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Disengagement complete at LAC

disengagement process at two friction points in Depsang Valley and Demchok at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh is complete. Patrolling by India and China will commence soon as agreed upon between the two countries. The two sides will exchange sweets on Thursday on the occasion of Diwali.

Giving this information here on Wednesday, sources said the local commanders of the level of Brigadier from both the sides will continue their talks. The two officials will decide on patrolling modalities in the two areas, they said. India on October 21 announced that the two countries have reached an agreement on patrolling.

Sources said that verification post-disengagement is patrolling

Why did Punjab

to Lawrence?

cops give 'studio'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ CHANDIGARH

In a scathing remark, the Punjab and Haryana High Court said that police

officers in Punjab provided a studio-like

facility to gangster Lawrence Bishnoi to facilitate his interview with a news

channel. A Bench of Justices Anupinder

Singh Grewal and Lapita Banerji made the remark while hearing a suo motu matter related to inmates' use of mobile

phones within jail premises. The High Court ordered further probe, rejecting the report of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) and directed the Director

General of Police (DGP) to file an

"The police officers allowed the criminal to use electronic devices and provided a

studio like facility to conduct the

with the potential to facilitate other

crimes including extortion by the criminal and his associates. Involvement

of the police officers may suggest receipt

of illegal gratification from the criminal

or his associates and constitute offences

under Prevention of Corruption Act. Therefore, the case requires further investigation," the Court said in an order

The Bench made the remarks while

questioning the SIT's decision to file a

cancellation report in a case related to the

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affidavit in this regard.

dated October 28.

interview given by Bishnoi.



modalities are to be decided between ground commanders. On October 25, sources here said the disengagement process was likely to get completed by October 28-29

The agreement framework was signed first at the diplomatic level and then military-level talks took place, they had said, adding the nitty-gritty of the agreement was worked on during the Corps Commander-level talks which was signed last week.

Adhering to agreements between

began to pull back equipment to rear locations in these areas. follows the The process

agreement firmed up between the two countries on patrolling and disengagement of troops along the LAC in eastern the two sides, Indian troops then Ladakh, a major breakthrough to

Ties between the two Asian countries had nosedived following a fierce clash in the Galwan Valley in June 2020 that marked the most serious military conflict between the two sides in decades. Sources earlier said the areas and patrolling status were expected to be moved back to pre-April 2020 level.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri on October 21 had said in New Delhi the agreement was finalised following negotiations over the past several weeks and that it would lead to a resolution of the issues that arose in 2020.

On October 23, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping endorsed the agreement on patrolling and disengagement along the LAC in eastern Ladakh during their bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in Kazan in Russia.

Rash and drunk drivers may lose their licences soon

SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW

In a bid to tackle problems regarding road safety and discourage habitual discourage offenders, the Delhi Traffic Police has written to the Secretary of the Delhi Transport Department to cancel the driving licences of owners of vehicles, which have had three violations relating to dangerous driving and drink and driving or more than five relating to normal challans

This comes in the light of a recently released Delhi road roads of the National Capital crash report of 2023, which are among the most prone to revealed that a pedestrian or road fatalities as data reveals



that they constitute 43 and 38 per cent of such casualties respectively. 'In 2023, 622 pedestrians

died in 618 fatal crashes caused by all types of vehicles as compared to 629 pedestrian deaths in 2022. The maximum pedestrian casualties were caused due to car, jeep and taxis which have increased to 76 this year compared to 69 in 2022," the report read.

It also revealed that twoemerged as second most wheeler riders have fatal crash-prone victims. The above figure shows 538 fatal crashes of twoin 2023 as wheelers

compared to 539 in 2022. These two-wheelers were the worst hit by Heavy Vehicles (HTVs) followed by Car/Jeep/Taxis (66) in 2023," it stated.

