nagar, Delhi," he said. He added that authorities will start proceeding to recover the amount duped by the

Complete pending projects under missing link fund, says CS

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 $T^{aking\ a\ stern\ note\ of\ the\ delay\ in\ release\ of}$ government orders (GOs) for the approved proposals, chief secretary Radha Raturi directed the officers concerned to take prompt action in this regard. She said that all the pending schemes and projects where the proposals are pending at DPR or other level should be completed under the missing link fund.

The CS reviewed the progress of various schemes funded by the missing link fund at the State secretariat on Monday. The CS directed the Finance secretary to seek proposals from all departments so that the incomplete schemes can be completed by releasing the budget.

While discussing missing link fund, Raturi said that the fund is a golden opportunity to complete the incomplete schemes.

All the departments should seriously evaluate the unfinished at their level and the information should also be taken from field officers, she said. Raturi added that all the departments should take ownership of the schemes. She also gave instructions for clarity and simplification of the processes in the approval and implementation of the schemes.

The CS directed that the progress of previously approved proposals should also be regularly uploaded on the PM Gatishakti portal. She said that the officers can contact her any time so that there is no delay in government work related to files in the absence of officers, especially secretaries. Raturi advised the officers to develop a work culture of dedication and promptness. Under the missing link such proposals are funded which do not get funding under any scheme in the districts.

Secretaries Shailesh Bagauli, Dilip Jawalkar, BVRC Purushottam and other officers attended the meeting.

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PM Modi to launch ₹12,850 crore development projects

stones of five nursing colleges

Pradesh, 21 critical care

blocks at Himachal Pradesh,

Karnataka, Manipur, Tamil

Nadu and Rajasthan under

Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-

ABHIM), and several facilities

and service extensions at

AIIMS in New Delhi and in

Among other projects, he will inaugurate an ESIC hospital at

Indore in Madhya Pradesh

and lay the foundation stone

for ESIC hospitals at Faridabad in Haryana,

Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh.

Shivpuri,

Khandwa,

Mandsaur

Ratlam,

Rajgarh and in Madhya

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch development projects worth nearly Rs 12,850 crore on Tuesday and also extend his government's flagship health insurance scheme Ayushman Bharat to all senior citizens aged 70 years and above.

Modi has chosen to unveil the major health sector push on the occasion of the ninth Ayurveda Day and the birth anniversary of Dhanvantari, considered the god of medicine.

At a separate event, he will also distribute more than 51,000 appointment letters to the youth as part of his government's 'Rozgar Mela', an official statement said.

Noting that it has been the constant endeavour of the prime minister to provide quality healthcare services in country, another Modi will statement said inaugurate Phase II of India's first All India Institute of Ayurveda in the national capital.

It includes a Panchakarma hospital, an ayurvedic for pharmacy drug manufacturing, a sports



central medicine unit, a library, an IT and start-ups incubation centre and a 500auditorium among others

He will also inaugurate three medical colleges at Mandsaur, Neemuch and Seoni in Madhya Pradesh.

Further, the prime minister will inaugurate facility and service extensions at various Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh, Kalyani in West Bengal, Patna in Bihar, Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh, Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, Guwahati in Assam and in New Delhi -- which will also include a Jan Aushadhi

in Karnataka, Indore in Madhya Pradesh, Meerut in Pradesh, and Atchutapuram in Andhra Pradesh. These projects will bring healthcare benefits to around

Bommasandra and Narasapur

55 lakh ESI beneficiaries.

In an innovative usage of drone technology to enhance service delivery and make healthcare more accessible, Modi will launch drone services at 11 tertiary healthcare institutions.

These are AIIMS Rishikesh in Uttarakhand, AIIMS Bibinagar in Telangana, AIIMS Guwahati in Assam, AIIMS Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, AIIMS Jodhpur in Rajasthan, AIIMS Patna in Bihar, AIIMS Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh, AIIMS Raebareli in Uttar Pradesh, AIIMS Raipur

Chhattisgarh, AIIMS Mangalagiri in Andhra Pradesh and RIMS Imphal in Manipur. He will launch a helicopter

emergency medical service from AIIMS Rishikesh, which will help deliver medical care speedily.

The prime minister will also launch the U-WIN portal that seeks to benefit pregnant women and infants by fully digitalizing the vaccination process

Among many other projects whose foundation stones will be laid are one central research institute in yoga and naturopathy each at Khordha in Odisha and Raipur in Chhattisgarh and four centres of excellence at NIPER Ahmedabad in Gujarat for medical devices, NIPER Hyderabad in Telangana for bulk drugs, NIPER Guwahati Assam

phytopharmaceuticals, and NIPER Mohali in Punjab for anti-bacterial anti-viral drug discovery and development. In a major boost to the Make in India initiative in the healthcare sector, the prime minister will inaugurate five projects under the Production Linked Incentive scheme for medical devices and bulk drugs at Vapi in Hyderabad Gujarat, Bengaluru Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Nalagarh in Himachal Barri in Himachal Pradesh, the statement said

These units will manufacture high-end medical devices, such as body implants and critical care equipment, along with important bulk drugs.

Congress blames BJP on shifting projects from Maharashtra to Gujarat

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

ccusing Narendra Modi of Ataking away Tata-Airbus' C-295 aircraft and several other important projects and government offices out of Maharashtra, the Opposition Congress said on Monday that the people of the state would give a befitting reply to the "non-biological Prime Minister" and his colleagues in the Assembly polls "for betraying the state

The Congress' attack against the Prime Minister came on a day when Modi, accompanied by Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez, inaugurated the Tata-Airbus C-295 aircraft manufacturing facility in Vadodara.

"It (Tata-Airbus C-2950 was the same project that was supposed to be set up in Nagpur, but it was shifted to Gujarat on the eve of Gujarat assembly elections in 2022. Due to which Maharashtra was deprived of this important investment. One can certainly imagine the politics behind the scenes for that," AICC General Secretary in-charge Communications Jairam Ramesh said.

In the first combative state that came from the Congress a day ahead of the close of nominations for the State Assembly polls, Jairam Ramesh charged that under the direction of the "non-biological Prime Minister" the Centre and the BJP-led MahaYuti government had completed surrendered Maharashtra's interests in getting new projects or getting support from Centre in that regard".

Citing other instances of how "betrayed' Maharashtra, Jairam Ramesh took to micro-blogging site 'X" to recall how then Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh of the Congress in 2006 tried to set International Financial

Services Center (IFSC) in Mumbai, but the current Prime Minister moved the project to his home state of Guiarat.

"The IFSC has now been set up only in GIFT City, Gujarat. In 2006 Dr. Manmohan Singh had tried to set it up in Mumbai and reserved space for the IFSC in the Bandra Kurla Complex. But those efforts were thwarted and a potential 2 lakh jobs in Mumbai were lost," Congress'

Rajya Sabha member said. "Mumbai and Surat have worked together to develop India's diamond industry for decades, with Surat handling cutting and polishing, and Mumbai handling trading and export. However, a new Bharat Diamond Bourse was built in Surat. It is another matter that this move has failed entirely, with many diamond merchants moving their operations back to Mumbai," Jairam Ramesh

"Apart from the Tata-Airbus manufacturing project, the (now failed) Vedanta-Foxconn chip project was also shifted from Maharashtra to Gujarat," he said.

" Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) remains a major hub for textiles and the textile commissionerate office, which has been in Mumbai for 80 years and more, was suddenly shifted to Delhi last year for no apparent reason," Jairam Ramesh said Dattopant Thengdi National Education and Development Board was also shifted from Nagpur to Delhi in 2021," he said.

Quoting an instance of how the BJP-led government at the Centre played politics in matters relating to Maharashtra, Jairam Ramesh said: "The demand for the status of a classical language to Marathi was pending with the government for ten years and was met only on the eve of the assembly elections due to persistent pressure from the Indian National Congress and civil unions

Maharashtra'

"(We) @INCIndia and Mahavikas Aghadi believe in equal development of the entire country without prejudice. New infrastructure projects, special investment zones and modern industries should benefit not just the state but all Indians," he said. 'During Gujarat's period of industrialization in the 1970s and 80s, projects such as Gujarat State Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited (GSFC), Gujarat Refinery and IPCL were not poached from other states but were newly established," he said.

The people of Maharashtra will give a befitting reply to the non-biological Prime Minister and his colleagues for betraying the state," Jairam Ramesh said.

Delhi court defers bail decision for MP **Engineer Rashid**

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Delhi court has adjourned Athe bail order of jailed Baramulla MP Engineer Rashid, noting his case could go to a special court meant to try lawmakers now that he was an MP. Additional Sessions Judge Chander Jit Singh, who had reserved the bail order in an alleged terror funding case, underscored he would first consider the issue of jurisdiction and whether or not to transfer the case to a special court meant to try considering lawmakers, Rashid was now an MP.

The judge would consider the issue of jurisdiction on November 13 while the order has been posted on November

"Since we are considering the jurisdiction issue whether the matter will be heard by this court or the designated court Investigation Agency (NIA), keep it (bail order) post that,' said the court.

Rashid, in the meantime, surrendered before Tihar jail

authorities on Monday, after the completion of his interim bail period.

September 10, the court had granted interim bail to Sheikh Abdul Rashid, alias Engineer Rashid, to enable him to campaign for the J&K assembly elections and deferred the order on his regular bail plea.

Rashid's interim bail was previously extended till October 28 on the ground of his father's poor health and after the National Investigation Agency (NIA) didn't oppose the plea after verifying documents.

The newly-elected MP has been lodged in Tihar jail since 2019 after the NIA arrested him under the provisions of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in the 2017

terror funding case. Elections to the 90-member J&K Assembly were held in three phases between 18 and The National Conference-Congress alliance declared winners with 48 seats on the day of results on October 8.

Congress seeks clarity on caste enumeration and state representation in next census



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ongress on Monday sought Can all-party meeting to get clarity on whether the next census would include a detailed enumeration of all castes and whether the census will be used for determining the strength of each state in the Lok

Congress chief spokesman Jairam Ramesh said the extension of the tenure of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner has been notified and it means that the long-delayed Census that was due in 2021 will finally be conducted soon.

'But there is still absolutely no clarity on two crucial issues. Will this new Census include addition to that of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes

According to the Constitution of India, such a Caste Census is the sole responsibility of the Union Government," Ramesh

said in a statement.

'Will this Census be used for determining the strength of each state in the Lok Sabha as provided for in Article 82 of the Constitution of India (which says that the first Census taken after the year 2026 and the publication of its results will the basis of any such reconstitution)? Will this work to the disadvantage of states that have been pioneers in family planning?' the Congress leader said.

It would be most appropriate if an all-party meeting is held soon to get clarity on these two vital issues, Ramesh asserted.

ALL castes in the country, in Mritunjay Kumar Narayan, currently serving as Registrar General and Census that has been done in every Commissioner of India, has Census since 1951? been extended till August

2026, paving the way for him to lead the team to carry out the much-delayed decadal census of India.

"The President is pleased to extend the central deputation tenure of Shri Mritunjay Kumar Narayan, IAS (UP:1995), Registrar General and Census Commissioner of and Census Commissioner of India, Ministry of Home Affairs beyond 06.12.2024 for a period up to 04.08.2026 or until further orders which ever is cordior. whichever is earlier.

Headquarters The Mritunjay Kumar Narayan, IAS (UP:1995) will be New Delhi," according to an official notification.

Narayan is a 1995 batch IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre and is holding the key post under the Ministry of Home Affairs since 2020.

The house listing phase of the census and the exercise to update the National Population Register (NPR) National were scheduled to be carried out across the country from April 1 to September 30, 2020 but were postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The census operation continues to be on hold and announced the new schedule. The government is expected to announce the schedule for the much-delayed exercise

JP Nadda calls for unity, urges participation in 'run for unity' event

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 $B^{\text{JP president JP Nadda on}}_{\text{Monday urged people and}}$ all public representatives, including MPs, MLAs, office bearers and workers of his party, to take part in the 'Run BJP workers to promote Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's ideals during Tuesday's event by sharing his thoughts and contribu-tions with the "#Sardar150" hashtag on social media. "As Bharat Ratna Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's janm

jayanti (birth anniversary) coincides with Diwali this year, the 'Run for Unity' event will take place tomorrow, Tuesday, October 29," Nadda said in a statement.

"I urge everyone to participate in large numbers and spread the message of national unity as well as the importance of fitness," he said. The BJP chief asked



party workers to make "every effort" to ensure the event's success.

"Additionally, I request all public representatives, including BJP MPs and MLAs, along with all party office bearers, to participate in this event and honour Sardar Patel ji," Nadda said. Sardar Patel's unparalleled role in ensuring the unity and integrity of India will always serve as an inexhaustible source of inspiration for all of us, he added.

"This year marks the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Patel ji. BJP karyakartas (workers) must share his thoughts and contributions on social media with the hashtag #Sardar150 to promote and spread Sardar Patel's ideals and values,"
Nadda said. "Every
karyakarta, official and
representative of the BJP should promote Sardar Patel ji's mantra of national unity alongside the message of fitness everywhere," he said.

Indian mountaineers create history

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A team of 20 mountaineers led by Colonel Anshuman Bhadauria has created history, scaling 11 previously unscaled and unnamed peaks in the border region of Mana in eight days.

Colonel Bhadauria is the principal of Uttarkashi-based Institute Nehru Mountaineering.

The team planned its ascent overcoming harsh weather, high winds, snow and fluctuating temperatures, NIM Registrar Praveen Kumar said.

The team climbed five 6,000metre high mountains in just eight hours and reached the summits of all 11 peaks in eight days creating two new records in the history of mountaineering, he said. on July 1 "This accomplishment not August 7.

only highlights the technical prowess and physical fitness of the team members but also their remarkable teamwork and determination," Kumar Located close to the India-

China border in Chamoli district, Mana is known as the gateway to the Himalayas and has long attracted adventurers. The peaks remained unscaled because of the rugged and untamed nature of the area, the university official said.

"This expedition significant for for several reasons. It showcases the unexplored beauty of the Mana region, serves as an inspiration to aspiring mountaineers and adds a proud chapter to India's mountaineering legacy," he said. The expedition began on July 1 and concluded on

RaGa escalates attack on Government, alleging cronyism and wealth concentration

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Stepping up his attack over conflicts of interest allegations against SEBI chief Madhabi Buch, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday said the current regime is no longer merely encouraging monopolies but actively concentrating the nation's wealth in the hands of

The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, made the remarks in his post along with a video featuring him and Congress' media and publicity department head Pawan Khera in which they talk about the alleged conflicts of interest of SEBI chief Buch.

"Institutional collapse has now given way to a more dangerous form of cronyism -- Adani Bachao.

The current regime is no longer merely encouraging monopolies, it's actively concentrating the nation's wealth in the hands of a few," Gandhi said. The Madhabi Buch scandal

goes deeper than initially imagined, he said, adding that it may be that Buch, entrusted with safeguarding retail investors, has been manipulating the system to protect Adani's interests and his inflated valuations.

Those entrusted protecting common Indians



abrogated responsibilities and are indulging in wide scale corruption and malpractice, he alleged.

Congress The consistently raised these issues, is investigating these scams, and exposing the truth to the public, Gandhi

In the video, Khera is seen explaining to Gandhi the various conflicts of interest allegations against Buch and how there were powers behind her that were at work, an apparent reference to the Adani Group. Sharing the video, the party

chairperson is to maintain the security of the stock market and investments of common Indians are not at risk. However, when chairperson is involved in manipulating the market to benefit a single player - like the Adani Group - then everyone's money is at risk, it

manipulation," it said.

November 27.

"That is what is happening with the Madhabi Buch Scandal. She has been placed in this position by PM Modi and HM Amit Shah to give Adani a clean chit in allegations of stock

SC extends interim bail to ex-Chhattisgarh **CM's deputy secretary** collected sufficient evidence to conclude Chaurasia was

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has extended the interim bail granted Chhattisgarh chief minister Bhupesh Baghel's deputy secretary, Saumya Chaurasia, who is an accused in a case linked to the alleged coal-levy scam. A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan posted the hearing on

"Interim order to continue meanwhile," the bench said in its October 25 order.

The top court had on September 25 granted interim bail to Chaurasia while noting she had been in custody for over a year and nine months, and charges hadn't been framed against her before the trial could

While directing Chhattisgarh government It had said the Enformot to reinstate Chaurasia in Directorate (ED)



the top court ordered her to appear before the trial court whenever required and not influence any witnesses. Chaurasia has challenged an

August 28 high court order refusing her bail. On December 14, 2023, the top court had dismissed Chaurasia's bail plea, saying she was prima facie involved

It had said the Enforcement

in money laundering.

natural resources-rich state to perpetrate a "coal-levy scam", which saw an "extortion" of about Rs 540 crore over the previous two The money-laundering case stems from a complaint lodged by the income-tax

department.

The ED investigation relates to "a massive scam in which illegal levy of Rs 25 was being extorted for every tonne of

actively involved in the offence of money laundering

defined in Section 3 of the

Prevention of Money

Laundering Act.
The federal probe agency had, in 2022, alleged a "grand conspiracy" in the

catorica for every tonne of coal transported in Chhattisgarh by a cartel involving senior bureaucrats, businessmen, politicians and middlemen", alleged the ED.

Sangh parivar rallies behind BJP for victory in UP By-elections

BISWAJEET BANERJEE

As the crucial by-elections for nine assembly seats in Uttar Pradesh approach, the Sangh Parivar has mobilised its cadre to ensure a decisive victory for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Boothwise teams of RSS workers have been activated in the respective constituencies, working discreetly yet determinedly to lay the groundwork for BJP's success. These teams, while keeping a distance from BJP's official events, are reaching out to various communities to propagate the message of interest communal unity, guided by the manura of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath: "Katoge to batoge"

The renewed involvement of the Sangh Parivar follows a period of strained relations between the BJP and its ideological mentor, the Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). The tension had escalated earlier this year when BJP President JP Nadda remarked that the party had grown strong enough to independently, without the need for RSS support. This statement led to a lull in the Sangh's activities, resulting in a perceived weakening of the Hindutva



agenda and a fragmentation of Hindu communities. The BJP felt the repercussions of during subsequent electoral setbacks.

However, the recent decline in the unity of Hindu voters has prompted the Sangh to strategy. its According to insiders, both the RSS and BJP have realized the importance of mending their alliance to ensure a favorable outcome in the upcoming by-elections, as well as in the assembly elections in Maharashtra and Jharkhand. The BJP has since sought the support of the Sangh to reinforce its interest, grassroots campaign in Uttar governance,

Pradesh

Now, with a renewed sense of purpose, the RSS has reengaged its network to repare the electoral field for the BJP. Ground-level contact programs have been initiated to build public support.

The campaign hinges on CM Yogi Adityanath's slogan, batoge", emphasizing the need for unity among Hindus in the face of caste divides.

The Sangh's workers are focusing on small gatherings, meeting with groups of 5-10 people, where discussions revolve around national Hindutva,

1.25 lakh small meetings across the state.

These gatherings, aimed at countering the then Congress government's Jat-centric policies and addressing local concerns like the Agneepath recruitment scheme, played a crucial role in turning public sentiment in favor of the BJP. In Uttar Pradesh, the RSS has prepared similar teams for the 10 assembly seats that are part of the upcoming electoral contest, even though voting will occur on nine seats.