According to the report, prepared by the traffic police and released by Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora, the number of deaths in road crashes has however decreased from 1,264 in 2022 to 1257 in 2023 despite the increase in the number of vehicle registrations. Moreover, the number of

drivers booked under traffic violation has increased from 4,38,052 in 2022 to 6,39,097 in the Year 2023

Delhi's 'Anywhere Registration Policy' will end touts' careers!

RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

The Delhi government has approved a Anywhere Registration Policy, with this the sale and purchase of properties in the National Capital can be registered at any subregistrar's office. The move will help the thousands who have to visit Sub-Registrar Offices, at different locations, and is also aimed at curbing corruption and harassment. Under the policy, buyers can now take an online appointment at any of the 22 Sub-Registrar Offices, across the National Capital for their property registration. They do not have to physically visit any sub registrar office to register the sale/purchase deed of their properties. The policy will save people from long queues for property registration, thus promoting transparency to help curb corruption. Traditionally, to buy or sell property in Delhi, people need to visit a designated Sub-Registrar Office. Whether it's a property transaction or registering the property through other means, one has to go to the Sub-Registrar Office. However, this process often led to challenges, including long waiting lines and delays in booking appointments at certain offices, while others remained underutilised.

All Sub-Registrars in Delhi will now function as joint sub-registrars and their jurisdiction will cover the entirety of Delhi. The new registration software, National Generic Document Registration System, now allows people to upload the necessary documents required for the registration of sale deeds, power of attorney and wills from the comfort of their homes, make payment and take appointments at the sub-registrar office to complete the remaining formalities.

'So, anyone residing in Delhi can make an online appointment for property registration at any of the 22

Sub-Registrar Offices in Delhi," said a sub registrar official. According to an estimate, nearly documents of 28 c different categories are registered at 22 Sub-Registrar offices on a given working Some offices get 50 applications and there are a few which receive up to 150 documents in a day. In 2022, 1.25 lakh documents were registered at the offices of the sub registrar.

While Janakpuri, Kashmere Gate, Model Town and Pitampura are among the most-crowded offices, Sarojini Nagar, Preet Vihar and Defence Colony witness the least number of applicants. The Delhi government recently appointed joint sub-registrars at six of its most crowded offices to ease the rush. Explaining this, Delhi Chief Minister Atishi said that the Registration' policy 'Anywhere is being introduced to resolve these problems. "Under this policy, anyone seeking property registration can go to any sub-registrar office in Delhi. Residents will no longer be limited to just one designated office for

property registration," Atishi added. The government has received a number of complaints and suggestions to improve the functioning of the sub registrar office which is one of the major departments to contribute to the state's financial health.

LIGHTS, PEACE



A view of the Saryu river on Deepawali eve

SIT to probe tusker deaths

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE UMARIA (MADHYA PRADESH)

Three more elephants have died in the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve (BTR) in Madhya Pradesh's Umaria serious, a forest official

said on Wednesday. Madhya Pradesh's Minister Forest Ramniwas Rawat has ordered a probe by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) into the death of the tuskers and

asked officials to ensure strict action against culprits. According to BTR's deputy director Prakash Kumar Verma, prime facie, the elephants seemed to have died after consuming Kodo millet, but the exact cause

will be known after the autopsy.

Four wild elephants were found dead in the BTR on Tuesday while four others, part of the same herd of 13 tuskers, were found ill district, taking the toll to during routine patrolling, seven, while the condition of officials earlier said. Verma Wednesday said

> far seven elephants have They died. were part of the herd of 13 pachyderms, ĥe informed. The condition of three other jumbos

serious and they were being treated, while the BTR teams were monitoring the movement of remaining elephants that were part of the herd, he

Assessment Committee set up RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

Bomb Threat

A mid the multiple hoax bomb threat messages to airlines, the Ministry of Civil Aviation, along with security agencies, has come up with new protocols and guidelines to evaluate bomb threats on Indian via pseudonymous social media accounts. The guidelines are structured to more effectively distinguish between credible threats and hoaxes.