The grassroots approach is designed to bolster BJP's standing among all sections of society, aiming to bridge divides and consolidate votes under a broader narrative of Hindutva and national unity. As the by-elections loom, the Sangh Parivar's behind-thescenes efforts are expected to play a pivotal role in determining the outcome.

The by-elections are widely seen as a test of the BJP's organizational strength and the resonance of its campaign themes, as well as the effectiveness of its alliance with the RSS.

A victory in these by-elections would not only boost the BJP's momentum in Uttar Pradesh but could also set the tone for the party's performance in the upcoming assembly elections in other

UP CM meets custody death victim's family

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday met the family members of trader Mohit Pandey, who died in police custody due to alleged assault, announced

compensation of Rs 10 lakh for them, officials said. The government will also take care of the education expenses of the children of the deceased, they said.

Pandey (30) died on Saturday after being allegedly beaten by police personnel following his arrest in connection with a case, according to his family. Following an uproar, the authorities on Sunday ordered

an FIR against the police station's personnel on charges of murder and criminal conspiracy. The in-charge of the police station, among those booked, has been suspended. According to a statement, the chief minister offered his condolences to the bereaved family members and instructed officials to provide them with an ex gratia of Rs 10 lakh, housing, free education for the children and access to various government schemes. He also assured the family that those responsible for Pandey's death would face strict consequences and promised that the culprits would not be

The opposition has been attacking the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh over the recent incidents of custodial death. On Monday, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav fired a fresh salvo.

spared.

"I wish those who take life give

Those who slamming

compensation. have extinguished the light of someone's house on Diwali, it is hoped that they will not light the lamps of lies, they will not try to remove the deep darkness of their rule with false light. The public is asking, will a bulldozer be used on the person who died in custody? Condemnable!"

Yadav posted on X in Hindi. Pandey's mother Tapeshwari Devi along with his wife and children visited the chief minister's official residence on Monday morning. After the meeting, the family expressed a sense of relief.

We are satisfied after meeting the chief minister. He assured us that he was fully aware of the case and that there would be no leniency. Once the investigation is complete, strict action will be taken against those found guilty," Tapeshwari.

Bakshi Ka Talab MLA Yogesh Kumar Shukla and councillor Shailendra Verma were also present during the meeting. Pandey, a resident of Jainabad in the Chinhat area, died at a hospital in police custody. His family members have claimed that police brutality was the cause of his death.

The incident has triggered a major political furore, with the Samajwadi Party, the Congress and the Bahujan Samaj Party

government. Earlier Sunday, Akhilesh Yadav had said the term "police custody" should be changed to "torture house" Congress Priyanka Gandhi alleged the BJP "established such a jungle raj in the state where police have become synonymous with brutality". BSP chief Mayawati termed the incident "highly condemnable" and said the government must take effective steps to provide justice to the victim's family. According to the police, Pandey was rushed to a community health centre after he became unwell at the police

From there he was referred to a bigger facility where he died,

they said. However, Shobharam, the victim's brother who claimed that he was also briefly held in custody, alleged that the police thrashed Pandey "mercilessly" in front of him and sent him to the hospital only after he died. A CCTV clip surfaced on the Internet Sunday, on Internet on Sunday, purportedly showing Pandey lying inside the lockup.

The family members of the

deceased accused the police of deliberately leaking only a small portion of the footage to save their back, claiming that Pandey was beaten to death.

Mahila congress chief demands legal action against Irfan Ansari

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Mahila Congress chief Alka Lamba on Monday condemned the alleged derogatory remarks by her party leader and Jharkhand minister Irfan Ansari against BJP's Sita Soren and demanded legal action over the matter.

She said that the Congress governments in various states have made strict laws for crimes against women.

Soren, who is contesting from assembly constituency against Ansari, on Sunday broke down while about made by Ansari.

Ansari allegedly made the derogatory remark about Soren after filing his nomination papers

Ansari's about



remarks, reporters, "Whether it is a person inside the party or outside, crime should be seen as crime. If you have said something verbally, caused arm all Congress government after the Nirbhaya incident.

"We never support this belongs to any party, we the Congress minister.

condemn this (comment), oppose it, demand legal action on it," she said. Lamba said when the next

government is formed, the Congress will ensure a fair action and punishment in this The Jharkhand BJP on Friday filed a complaint with the

Election Commission against Ansari for allegedly making derogatory remarks against Soren who is a prominent figure in the tribal community.

The BJP's complaint claimed that Ansari's remarks insult both the tribal community and widows in the state.

The party requested the laws have been made in the from filing his nomination and to register a criminal case against him.

Soren shared a video of the (comment). Whether it is alleged remarks on X, Irfan Ansari, the woman requesting an apology from

Pappu Yadav seeks enhanced security from Amit Shah on threat call from Bishnoi gang



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and local issues. Although the

Sangh's teams refrain from

overtly endorsing the BJP in

these meetings, the subtle shaping of public opinion aligns closely with the BJP's

The Sangh Parivar's renewed

efforts are not limited to Uttar

Meetings held in Lucknow, as

well as in other states where

elections are imminent, have

laid out a comprehensive

strategy to replicate this

approach in other regions.

The blueprint reflects the

success achieved in the

Haryana assembly elections

earlier this year, where the

RSS teams conducted nearly

electoral goals.

Bihar Lok Sabha MP Rajesh Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav has written to Home Minister Amit Shah, seeking enhanced security in view of a "threatening call from the hnoi gang Purnea MP shared with the media his two-page letter to Shah, copies of which have been marked to the chief minister of Bihar and other top officials in the state. The letter, dated October 21,

was made public on Monday when a section of the media also played an audio clip of the call from a purported aide of Bishnoi "made from a Dubai number". Besides seeking upgradation of his 'Y' security cover to 'Z', Yadav also demanded "police escort" at all functions across Bihar, warning "if I get murdered, the blame shall fall upon the Centre as well as the state government". Meanwhile, Purnea

Kartikeya Sharma said, "We have come to know about the

MP's charge through the media. We are looking into it, and also ensuring that arrangements are made for his safety in accordance with his 'Y plus' security cover".

Yadav, a gangster-turned-politician, claimed that the caller was upset over his social media outbursts against Bishnoi, who is lodged in a Gujarat jail.

After the assassination of NCP leader Baba Siddiqui in Mumbai, Yadav had declared on X that "if permitted by law", he would "finish off within 24 hours the entire network" of Bishnoi, who is alleged to have been behind the killing.

A few days later, he twisted solidarity with Bollywood actor Salman Khan, who is in the cross hairs of Bishnoi over killing of blackbucks, which are held sacred by the community to which the jailed gangster belongs.

parliamentary constituency

Munde will have to effectively counter the Maratha vote consolidation in Parli assembly segment, the hometown of late Gopinath Munde which interestingly won't have a BJP nominee in the fray after decades.

Elections to Maharashtra assembly will be held on November 20 and votes will be counted three days later. Just four months ago, the Maratha factor contributed to the narrow defeat of BJP candidate Pankaja Munde, cousin of Dhananjay, from the Beed Lok constituency which includes

The Maratha quota sentiment remains a strong factor to reckon with in Parli, a rural constituency dominated by issues like MSP for soybean crops and unemployment.

the Parli constituency.

Political observers feel Dhananjay will have to ensure the support of the OBC community to blunt the resentment in Marathas against government.

In a strategic move, Sharad Pawar has fielded Rajesaheb Deshmukh as NCP (SP) nominee against Dhananjay Munde, an Ajit Pawar loyalist and NCP candidate.

Parli is the hometown of the Gopinath Munde, late credited for expanding BJP's footprint in the Marathwada region.

With BJP nominating Pankaja as an MLC and Dhananjay already a member of the NCP camp, the Parli constituency won't have a BJP representative this time. Pankaja Munde had scored

two victories in Parli in 2009 and 2014 polls. She missed a hat-trick in

2019 when Dhananjay Munde defeated her 30,701 votes. The brother and sister duo

have buried their differences over the last five years.

NCP (SP) Deshmukh claimed Dhananjay had failed to resolve farmers' issues in Parli. He alleged local people are living in an atmosphere of fear and insecurity.

Dhananjay, however, feels that the intensity of the Maratha factor has reduced over the months.

Speaking to PTI, he said the caste politics witnessed in the Lok Sabha elections was an aberration, highlighting the victory of candidates of various castes from the Beed

in the past. He acknowledged that Beed

reservation leader Manoj Jarange. "My fight for Maratha

polls. Reservation was not There are other factors

discontent among farmers," Dhananjay said analysing the

elections decreased," he claimed. Queried on whether Beed district witnessed maximum suicides by farmers, the minister listed various

by him. The government has paid the insurance premium for

I have also demanded that the import duty on soybean

The government has also

centres purchasing soybeans from

is confident to maintain the momentum it got in the recent general elections. NCP (SP) candidate Bajrang Sonawane had defeated Pankaja from Beed by a thin margin of around 6,000

consolidation of Maratha votes in favour of Sonawane is evident as the BJP and the NCP (SP) each had secured the lead from three out of six assembly segments under the Beed

parliamentary seat. Deshmukh said he would establish the rule of law if elected from Parli.

He alleged local businessmen

are distinct. like Pankaia "Factors

Munde's work and sympathy for being Gopinath Munde's daughter benefited her. On the contrary, Dhananjay Munde had betraved Gopinath Munde. Dhananjay has done no work.

payment of crop insurance for years," he claimed.

resident Saundale feels the Maratha

Nitish Kumar hosts NDA meeting ahead of Bihar elections

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 $A_{\text{consecutive}}^{\text{iming for a fifth}}$ for a fifth office, Bihar's longest-serving Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Monday hosted a meeting of the ruling NDA to ensure "better coordination" in the run-up to state assembly polls due next year.

Leaders of all five NDA partners in the state, BJP, Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas). Hindustani Awam Morcha and Rashtriya Lok Morcha, besides the JD(U) that Kumar heads, turned up at 1, Anne Marg, the Chief Minister's official residence, on the occasion.

Emerging from the meeting that lasted for over an hour,

that similar interactions be henceforth held regularly in all districts and assembly constituencies.

"The chief minister has vowed to lead the NDA towards another victory in 2025. He has also called for coalition," State BJP president and minister Dilip Jaiswal

exposing the opposition Mahagathbandhan, stating that he felt cheated by that Notably, Kumar had walked Mahagathbandhan in August 2022, alleging that the BJP

had tried to weaken his party

with the help of the then LJP

leaders told journalists that staged a revolt during the Kumar urged the attendees to assembly polls of 2020, causing the JD(U)'s tally to crash.

Kumar also played a pivotal role in bringing together, from across the country parties opposed to the BJP, which led to the formation of the INDIA bloc but grew disillusioned and returned to the NDA in January this year. His key aide and JD(U) working president Sanjay Kumar Jha said, "The chief minister has thanked the Narendra Modi government at the Centre for its generous assistance to the state. He has urged all leaders present at the meeting to apprise the people, especially youngsters chief Chirag Paswan, now a Who may not be aware of the Union minister who had state's dismal past, of the

great leap the state has taken Deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav ever since the NDA came to

The JD(U)-BJP combine had first achieved power in Bihar in 2005 when it had ended the decade-and-a-half rule of Lalu Prasad's RJD. NDA leaders emerging after the shared meeting enthusiasm of the chief minister, now 73 years of age, who called upon the coalition to aim for a fally of "200 plus" in the 243-strong assembly. Those who attended the meeting included Rashtriya Morcha president Upendra Kushwaha, a Rajya Sabha MP who quit the JD(U) last year alleging that Kumar had capitulated before the RJD, his then ally, by virtually declaring the then as his successor. Another ally who turned up

at the meeting was Union minister and Hindustani Awam Morcha founder Jitan Ram Manjhi, who had quit NDA two years ago expressing solidarity with Kumar but returned last year alleging that the JD(U) supremo was putting pressure for a merger of the party, a move which helped his son Santosh Suman getting reinducted into the state cabinet in January this year. NDA leaders remained tightlipped over the absence, at the meeting, of former Union minister Pashupati Kumar Paras, who heads Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party and has been sidelined since the Lok

weightage being given to Chirag Paswan, his nephew with whom he has a running

However, Raju Tiwari, who is the state president of Chirag Paswan's Lok Janshakti Party Vilas), (Ram assured journalists that the young leader's brinkmanship was a thing of the past and lauded Kumar for "giving a clear signal to cadres of all parties, well in advance of the assembly polls". Other prominent leaders who Other attended the meeting were Union ministers Rajiv Ranjan Singh "Lalan" (JDU) and Giriraj Singh (BJP), Deputy Ministers Samrat Chief Choudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha (both BJP).

Muslim poets recite urdu Ramayana in Bikaner Ramayan like Lord Ram's exile,

Tn a unique event leading up Ito Diwali that has been fostering goodwill for over a decade, Muslim poets in Bikaner recite an Urdu version of the Hindu epic Ramayana that was composed 89 years ago. Dr Ziya Ul Hasan Quadri, an

Urdu teacher and poet, who along with two other Muslim poets recited the Urdu Ramayana at a function on Sunday said that the objective of the event is to give a positive message of harmony and brotherhood.

"Paryatan Lekhak Sangh" and



Vaachan' every year in Bikaner vividly describe scenes from

epic which is greatly appreciated by audiences in the city. Maulvi Badshah Hussain Rana Lakhnavi of Bikaner composed the poetic version of Ramayana in Urdu language in 1935 for a

competition organised by the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) on the birth anniversary of Tulsidas. It won the gold medal follow-

victory against Ravan and his

return to Ayodhya, capturing

the emotions d epicted in the

ing which the erstwhile ruler of Bikaner, Maharaja Ganga Singh, organised a ceremony to listen to Rana Lakhnavi's verthe gold medal to Rana Lakhnavi on behalf of the BHU in this programme. The poets, who take part in the

recitation in Rajasthan's Bikaner before Diwali, now want to take the practice at the national level and plan to organise the recitation programme in the national capital next year. Things have drastically

changed from the time when it was composed. Today, communal harmony is under threat. Lord Rama is revered by all and belongs to all, but today he has been limited which is disappointing," Quadri said.

Tej Bahadur Sapru presented He said that Muslim poets recite the Urdu Ramayan and the audience comprises of both Hindus and Muslims. Quadri said that initially, the

event used to be organised in the open but later the venue changed and now it is held in a hotel so that things are well arranged. He said that Maulvi Badshah

Hussain Rana Lakhnavi worked for Maharaja Ganga Singh from 1913 to 1919, during which he translated orders issued by the Mughal rulers from Persian to Urdu. In 1920, he was appointed as the teacher at Dungar College by Ganga

Dhananjay Munde faces Maratha challenge in Parli elections

PTI ■ CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR

Maharashtra agriculture Dhananjay is not unaffected by Maratha quota agitation, without mentioning reservation was not considered during Lok Sabha

the only issue. including

Lok Sabha poll outcome. "The intensity of the quota general

initiatives undertaken by the agriculture ministry headed

farmers. oil be raised.

started farmers," he added. Sharad Pawar-led NCP (SP)

votes.

are relocating as fake offences are being registered. When asked about Pankaja securing a lead in votes from the Parli assembly constitue ncy, Deshmukh said Lok Sabha and assembly elections

Farmers

quota issue won't affect the electoral outcome.

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PAPER WITH PASSION

Scammed!

An increasing number of people are falling victim to online scammers who exploit fear to extort money

igital scams are evolving into a growing menace, targeting people across India, and robbing them of their hard-earned money. As more people rely on online platforms for communication and transactions, fraudsters are exploiting the digital landscape to orchestrate sophisticated schemes. A recent warning from Prime Minister Narendra Modi has highlighted the alarming rise of a new scam known as the 'digital arrest.' This scam involves tricking victims into believing they are under legal scrutiny for their misdeeds and asking them to remain isolated. The victims are placed under a 'digital arrest,' by the fraudster posing as a police officer. To get out of this they must cough up the money to drop the fabricated charges. The 'digital arrest' scam preys on fear and confusion. The term'digital arrest,'sounds like a legitimate legal procedure. Recognising the severity of the issue, Prime Minister Modi issued a national warning to educate citizens about this fraudulent scheme. He clarified that the concept of a 'digi-



tal arrest' does not exist under Indian law, and no government agency would ever request personal details via phone or video call. PM Modi also provided a threestep action plan for anyone targeted by digital scammers: Victims should not panic but try to record the interaction if possible, which could help authorities trace the criminals later. No official agency will threaten or make demands online. Any such approach should be treated with suspicion. And lastly, Citizens should immediately report the incident to the national cyber helpline and local police. Several cases of 'digital arrests' have emerged across the country, underlining the scam's rapid spread. Recently, Malayalam film actor Maala

Parvathi fell victim to the scheme when fraudsters, posing as Mumbai police officers, accused her of smuggling drugs to Taiwan. Fortunately, she recognised the ruse before any money was exchanged.

The cases of digital arrest scams are just tip of the iceberg. Everyday millions of people are getting calls from scamsters and losing their money. Digital scams like the 'digital arrest' are effective because they exploit common fears about the legal system. The scammers often impersonate authoritative figures such as police officers, Central Bureau of Investigation officials, or representatives from the central bank, making their threats seem credible. The use of deepfake technology, fake ID cards, and well-crafted backdrops adds to the authenticity of their claims, convincing many to comply out of fear. PM Modi's alert is timely, however the efforts must be made by the enforcement agencies to ramp up cyber security and nab these fraudsters. Cyber security must be given top priority at the highest level as it also concerns national security as well. The Government and law enforcement agencies must put their act together to combat the surge in digital scams. Awareness campaigns, cybercrime helplines, and increased collaboration with technology companies must be employed to take on these scamsters.



Women compete in a boat race at the Dal Lake, in Srinaga

Chasing votes at the cost of social harmony-



In a nation as diverse as India, the relentless pursuit of electoral gains has overshadowed efforts to foster genuine unity and social cohesion

t is indeed disconcerting that every aspect of life in India is impacted by the process of garnering votes in the next election, and the unscrupulous politician never hesitates to use it to create a wedge between people of varied religious pursuits. I say this as I reflect upon the Bahraich clashes, these were indeed communal whether we like to use that term or not! And these are a continuation. Reports of stone pelting on religious processions are now considered routine, except by the real victims, no one cares much about what media reports with adequate caution. It is indeed disappointing to recall that the culture of wasting time and human resources that could better be utilised for delib-

erations on national concerns and issues is deliberately wasted, for presumed petty political gains. When parliament is disrupted, when the Supreme Court finds time to listen to frivolous repeated petitions from politicians who fight cases on public funds, the national interest ipso facto gets relegated to the background.

One could go on citing instances

of the decline in the conduct of leaders - exceptions apart - who enter politics just to look after themselves, their family and their clan! They hardly care for the loss of public credibility of the elected representatives amongst people and the public! Not many would even be aware of the resignations of KD Malaviya, TT Krishnamachari and Lal Bahadur Shastri? Over the last seventy-five years people have learnt to comprehend the real intentions of the politicians of different hues, their proclamations notwithstanding, they know who is communal and who is not! This incisive analytical skill emerges from the realisation that India abounds in the presence of diversity, be it of races, climate, language, cultures, flora and fauna, and most prominently and importantly, of religions and faiths. The beauty lies in the presence of harmony, bonhomie and lasting unity that makes this nation unique in multiple ways. it is a robust democracy that was ushered in after independence and has survived a couple of upheavals, uncertainties and even the dreaded Emergency of 1975- The tragedy of the current-day



77. What makes India click? It is the eternal strength of the ancient culture that guides the organisation of the personal and social lives of individuals, families and communities through high moral, ethical and philosophical inputs that possess the strength to accept the universal unity of humankind.

It prepares people to value caring for others including nature, the learned of the past and present, and remain ever grateful to the family, parents, community and the nation. The culture so strengthened exhorts the individual to remain ever prepared to sacrifice personal good for the community good. The Indic religions accepted, and propagated the philosophy of the 'Search for Truth' - the ultimate human pursuit of the ultimate perfect- by each religion being one of the many available paths to reach the same goal! If one accepts this premise, then there is no scope for any bitterness or any of the induced, lured or enforced religious conversions!

Every Indian, irrespective of his religious persuasion, needs to realize that conversions were not part of ancient Indian philosophy and thought, as acceptance of diversity based on equality makes it irrelevant and irrational.

Organised efforts to convert people to one's religion were non-existent before the arrival of the Abrahamic religions.

WHY NOT FOCUS ON THE ESSENTIALS OF DEMOCRACY, **POSITIVE AND** FORWARD-LOOKING ASPECTS OF THE **NATIONAL POLICIES THAT WOULD BETTER** THE LIVES OF THE LAST MAN IN THE LINE WHO WAS THE FOCUS OF GANDHI?

political discourse in India is its total concentration on irrelevant negativity and its total targeted focus on votes in elections. Gandhi ji had mentioned in 1922 that 'defects of elections' would weigh heavily on our people once the British left India!

The citizens realise it, but politicians do not! Why not focus on the essentials of democracy, positive and for-ward-looking aspects of the national policies that would better the lives of the last man in the line who was the focus of Gandhi? The right path to be followed is known to all those in power, and also those eagerly awaiting people's mandate to grab the power again! Thus, the fact remains that apart from the memories of invasions communal hatred persistently ignited by the British, India could maintain social cohesion and religious amity. It is also a fact that to disrupt it, sustained attempts by the inept religious leaders to widen the wedge persist. They exploit the chilling scars of partition to augment the perceptions of 'being different' between the two communities. There are external agencies that openly interfere in disrupting the religious fabric of India. India opted for a secular state while Pakistan, createa on communai lines, optea to become a theocratic state, mischievously pretending to give equal rights to the followers of other religions. The

partition of Pakistan created the possibility of minorities being treated better in Bangladesh. It has proved a myth after the recent change of government here. Hindus are being subjected to targeted killing and violence. Overall, it seems to be an irretrievable, human ingenuity could always find a way out, and it must do so. I interact with intellectuals who practice Islam and know its basic philosophy. They are convinced that Islam is being wrongly understood not only by persons of other faiths but unfortunately by numerous practitioners of Islam, including the devout religious persons! This they tell me unhesitatingly, is because of the firm foothold of the clergy unwilling to accept that times are changing fast, and dynamism is a compulsory component of

human civilisation. May be, universal spread of modern education could help. Educated young persons shall have to shoulder a big responsibility. It is the initial home and family education that sows the seeds of acceptance of diversity in the child's psyche, and that determines his future approach and attitude towards other religions. It is well known that Pakistan is seriously deficient on this count. India too has work to do on this front.

(The writer works in educa tion, social cohesion and religious amity. He is an Atal fellow with the PMML, New Delhi; views are personal)

Why small steps matter in the battle against plastic



Many of us struggle to take even the simplest steps—like avoiding singleuse plastic or segregating waste — essential for sustaining our planet

¬he natural resources of the planet are a treasure directly impacting our environment and climate. We need to withdraw judiciously and invest wisely for sustained growth. We can incorporate daily practices to grow this wealth. We live in a high-rise condominium complex. There was an animated dis-

cussion on the community WhatsApp group about a few residents feeding cows immediately outside the main exit. This causes the cattle to assemble when officegoers are in a hurry to exit. It is a potential traffic hazard.

One gentleman rightly pointed out that the food dumped in plastic bags was also a health hazard. A few vehement voices of protest were raised. For them, feeding the bovine was an ageold tradition. We need to think differently to address

issues of concern. A national campaign for a complete ban on single-use plastic was launched a few years back. Many of our smaller states have been conscious of the need for a long time. I travelled to even to the malls. Municipal



Sikkim a few years back. The shopkeeper rummaged through his shelves.

He could barely manage a few old newspapers to wrap my provisions. Plastic bags have been banned in the state since 1998. We were also advised to bring empty bottles since packaged mineral water bottles were banned in north Sikkim. Individually we fail to be responsive to the urgent

Many residents in our complex still demand plastic bags from the fruit and vegetable vendors and the grocery stores. Despite repeated instructions, many stores refuse to do away with single-use plastic. My wife has been carrying cloth bags for the last 15 years whenever she steps out to buy groceries or vegetables, and

authorities in several cities movement. We have been have successfully implemented the management of segregated waste at the household level. I stayed in Indore for a couple of days a few years back. I was intrigued by a song following me when I stepped out

for the morning walk. I noticed people coming out of homes with garbage bags in their hands. It was the garbage collection vehicle playing the melodious song. The song exhorted residents to segregate waste. The song was also a knock on the door about the van's arrival. I had heard so much about the unique model of Indore towards a cleaner and environment-friendly city. This was the living proof.

was surprised to notice construction and demolition debris stacked in front of the houses under construction or renovation. I was told that the municipal department collected waste from the doorstep and disposed of the same at designated sites. All of this has not happened overnight. Someone took the first step. Others

joined, to make it a mass

struggling to implement waste segregation within our society for the past 8 years. The rules mandate it. . We still manage to find reasons to justify inaction.

Even the neighbours are not doing it, segregation is cumbersome, the timing for waste collection does not fit into the routine, and an individual cannot make a difference, are only a few of the excuses for not doing it. The first step is the most difficult to take. We spent a couple of days recently in Alibaug. My wife is passionate about the cause and does not get disheartened

I was surprised when she remarked, "It seems that we might not see a cleaner country in our lifetime!" I would remind her and others about Barack Obama's words, "We are the first generation to feel the impact of climate change and the last generation that can do something about it." (The author is an electrical

engineer with the Indian Railways and conducts classes in creative writing; views are personal)

DHARMA NEEDS REFORM

Madam — The Vice President of India has said that inequities have no place in a society ruled by Dharma (October 27). This statement requires a wider range of discussions and even debates. If his statement holds good, then the scene prevailing in the country disproves his statement. As per Puranas, the society in the country since ancient times has been under Sanatana Dharma. Social and economic inequalities were there, perhaps in their worst forms, that the persons from certain castes were not entitled to even enter the areas where the people of upper castes were living. The majority of the people were living under poverty, and dharma recommends providing alms as an integral part of life.

The ruling dispensation of this day firmly believes in Sanatana Dharma. But inequities are abnormally present on the social as well as economic front. This negates the statement that links Dharma and inequities. This also means propagating Dharma is just an academic course and has nothing to do with ruling or shaping society. In most of the countries, religious scriptures are quoted but not adhered to. Such discourses seem to be to numb the victims and keep them under fear of being punished for raising voices of dissent. Therefore, if the society has to remain in peace, the social inequalities should be removed without any of their traces left unattended and the policy of the rulers should be shaped to ensure equal distribution of national wealth, unlike the present scene marked by producing one billionaire every five days and leaving 81 crore poor to continue to live in poverty with just 5 kg of free rice a month. Religion is an innate affair, but ruling is a public affair. Let us not confuse ourselves.

A G Rajmohan | Anantapur

HIGH POLLUTION LEVELS IN DELHI

Madam — It is with reference to the news article "BJP Chief hospitalised after taking dip in toxic Yamuna" (October 27). In the months of October and November, Delhi grapples with the stark dual challenge of



ince October 14, airlines have been receiving threats through social media and other platforms. Indigo, Air India, Akasa, and Vistara Airlines are still receiving these threats, causing confusion at airports and delayed flights. Due to these rumours, a total of 255 flights have been affected, leading to an estimated loss of 600 crore rupees in the aviation sector. This seems to be the first time such frequent threats have been heard. As

air and water pollution, with the frothing of the Yamuna river becoming a prevalent issue. The river already burdened by high levels of pollution, experiences exacerbated conditions leading to the infamous froth during the post monsoon season and the onset of winter. Every year the festival season of October and November brings unwelcome reminders of how devastatingly polluted the water and air around the city

The Yamuna, one of the main sources of water for Delhi, is so overwhelmed by waste that it remains highly unsafe for bathing or irrigation. At the Okhala barrage, the foaming of Yamuna is the result of multiple factors including dying water hyacinths in the barrage that release surfactants and the release of untreated waste water from 18 drains into the river. Adding to the problem, the Hindon canal, carrying industrial pollution from sugar and paper mills in Uttar Pradesh flows into the Yamuna upstream. While the river has some natural cleaning ability, the pollution

levels are alarming. P Victor Selvaraj | Tirunelveli

Threats disrupt flights a result, the number of air marshals at airports has increased.

THE EDITOR

The rise in social media usage has also led to an increase in "social issues" or problems, as those issuing threats are utilising these platforms. The Ministry of Civil Aviation is considering adding individuals identified for issuing bomb threats to a "no-fly" list. But what about the 600 crore loss? There should be a mechanism to recover damages by seizing the assets of those individuals or organisations responsible for such threats. Stringent action is expected against those who deliberately disrupt national transportation. Additionally, platforms like X and Meta play a role in spreading such rumours, so it's time for us to decide how much we should trust social media.

CONGRESS ACCOMMODATES SP

Madam —Having lost the Haryana polls to the BJP in the recently held Assembly elections, Congress has announced giving up claims for its share of seats in favour of SP, the lead partner in the INDI alliance in the state. The withdrawal can be termed a tactical move from the alliance point of view, as the Congress hardly has any presence in the state, holding just two seats out of 403 seats in the UP Assembly.

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The reason advanced for the move that it wants to defeat the BJP to save the constitution and reservation does not hold any water as they have not followed the same strategy in Kerala in choosing to contest against CPI (M), their alliance partner in INDI alliance where as the alliance winning Lok Sabha seat is more important for their declared objective of 'saving the constitution and saving the reservation. Congress's priority seems to be projecting Priyanka Vadra to the limelight.

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WORKPLACE BULLYING: THE SILENT EPIDEMIC

It often leads to a toxic work culture that diminishes productivity and erodes employee morale



arious studies have quite often revealed that around 30 per cent of employees experience bullying at every step they take at their workplace, while a significant portion of the workforce witnesses it without intervening. Unlike harassment, which is more likely to be reported due to the legal and policy frameworks that exist around it, bullying often lacks formal channels for redress. Workplace bullying is a serious and pervasive issue that affects individuals and organisations across various industries. It has become a silent epidemic where the victim's personal life as well as professional performance are often declined regarding mental health resulting in loss of self-esteem.

Not only does the employee suffer but for the organisation too the consequences are equally severe. The stress of enduring repeated harassment results in physical health issues such as headaches, insomnia and a weakened immune system leading to decreased employee engagement and productivity. Now, workplace bullying manifests in numerous ways, from overt actions like public humiliation to covert tactics such as excluding someone from important meetings or withholding critical information. It may also involve power dynamics, where a manager targets a subordinate or senior staff and manipulates their junior colleagues. Unlike occasional conflicts or disagreements, this type of bullying is systematic and persistent, leading to a toxic environment for the targeted individuals. However, the psychological impact of bullying can be profound. Victims often experience stress, anxiety, and depression because of the ongoing harassment. This stress further manifests



in physical symptoms that include headaches, fatigue and even cardiovascular issues, as the body's stress response becomes consistently triggered. In extreme cases, the trauma can even lead to severe mental health conditions, affecting victims' self-esteem and overall sense of well-being. Over time, employees or the victim may develop symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) if the harassment is severe or prolonged. The victim may start avoiding their workplace altogether, resulting in absenteeism and some cases, may even resign to escape the toxic atmosphere.

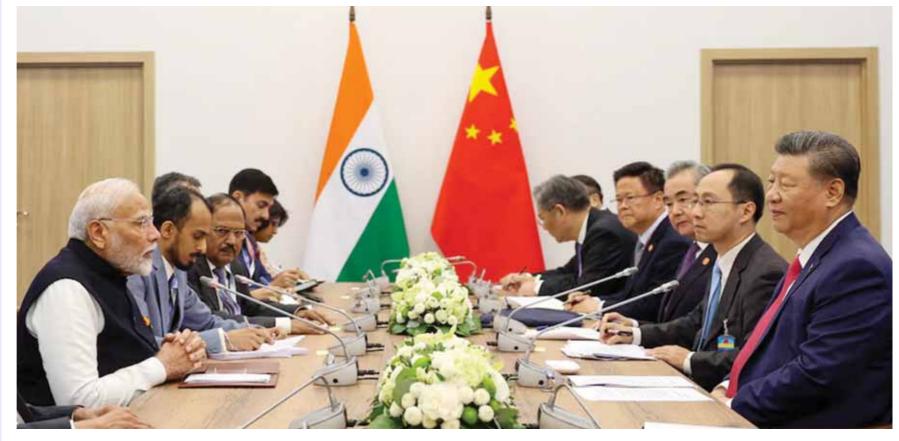
This stigma, combined with the fear of being perceived as weak or incapable, can even prevent them from reaching out for help. The resulting isolation allows bullying to continue unchecked and causes the victims to suffer without the support they need. This isolation further perpetuates the silence surrounding workplace bullying, thereby turning it into a pervasive yet hidden problem. This reduction in productivity doesn't only affect the targeted individual but can also disrupt team cohesion, workflow, and project timelines. This culture of fear can sooner or later result in a breakdown of trust and respect among team members. reducing collaboration and open communication. As more employees become disengaged or demoralised, the organisation's overall culture will suffer, leading to lower employee satisfaction and retention rates. It can't be ignored that workplace bullying is a pervasive issue with widereaching effects on individuals, team dynamics and organisational success. Clear anti-bullying policies, coupled with effective reporting mechanisms, can empower employees to come forward without fear of retaliation. Organisations should also invest in regular training to help employees recognise and address bullying behaviours in themselves and others, fostering a workplace culture that discourages mistreatment. Only when an organisation emphasises respect, accountability, and open communication, can the incidence of bullying be reduced thereby leading to a more positive, productive and healthy work environment. preventing workplace bullying will benefit not only the victims but the organisation too, reinforcing a work culture that values employee well-being and mutual respect.

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India-China border pact: A cautious step forward



India's path to restoring normalcy with China is fraught with challenges, including a significant trust deficit and complex border disputes



ow that India and China have reached an agree-ment on disengagement and patrolling in Depsang and Demchok in a step towards resolving the over four-yearlong military confrontation in eastern Ladakh, can New Delhi sit back with a quiet sense of achievement? More importantly, can China be trusted to do what it has promised during bilateral meetings, including the recent one between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping on the margins of the recent BRICS summit? The answer is a firm 'No'.

For, even though the two Asian giants have seemingly buried the hatchet for now with the new pact being endorsed by their top leaders at Kazan in Russia on October 22, the yawning trust deficit that now marks bilateral ties is unlikely to be bridged any time soon. To be sure, there is not going to be a repeat of the bonhomie witnessed during the Modi-Xi informal summit meetings in Wuhan and Mamallapuram in 2018 and 2019, respectively. When the two leaders met in Kazan, there was expectedly none of the warmth seen during the informal summits. The thaw may have happened, but a long road lies ahead for bilateral ties to warm up.

Instead, what Beijing has to deal with now is a hard-nosed New Delhi that's wizened up to China's perfidious territorial aggression. India has done well in standing up to Chinese belligerence in eastern Ladakh and in conveying to Beijing that it cannot be business as usual in the face of its brazen flouting of all bilateral border accords. The ongoing eastern Ladakh military confrontation, part of the larger boundary dispute along the 3,488 km long Line of Actual Control (LAC), is nowhere near de-escalation to the pre-April 2020

While the phased disengagement at



WHAT HAS BEEN **EQUALLY** WORRYING FOR **NEW DELHI IS** CHINA'S **TERRITORIAL AGGRESSION NEIGHBOURING**

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Depsang and Demchok is a welcome development, New Delhi should not let its guard down. It can do so only at its peril, given can do so only at its peril, given Chinese machinations along the LAC and its "salami-slicing" tactics to grab disputed territories. In any case, disengagement is just the first step with de-escalation and finally de-induction of troops being part of India's roadmap for the restoration of status quo ante. It's also laid out the red line for Beijing – the need for "peace and Beijing – the need for "peace and tranquility on the border".

What has been equally worrying for New Delhi is China's territorial aggression with neighbouring Bhutan too. It has sought to bully the tiny Himalayan kingdoms and appropriate its territory. With such moves posing a strategic threat to India, the Indian Army stepped in to block Chinese troops from building a road in the Doklam plateau area near the Sikkim-Bhutan-Tibet trijunction in 2017. The rival troops had disengaged after a 73day face-off, but China has permanently deployed troops in north Doklam since then. What the Chinese PLA sought to

do in eastern Ladakh with multiple incursions in the summer of 2020 too was part of its salamislicing tactics. Bilateral ties went into a deep freeze soon after the bloody clashes in Galwan on June 15, 2020, which left 20 Indian soldiers and an unspecified number of Chinese person-

With the slight easing of tensions now, India will need to tread cautiously. Normalcy in ties seems a long way off but even some measure of stability in the relationship between the two Asian rivals will be a positive development.

For India, this is especially important as it also has a nuclear-armed hostile neighbour in Pakistan on its western borders. A two-front military challenge can bog India down in the region, hobbling its aspiration to be a global power-The China-Pakistan collusive

axis queers the pitch for India. With frosty ties with Pakistan, New Delhi must begin mending ties with Beijing. Towards this end, Modi and Xi have agreed to resume the meetings of the Special Representatives (SRs) of the two countries "to oversee the management of peace and tranquility in border areas and to explore a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution to the boundary question". find it difficult to operat out imports from China.

2003, with 22 rounds of talks Despite many steps and policy being held till now. It has not decisions taken by the Indian been met since 2019. However, given the complexity of the boundary question and Beijing's own feet dragging on a resolution, the SR mechanism at best serves as a means for the two sides to remain in dialogue.

As New Delhi and Beijing work to bring down tensions, the boundary question will continue to bedevil ties. India's level of mistrust of China will remain high given that it has failed to adhere to previous agreements to maintain peace and tranquility on the border.

Beijing, on its part, will remain watchful and wary of India's deepening ties with the US as well as other Quad members. Its active role in the Indo-Pacific construct and Quad – both seen as a counter to China's growing hegemony -- has Beijing worried. That said, India knows it has no

option but to deal with China, owing to its geographical proximity as well as Beijing's economicindustrial clout. The bilateral economic and trade relations are heavily titled in China's favour. India imported \$101.7 billion worth of goods from China in 2023-24, way more than from any other country. On the other hand, India's exports to China were worth only \$16.7 billion, a mammoth trade deficit for New Delhi. India depends heavily on imports from China in many sectors, like industrial machinery, telecom, electronics, electrical equip-ment, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, iron, steel and the like. In certain sectors, like pharmaceuticals, Indian manufacturers will find it difficult to operate with-

government to move towards greater balance in trade, more so after the current border problem erupted, the imbalance has only further accentuated. In this, economics is trumping politics or national sentiment.