As per the new protocols, the Bomb Threat Assessment Committee (BTAC) will establish the identity of the person or organisation making the threat, check their credentials to see if they belong to a terrorist or proscribed outfit, and ascertain the motive and specific socio-economic and political situation within the country or around the globe that could be linked to the threat.



When brake lights lit up peak traffic chaos

Serpentine snarls were witnessed across the National Capital on Diwali eve

BY SAUMYA SHUKLA

 $T^{\text{he festival of lights is here, and}} \\ \text{for thousands of commuters it} \\$ also means the brake lights of the scores of vehicles in front of them. It was difficult to enumerate the number and location of these serpentine traffic snarls that were witnessed across the National

Capital on the eve of Diwali. The roads were jammed, the pavements had been taken over as shops set up display counters outside, and inside buyers stood six rows deep waiting for their turns. Many others made a beeline for malls, to grab just the perfect gifts to make the festival of lights a memorable affair for their loved ones, creating significant delays and inconvenience to commuters. Even as traffic police made arrangements to minimise inconvenience to commuters, social media was rife with tales of commuting woes. Videos on social media showed long lines of vehicles stuck in traffic in Laxmi Nagar, Chirag Dilli, Kashmiri Gate, Kamla Nagar, Lajpat Nagar, Sarojini Market, Karol Bagh, Sarai Kale Khan and several other parts



Expressing frustration over the significant jams against the Delhi Traffic Police, a commuter said, "Please deploy your teams on the roads. There is not a single traffic police available on roads in Delhi despite heavy festive rush. From Sheikh Sarai flyover to Moolchand flyover, traffic is choked.

Another commuter travelling around the Laxmi Nagar area "Delhi is experiencing

to the festive season, causing delays for commuters. A big reason has also been the mismanagement of traffic despite authorities knowing well in advance that such a situation will The other massive congestion reported at Dhaula Kuan, Khajuri

Khas, Model Town, Sadar Bazar, Rohtak Road, Kishan Ganj,

significant traffic congestion due

Place, Mangolpuri, Rajouri Garden and Najafgarh. "Nangloi-Najafgarh road is seeing very heavy traffic and no traffic police are available here. I am stuck for the last hour. Should we enjoy Diwali by sitting in our cars?" Commuters took to X saying the traffic was heavy at several places

including Badarpur flyover, CV Raman Marg, Punjabi Bagh,

designated places," it said.
"The personnel have loud speakers on their bikes to make the flow of traffic smooth. Nondestined vehicles are not being allowed to enter the national Chandni Chowk, Connaught Continuous capital. encroachment drives are also being carried out in the crowded places," the officer said. In view of the festive season, the Delhi Metro also stated that it will

introduce additional 60 trips on Tuesday and Wednesday in a bid enhance commuter convenience and ease congestion. There are around 4,000 daily Metro trips

Mehrauli Badarpur Road, Taimur Nagar-Maharani Bagh Road,

made elaborate arrangements for smooth flow of traffic. A senior traffic police officer said they have

intensified checking on the road. "We have deployed personnel on bikes to check the encroachment

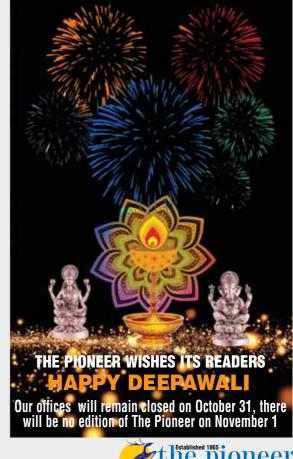
on busy roads which could lead to

traffic congestion in the area.