On the military front, India should not slacken in dealing with China with a firm hand, as it has done since the Galwan clashes.

It should also redouble efforts to push for a resolution of the different issues, including the border question. With the festering territorial dispute having longterm strategic implications for India, it needs to strike the right balance between rebuilding trust and proceeding with

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Embracing Ayurveda: Bridging tradition with modernity on Ayurveda Day

Rooted in the principles of balance and harmony, Ayurveda guides individuals to achieve holistic wellness

orld Ayurveda Day, celebrated each year on the auspicious occasion of Bhagwan Dhanvantari Jayanti, offers a profound opportunity to honour Bharat's rich heritage of health and well-being. This year, on October 29, 2024, we come together to recognise Ayurveda-not just as an ancient healing practice but as a living tradition that continues to inspire and transform lives worldwide.

Rooted in the principles of balance and harmony, Ayurveda guides individuals to achieve holistic wellness by understanding their unique mindbody constitution and aligning with nature's rhythms. Its timeless knowledge promotes preventive care, natural treatments, and a lifestyle that sup-



ports physical, mental, and spiritual health. Ayurveda's reach has grown from ancient India to touch people across the globe, embodying Bharat's gift of wellness to the world. As we celebrate Ayurveda Day, let us commit to embracing and preserving this invaluable heritage. Ayurveda, the revered "science of life," represents one of the oldest and most comprehensive systems of institutions, academic centres,

holistic medicine.

Originating in ancient India, Ayurveda focuses on achieving balance within the body, mind, and spirit. In recent years, Ayurveda has gained remarkable global recognition, a testament to PM Modi visionary approach to integrating AYUSH practices, including Ayurveda, with modern

healthcare. His leadership, underscored by the establishment of the Ministry of AYUSH as an independent entity in 2014, set the stage for Ayurveda's transformation into a mainstream, globally respected healthcare approach. The government has since pioneered several initiatives to promote and expand Ayurveda's reach. Through partnerships with research

and healthcare organisations worldwide, India has emphasised evidence-based studies, technological advancements, and policy support to bring Ayurveda to a broader audi-Moreover, the government's

efforts to encourage innovative collaborations and cross-cultural exchanges have fostered an international appreciation of Ayurveda's preventive and holistic benefits. As we witness Ayurveda's evolution on a global scale, its emphasis on wellness, natural healing, and preventive care resonates more than ever, addressing modern health challenges and reasserting Bharat's invaluable contribution to the world of medicine and wellness. Ayurveda, often regarded as the "science of life," is deeply rooted in



ancient Indian philosophy, drawing from the foundational ideas of Sanatan philosophical schools around the 2nd century BCE. Its development was heavily influenced by the Vaisheshika school, known for its focus on natural principles and the categorisation of elements, and the Nyaya school, which emphasised logic, reasoning, and structured analysis.

These schools laid a framework that allowed Ayurveda to environment.

develop a systematic approach to health, emphasising diagnosis, observation, and inference based on natural laws. Furthermore, Ayurveda's conceptual foundation aligns with Samkhya philosophy, a school that delves into the nature of existence, consciousness, and the duality of mind and matter. Samkhya's insights into the interaction between Purusha (consciousness) and Prakriti (matter) provided Ayurveda with a comprehensive understanding of the body-mind connection, integral to its approach to health and wellness. Together, these philosophical influences cultivated Ayurveda's holistic view of human life, wherein health is perceived as an intricate balance between mind, body, and

This synthesis not only strengthened Ayurveda's theories of doshas (biological energies) but also fostered an awareness of how lifestyle, diet, and mental states directly impact physical well-being. Thus, Ayurveda emerged as an interdisciplinary science, rooted in empirical observation yet deeply philosophical, ultimately offering a framework of healing that remains both relevant and insightful in understanding modern health. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been a pivotal force in promoting the integration of

Ayurveda with contemporary health sciences, fostering a healthcare model that values both preventive and holistic approaches. His vision underscores a sustainable healthcare framework where traditional

systems of medicine, such as Ayurveda, play an essential role in enhancing the quality of life. This approach aligns with his broader agenda of sustainable health solutions for all, recognising Ayurveda's unique preventive and curative strengths rooted in millennia-old wisdom. Central to this vision are initiatives like the National AYUSH Mission and the establishment of Ayush Health and Wellness Centres (AHWCs), now known as Ayush Arogya Mandirs. These initiatives aim to reshape India's healthcare landscape, making AYUSH a socially viable, affordable, and complementary alternative to allopathic medicine.

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Israel says it detained 100 suspected militants in raid on Gaza hospital

AP JERUSALEM

srael's military said it detained 100 suspected Hamas militants in a raid on a hospital in northern Gaza over the weekend Israeli forces raided Kamal Adwan Hospital in Beit Lahiya on Friday, detaining 44 male staff, according to the World Health Organisation. Palestinian medical officials said the hospital, which was treating some 200 patients, was heavily damaged in the raid. Israel has raided several hospitals in Gaza over the course of the yearlong war, saying Hamas and other militants use them for military purposes. Palestinian medical officials deny those allegations and accuse the military of recklessly endangering civil-

The Israeli military has called on Palestinians to evacuate northern Gaza, where it has been waging a large offensive for more than three weeks. The UN said earlier this month at least 400,000 people are still in northern Gaza and hunger is rampant as the amount of humanitarian aid reaching the north has plummeted over the past month.

Israel's offensive in Gaza has killed over 43,000 Palestinians, according to local health authorities, who do not differentiate between militants and civilians, but say more than a half were women and children. The Israel-Hamas war began after Hamasled militants on October 7, 2023. blew holes in Israel's security fence and stormed in, killing some 1,200 people — mostly civilians - and abducting 250 Lebanon's Health Ministry says

the total toll over the past year there is over 2,600 killed and 12,200 wounded. The fighting in Lebanon has driven 1.2 million people from their homes, including more than 400,000 children, according to the United Nations children's agency. Israeli strikes have killed much of Hezbollah's top leadership since fighting ramped up in September.

X suspends new account of Iran's supreme leader

The social platform X has suspended a new account on behalf of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei that posted messages

The account was suspended early Monday with a brief note appended to it saying: "X suspends accounts which violate the X Rules".

It wasn't immediately clear what the vio lation was. The Elon Musk-owned social media company did not respond to a request for comment from The Associated Press.

The move came after Israel openly attacked Iran for the first time this weekend. Khamenei said in a speech on Sunday that Israel's strikes — in response to Iran's ballistic missile attack this month — "should not be exaggerated nor downplayed", while stopping short of calling for retaliation. The X account opened Sunday with a message in Hebrew reading: "In the name of God, the most merciful," a standard Islamic

Khamenei's office has maintained multiple accounts for the 85-year-old supreme leader on X for years and has sent messages in a variety of languages in the past.

A second message corresponded to a speech Khamenei gave on Sunday and was sent on his English account as: "Zionists are making a miscalculation with respect to Iran. They don't know Iran. They still haven't been able to correctly understand the power, initiative, and determination of the Iranian people." The message referred to Israel's attack Saturday on

This isn't the first time Khamenei has seen a suspension or removal from social media. In February, Meta removed Facebook and Instagram accounts for the supreme leader over his support of the militant group Hamas after its October 7, 2023, attack on Israel.

Social media platforms like X and Facebook have been blocked in Iran for years, requiring Iranians to use virtual private networks to

Macron visits Morocco after change in his Western Sahara plan

AP ■ RABAT (MOROCCO)

 $F^{\rm rench\ President\ Emmanuel}_{\rm Macron\ arrived\ Monday\ in}$ Morocco, where he is expected to meet with the North African kingdom's leaders and discuss partnerships regarding trade, climate change and immigration.

During the president's three-day visit to Rabat, he is scheduled to meet with King Mohammed VI and Prime Minister Aziz Akhannouch and address Morocco's Parliament.

It comes months after Macron changed France's longstanding public position and backed Morocco's autonomy plan for the disputed Western Sahara. The move endeared the country to Morocco and alienated it from Algeria, which hosts refugee camps governed by the pro-independence Polisario Front and has long pushed for a UN-organised referendum to solve the conflict.

In the days leading up to the visit, Moroccan publications lauded the "warm reunion" and a "new honeymoon" between the two countries while French flags were hung throughout Rabat.

France and Morocco have historically partnered on issues ranging from counterterrorism to Western Sahara. Morocco is the top destination for French investment in Africa and France is Morocco's top trade partner. Morocco imports French cereals, renewable energy infrastructure like turbines and weapons. Morocco exports goods to France including tomatoes, cars and airplane

Moroccans are among the largest foreign-born communities in France, where North African immigrants are a key political constituency and a focal point of debates about the roles of Islam and immigration in French society. In recent months, France's new Interior Minister Bruno Retailleau has pushed for the country to take hard-line approach toward immigration and seek deals with countries like Morocco to better prevent would-be migrants from crossing into Europe.

On Macron's last visit to Morocco, he and King Mohammed VI inaugurated Al Boraq, Africa's first high-

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speed rail line, made possible by French financing and trains manufactured by the French firm Alstrom.

Despite close ties, relations have at times been fragile between France and Morocco, which was a French protectorate from 1912 to 1956. In 2021, Morocco suspended consular relations France momentarily reduced the number of visas offered to Moroccans in protest of its refusal to provide documents needed to deport people who migrated to France without authorisation.

Relations between the two countries soured further that year when a 2021 report revealed Morocco's security services had used Israeli spyware to infiltrate the devices of activists and politicians, including Macron. Morocco denied and sued over the allegations.

Security Council schedules emergency meeting

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The UN Security Council scheduled an emergency meeting Monday afternoon at Iran's request on Israel's air strikes against the country.

Switzerland, which holds the council's rotating presidency, announced the meeting on Sunday and said the Iranian request was supported by Russia, China and Algeria, the Arab representative on the council.

Meanwhile, in Dubai, head of Iran's of Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard made his first public comments Monday after Israel's weekend attack on the country Gen. Hossein Salami, in a

condolence message to Iran's regular military, called Israel's strike "illegitimate and ille-gal." Four soldiers in Iran's air

defense network were killed in the attack on Saturday, as was one civilian, Iranian state media

The attack was "a sign of miscalculation and the inability" of Israel on the battlefield with Iranian-backed militants "particularly in Gaza and

Lebanon."
The "bitter consequences will be beyond the imagination of the occupiers," Salami added, referring to Israel.

Iranian president vows to respond appropriately' to Israeli strikes: Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian says his country will respond to Israel "appropriately", after Israel openly attacked Iranian military sites for the first time this weekend.

'We are not seeking war, but we will defend the rights of our nation and country and

will respond appropriately to the Zionist regime's aggression," Pezeshkian was quoted by state TV on Sunday as saying. Pezeshkian also said the UŠ had promised Iran to stop the war in Gaza and Lebanon if Iran restrained. "They had promised to end the war in response to our restraint, but

The Iranian president also warned tensions will escalate if Israel's aggression continues, We know that the United States is encouraging Israel to commit these atroci-

they did not keep their word,"

announced on Sunday that a civilian had been killed in Israel's attack on the country, without offering any details on the circumstances of his death

Meanwhile,

The state-run IRNA news

agency identified the dead man as Allahverdi Rahimpour and said he lived in a suburban area of southwestern Tehran. While offering no details

on what he was doing or where he was killed, IRNA made a point to say he was not a member of Iran's armed forces. Iran has offered few details

on the attack and the damage caused by them so far. Iraq submits protest to

UN saying Israel violated its airspace in Iran attack: Iraq has submitted a memorandum of protest to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the UN Security Council saying Israel violated its airspace in carrying out its attack on Iran over the weekend, the Iraqi prime minister's office said in a statement.

The statement said that Israeli "aggressor aircraft violated Iraq's airspace and sover-eignty and used Iraqi airspace to carry out the attack on the Islamic Republic of Iran on October 26

It added that Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani had directed Iraq's foreign minister to discuss the matter with the United States. The two countries recently reached an agreement to begin winding down the mission of a US-led coalition formed to fight the Islamic State militant group and to withdraw many of the US troops who remain in the country.

On Sunday, the Iran-backed Iraqi militia Kataib Hezbollah issued a statement accusing the US of coordinating with Israel to use Iraqi airspace to launch the attack on Iran and threatening retaliation

Four Indians killed in road mishap in Canada

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 $F^{\text{our Indian nationals were}}_{\text{killed and one injured when}}$ the car they were travelling in crashed and burst into flames in Canada's Ontario province, authorities said. The accident occurred last week

on Thursday in the Lake Shore Boulevard East and Cherry Street area of Toronto city, police said in a press release. The five people, between the ages of 25-32, were travelling in a Tesla when it "lost control and struck the guard rail and then a concrete pillar" before bursting into flames, the press release said.

speed was a factor," Toronto Police Duty Inspector Phillip Sinclair was quoted as saying by the Toronto Sun newspaper. Four of the car occupants were pronounced dead on the scene by the police officials responding to the accident, the press release said. The fifth occupant, a 25year-old woman, was transport ed to a hospital with non-life-

"We have gathered some evi-

threatening injuries. She was rescued by a passing motorist who stopped to help, according to the report.

"Heartfelt condolences on tragic loss of Indian nationals in car accident that took place vesterday in Toronto," the official handle of the Indian Consulate in Toronto said in a post on X. The post added that the consulate was in regular touch with local authorities and affected families

in Canada and India.

Opposition supporters in Georgia planned to hold a protest in the country's capital on Monday against the official results of a weekend parliamentary election in which the governing party was declared victorious amid voting irregularities and allegations of Russian meddling.

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Georgian President Salome Zourabichvili said Sunday she did not recognise the official results and that the country had fallen victim to a "Russian special operation" aimed at pulling it back into Moscow's orbit and derailing its plan to

Zourabichvili, a fierce critic of the governing party, urged Georgians to rally on the main street of the capital, Tbilisi, on Monday night to protest what she called a "total falsification, a total stealing of your votes", raising the prospect of more political turmoil in the South Caucasus nation.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on the social media platform X that "the Georgian people embraced democracy yesterday" and urged Georgia's political leaders to "respect the rule of law, repeal legislation that undermines fundamental freedoms, address deficiencies in the electoral process, and move Georgia toward its Euro-Atlantic future". The Central Election Commission said Sunday that the governing

Georgian Dream party received 54.8 per cent of Saturday's votes with almost all ballots counted. The party - established by Bidzina Ivanishvili, a shadowy billionaire who made his fortune in Russia — has become increasingly authoritarian over the past year, adopting laws similar to those used by the Kremlin to crack down

on freedom of speech.

The EU suspended Georgia's membership application process indefinitely because of a Russian-style "for-eign influence law" passed in June. Many Georgians viewed Saturday's vote as a pivotal referendum on the opportuni-

The election campaign in the nation of 3.7 million people, which borders Russia, was marked by a bitter fight for votes and allegations of a smear campaign. European electoral observers said the election took place in a "divisive" environment marked by intimidation and instances of vote buying, double voting and physi-

cal violence. During the campaign, Georgian Dream used "anti-Western and hostile rhetoric ... promoted Russian misinformation, manipulations, and conspiracy theories," said Antonio López-Istúriz White, the head of the European Parliament monitoring delegation.

The election observers said instances of intimidation and electoral violations were particularly noticeable in rural areas.

Seven killed in Nigerian building collapse

when a building collapsed in a suburban area of Nigeria's capital over the weekend, a local official said Monday "We have called off search and

rescue because we excavated and there was nobody left in the rubble," said Nkechi İsa, a spokesperson for the Abuja city emergency department. Building collapses are becoming

increasingly common in Nigeria, with more than a dozen such incidents recorded in the last two years. Authorities often blame such disasters on failures to enforce building safety regulations and on poor maintenance. The building that collapsed Saturday, located in the Sabon-Lugbe area, had already been partly demolished and its structure was further compromised by scavengers looking for scrap

UK to support India hub for female-led businesses as part of C'wealth drive

boost intra-Commonwealth female-led businesses," the young people with access to Commonwealth Investment Network and a hub in India to support female-led businesses. At the conclusion of the

Commonwealth Heads of Meeting Government (CHOGM) in Samoa last week. the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) in a statement on Sunday set out Britain's vision to increase "shared prosperity" for the 56-member organisation made up of some of the world's fastest-growing economies.

Prime Minister Keir Starmer and Foreign Secretary David Lammy attended the summit which concluded on Friday. "UK announcements included funding for a Commonwealth Investment Network to encourage greater investment within

small and climate-vulnerable Commonwealth countries, and The UK has unveiled a package of measures designed to Support to establish hubs in India and Sri Lanka to support

The UK has also indicated plans to increase its military and economic presence in the Indo-Pacific to support regional stability, including proposals for increased navy patrols to boost maritime security, combat illegal fishing and respond to natural disasters in the region. "My visit to the Pacific this week has only reinforced how important this part of the world is to the United Kingdom's prosperity and security, and I know across business, trade and defence we play a vital role in supporting the region too," Starmer said in a statement.

"As responsible international players, we cannot turn a blind eye to the challenges faced by our friends and partners on the other side of the world, so my message today is clear: this is

just the beginning of our commitment to the Indo-Pacific," he said. With a focus on empowering

ing democratic governance, human rights and the rule of law and helping protect vulnerable countries from the impacts of climate change, the UK's package of measures also includes additional funding for technical support from trade advisers to help small and vulnerable Commonwealth member states negotiate within the World Trade Organisation (WTO)

A new scheme to train tax advisors to help developing Commonwealth economies boost their domestic tax revenue, support for Powering Energy Renewable Opportunities in six Pacific Island Countries, testing the application of clean energy

technologies, and a new com-

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through the Inter-American Development Bank's new One Caribbean fund are among some of the other measures. programme supporting countries to ratify the United Nations Agreement on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) and increased UK support for the Commonwealth's work to support democratic governance and the rule of law, which includes the deployment of election monitoring missions in Commonwealth countries. have also been finalised. Meanwhile, in a joint commu-

issued Commonwealth leaders at the end of the summit, it was agreed that the "time has come" for a conversation about reparations for the slave trade and holding "inclusive conversations" to address the wrongs of the past.

NATO confirms **N** Korea sent troops to join Russia's war

AP BRUSSELS

NATO on Monday confirmed that North Korean troops have been sent to Russia to aid in its almost three-year war against Ukraine and that some have already been deployed in Russia's Kursk border region, where Russia has been struggling to push back a Ukrainian incursion.

"Today, I can confirm that North Korean troops have been sent to Russia, and that North Korean military units have been deployed to the Kursk region," NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte told reporters

Rutte said that the move represents "a significant escalation" in North Korea's involvement in the conflict and marks "a dangerous expansion of Russia's

His remarks came after a highlevel South Korean delegation

military officials as well as senior diplomats briefed the alliance's 32 national ambassadors at NATO headquarters in Brussels

Rutte said NATO is "actively consulting within the alliance, with Ukraine, and with our Indo-Pacific partners," on developments and that he is due to talk soon with South Korea's president and Ukraine's defence minister. "We continue to monitor the situation

closely," he said.

Adding thousands of North Korean soldiers to Europe's biggest conflict since World War II will pile more pressure on Ukraine's weary and overstretched army, as well as stoking geopolitical tensions in the Korean Peninsula and the wider Indo-Pacific region, including Japan and Australia,

Western officials say. Russian President Vladimir

including top intelligence and Putin is keen to reshape global power dynamics. He sought to build a counterbalance to Western influence with a summit of BRICS countries, includ ing the leaders of China and India, in Russia last week.

> Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, citing intelligence reports, claimed last Friday that North Korean troops would be on the battlefield within days He previously said his govern-

> ment has information that some 10,000 troops from North Korea were being readied to join Russian forces fighting against his country.

> Days before Zelenskyy spoke, American and South Korean officials said there was evidence North Korea had dispatched

troops to Russia. The US said around 3,000 North Korean troops had been deployed to Russia for

There is no doubt that the US election will determine the President trajectory of the war in

The status of military aid from Kviv's chief international backer is dependent on who becomes president, as is any prospect for administration. a cease-fire that could benefit Ukraine. but to wait.

Some in Kyiv say the country's very existence hinges on who wins the White House. As Americans vote, exhausted

and outmanned Ukrainian soldiers are holding defensive lines under constant Russian fire, knowing the results will dictate their future. The war in Ukraine is one of

the most divisive issues of the November 5 election: Former President Donald Trump, the Republican nominee, and Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic nominee, advocate very different views on how much support the US should continue to give Ukraine.

After a whirlwind Western tour, Kviv's leaders have tried to promote their version of what Volodymyr Zelenskyy calls his "victory plan." They hope key decisions will be made - including Ukraine's bid for NATO membership — by the new

For now, they have no choice

"We believe that regardless of the last name of the future president of the US, the country of the United States will not give up global dominance, global leadership as such. And this is possible only through the support of Ukraine and through the defeat of the Russian Federation," said Mykhailo Podolyak, an adviser to Zelenskyy.

Harris would likely continue Biden's policies: Harris, who has decried President Vladimir Putin's "brutality," would likely carry on President Joe Biden's policy of support, albeit within the strict limits on Ukraine's ability to strike deep inside

Russian territory that have frustrated Kyiv's leaders.

Trajectory of Ukraine war hangs on outcome of US election

President Biden has made it clear from the beginning of this conflict that his top priority has been to avoid an all-out war with Russia. I think that remains the top American priority," said Malcom Chalmers, deputy director general at the Royal United Services Institute in London.

The US has provided Ukraine more than USD 59.5 billion in military weapons and assistance since Russia invaded in February 2022. But throughout, Kyiv has been captive to fraught American politics that often undermined its battlefield potential.

Ukraine lost territory and manpower as weapons stocks dwindled during the six months it took the US Congress to pass an aid package. Even promised military assistance has failed to arrive on time or in sufficient quantities.

Ukraine is still hoping for Western approval of strikes inside Russian territory with

longer-range weapons supplied by its allies. It also holds hundreds of square kilometres in Russia's Kursk region after an incursion in August.

Still, Biden's commitment to support Ukraine has never wavered. Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin announced a USD 400 million package during his recent visit. Zelenskyy said he expects another worth USD 800 million, the first tranche for Ukraine's production of long-range capabilities. Still another USD 8 billion is expected by the end of the

Trump's vague vows and praise for Putin: Trump has epeatedly taken issue with US aid to Ukraine, made vague vows to end the war and has praised Putin. He also is considered highly

unpredictable.

Some Ukrainian officials even privately welcome this quality, saying it could bring about results quicker. But so much is unknown about what decisions Trump would make.

a very different approach to Ukraine than Kamala Harris. And if what he's saying now is translated into action, then it's going to be a very rocky period for Ukraine," Chalmers "Donald Trump is raising the

"He has emphasised that he has

very distinct probability that the United States will cut off most if not all military aid to Ukraine, which given that the situation on the ground, although deadlocked, is one which Russia currently has the advantage, could tip the balance in Russia's favour," he added. Podolyak said Trump "under-

stands the logic" of Zelenskyy's plans after meeting with him. Mr. Trump realised that there is no way to agree on something in this war, because it is necessary to ensure Russia's compulsion to understand what a war is, what consequences Russia will have in this war. That is, Russia can be forced to do something, but not

US voters concerned about post-election violence, efforts to overturn results: AP-NORC poll

merican voters are American votes. tial election with deep unease about what could follow, including the potential for political violence, attempts to overturn the election results and its broader implications for democracy, according to a new poll.
The findings of the survey, con-

ducted by The Associated Press-NORC Centre for Public Affairs Research, speak to persistent concerns about the fragility of the world's oldest democracy, nearly four years after former President Donald Trump's refusal to accept the 2020 election results inspired a mob of his supporters to storm the US Capitol in a violent attempt to stop the peaceful

About 4 in 10 registered voters say they are "extremely" or "very" concerned about violent attempts to overturn the results after the November election. A similar share is worried about legal efforts to do so. And about 1 in 3 voters say they are "extremely" or "very" concerned about attempts by local or state election officials to stop the results from being finalised. Relatively few voters — about one-third or less — are "not very" or "not at all" concerned about any of that happening. Trump has continued to lie about fraud costing him reelection four years ago and is again forecasting that he can lose this time only if the election is rigged against him, a strategy he has deployed since his first run for office. His allies and the

Republican Committee, which he reshaped, have filed lawsuits around the country that are a potential prelude to post-election legal chal-

lenges should he lose. "I thought after January 6 of 2021, the GOP would have the sense to reject him as a candidate," Aostara Kaye, of Downey, California, said of Trump. "And since they didn't, I think it just emboldened him to think he can do anything, and they will still stick with him.

Many voters think Trump won't concede if he loses: Trump's wide-ranging attempts to reject the will of the voters and remain in power after his 2020 loss have led to concerns that he will again fail to concede should he lose to Vice

Nearly 9 in 10 voters said the loser of the presidential election is obligated to concede once every state has finished counting its votes and legal challenges are resolved, including about 8 in 10 Republicans. But only about one-third of voters

Democrats and Republicans have widely divergent views on the matter: About two-thirds of Republican voters think Trump would concede, compared to only about 1 in 10 Democrats. The same concern does not apply to Harris. Nearly 8 in 10 voters said Harris will accept the results and concede if she

loses the election, including a

solid majority of Republican

Public Notice

This is to inform the general public that Mrs. Tamanna is the owner of Plot area measuring 244 syds., out of Khasra no.894, new no.115, situated in old Lal Dora Abadi of village Alipur, Tehsil Alipur, Distt. North Delhi-110036through Sale Deed

Alpur, Distt. North Delhi-110036through Sale Deed dated 22.02.023as doc. No.557executed by Mr. Ashulosh Goyal and Mr. Prateek Goyal in favour of Mrs. Tamanna.
Mrs. Tamanna.
Mrs. Tamanna is in the process of mortgaging the said properties with SMFG India Credit Co. Ltd. (Formerly Fullerton India Credit Co. Ltd.). Any

(Formerly Fullerton India Credit Co. Ltd.). Any objections or concerns regarding this transaction should be raised within a period of 07 days from the date of this public notice. Any objections submitted after the completion of this 07-day period will not be considered binding with respect to the said properties or the interests of our client.

properties or the interests of our client. If anyone wishes to raise an objection, please do so within the stipulated 07-days period by contacting Law Veritas: North (Advocates & Legal Consultants) at Office No. 11, 1st Floor, Building No. A-44/A, Sector-16, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301; Landline(s): +910120-3101683,e-mail: accounts@lvnorth.in

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Information is given to general public at large that Mrs.
Sudha Kaushik W/o Mr. Pawan Kumar Kaushik who is/are
purchasing House No. 244, 284 & 197, Nagar Nigam No.
207, area measuring 68.35 sq. yds., situated at in Mohalla
Jativada, Meerut, (U.P) from Mrs. Britu W/o Mr. Deepak
Sharma who was the owner by virtue of Sale Deepak
Grigistered on datel 04.12.02/3 (Doc. No. 1376) in the
Office of SR-Meerut executed by Mr. Mukesh Sharma, Mrs.
Madhu Sharma & Mrs. Geat Sharma Intend to mortgage
the same against the linancial assistance from Shubham
Housing Development Finance Company Limited. Original
Sale Deed dated 30.07.1984 (Doc. No. 10377) in avour of
Mr. Shanker Lal S/o Mr. Deewan Singh is not available with
seller is Mrs. Rittl W/o Mr. Deepak Sharma. To comply the
requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that
if any person(s) having any objection regarding ownership
and/ or creating mortgage of the said property is/are
hereby requested to intimate in writing to the undersigned
within 07 days a below address.
NCR LAW ASSOCIATES (Advocate), A-98, Sector-9,
New Vijay Nagar, Ghaziabad, (U.P)-201009,
Mob. Nos. 9999721152/ 9999826427

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(In case of chain titledeed)

NOTICE is hereby given that one Smt. Goma Sharma was owner of Front Side First Floor, "said floor", without roof right, area measuring 60 Sq. Yds, lout of 100 Sq. Yds, built on portion of Plot No B-64, out of Khasra No. 150, situated in the area of Village Bindapur, Delhi State Delhi, Colony Known as B-Block, Nand Ram Park, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi, (hereinafter referred to "said property") vide Sale Deed dated 29.06.2021 regd. as doc. no. 11186executed by Sh. Vaneet Narula & Sh. Ashok Kumar Goyal in favour of Smt. Goma Sharma win respect of said Property, Smt. Goma Sharma win has agreed to create mortgage in respect of said property in favour of mylour clients IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (Branch Address." PiclNo. 68, Pusa Road, Rajendar Nagar, New Delhi - 110060)

easement, maintenance, inheritance, testamentar deposition or otherwise or having in their custod any title, documents pertaining the said propert shall communicate the same to the undersigned a my address within 07 days from the publication othis notice with documentary evidence in support thereof, falling which all the claim, of such perso shall be considered to have been waived and o abandoned. Any objections raised after the completion of the 07 days shall not be binding upor the said property or my Client.

Place: Noida Dated this 28thday of Oct. 2024
3df-Law Veritas: North Advocates & Legal
Consultants) Office No. 11, 1st Floor. Building No. A-444A, Sector-16, Noida, Uttar Pradest—201301 Landline(s): +910120-3101683
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Notice is hereby given to general public at large that my client IndusInd Bank Ltd, having one of its Branch at New Tower, 12° Floor, Hyatt Regency Complex, Block-A, Distt. Centre Bhikaij Cama Place, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066 intends to grant Loan facility to Sh. Anjeev Saxena against security of Residential Flat bearing No. A-1106 on 11h Floor, having super area measuring 1550 Sq. Ft. in Tower No. A, situated in the Group Housing Complex known as "KDP Grand Savanna", situated at Raj Nagar Extension, NH-58, in the revenue estate of Village Noor Nagar, Pargana Loni, Ghaziabad (U.P.). hereinafter referred to as "Said Property" Sh. Ranbir Singh was the Owner of the Said Property by virtue of Sale Deed dated 70.95.2012. Thereafter, Sh. Ranbir Singh died intestate on 09.01.2024, leaving behind only the following legal heirs viz-a-viz 1) Smt. Sukhminder Kaur, 2) Miss Mehar Makan & 3) Miss Jesika Makan, who claim to be the Joint-Owners of the Said Property by way of Hindu Succession Law consequent to the demise of Sh. Ranbir Singh Now 1) Smt. Sukhminder Kaur, 2) Miss Mehar Makan & 3) Miss Jesika Makan intends to sell the said property to Sh. Anjeev Saxena & Smt. Roopokamal Saxena. Any person(s) hashave any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to right, title or interest in the said property-ploration in any manner whatsoever, must immediately contact the undersigned in writing along with all supporting documents in respect of their cialm(s)/objection(s). If no such claim is received with in a period of 7 days from the date fo publication of this notice, then it will be presumed that no one has any paramount right, title, or interest in the said property and even if someone has any claim/objection, he/she/they have given up the same.

Himanshu Ahuja (Advocate)

expect Trump to accept the

results and concede if he loses.

Democrats and Republicans

divided on who would weaken democracy: Members of both parties have broad concerns about how American democracy might fare depending on the outcome of the November election.

Overall, about half of voters believe Trump would weaken democracy in the US "a lot" or "somewhat" if he wins, while about 4 in 10 said the same of

Not surprisingly, Americans were deeply divided along ideological lines. About 8 in 10 Republicans said another term for Trump would strengthen democracy "a lot" or "somewhat", while a similar share of Democrats said the same of a Harris presidency.

About 9 in 10 voters in each party said the opposing party's candidate would be likely to weaken democracy at least "somewhat" if elected. Kave, a retired health care sys-

tem worker, called Trump an existential threat to the Constitution".

One prospect she said frightens her is that if Trump wins, he likely will not have the guardrails in his new administration that were in place in the last one.

Republican voter Debra Apodaca, 60, from Tucson, Arizona, said it's Harris who is a greater threat to democracy. She said President Joe Biden's administration has placed too great a priority on foreign aid and shown a lack of concern for its own people.

'Our tax dollars, we're just sending it everywhere. It's not staying here. Why aren't we taking care of America?" she said.

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Attorney goes in favour of his son SH. PARTH SUNGER S/O SH. RAVINDER SUNGER R/o 459, Sector-28, Noida It

anyone has any objection, he/she will submit his/her objection in the O.S.D. (GHP) Section of Noida Authority within

SH. RAVINDER SUNGER

30 days of the publication of this notice

"Why should we pay taxes if we're just sending it away?' That lack of concern also includes the border, she said, adding that a Harris win would be "the end to the Border

The January 6th attack on the Capitol is a dividing line:

Part of what divides voters on their views of American democracy is the January 6 attack on the US Capitol and who is to blame. Democrats and independents are much more likely than Republican voters to place "a great deal" or "quite a bit" of responsibility on Trump.

Susan Ohde, an independent voter from Chicago and a retiree from the financial sector, said she's concerned that "crazy people will buy the mis-

information that they're given" leading to another such attack. Giovanna Elizabeth Minardi of Yucaipa, California, said other issues are more important in this year's election. She said her chief concern is the economy and feels that high prices, especially in her home state, are chasing off businesses and creating a dependency on government. It's a dependency Harris wants to continue, said Minardi, a children and family services advocate.

Views about the January 6 attack are not the only ones where voters split along ideological lines. Following Trump's lead, a majority of Republicans maintain that Biden was not legitimately elected. Nearly all Democrats and about 7 in 10 independents believe Biden was legitimately elected.

Trump's event features crude, racist insults

AP NEW YORK

Donald Trump hosted a rally featuring crude and racist insults at New York's Madison Square Garden, turning what his campaign had dubbed as the event where he would deliver his closing message into an illustration of what turns off his critics.

With just over a week before Election Day, speakers at the rally Sunday night labelled Puerto Rico a "floating island of garbage," called Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris "the devil," and said the woman vying to become the first woman and Black woman president had begun her career as a prostitute.

"I don't know if you guys know this, but there's literally a floating island of garbage in the middle of the ocean right now. I think it's called Puerto Rico," said Tony Hinchcliffe, a standup comic whose set also included lewd and racist comments about Latinos, Jews and Black people, all key constituencies in the election just nine days

His joke was immediately crit-

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Cleast 40 soldiers were killed

ing a Sunday night attack on a

military base in the country's

President Mahamat Deby Itno

visited the base early Monday

morning and announced the

launch of a military operation

Chad has long battled with an

insurgency in the country's

to track the assailants.

ntified assailants dur:

competes with Trump to win over Puerto Rican communities in Pennsylvania and other swing states. Puerto Rican music superstar Bad Bunny backed Harris shortly after

Hinchcliffe's appearance. The normally pugnacious Trump campaign took the rare step of distancing itself from Hinchcliffe. "This joke does not reflect the views of President Trump or the campaign," senior adviser Danielle Alvarez said in a statement.

But other speakers also made incendiary comments. Trump's childhood friend David Rem referred to Harris as "the Antichrist" and "the devil." Businessman Grant Cardone told the crowd that Harris "and her pimp handlers will destroy our country."

The marquee event reflected the former president's tone throughout his third White House campaign. Though he refrained from doing so Sunday, Trump often tears into Harris in offensive and personal terms himself, questioning in recent weeks her mental stability and her intelligence as well

nition depot in the capital

In March, an attack the govern-

ment blamed on Boko Haram

killed seven soldiers, reviving

fears of violence in the Lake

Chad area after a period of

peace following a successful

operation launched in 2020 by

the Chadian army to destroy

the extremist group's bases

N'Djamena.

icised by Harris' campaign as it as calling her "lazy," long a racist trope used against Black people.

The event was a surreal spectacle that included former professional wrestler Hulk Hogan, TV psychologist Dr. Phil McGraw, former Fox News host Tucker Carlson, politicians including House Speaker Mike Johnson and Reps. Byron Donalds and Elise Stefanik, and an artist who painted a picture of Trump hugging the Empire State Building.

And that was all before Trump was to take the stage, running more than two hours late. After being introduced by his

wife, Melania Trump, in a rare public appearance, the former president began by asking the same questions he's asked at the start of every recent rally: "Are you better off now than you were four years ago?" The crowd responded with a resounding "No!"

This election is a choice between whether we'll have four more years of gross incompetence and failure, or whether we'll begin the greatest years in the history of our country," he said

At least 40 soldiers are killed in attack on military base, Chad's president says

Nigeria. In June nine people churches reopened and

were killed and more than 40 humanitarian organizations

and Chad.

Thad's presidency said at injured when a fire set off returned. explosions at a military ammu- Boko Haram, which launched decade ago against Western education, seeks to establish Islamic law in Nigeria's northeast. The insurgency has spread to West African neighbors including Cameroon, Niger

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15:30 HRS

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Himanshu Ahuja (Advocate

Contact No.: 9810310373, 011-41830049 E-mail Address: alolegals@gmail.com

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PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed that my clients Sh Deepak Kumar S/o Sh Om Parkash and his wife smt antosh Kumari, both R/o D-311 First Floor, Vii values in Militari, both Ny D-311 Filist Floot, vijayee Veer Awas, Sector 18A, Dwarka, New Delhi-110078 have served all their relations with their son Sh. Yash Gandas due to their misconduct, hostile behavior and disobedience. Both of my above-named clients all their movable and immovable properties Anyhody dealing with Sh. Yash Gandas will do so a s/her/their own risk and responsibilities and r ents will not be responsible for any act, deed aling done by Sh. Yash Gandas.

DHANKAR LAW ATTORNEYS, Ch: 845, Lawyers

PUBLIC NOTICE

Re: Residential Plot No. 107/377, total area neasuring 50 sq.yds. le. 41.80 sq.mtr., Situateix ti Jawahar Park, Village Pasonda, Pargana oni, Tehsil & Distt. Ghaziabad (UP) Hereinafter referred to as the "Said Property"). (Hereinafter referred to as the "Said Property").