People who are coming to the markets are also informed that

they should park their vehicles at

Ashram and Yamuna Vihar. This situation remains despite the Delhi Police saying that they have







People throng city markets for last-minute Deepawali shopping

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 $P^{\text{eople flocked to the city's}}_{\text{major markets, including}}$ Jhanda Bazaar and Paltan Bazaar, for last-minute Deepawali shopping on Wednesday. The roads, corners of the markets and various locations were found decked with rangoli colours, lights and Puja materials in tune with the mood of the festival of light. Many locals rushed to the markets having found some items remaining un-purchased despite having begun the festive shopping weeks in advance. As a result, a large crowd of buyers was noticed in the city's principal markets for last-minute Deepavali prepa-

"I have come to the market

to buy idols of Lord Ganesha and Goddess Lakshmi which will be installed during the Lakshmi Puja on Deepavali. Additionally, I purchased Deepavali-specific decors and sweets for its appropriate celebration," said a local Ponam

Another local Sanjeev Kaushal said that buying new items for the home is always considered auspicious during Deepavali. "With this in mind, I went to the market to purchase a new dining table for my house," he said.

He also said he had bought several other items to enhance the festive atmosphere. "However, one thing I must say. The shop-owners charge double for the items the last-minute shoppers purchase," he added.

A Puja material shopowner, Dev Upadhyay said he had been expecting customers to throng for last-minute Deepavali shopping. "This happens every year and this year is no exception. A day ahead of the festival, people mainly come to buy the important puja items like tilak,

Asked whether the prices are hiked for the last-minute shoppers, he nodded and said that this was a normal phenomenon. "This happens around this time and people do not mind it," he added.

Fleet of 108 ambulance service put on high alert on Deepawali

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The 108 emergency ambulance service has kept its entire fleet of 272 ambulances in a state of alert to respond to the emergencies on the festival of Deepawali. All the employees of the service would remain on duty during the festival of lights. It is general observation that there is an increase in the number of cases of burns, other injuries and accidents during the festival of

The General Manager (GM) projects of the ambulance service, Anil Sharma took stock of the preparation of the ambulance service in a meeting with senior officers of the company at the 108 head-

quarters on Wednesday. He said that the service would keep 272 ambulances on high alert in all parts of the state. Sharma said that the ambulances of Khushiyon Ki Sawari (KKS) have also been kept on alert to serve the mothers and their new born babies.

In Dehradun the ambulances would be stationed at Survey Chowk, Clock tower, Jakhan, Raipur, Ballupur Chowk, Prem Nagar, Vidhan Sabha and Race course during the Deepawali festival so that they can respond without

Sharma informed that during Deepawali and Dhanteras festivals last year (November 10 to 12), the service responded to 1,216 emergency calls. Out of these calls 123

were related to accidents, 26 cardiac diseases and six were burn cases. Sharma disclosed that additional employees would be stationed at the central call centre of the service in view of an increase in number of calls during this period. He further informed that mobile teams have been constituted by the ambulance service which would remain operational from 8 am to 12 pm on Deepawali. Sharma added that 18 back up ambulances have been deployed in the state.

GSA SDG Summit 2024: Partnering for a sustainable future with BCG and Bootes Impex Tech Ltd

PNS DEHRADUN

The Global Sustainability Alliance's 6th edition of the SDG Summit concluded in New Delhi, reinforcing the importance of strategic collaboration in tackling climate change. The summit witnessed influential dialogues with key partners, including Boston Consulting Group (BCG) as the presenting partner and Bootes Impex Tech Ltd as the strategic partner.

The managing director and senior partner Lead - Asia Climate and Sustainability Practice at BCG, Sumit Gupta stressed the need for swift and decisive action, stating, Climate action is no longer just a priority; it is a necessity. To limit global warming to 1.5°C, we must reduce global emissions by 40%. There is nothing more urgent than accelerating the green transition. This is not just a challenge but an opportunity to create new business models. The future of

IN BRIEF

Central Bank of India's Doon

office launches Vigilance Week

DEHRADUN: The Dehradun regional office of the

Central Bank of India launched Vigilance Week on

Wednesday with a walkathon. The bank's regional man-

Walkathon commenced at the bank's regional office and

culminated at the Ghanta Ghar. About 40 staffers took

Harshika wins 2 gold medals at

HALDWANI: Seven- year- old Harshika Rikhari from

Haldwani won two gold medals in the National Yoga

Championship. This championship was organised on October 26 and 27 at Sakoti Tanda, Uttar Pradesh under

the aegis of Bharat Yoga Sports Federation with partic-

Yoga Ratna award in the National Mahashikhar Sam-

melan held in Delhi in September.