Be it known to all that our clients, Mohd, Javed & Mrs. Alsaba (hereinafter called the "Purchaser") intend to purchase the said property from Mr. Shahbuddin (hereinafter called the "Seller") intend to purchase the said property from Mr. Shahbuddin (hereinafter called the Seller") into this connection, the seller has informed the purchaser that he is the sole and absolute owner of the said property vide Sale Deed registered as Document No. 11026, Book No. 1, Vol No. 16551, pages 25-50 on 27.12.2021 and executed by Mr. Arnit Kumar in his favour. The seller has also informed that the said property is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending regarding the said property. The seller has further informed the purchaser that the following original document namely GPA, registered as Doc No. 28846 dated 15.05.1998, ATS and Will executed by Mr. Madan Singh (Attorney of Mr. Rajpal Singh), in favour of Mrs. Anta in respect of the said property is not traceable and seem to have been to This (decument is heaving). operty is not traceable and seem to have bee ost. This document is hereinafter called th said document" and forms a part of chai ocuments. An FIR regarding loss of the sa locument has been lodged by the seller wi Delhi Police Crime Branch vide LR No.224851

2024 dated 27.10.2024 /2024 dated 27.10.2024. If the aforesaid original said document is four or has been found by any person, the same make returned and delivered to the undersigned the address mentioned herein below. Further, any person, body, institution is having any clai and/or objection in respect of the said proper he/she/they may raise his/her/ their objection in writing with documentary evidence. writing, with documentary evidence, tegistered AD Post, to the undersigned at t ddress mentioned herein below within 07 day of publication of this notice. Otherwise, after xpiry of 07 days from the date of publication his notice, no objection shall be acceptable Seneral Public may also take note that any de transaction done by anybody on the basis he said document shall be illegal and in pinding on our clients. The person doing so she liable to be prosecuted under the law.

SHIVKANT ARORA, ADVOCATE FOR M/S INTELLECTIVE LAW OFFICES A-74, LOWER GROUND FLOOR, DEFENCE COLONY, NEW DELHI-110024

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Gupta/ Mr. Puneet Agarwal having address at- 982-E First Floor C-2 Block Palam Vihar Near Blossoms School Gurgaon-122001 Branch of Kotak Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. SCO-16, Ground Floor, Sector - 14 Gurgaon - 122 001. remains unoperated since past 10 years and the rent is also due for the last 3 years.

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Baba Farid University of Health Sciences Sadiq Road, Faridkot -151203 Ph.01639-256232, 256236

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E-tender are invited for the procurements of following items upto 18.11.2024 1) Procurement of BOD Incubator for Microbiology department 2) Fully Automated Chemilimiescence Immunoasay system on Rental Basis 3) Fully automated Clinical Chemistry Analyser on Rental Basis 4) Providing of Housekeeping services 5) SSMA Services of various photocopier machines 6; Purchase of LAN Networking 7) Operation of Canteen/Tuck shops at various locations at Guru Gobind Singh Medical Hospital, Faridkot 8) Providing of Pesi control services 9) Rate contract for procurement of Xerox Toner and Copy Cartridges for Xerox make photocopier machine 10) Supply and installation of

E-tender are invited for the procurements of following items upto 20.11.2024 1) Procurement of Drugs & Surgical Material 2) Procurement of High Spee Electric Drill in the department of Neurosurgery 3) Replacing damaged roof of 10 nos. Garages at G65 Medical Hospital, Faridkot 4) Sign of Rates contract for Radiopharmacenticals items for Nuclear Medicine department 5) Procurement of NCT machine 6) Procurement of Electrocautery 7) Procurement of Dental chairs 8) Procurement of Radiofrequency Ablation machine 9) Patient Bath Trolly 10) Management Processor 12) Procure of Bed Sheets for Hospital. Terms and conditions can be downloaded from http://eproc.punjab.gov.in. The

tenders will be accepted in E-Tender mode only. Bidder can also download tender notification and document from the University website i.e. www.bfuhs.ac.in

00/12/314/2023/38634 Dated CHD :- 10/28/2024



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U GRO Capital Limited

4th Floor, Tower 3, Equinox Business Park, LBS Road, Kurla, Mumba

APPENDIX IV (See rule 8(1)) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of UGRO Capital Limited, having it gistered office at 4th Floor, Tower 3, Equinox Business Park, LBS Road, Kurla, Mumbai 400070 8 POONAWALLA FINCORP LIMITED, having its registered office at 601, 6th Floor, Zero One IT Park Survey No. 79/1, Ghorpadi, Mundhwa Road, Pingle Wasti, Pune- 411036 ,under the Securitisatio and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 (54 of 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security nterest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice to repay the amount mentioned in the notice together with interest thereon, 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 th public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.on the day, mon and year mentioned below.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of UGRO Capital Limited for the amount mentioned in the notice together with interest thereon. The borrower's attention is nvited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to

redeem the secured assets.

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Mr. Karan Mongia		shop bearing no. private No. 7, area	20-10-2024
Loan Account		admeasuring 200 Sq.ft (opposite Gital	
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CFDELSEC0000103	05.08.2024	property bearing No. 1/1, admeasuring 1598	
4108		Sq. Ft., situated at Malviya Nagar New Delhi.	
te: 29.10.2024		Author	ised Officer
ace : Delhi NCR		UGRO Cap	ital Limited

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4th Floor, Tower 3, Equinox Business Park, LBS Road, Kurla, Mumbai 400070 SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE OF 15 DAYS FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSET(S) ["SECURED ASSET(S)"] UNDER THE SECURITIZATION AND

RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT. 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8 AND 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002. otice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Secured Asset(s) mortgage

charged to U GRO Capital Limited ("Secured Creditor"), the possession of which has been taken by the authorised officer of Secured Creditor, will be old on "As is what is" and "As is where is" and "Whatever there is" on the date and time mentioned herein below, for recovery of the dues mentioned erein below and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of realization of amount, due to Secured Creditor from the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below. The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and last date of EMD deposit is also mentioned herein below.

Details of Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Details of Demand Notice	Details of A	uction
4 41-4-5-4	Date of Notice:	Reserve Price :	Rs. 2,44,21,500/-
1. Akshat Enterprises 2. Vinod Yadav	19-10-2023	EMD	Rs. 24,42,150/-
3. Pramod Yadav 4. Sunita Yadav	Outstanding Amount: Rs. 2,39,30,103/- as on 18-10-2023	Last date of EMD Deposit:	16-11-2024
5. Aditya Plastic		Date of Auction :	18-11-2024
6. Shanti Yadav Loan Account Number :HCFDELSEC00001043233		Time of Auction :	11 AM to 01 PM
Loan Account Number . HCFDEL3EC0000 1043233		Incremental Value :	Rs. 1,00,000/-

Description of Secured Asset(s): All that Piece and Parcel of immovable property being Entire Free- Hold Property No. 109 & 110, Each, admeasuring 25.90 Sq. Meter, Block-H, Pocket – 1, Sector-11 Situated in the Layout, Plan of Rohini Residential Scheme Rohini, Delhi."

ontact the undersigned at authorised.officer@ugrocapital.com

Date : 29-10-2024 , Place : Delhi SD/- Soham Bhattacharya, Authorised Officer, UGRO Capital Limited **GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM**

PUBLIC WORKS ROADS DEPARTMENT O/O THE CHIEF ENGINEER (EAP) ARR&TI CAMPUS, FATASIL AMBARI, GUWAHATI-25,

Email-id: as-ce.asbip@assam.gov.in

RFB No CE/EAP/ARRBP/02/TENDERS/2024/30

REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB) E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE - Open Competitive Bidding (Two-Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement)

The Government of Assam through Government of India has applied for financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Assam Resilient Rural Bridges Program (ARRBP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds to the eligible payment under the contract. Bids are invited online from the eligible bidders from India for the 16 (Sixteen) packages in the district of Kokrajhar, Dhubri, South Salmara Mankachar, Kamrup (M), Goalpara and Barpeta for a total amount of Rs. 5725.89 Lakhs (approx). Details may be seen at website http://www.assamtenders.gov.in and also at the office of the undersigned during office

The bidding documents are available online on http://www.assamtenders.gov.in from 30/10/2024 to 30/11/2024. Bidders will be required to register on the website which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC). Bids must be submitted online on http://www.assamtenders.gov.in on or before 14:00 Hours on 30/11/2024. Other details can be seen in the bidding document. The method of paying Bid Security, Tender Processing fees as indicated in the table above of this e-procurement shall be required to be submitted online on http://www.assamtenders.gov.in by selecting "Pay Online" option.

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Chief Engineer(EAP) PWRD Assam, Fatasil Ambari, Guwahati-25

Prominent HR lawyer, husband held in Pak

west, near the border with there. Schools, mosques and

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 $P^{\text{akistan's prominent human}}_{\text{rights lawyer Imaan Zainab}}$ Mazari-Hazir and her husband Hadi Ali were arrested on Monday for allegedly creating a security situation by interfering in the official work. Imaan and Ali were arrested

after they tried to remove barriers installed by the police on the occasion of a recently concluded test match between England and Pakistan.

"Taking legal action, Islamabad police have arrested Imaan Mazari and Hadi Ali as per the law and regulations for creating a security risk by interfering in state duties during an international cricket team's visit," the police said in a post on X. A case has been registered against them, and Imaan

BSES

CMC/BB/24-25/

FK/CR/AG/1226

police station, police said.

Imaan's mother, former human rights minister Shireen Mazari. said that her daughter was arrested in the morning. "Imaan Mazari has been arrested this morning. State fascism in full swing," she said in a post

In August last year, Imaan was police along with former law-

was transferred to the women's

steel barrier deliberately into her, assaulting her", referring to daughter. It is not the first time that Imaan has been arrested. case over a rally made at a

TENDER NOTICE

Brief Tender Description

SCHEME NO: ES23SH1021 FOR SHIFTING OF 66 KV

D/C O/H LINE TO U/G (4 NOS. OF 3C X 300 SQ MM

ABLES) FROM DOWN TOWN DIST TO 66 KV PALAM

GRID FOR THE CIRCUITS 220 KV MEHRAULLI

TO 66 KV PALAM AND 66 KV PALAM TO BIJWASAN

DUE TO DEVELOPMENT OF COMMERCIAL LAND BY

For details in respect of Equipment/BOM/Services, Qualifying requirements, Terms & conditions, purchase/submission of tender documents etc. please visit our website www.bsesdelhi.com

Cost of each Tender Document: ₹ 1180/- (Including GST)

Estimated Cost Cost of EMD

2.24 Lakhs

She claimed that the Islamabad police on Friday had "swung a a purported video being shared on X. She also alleged that the police action had "injured" her arrested by the Islamabad maker Ali Wazir in a sedition

15:45 HRS

Head (Contracts & Materials

on No.: U40109DL2001PLC11152

last 7 years. BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, New Delhi All the 3 letters earlier sent to Date: 29.10.2024 Sealed tenders under two Bid System (Unpriced & Priced) is invited for following job from all bidders Due Date & 18.11.2024 18.11.2024

12:00 PM

kotak Kotak Mahindra Bank

/ Ms. Nishi Jain having address at- B-601 Alaknanda Apartments GH H-5 Sec-56 Gurgaon-122002/C-1-3A 1-Flr Ardee City Sec-52 Gurgaon 122001 Harvana India Branch of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. situated at Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. SCO-16, Ground Floor Sector - 14, Gurgaon - 122 001 remains un-operated since past 10 years and the rent is also due for the last 3 years.

All the 3 letters earlier sent to Mr. Amit Jain / Ms. Nishi Jain calling upon them to operate the locker has return unreserved and the aforementioned are not contactable.

NOTICE Locker Hired by Mr. Amit Jain

It is hereby informed that

despite this notice, if the said locker is not operated by Mr. Amit Jain / Ms. Nishi Jair within 90 days from the date of issuance of this notice, break open of the said locker will be done as per the extant proces of the bank on January 29, 2025 at around 12:00 PM.

need small amounts of this steel, are hit hardest, as prices

have soared due to uncertain

shortage, immediate and

long-term measures are

essential, he said, adding that

the BIS should expedite its

approval process for CRGO

imports to prevent license

expirations and ensure a steady supply.
Additionally, BIS should

expand the list of approved CRGO grades and suppliers

to support smaller manufacturers and MSMEs,

who are the most vulnerable

to these shortages, he added.

"At the government level, support for domestic production is crucial, and

allowing zero-duty imports

of raw materials for CRGO

production, as seen in countries like China, the US

and Germany, could boost

Building a CRGO plant

would require significant

investment ?of around USD

400-USD 600 million for a

facility with an annual

capacity of 100,000-150,000

tonnes and could take 3-5

years to complete, with

incentives supporting this

development, it said.

government

local output," it said.

supplies," he added. To address the CRGO steel

India and Saudi to discuss ways to boost cooperation



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from Tuesday.

The global economic Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will discuss ways to increase cooperation with Saudi Arabia in areas like renewable energy, digital infrastructure, and manufacturing during his two-day visit, an official statement said on Monday. The visit to Riyadh will begin

The commerce and industry ministry said Goyal will participate in the Future Investment Initiative (FII) in Riyadh, a crucial platform that brings together global leaders, investors, and innovators.

participation highlight India's rapid economic growth, its focus on sustainable development, AI, immense opportunities in sectors like renewable energy, digital

infrastructure, and advanced manufacturing, it said. On the sidelines of the FII, the minister will engage with prominent global investors.

These interactions aim to strengthen investor confidence, facilitate flows, and investment promote India as a preferred investment destination," it said.

He will also hold bilateral meetings with key Saudi ministers, including the Minister of Commerce, Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources, Minister of Investment, and Minister of discuss collaborative efforts in energy

transition, digital transformation, and trade facilitation. Further, he will second ministerial meeting of the Economy and Investment Committee under the India-

infrastructure. India is the second largest trade partner for Saudi Arabia whereas Saudi Arabia is India's fourth largest trading partner.

Saudi Strategic Partnership

Council, focusing on sectors

like agriculture, food security,

energy, technology, and

The bilateral trade between the two countries stood at USD 43 billion in 2023-24 as against USD 53 billion in 2022-23

Over 2,700 Indian companies are registered as joint ventures/100 percent owned entities, with investments worth about USD 2 billion in the Kingdom.

Major Indian companies and corporate groups such as L&T, TATA, Wipro, TCS, TCIL, Shapoorji & Pallonji have established a strong presence in Saudi Arabia.

Saudi direct investments in

Transformer steel shortage could impact India's energy ambitions: GTRI

billion during April 2000 and

Major Saudi investment

groups include ARAMCO, SABIC, ZAMIL, E-holidays,

sector.

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

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

"India's role in the world is

expanding, and we stand

ready to engage constructively

innovations and contributing

global peace

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

partnerships, and navigates

the complexity of a rapidly changing world," she said.

international

sharing our

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quality," she said.

and Al Batterjee Group. policy agenda has been the strengthening of India's

financial

Shortage of Cold-Rolled Grain-Oriented (CRGO) steel used for making transformers and electric motors could impact India's ambitious power sector expansion plans, think tank GTRI said on Monday.

The Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) said that India's power sector is facing a 30 per cent shortage of CRGO steel, essential for electric motors transformers.

With domestic production meeting only about 10-12 per cent of demand, India relies heavily on imports, it added. It said the immediate cause of the CRGO steel shortage is import uncertainty caused by the delayed license renewals by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) for many foreign suppliers from Japan, South Korea and China.

Many of the licenses are set to expire soon, causing shortages and uncertainty in the power sector, it said, adding that foreign suppliers require BIS certification under a Quality Control Order, which ensures quality but restricts options to a few approved grades vendors.

The entire BIS process needs urgent review independent auditors, the think tank said.

"In the long term, India must prioritise local production, as CRGO is now considered a strategic material, and supply may remain limited. Without action, this shortage could



jeopardise India's ambitious energy goals," GTRI Founder Ajay Srivastava said.

CRGO's grain orientation reduces energy loss, making it essential for transformer cores, which are central to India's power distribution network. In FY 2024, India, one of the

largest consumers of CRGO steel, required 400,000 tonnes. With only 50,000 tonnes produced domestically, it had to import tonnes 239.2 thousand tonnes from countries like China, Japan, Russia and South Korea.

11.4 exporting thousand tonnes, only 277.8 thousand tonnes were available for local use, leaving a shortfall of 122.2 thousand tonnes, or 30.6 per cent of total demand, it said.

demand is expected to grow by 10-12 per cent annually, driven by the expanding power sector and the goal to integrate 500 GW of renewable energy into the grid by 2030.

Srivastava said that the demand will also grow as the Bureau of Energy Efficiency has mandated a star-label upgrade for distribution transformers starting January 1, 2025, pushing the industry to seek higher-grade CRGO steel.

This CRGO shortage could impact energy and manufacturing targets. This shortage also limits India's transformer and motor exports. Micro, Small and Medium

Enterprises (MSMEs), who

The Quality Control Order (QCO) for CRGO steel, implemented by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in

potential

2020, mandates that all CRGO steel imported for use in India must meet specific performance standards under BIS certification, it

Consumers exploring both luxury, sustainable mobility alternatives: Survey

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¬onsumers are exploring luxury alternatives. setting the stage for a new era in the Indian automotive sector, according to a survey by Grant Thornton Bharat. As per the survey -- 'Shifting

Understanding Passenger Vehicle Market Trends', 85 per cent of the respondents were considering premium models and there is an increasing preference for hybrid vehicles over electric vehicles (EVs).

from over 3,500 respondents across the country.

According to the survey, 40 per cent of respondents now prefer hybrid vehicles. compared to only 17 per cent favouring EVs.

In contrast, 34 per cent still lean toward petrol vehicles, reflecting the transitional nature of the market, it said. This growing alignment with hybrids suggests consumers are exploring sustainable options, while waiting for more robust EV infrastructure and incentives, the survey found.

Therefore, with hybrid vehicles gaining traction, they are expected to act as a bridge, building consumer familiarity



with alternative technologies and ultimately accelerating future EV adoption, it opined. This trend underscores the need for automakers to focus on both hybrid and electric solutions to meet evolving consumer expectations an prepare for a sustainable automotive future, as per the survey findings.

"As market dynamics evolve, automakers must adapt to shifting consumer preferences," Grant Thornton Bharat Partner and Auto & EV Industry Leader Saket

Mehra said. further on Elaborating findings, he noted that the festive season, which typically accounts for 30-40 per cent of annual sales, is critical for the Indian automotive industry. However, high inventory levels, weather disruptions, and regional elections have

The utility vehicle (UV) and

tempered growth this year, he

sports utility vehicle (SUV) segments have continued to drive the market, witnessing 13 per cent year-on-year growth and now making up 65 per cent of passenger vehicle (PV) sales, he said. Despite a muted first half of FY25, with overall domestic

sales rising by just 0.5 per cent, the sustained demand for SUVs and UVs reflects the growing consumer preference for versatile vehicles, Mehra said. However, inventory levels

remain a challenge, with 7.9 lakh units worth Rs 79,000 stockniled September 2024, he added. Automakers have

opportunity to meet rising consumer demand through substantial festive discounts, with nearly 90 per cent of respondents expecting such offers, Mehra said.

The survey also found that subscription models launched by companies are also gaining traction.

Besides, there is an increased demand for safety features in the car models.

Growing consumer awareness has shifted the focus to vehicle safety, with advanced safety features becoming a top priority for buyers, overtaking traditional factors like design or performance, it said

Waaree Energies' shares make remarkable debut



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Shares of solar panel maker Waaree Energies Ltd on Monday listed with a premium of nearly 70 per cent against the issue price of Rs

The stock made its market debut at Rs 2,550, reflecting a jump of 69.66 per cent from the issue price on the BSE. It further surged 72.98 per cent to Rs 2,600.

At the NSE, the stock listed at Rs 2,500, surging 66.33 per cent.The company's market valuation stood at Rs 67,866.35 crore.The initial public offer of Waaree Energies Ltd garnered 76.34 times subscription on the last day of share sale on Wednesday, helped by strong participation institutional buyers. The Rs 4,321.44-crore initial share sale had a price band of Rs

1,427 to Rs 1,503 per share.

The IPO was a combination

of a fresh issue of equity shares aggregating to Rs 3,600 crore and an Offer-for-Sale (OFS) of 48 lakh equity shares worth Rs 721.44 crore, at the upper end of the price band, by a promoter and existing olders Proceed: the fresh issue will be used for setting up the 6 GW (gigawatt) of the Ingot Wafer, Solar Cell and Solar PV manufacturing module facility in Odisha. Besides, a portion will be used for general corporate purposes. Waaree Energies, one of the major players in the solar

energy industry in India, is focused on PV module manufacturing with an aggregate installed capacity of 12 GW as of June 30, 2023. It operates five manufacturing facilities with one factory each, located at Surat, Tumb Nandigram and Chikhli in Gujarat, and the IndoSolar

Facility, in Noida, Uttar

added.

Air India gets DGCA nod to carry out inhouse modifications of aircraft interiors

PNS NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) approved a proposal from Air carry modifications in aircraft interiors in-house as the Tata Group-owned airline works on revamping its fleet and expanding operations. The full-service carrier has a

collaboration with Tata Technologies to enhance aircraft interiors in its fleet. In a release on Monday, Air India said the Design Organ sation (DOA) from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) will enable the airline to independently make design changes in-house and implement modifications to its aircraft interiors more efficiently.

"DOA is a transformative step towards enhancing Air India's in-house capabilities, which has been bolstered by decisions to set up its own engineering, maintenance and training facilities. This will enhance operational efficiency and make the airline more self-reliant," it

An official said the approval will also allow Air India to offer the services to other



Indian airlines in the future. Air India is the first Indian airline to attain this level of authorisation, accelerating its ability to execute restoration tasks for continuous improvement of its fleet, the release said.

Air India Ch Managing Officer and Director Campbell Wilson said the approval reaffirms its capabilities to maintain the fleet and commitment to enhancing the customer experience of its aircraft interiors.

"By leveraging our global aerospace expertise, we are committed to delivering nextgeneration aircraft interiors that not only meet the highest standards of functionality and safety but also enhance customer satisfaction," Tata Technologies Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director Warren Harris said. The approval also comes at a time when Air India is retrofitting its legacy planes

has significant orders for new

According to the release on Monday, the partnership with Tata Technologies will help Air India streamline its operations by integrating solutions maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) services.

will

improve

"This

operational efficiency, reduce downtime, and ensure that Air India's fleet remains fit to further enhancing passenger safety, comfort and operational reliability," the release said.

Tata Air India Group has three airlines -- Air India, Air India Express and Vistara, which is a joint venture between Tatas and Singapore Airlines.Air India and Air India Express together have more than 230 planes. Vistara, which has a fleet of 70 planes, is set to be merged with Air India on November 11.

India remains highly dependent on imports of critical minerals: Report

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 $I^{
m ndia}$ remains highly dependent on imports for minerals critical to accelerating its energy transition, with a full reliance on shipping in lithium, cobalt and nickel, according to a

report released Monday.
The report, published by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA), said that India's demand for critical minerals is expected to more than double by 2030, while domestic mining operations may take over a decade to

start producing. It stresses that India needs a carefully crafted import strategy to mitigate potential trade risks while balancing international relationships to secure these essential minerals.

IEEFA's report examines five critical minerals (and their compounds) - cobalt, copper, graphite, lithium and nickel from the perspectives of import dependency, trade domestic availability, and global price

The findings show that India remains largely importdependent for these minerals and their compounds, with 100 per cent import reliance for minerals like lithium, cobalt, and nickel.

"India should strive to de-risk its critical minerals sourcing identifying international resources and expediting domestic production

A concerted effort to partner with and foster bilateral relations with mineral-rich nations should be a priority for India," said the report's co-author Charith Konda, Energy Specialist, IEEFA. "The country can also explore

investment opportunities in resource-rich, friendly nations, such as Australia and Chile, as well as African countries like Ghana and South Africa," he added.

The report said India depends heavily on China for synthetic graphite and natural graphite and it should explore cooperation initiatives with countries like Mozambique, Madagascar, look at the US, the fifth



Brazil and Tanzania which are some of the highest graphite producing countries. 'As part of the Global South cooperation initiatives, these countries could be favourable partners for India for graphite trading," said the report's co-author Kaira

> IEEFA. India is also highly importdependent for copper cathodes and nickel sulphates from just two countries -Japan and Belgium. The report suggests India could

Rakheja, Energy Analyst,

largest producer of copper in the world, to diversify its suppliers and enhance supply security.

For minerals like lithium oxide and nickel oxide, the dependency is low on one country, but overall imports largely come from Russia and China, both countries with potential trade risks.

domestic 'Developing lithium refining capacity will help India integrate with the global lithium supply chain," said Rakheja. The report also notes the

significant efforts that the

Indian government is making improve domestic action of critical production minerals with the auctions by the Ministry of Mines and the planned Critical Minerals Mission. "The critical minerals mining

block auctions can serve as an opportunity for India to focus on building refining and processing capabilities to emerge as a global value-adding hub," said Rakheja.

"Government support in the form of viability gap funding and technology development will help promote such auctions and ultimately the domestic production of critical minerals.

"A stable supply of critical minerals is imperative for India to achieve its renewable energy goals," Konda said. India has committed to achieving 500 gigawatts (GW) of non-fossil fuel-

based electricity installed

capacity by 2030. Currently, the country's renewable energy installed capacity stands at 201 GW, with solar energy accounting for 91 GW.

This Dhanteras, **buy: Hallmark** for purity

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 $T_{\text{Standards (BIS) urged}}^{\text{he Bureau of Indian}}$ consumers to adopt a more thoughtful approach to gold and silver buying that is backed by the enduring trust of Hallmark.

Dhanteras Traditionally, marks the time when families invest in gold, a symbol of good fortune, wealth, and future security.

BIS has been instrumental in driving this transformation, encouraging consumers to make informed purchases by promoting the importance of hallmarked gold and silver jewellery.

Kumar Tiwari, Pramod Director General, BIS said "We are committed to safeguarding consumers' gold investments during Dhanteras and beyond with BIS HUID based Hallmark. With BIS Hallmark and the easy-to-use BIS CARE App, consumers can be assured of the authenticity of their jewellery purchases.'

INBRIEF

DRIBBLING TOWARDS A BRIGHTER FUTURE

PATPARGANJ: BSES' mission extends beyond delivering electricity. Through its CSR initiatives, the company is committed to energizing the future of its communities. In line with this vision, BSES has launched the BSES Basketball Academy, in partnership with Dribble Academy. This initiative aims to inspire, engage, and empower young athletes both boys and girls, to reach their full



CEREMONY FOR MBBS BATCH 2024 AT SRM MEDICAL COLLEGE

KATTANKULATHUR: We are pleased to share the highlights from the recent welcome ceremony for the MBBS Batch of 2024 at SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre (SRM MCH&RC). This event underscored our commitment to delivering world-class medical education and nurturing compassionate, skilled healthcare professionals.

OBSERVATION OF VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK AT NFR

MALIGAON: N. F. Railway will be observing the 'Vigilance Awareness Week' from 28 th October to 03 rd November, 2024, throughout all its Divisions, Workshops and Construction field units. The theme that will lead this awareness week of 2024 will be based on "Culture of Integrity for Nation&Prosperity". The oath will be administered by Shri Chetan Kumar Shrivastava, GeneralManager, Northeast Frontier Railway and Shri Arun Kumar Chaudhary, General Manager, N. F. Railway (Construction) at the premises of GM's office, Maligaon and GM (CON)'s office,

CHIRAG CHIKKARA CLINCHES GOLD AS INDIA SHINES WITH NINE MEDALS

hirag Chikkara became only the third Indian to become Under-23 world champion as India capped a rich haul of nine medals, including a gold and silver each, at the age group tournament here

Chikkara, competing in the men's freestyle 57kg category, eked out a narrow 4-3 in the closing seconds of the final win over Abdymalik Karachov of Kyrgyzstan.

He becomes the second Indian man, after Paris Olympics bronze medallist Aman Sehrawat, to win the gold at the U23 Championships. Sehrawat had achieved the feat

in the same category in the 2022 edition of the meet while Reetika Hooda had become the first Indian woman to bag a gold at the tournament when she won in the 76kg category Ravi Kumar Dahiya had also won a silver in the U23 World Championships in 2018.

Chikkara reached the final after a series of dominant performances, defeating Gaukoto Ozawa 6-1 in the pre-quarterfinals, Iunus Iavbatirov 12-2 in the last eight stage and Allan Oralbek 8-0 in the semifinals

India's medal haul in the men's freestyle category also included two bronze medals, placing the nation fourth in the team standings with 82 points, trailing Iran (158), Japan (102), and Azerbaijan (100).

India also won two more bronze in men's freestyle taking the country's medal count in the category to four that secured the nation a fourth place in the team rankings. Iran topped the team rankings

with 158 points followed by Japan (102), Azerbaijan (100)



Vicky defeated former U20 World Championships silver medalist and European junior champion Ivan Prymachenko of Ukraine with a convincing of Ukraine with a convincing 7-2 margin to win bronze in the men's 97kg freestyle event. It is the highest weight category at which India have medalled at this tournament. Vicky had defeated Merab Suleimanishvili of Georgia via fall in round of 16, Radu Lefter of Moldova 5-0 in quartefinal before losing to Mahdi Hajiloueian Morafah of Iran in semifinals.

semifinals.

Having narrowly missed a final berth the other day, Sujeet Kalkal bounced back from being 0-4 down to beat Mustafo Akhmedov of Tajikistan 13-4 and win bronze in men's 70kg freestyle. Sujeet had beaten Georgi

Antoanov Zhizgov 10-0 in round of 32, Tugsjargal

Narek Pohosian 6-1 before losing to eventual gold medallist Magomed Basihr Khaniev 4-8 in the final

seconds the semifinal.
Abhishek Dhaka had earlier won a bronze as India finished with four medals (one gold and three bronze), bettering their previous year's performance where they had bagged two bronze in the freestyle

The Indian women's wrestling team also excelled earlier, bringing home one silver and three bronze medals: Anjli claimed silver in the 59kg category, while Neha Sharma (57kg), Shiksha (65kg), and Monika (68kg) each secured

Additionally, Vishvajit More earned a bronze in the men's 55kg Greco-Roman category, rounding off India's impressive tally at the championships.

bronze.



Salima Tete named India Captain for women's Asian Champions Trophy

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Salima Tete was named Captain of the 18-member Indian women's hockey team announced on Monday for the Asian Champions Trophy scheduled to be held from November 11 to 20 at the newly-developed Rajgir Hockey Stadium in Bihar.

Navneet Kaur will serve as Tete's deputy. India enter the competition with high expectations, having clinched the title at last year's edition in

The team will face stiff competition from five other nations, including reigning Olympic silver-medallists China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, and Thailand, in the battle for

India will open their campaign against Malaysia on November 11.

continental supremacy.

Speaking on the team selection and their preparation for the tournament, dynamic mid-fielder Tete said: "It's an incredible feeling to lead the team into another major tournament, especially as defending champions.

"We have trained rigorously and have a strong unit with both experienced players and young talent. Our goal is to defend our title and play with the same passion and determination we showed last

The goalkeeping duties will be between experienced Savita and rising talent Bichu Devi Kharibam. The defence will be anchored

by a solid line-up, featuring Udita, Jyoti, Ishika Chaudhary, Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam, and Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke. In the mid-field, captain Tete will be supported by Neha, Sharmila Devi, Manisha Chauhan, Sunelita Toppo, and Lalremsiami, all known for their dynamic play.

The forward line-up boasts firepower with Navneet Kaur, Sangita Kumari, Deepika, Preeti Dubey, and Beauty Dungdung leading the charge. Notably, Sushila and Beauty Dungdung make their return to the team after successfully completing their rehabilitation. 'We are confident in our preparation and the chemistry we've built within the team. Playing in front of our home crowd is a huge boost, and we are ready to face tough competition from the best teams in Asia," vice-captain Navneet said.

'Working alongside Salima has been great, and we are determined to make this tournament a memorable one," she added.

INDIA:

Goalkeepers: Savita, Bichu Devi Kharibam.

Defenders: Udita, Jyoti, Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke, Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam, Ishika Chaudhary. **Midfielders:** Neha, Salima

Tete, Sharmila Devi, Manisha Chauhan, Sunelita Toppo, Lalremsiami.

Forwards: Navneet Kaur, Preeti Dubey, Sangita Kumari, Deepika, Beauty Dungdung.

Perez job in jeopardy as Red Bull boss refuses to confirm Mexican driver will finish F1 season

AP MEXICO CITY

Sergio Perez climbed into his car for the Mexico City Grand Prix as nearly 155,000 fans at his home race shouted "Checo! Checo! Checo!" in adoration of the wildly popular Formula 1 driver.

It was a critical race for the slumping Perez - he said repeatedly all weekend it is his favorite event of the year - and he knows his job is in danger because of his lack of

performance.
Alas, Perez could not deliver for his hopeful fans or for Red Bull Racing.
After a 17th-place finish Sunday, team principal Christian Horner would not guarantee Perez will finish the second finish the season.

Horner had been emphatic two days earlier that the contract extension Perez signed earlier this year was valid for 2025. But he has performance clauses in his existing contract, and when The Associated Press asked Horner directly if Perez would finish this season, Horner refused to endorse the driver for the final four races.

There comes a point in time that difficult decisions have to be made," Horner said. "We're now third in the constructors championship." Horner did say Perez would be in the

car next weekend in Brazil. Horner admitted the Mexican "had a

horrible weekend" that started when he was eliminated in the first round of Saturday qualifying, relegating him to an 18th-place starting position. Perez was then outside his box at the start and received a fivesecond penalty.

He later got into a wheel-to-wheel battle with Liam Lawson of Red Bull sister team RB, and the contact caused damage that made Perez's car



uncompetitive.

A win by Carlos Sainz moved Ferrari ahead of Red Bull for second in the lucrative constructor standings and the two-time reigning champions of the prize that pays an estimated \$150 million is now a longshot to win it for the third consecutive year.

Red Bull's slip in that category is largely because of Perez's failures. He's eighth in the standings, winless on the year, and crashed out of three

"He knows Formula 1 is a resultsbased business, and you know, inevitably, when you're not delivering, then the spotlight is firmly on," Horner said. "When anyone is underperforming, there is have both (drivers) scoring points."

Max Verstappen has scored 362 points this season; Perez has scored iust 150.

We're working with him as hard as we can to try and support him," Horner said. "We've done everything that we can to support Checo, and we'll continue to do so in Brazil next weekend. But there comes a point in time that you can only do so much." Perez, although disappointed with his weekend, didn't sound like a driver worried about his job.

"This has been a complicated weekend," he said. "I always say it's my dream to win the grand prix in Mexico and I'll try again next year. After all of the support from all of these fans, it's incredible. They have given me so much, it's all worth it for You know, as a team, we need to them. We'll try again for them next vear stronger.

Harry Kane scores his 15th goal of the season

His future - or lack of one in F1 could be a problem for the Mexico City race, which heads into the final year of its current contract seeking an extension. The race this weekend drew a record 404,958 spectators and was sold out for the ninth

consecutive year.
But many of the fans who attend come to see Perez, and attendance could slip if he or another Mexican driver isn't on the F1 grid. Event president Alejandro Soberón said tickets for this weekend went on sale two weeks after Perez crashed out of last year's race seconds after it started and still sold out in two

Tickets for 2025 will again go on sale Perez's status for next year will be way to extend our (F1) contract determined even though Horner regardless of Checo

had been adamant Friday he was under contract for 2025. Soberon believes the race will have high demand.

"There's very few races who have a local driver. Everybody of course would love to have a local driver, but the first year we did the race here 50% of the fans were in a red T-shirt, so Ferrari has a wonderful following here," he said. "We have no more capacity. We could have drawn 600,000 if we had unlimited capacity, we could have another 200,000 here, but we cannot put

"That's why it sold out so fast in one year in advance. Probably without Checo maybe a drop of 20%, 25%, naturally, (but) still would be a sellout."

Soberón also said the Mexico City Grand Prix is so unique - it embraces the Mexican culture and incorporates it in the paddock and throughout the venue - and is a destination race for F1 fans outside of the country. He noted that the event is a boon for the local economy, with everything from hotels, restaurants transportation services fully booked

all week. The Mexican crowd, the fandom, is very strong for F1 in general. Obviously, Checo is a great enhancement for this," he said. "But Mexico has been very close to the heart of F1. We have a much better show on track today to what we had five years ago. I think competition and quality of the spectacle at the track is going to be enough to sustain the interest of the crowd, so we as a promoter of the race, we're ted trying to figure

AP MUNICH

Harry Kane scored his 15th goal of the season as Bayern Munich eased to a 5-0 win over Bochum in the Bundesliga to lift some of the gloom from its heavy midweek loss at Barcelona. Jamal Musiala scored

header and set up Kane's goal in Musiala's first start since Oct. 2 following a hip injury in a win that looked like a return to business as usual for Bayern following one win from its previous five games in all competitions.

"We just want to take a step forward in every game and we enjoy scoring goals," Musiala told broadcaster DAZN. Of the 4-1 loss to Barcelona on Wednesday, he added: "It was really bitter and it hurt us, but we're looking ahead.' Michael Olise got Bayern

as Bayern Munich cruises to 5-0 win at Bochum started when he lofted a free kick over the wall and into the net in the 16th minute, before Musiala headed in for 2-0 soon after. Musiala dribbled past a defender and passed for

Kane to score in the 57th. The England captain has nine Bundesliga goals this season, making him the league's jointtop scorer with Eintracht Frankfurt's Omar Marmoush. Leroy Sané, who's struggled

for fitness in recent months, came off the bench to score his first Bundesliga goal in nearly a year in style with a drive into the top-left corner. Kingsley Coman made it five with a shot that bounced in



off the crossbar.

Bayern reclaimed top spot on goal difference ahead of

to first Saturday with a 3-1

win over Freiburg. A 3-2 loss at Bochum last Leipzig, which had moved up season helped lose Bayern

Munich the title, and the home team nearly took a shock lead early in Sunday's game. Moritz Broschinski beat Kim Min-Jae to a long pass and shot past goalkeeper Manuel Neuer, but his effort was so lacking in power that Kim was able to chase it down and clear it before it crossed the line. In the end, it was more misery

for a team which is last in the Bundesliga and on Sunday marked exactly five months since its last win in a competitive game.

Bochum fired coach Peter Zeidler last week after eight games and no wins in all

competitions, and has named coaches Markus Feldhoff and Murat Ural in joint charge "until further notice."