national yoga championship



business is undeniably green, and the time to act is now." The managing director of Bootes Impex Tech Ltd Deepak Rai highlighted the pressing need for a shift in consumption patterns and sustainable infrastructure. "We often view sustainability as something that someone else will eventually address. but the reality is that it begins with us. In India, only about 6% of the population cur-

Rampramod

Anand addressed the

inaugural gathering and

urged the officers and

employees to remain

honest and vigilant

against corrupt practices. The Vigilance

ipation of yoga enthusiasts

from various states. Rikhari

won two gold medals in

traditional and artistic

yoga. Earlier, Harshika had

participated in district,

state and national level

yoga competitions and

won a string of medals.

She was presented with the

rently uses air-conditioning, but this figure is expected to rise to 22% in the next decade. We need to focus on consuming less and controlling temperatures. At Bootes Impex Tech Ltd, we have built the world's first net-zero library in Jhansi. Looking ahead, future buildings will not rely on multiple connections to the grid, sewer or water sources; instead, we will generate these resources on-site," he said.

of shelter homes

Dehradun district magistrate Savin Bansal directed the Health department to ensure that medical personnel, including doctors and nurses from nearby community health centers (CHCs) and primary health centers (PHCs) conduct regular visits to provide essential health services. He stated this during an inspection of Nari Niketan, juvenile home and child shelter at Kedarpuram

also approved an additional budget proved the construction of two addi-

DM ensures medical services, funds for education & family support for females

PNS DEHRADUN

R ecognising the importance of regular medical check-ups for women at Nari Niketan, in Dehradun on Wednesday. Bansal

of Rs 60 lakh to the district probation officer for the development of the shelter homes. He stated that the administration will also make every effort to reunite the hearing and speech-impaired girls and women with their families. He said that the officials concerned will compile detailed records of each resident, including family backgrounds and reasons for staying at Nari Niketan. Specialists from respective institutions will assist in this effort to facilitate family visits and reunions whenever possible. Bansal also aptional buildings in the complex and asked the agency concerned to prepare estimates for the project. He also met two young girls who expressed a desire to pursue vocational courses but were hindered by financial constraints. In response, the DM promptly approved funding, emphasising that no child's education will be halted under any circumstance.

Deepawali parking woe at Paltan Bazaar: DVMUVM seeks temporary solution

To mitigate the parking ■ space problem during the festive season, the Doon Valley Mahanagar Udyog Vyapar Mandal (DVMUVM) has asked the State administration to designate temporary parking space at a school located within the Paltan Bazaar area. Lack of adequate parking spaces for vehicles poses a challenge for both shop-owners and shoppers. Those trading from the bazaar say that they lose a part of their festive season earnings due to this issue. A shopkeeper who owns a footwear store at Paltan Bazaar, Jassi Arora said that the festive time is the high time for them to do brisk business and earn a considerable volume of profit. "However, the limited parking availability in the Paltan Bazaar hinders shoppers' footfalls and this negatively impacts our earnings. It is imperative for the authorities to take immediate steps to ad-

dress the parking problem. We hope this problem will not recur next festive season," he added. Several other shop owners have also flagged similar concerns regarding hygiene and inadequate parking space in the market area which worsens considerably during the festival season. The view of the customers is the same. "We come to the market, driving our own vehicles. However, the issue of limited parking space at Paltan Bazaar keeps us con-cerned. Things get aggravated further as some people disregard the designated parking areas and park their vehicles hither and thither. Besides, several of the shops get extended, blocking what is left of the space for our movement. In such a situation, we find it really difficult to find our way through the narrow space to the shops for our Deepawali shopping," said a customer, Shilpa Tyagi. The president at

the DVMUVM Pankaj Mason agreed and said things warrant a prompt solution. "The market really needs a proper parking space, spacious enough in tune with the number of vehicles which come. Things worsen during the festive season when we await customers in large numbers. They come but they face parking issues. If this is solved it will be win-win for us both- shoppers and shopowners," he added. As a temporary solution, they had requested the State administration to ensure that CNI Boys school ground was used as a parking space during the festive season with the school being closed for Deepawali. He also suggested establishment of a multi-storey parking facility at the Paltan Bazaar on a plot of land that is currently available near the Rajeev Complex for resolving parking issues once and for all.

Nainital Bank tightens customer account security to prevent cyber attacks

To prevent cyber attacks, the Nainital Bank has tightened the security of its customers' aclacksquare counts in compliance with RBI guidelines, said the bank's chief financial officer (CFO) Mahesh Kumar Goyal during a press conference held in Nainital. He further informed about the launch of a new scheme for cancer healthcare coverage which offers up to Rs 10 lakhs at an annual premium of just Rs 1,500. Goyal also shared that the bank has achieved several significant milestones till September 30. "These included a 3.153 per cent growth in total deposits on an annual basis, a 7.51 per cent increase in retail advances and a 3.20 per cent rise in gross advances. Overall, the bank's total business has grown by 3.17 per cent year-on-year. Additionally, the bank's net interest margin has increased to 3.34 per cent till September 30," he added. He further said that the provisioning coverage ratio has also improved, rising from 81.34 per cent to 89.20 per cent, during the same period while the Capital to Risk Assets Ratio (CRAR) stands at 16.48 per cent. "To enhance customer convenience, the bank introduced a 3-in-1 account

(demat, trading, and savings) in partnership with SMC Global Securities," he added. For better customer service, the bank has also rolled out two new fixed deposit schemes. Further, the bank qualified for the Mega Milestone Award 2024 by achieving 257 per cent of the target set under the Central Government's popular Atal Pension Yojana.

Commissioner orders DMs to prevent animal cruelty in **Kumaon during Deepawali**

The Kumaon commissioner Deepak Rawat issued a directive to all district magistrates of the Kumaon division to prevent incidents of animal cruelty during the Deepawali festival. He expressed concern over the recurring issue of animals being subjected to cruelty, such as fireworks being tied to the tails of dogs or donkeys, causing them immense pain, injury and posing a risk to their lives. He strongly condemned such actions, highlighting the severe distress caused to animals as well as the negative impact of firecracker pollution on the environment. He instructed DMs to ensure that animals in all neighbourhoods remain unharmed during Deepawali celebrations. He stressed that the welfare of

animals should be given high priority to prevent any incidents of cruelty. He further warned that any individual found causing harm to animals through fireworks will face strict action under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. He also directed the district-level animal cruelty prevention committees to remain vigilant to prevent such incidents in advance. He urged the citizens to be responsible and keep a compassionate approach to Deepawali celebrations to aim for a festival celebration that is safe for both animals and the environment.

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Branch: Sub Area Canteen (18516), Dehradun

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Dated: 19/10/2024

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Anil Gupta, S/o Rameshwar Dayal, R/o Block No. 65, THDC Colony, Dehrakhas, Dehradun, Uttarakhand has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 840/2022, U/s 370 IPC & 75/79 JJ Act, P.S. Rani Bagh, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Anil Gupta cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Anil Gupta has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Anil Gupta accused of FIR No. 840/2022, U/s 370 IPC & 75/79 JJ Act, P.S. Rani Bagh, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 09.12.2024. By Order

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Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate

Ms. Vasundhra Chhaunkar

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U'khand govt enters MoU with ITBP | 276 doctors to be soon for goat, chicken and trout supply

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The Uttarakhand govern-■ ment entered an agreement with the Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) for supply of local products, sheep, goat, chicken and trout on Wednesday at the residence of chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) under the vibrant village scheme was signed by Secretary BVRC Purushottam from the Uttarakhand government and Inspector General Sanjay Gunjyal from the ITBP in presence of CM Dhami and Animal Husbandry minister Saurabh Bahuguna. Speaking on the occasion, the CM said that the agreement will not only augment the livelihood of the people at the local level but will also inculcate a feeling among local people that they are connected with the security of the country. He said that the agreement will also increase the contact of the local people with the ITBP.