UNION BERLIN MISSES OUT: A tight video-review offside call in added time denied Union Berlin a potential winner that would have sent it to third place in the Bundesliga. Union was held to a 1-1 draw with 10man Eintracht Frankfurt. Mario Götze had given

Frankfurt the lead early on but Benedict Hollerbach leveled the score for Union though only after VAR overturned an offside call. Frankfurt lost defender Arthur Theate to a second yellow card in the 77th. Union is fourth and Frankfurt sixth.

Also Sunday, Heidenheim is 10th after drawing 0-0 with 15th-place Hoffenheim.

Liverpool fights back for draw at Arsenal after Man United loses again

AP ■ LONDON

s the weeks go by, ALiverpool is showing the quality and resilience to be Manchester City's chief title rival in the Premier League this season.

Liverpool twice came from behind to draw 2-2 at Arsenal on Sunday, with Mohamed Salah scoring the second equalizer in the 81st minute at Emirates Stadium.

It's just one loss in 13 games in all competitions for Liverpool under new manager Arne Slot this season. A testing past week has seen the Reds beat Chelsea 2-1 in the league, eke out a 1-0 win in Leipzig in the Champions League, and now battle back for a draw at Arsenal - the other likely challenger for City's crown. If Liverpool's inner belief is

growing, then doubts might be increasing about Arsenal's durability in the title race after finishing runner-up to City for the past two seasons. The biggest concern might be

the list of injuries, to which defenders Gabriel and Jurrien Timber were added after they came off in the second half. With defensive linchpin missing Saliba William through suspension, Arsenal finished the game with a makeshift back four and paid the price as a long ball forward from Trent Alexander-Arnold found Darwin Nunez, who crossed for Salah to sidefoot

It left Liverpool in second place, a point behind City, and Arsenal five points off the pace

after nine games. Arsenal winger Bukayo Saka said his teammates were a "bit disappointed."

"We just felt we didn't show our best selves for the 90 minutes," said Saka, who opened the scoring in the ninth minute on his return from a hamstring injury.

Virgil van Dijk equalized with a header from a corner, only for Spain midfielder Mikel Merino to head in Declan Rice's free kick to put Arsenal back in front. Salah's equalizer meant he has

scored against Arsenal in eight straight seasons and remains Liverpool's man for the big occasion.

As for Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta, he was left to bemoan his team's lack of "courage" in the second half as the attacking intent faded and defensive injuries told.

By the end, a midfielder, Thomas Partey, was playing at



right back and 18-year-old rookie Myles Lewis-Skelly was at left back

Arteta said Gabriel, who went down with a left knee injury, "can't run" and would be assessed

TEN HAG FRUSTRATED: If seeing a player miss an open goal wasn't bad enough for Erik ten Hag, the Manchester United manager then had to endure the VAR overturning an on-field decision to give a stoppage-time penalty that plunged his team to a 2-1

defeat at West Ham. Jarrod Bowen converted a highly disputed penalty in the second minute of added-on time after a foul by Matthijs de Ligt as United counted the cost of a string of wasted chances, notably when Diogo Dalot sidefooted over when faced with an empty net in the first seventh goal of the season in

"We have to score, we created so many chances," said Ten Hag, whose United team has lost four of its nine games and is languishing in 14th place in the 20-team standings

Crysencio Summerville put West Ham ahead against the run of play in the 74th before Casemiro equalized for United at Olympic Stadium.

PALMER SHINES: With an exquisite pass and the winning goal, Cole Palmer shone again for Chelsea in a 2-1 victory over Newcastle.

It was the England playmaker's curling 50-meter pass behind Newcastle's defense that sent away Pedro Neto down the left to set up Nicolas Jackson for Chelsea's 18th-minute opener. Alexander Isak equalized but Palmer drove home his for Chelsea at Stamford Bridge. With five assists, too, Palmer has a league-leading 12 goals involvements this campaign. "It is the reason why people

the 47th to secure the victory

pay (to come), they want to see that kind of player," Chelsea manager Enzo Maresca said of Palmer. PALACE FINALLY WINS: Crystal Palace finally claimed its first league win of the season by beating Tottenham

1-0 thanks to Jean-Philippe Mateta's goal to climb out of the bottom three. It lifted the pressure on manager Oliver Glasner, whose arrival in February inspired Palace to a strong finish to last season but who struggled to get the best out of

the team in the first two months of this campaign.

INDIA WOMEN NEED TO RESOLVE BATTING **VULNERABILITIES TO SEAL SERIES AGAINST NZ**

India will be hoping to resolve their batting brittleness in their quest to win the third and final women's ODI and seal the series against New Zealand here on Tuesday.

It was clear from the first match, which the hosts won by 59 runs through a fine effort by the bowlers, that India's batting is not in top shape, and the second one-dayer underscored that reality. India's batting went a notch down on Friday as they were bundled out for 183 while chasing 260.

It was a tough target indeed, but not improbable in nature as Indian batters succumbed to spot-on White Ferns bowlers and to their own indiscretions. It required a record ninthwicket stand of 70 runs between Radha Yadav and Saima Thakor to add a touch of



respectability to India's run

Even the overall picture is not a rosy one, as Indian batters are yet to score an individual fifty across two matches.

Radha's 48 in the second ODI

is the highest individual score from India's side during this series, and the home team will require a drastic turnaround in the final match.

For that, India's power troika upfront -- openers Smriti

Mandhana, Shafali Verma and skipper Harmanpreet Kaur -will have to fire in unison. It can have a ripple effect in a strong-on-paper middle-order consisting of Jemimah consisting of Jemimah Rodrigues, Deepti Sharma and Mandhana's form continues to

be a bit of concern as she hardly looked a pale shadow of her customary gracefully dominant batter.

She is yet to reach two-figure score against New Zealand, and a series decider could be a perfect occasion for her to

on the other hand, Indian bowlers continued their good effort despite conceding 259 in the previous match.

At one stage, the visitors were 87 for no loss in 14 overs and 139 for 3 in 30 overs, but the Indian bowlers did well to rein them back and limit to a total less than 280-290 that at one stage looked achievable.

The left-arm spinner Radha has once again been impressive with a four-wicket haul to go with the three wickets she

plucked in the first game. She will need to be at her best once more to keep the free-

in check.

New Zealand have also been bolstered by the presence of veteran pacer Lea Tahuhu who replaced injured Moly Penfold in the eleven and immediately impressed with a three-wicket

THE TEAMS (FROM):

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India: Harmanpreet Kaur (C),
Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah
Rodrigues, Shafali Verma,
Deepti Sharma, Richa Ghosh
(WK), Pooja Vastrakar,
Renuka Thakur Singh, Radha
Yadav, Meghna Singh, Devika
Vaidya, Amanjot Kaur, Anjali
Sarvani, Taniyaa Bhatia,
Yastika Bhatia. Yastika Bhatia.

New Zealand: Sophie Devine (C), Suzie Bates, Maddy Breen, Lauren Down, Brooke Halliday, Katey Martin (WK), Hayley Jensen, Jess Kerr, Fran Jonas, Hannah Rowe, Molly Penfold, Lea Tahuhu, Izzy Gaze, Georgia Plimmer.

Pakistan's white-ball coach Gary Kirsten on Monday stepped down after developing a rift with the country's cricket board within months of

as Pakistan's

appointment.
The 56-year-old South African, who coached India to victory at the 2011 ODI World, was appointed by the PCB (Pakistan Cricket Board) in April and this year. in April end this year.

"The Pakistan Cricket Board today announced Jason Gillespie will coach the Pakistan men's cricket team on next month's white-ball tour of Australia after Gary Kirsten submitted his resignation, which was accepted," the PCB posted on 'X'.

Red-ball coach Gillispie, however, has made it clear to the PCB that he can only manage things for the white-ball tour of Australia which starts November 4 and is not interested in a permanent role as the limited overs coach, a reliable source aware of the development said.

"Gillispie has informed the board they should look for a replacement for Kirsten for the white ball games in Zimbabwe and onwards," he added. Though the PCB didn't

limited-overs coach give the reason for Kirsten's sudden resignation, the source confirmed that it was because he was not involved when the board announced the squads for the Australia and Zimbabwe tours and the new captain of the white ball format on Sunday.The PCB

has withdrawn the coaches selection powers. Selection is now exclusively the domain of

Gary Kirsten resigns

the selection committee. Kirsten was not happy with the abrupt manner in which the board took away his powers in selection and other team matters and made this very clear to Chairman Mohsin Naqvi on Sunday before sending in his resignation," another insider

He expressed fear that even Gillispie might end up resigning soon as he is also not happy with the current shift in how teams are selected now solely by the selection committee and coaches have no role in this. Kirsten had been working as a batting coach with the Indian Premier League franchise Gujarat Titans before taking up the role in Paksitan.

The team is riding high on a come-from-behind triumph over visiting England in a Test series that concluded last week.

the contenders to lead Australia's T20I side in the

T201 Australia Captain vs Pakistan yet to be name



Rayhan Thomas finishes seventh in Thailand

PTI ■ BANGKOK

India's Rayhan Thomas registered a second top-10 finish on the Asian Tour, ending up tied-seventh at the International Series Thailand after being three off the lead after 54 holes.

The UAE-based golfer was unable to replicate the magic of the second and third rounds of 63-64 as he shot 2under 68 on the final day to total 16-under. He had four birdies, three of them between the 14th and the

Among the other Indians, Gaganjeet Bhullar (67) finished tied 19th and Karandeep Kochhar (67) tied-

Chinese-Taipei's Lee Chiehpo finally claimed his maiden title on the Asian Tour after sensationally overtaking hot favourite Peter Uihlein at the very end. Lee birdied the final two holes at the Thai Country Club to beat Uihlein, after the American had led from the second day. The champion, playing in the

penultimate group, fired a seven-under-par 63 to finish on 21-under, while Uihlein closed with a 67 to tie for second place with Canadian Richard T. Lee, who carded a

The 29-year-old grew up playing golf with Kevin Yu, a winner on the PGA Tour this year, and sees him as an inspiration.

For Richard T. Lee it was yet another near miss. Since the Tour resumed after the global pandemic, he finished second occasions and has been in the running on numerous occasions

Last week's winner of the Black Mountain Championship Michael 'MJ' Maguire closed with a 62 to tie for fourth, three behind the winner, along with fellow Americans Paul Peterson, in with a 63, and Christian Banke, who fired a 64.

The action shifts to next week's BNI Indonesian where Masters India's Gaganjeet Bhullar is the defending champion.



PTI ■ SYDNEY

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on Monday.

November 21.

A ustralia have rested their Test regulars for their home T20I series against Pakistan with a captain yet to be named, choosing to focus on the marquee Border-Gavaskar series against India next month.

Australia host Pakistan for three ODIs starting November 4, followed by the three-match T20I series, from

Tn red-hot form, Australian reporters.

batter Josh Inglis is "in the

mix" to make his Test debut

as a specialist batter in the

upcoming Border-Gavaskar

Trophy next month, hinted

chief selector George Bailey

India, unbeaten in the

marquee series on the

previous four occasions, will

face Australia in a five-Test

series beginning in Perth on

There's no doubt that the

form is really fantastic at the moment... The ability to jump back into domestic

November 14. The series concludes on November 18,

we think he's most capable of

performing, I think he'd be firmly in that conversation as

well." The 29-year-old, who is

Australia's incumbent keeper

in ODI and T20Is, has scored

four centuries in last seven

But with Australian Test

wicketkeeper Alex Carey in

Sheffield Shield matches.

just four days before the first Test against India in Perth. With T20I captain Mitchell Marsh, Travis Head and ODI and Test skipper

Pat Cummins unavailable, Australia are yet to appoint a captain for the series. None of the players named in the squad announced on Monday have captained Australia in any format before but the

Inglis 'in mix' for Test debut in Border

Johnson (side strain) return to the squad after recovering from injuries. "It is particularly encouraging to have Xavier, Spencer and Nathan back in the national setup," said selection chief

likes of Glenn Maxwell, Adam Zampa, Matthew Short and Aaron Hardie have led their sides in the Big Bash League.

Josh Inglis is also in the mix to lead the

Pacers Xavier Bartlett (side strain), Nathan Ellis (hamstring) and Spencer

George Bailey. "It's another opportunity for them to continue to show their ability on the international stage, as they have done in

Andre Borovec will serve as the coach

for the team, a position he held during a five-match T20I series against India that followed last year's ODI World Cup.

AUSTRALIA T20I SQUAD
Sean Abbott, Xavier Bartlett, Cooper
Connolly, Tim David, Nathan Ellis, Jake Fraser-McGurk, Aaron Hardie, Josh Inglis, Spencer Johnson, Glenn Maxwell, Matthew Short, Marcus Stoinis and Adam Zampa.

Gavaskar Trophy: Chief selector Bailey cricket and dominate has been fantastic," Bailey told different times of the year, he would firmly come into the mix purely as a batter the way he's been going." "If the right opportunity opened up throughout the summer, in the spots where



rich form, Inglis has emerged as a specialist middle-order batter, but not for the vacant

Australia's move to promote Steve Smith at the top following David Warner's retirement did not work out and with Cameron Green ruled out of the India series because of a back injury, there's a vacancy alongside

there's a vacancy alongside Usman Khawaja. However, Bailey has ruled out Inglis for the opener's role. "T've spoken to Josh on this. Not in the short term, I don't think that he's someone that we would be looking to place at the top of the order," Bailey said. Inglis, in fact, is one of

upcoming three-match series against Pakistan.All-format players, including regular T20 skipper Mitchell Marsh, are sitting out of the Pakist are sitting out of the Pakistan series to prepare for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. "We've been really clear that we are prioritising preparation for individuals around the Test summer and

that will be the first time that we get that group together," said Bailey. "So, rather than switching deemed

guys in and out and becoming quite messy, it was appropriate for a number of reasons to separate them

This will be Australia's first Test series in the ongoing WTC cycle since defeating New Zealand 2-0 in a twomatch away series in March.

Rinku, Rana shine as UP gain control over Punjab

Rinku Singh and Nitish Rana powered Uttar Pradesh to a commanding position against Punjab with entertaining fifties on day three of their Ranji Trophy Group C match here on Monday. After opener Madhav Kaushik's career-best 163, the visitors came up with four more half-centuries to declare their first innings for a massive 556/9, taking a lead of 346 runs. At stumps, Punjab were struggling at 49/1, trailing by 297 runs.
The Kolkata Knight Riders

duo of Rana and Rinku laid the foundation with a crucial 120-run partnership for the third wicket. Rana struck an aggressive 66 off 106 balls, hitting 11 fours, while Rinku made 68 off 131 balls, with eight fours and a six.

Saurabh Kumar joined the onslaught with a brisk 67-ball 69, smashing three sixes and five fours, while Shivam Sharma contributed unbeaten 50 off 58 balls, including four sixes and two fours, to further frustrate the Punjab attack

Harshal, Yuzi lift Haryana past MP. In Indore, Harshal Patel's unbeaten 72 at No. 9 and Yuzvendra Chahal's gritty 27



off 142 balls helped Haryana secure a vital first-innings lead Pradesh. Madhya Responding to MP's 308, Haryana ended the day at 431/9, with Patel still at the crease alongside last man

Aman Kumar (4). Opener Lakshay Dalal hit his maiden century (105 off 271 balls), while Dheeru Singh fell just short of three figures with

a well-crafted 94. Himanshu Rana (90) also

missed his hundred in the nineties, but Dalal and Dheeru's 143-run partnership for the fourth wicket laid a solid foundation.

However, a collapse ensued before Patel steadied the innings with his resilient knock

For MP, left-arm spinner Kumar Kartikeya was the standout bowler, finishing

Kerala fight back after Porel

with 4/117.

In Kolkata, Bengal pacer Ishan Porel took 5/83 to secure his fifth five-wicket haul in firstclass cricket, reducing Kerala to 83/5. However, Kerala's middle-

order, led by seasoned campaigner Jalaj Saxena, staged a resilient recovery to reach 267/7 at the Jadavpur Salt Lake Campus ground. Saxena's fighting 84 off 162 balls, alongside a determined 64 from Salman Nizar, added 140 for the seventh wicket, frustrating Bengal's bowlers. Nizar, who faced 205 deliveries, was accompanied by wicketkeeper-batter Mohammed Azharuddeen (30 off 48 balls) at close of play.Porel's disciplined

play.Porel's disciplined play.Porel's disciplined bowling proved effective on a flat pitch, where he dismissed Kerala's new signing Baba Aparajith for a golden duck and skipper Sachin Baby for 12.Ton-up Mayank leads Karnataka to big lead.

BRIEF SCORES

In Mullannur, Punjab 210

In Mullanpur: Punjab 210 and 49/1; 19 overs. Uttar Pradesh 556/9 declared; 141.1 overs (Madhav Kaushik 163, Saurabh Kumar 69, Rinku Singh 68, Nitish Rana 66,

Shiyam Sharma 50 batting). In Indore: Madhya Pradesh 308. Haryana 431/9; 150.5 overs (Lakshay Dalal 105, Dheeru Singh 94, Himanshu Rana 90, Harshal Patel 72 batting; Kumar Kartikeya

In Kolkata: Kerala 267/7; 102 overs (Jalaj Saxena 84, Salman Nizar 64 batting, Mohammed Azharuddeen 30 batting; Ishan Porel 5/83) vs Kerala.

In Patna: Bihar 143. Karnataka 287/7; 51 overs (Mayank Agarwal 105, Manish Pandey 56; Himanshu Singh 4/51).

Man United fire manager Erik ten Hag after troubled start to season



AP MANCHESTER

 $M^{\text{anchester United fired}}_{\text{Erik ten Hag on Monday}}$ after a troubled start to the season left the 20-time English champions in 14th place in the Premier League and the club's new leadership unimpressed with the pace of change under the Dutchman.

Ten Hag, who was hired in 2022, paid the price for leading United to just three wins in nine league games in the opening months of the campaign. There have been four defeats, the 2-1 loss at West Ham on Sunday being his last game in charge.

United finished in eighth place last season, its lowest in the

Premier League era, and appears to have little hope of challenging for the title this campaign. It already leaves the storied team in danger of missing out on qualification for the lucrative Champions

League once again. 'We are grateful to Erik for everything he has done during his time with us and wish him well for the future," said United, which added that Ruud van Nistelrooy, one of Ten Hag's assistants, would be taking over as interim head coach while a permanent head coach is recruited.

Ten Hag joined from Ajax and was tasked with the responsibility of bringing the good times back to a club that

has been in decline since former manager Alex Ferguson retired in 2013. Despite winning the League Cup and the FA Cup in Ten Hag's first seasons at Old Trafford, United was showing no sign of improving on its worst league campaign in 34

Ten Hag only held onto his job following an unexpected victory over fierce rival Manchester City in the FA Cup final in May and an extensive end-of-year review by United He was then handed a onevear extension to his contract to 2026. His departure comes amid a period of major change at United under new minority owner Jim Ratcliffe.

The British billionaire has taken over control of United's soccer operations, with a new CEO, sporting director and technical director all installed in recent months.

Ten Hag was United's fifth permanent manager since Ferguson's departure, following David Moyes, Louis van Gaal, Jose Mourinho and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

United's next game is at home to Leicester in the English League Cup on Wednesday.