The CM said that the people living in the border areas are the sentinels of the country and the ITBP will act as a brand ambassador to promote the Singh Dhami for the MoU. He

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temperatures remaining above

normal even as October is

about to end. There has been

The cold generally starts to

set in during October but this

year, the maximum and mini-

mum temperatures have

remained a few notches above

normal in Dehradun and other

reaches so far this month.

Post-monsoon rainfall deficit

A substantial deficiency in as the normal rainfall during this season is about 30 mil-Uttarakhand has resulted in the limetres. So far, there is a 95 per

insignificant rain in the State major reason for the tempera-

and snowfall in the higher tures remaining above nor-

causing above normal

temperatures in U'khand



directed the officials to ensure that the availability of local products of the State remains in sufficient quantity. The CM suggested that a plan should also be made to supply vegeta-bles, milk, cheese and eggs to the ITBP battalions deployed in the State. The Animal Husbandry minister Bahuguna said that this important decision has been taken to increase the livelihood of farmers of the State. He expressed gratitude to the union Home minister Amit Shah and CM Pushkar

cent deficiency in the rainfall in this period. The deficit in rain-

fall during this period is a

mal. The maximum and min-

imum temperatures have

remained two to three degrees

Celsius above normal in vari-

ous parts of the State during

October and have even reached

four degrees above normal.

added that the agreement will also help in stopping migration from the mountainous areas of the State. Bahuguna said that more than 11,000 animal breeders will get direct benefit through more than 80 cooperative societies of the State. The beneficiaries include more than 800 poultry farmers and about 500 fish farmers will benefit from this. It is estimated that the cooperative societies will do a business of Rs 200 crore from the MoU. The secretary Shailesh Bagauli, Dilip Jawalkar and ITBP officers were present on the occasion.

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Authorities have urged the public in Uttarakhand to remain

cautious of cyber scams disguised as festive greetings during Deepawali.

These fraudulent links are

often embedded in SMS,

WhatsApp and social

media messages and are

crafted to look harmless or

even heartfelt, offering dis-

counts, exclusive deals or

simply warm wishes for

the holiday. Once clicked,

the link may lead to fake

appointed in Health dept: Minister

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tors will soon be recruited in the Health and Family Welfare department. He averred that the State government's goal is to address the shortage of doctors and improve medical facilities for the public at the local level. To achieve this, the government has decided to fill the vacant backlog positions within the Medical Health and Family Welfare department. In line with this initiadepartment. In line with this initiative, the department has submitted a requisition to the Uttarakhand Medical Service Selection Board to fill these 276 backlog posts of doctors, he added.

Rawat further stated that this recruitment initiative aims to address the shortage of doctors across the state, ensuring that people receive better medical treatment at the local level due to the presence of regular doctors in medical units. He emphasised that the government is taking comprehensive measures to prevent any difficulties

Beware of cyber scams disguised

dentials. The deputy

superintendent of police of

Dehradun cyber crime

police station of the

Special Task Force (STF)

Ankush Mishra also said

that cybercrime is on the

rise and cybercriminals

can use Deepawali greet-

ings to send phishing links

that may look like genuine

holiday messages. One click is all it takes for these

scammers to wipe out

bank accounts, he warned.

Fraudulent links are

increasingly embedded in

messages and social media

posts, designed to appear

as festive wishes, offers, or

exclusive deals. These

scams are often crafted to

appear harmless, even

warm-hearted, to lure recipients into clicking. To protect against these

as Deepawali greetings

Health Minister Dhan Singh for patients in government hospitals. A monitoring system is being tals. A monitoring system is being established to guarantee that patients receive quality treatment along with necessary medicines in medical units. Additionally, the attendance of doctors, paramedical staff and pharmacists is being closely monitored, Rawat said. He further said that the government is working to ensure that the general public can easily access the various health schemes offered by both the Central and State governments. The State government has recently

> appointment of seven additional faculty members at Government Doon Medical College (GDMC). This includes two associate professors and five assistant professors, who will be appointed on a contract basis.

scams, Mishra advised

people to avoid clicking on

links from unknown

senders, even if they appear festive. "Always

verify the source, espe-

cially if the message asks

for sensitive information

or contains deals that

seem too good to be true,"

the DSP said. The police

have also warned the pub-

lic about this potential

scam via social media as

well. Mishra also appealed

to everyone to celebrate

safely and remain cau-

tious of unsolicited mes-

sages that may seem joyful

but could lead to severe

financial consequences.

Stay vigilant and report

any suspicious activity to

authorities immediately,

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There does not appear to be any significant activity in store websites that prompt users places in the State. The State during the next 10 days," Singh to input sensitive data such meteorological centre director Bikram Singh said that the as bank details, passwords said. Regarding the impact of or OTPs. Some links even rainfall during the post-monthis weather pattern on agricarry malicious software culture, he said that the crop soon season has been substantially less this year. "During the that installs itself on the being harvested will not be victim's phone, granting affected though if the rainfall post-monsoon season which lasts from October to cybercriminals remote deficit continues, dry land conaccess to personal data and online banking cre-December, the rainfall has been ditions may pose issues during a couple of millimetres wheresowing of the next crop.

Uttarakhand govt directs all departments to purchase **House of Himalayas products**

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ment has announced that all departments and offices will now use products from the House of Himalayas brand for meetings, events and func-tions. The House of Himalayas is a brand that Chief Secretary Radha Raturi showcases products made by Uttarakhand's women self-help groups, farmers, farmer producer organisations and ing that House of Himalayas rural entrepreneurs. The brand was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra ings, events and ceremonies, Modi and its products are especially during major festiavailable on e-commerce plat- vals like Holi and Deepawali.

Jha stated that the House of Himalayas, under the Department of Rural Development, has quickly gained recognition for its quality. In line with this, issued an order on Wednesday to all departmental and office heads statproducts should be prioritised for purchase in official meet-

The Uttarakhand govern- forms. The secretary Radhika This initiative is expected to give a significant boost to the rural economy, as per Jha. The chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami also said that the brand is inspired by the PM's vocal for local campaign and the State government is committed to promoting this brand. The brand's quality products are also available as gift packs for occasions like Diwali. The purchase from this brand by locals will sup-

port local and rural entrepreneurs and enhance their livelihoods, he said.

Dehradun faces fire tender shortage ahead of fire prone Deepawali season

concerning shortfall in six primary areas, including resources this Deepawali Dilaram, Clock Tower, with only five functional fire tenders available to handle emergencies. This is a Dharmpur Mandi areas. significant reduction from Other vulnerable spots in last year, when 11 fire tenders were ready for use. teams stationed to facili-This raises serious concerns tate rapid response in case of about the department's abil- emergencies, he said. The ity to effectively respond to reduced number of fire tenfire emergencies during ders raises concerns about Deepawali. According to the fire safety officer Suresh lenges in managing fires Chandra, six out of 11 fire tenders are now deemed unfit, leaving just five oper- fire ational units. He said that an additional fire tender has the fact that the departbeen sourced from another ment has already issued city but due to the high about 650 temporary licensrequirement around es for firecracker sales, with Deepawali, no further units licenses available until could be arranged. The lim- October 30 and sales per- cerned, he added.

Pipalmandi, Sahastradhara Road, Paltan Bazaar and Dehradun will also have potential delays and chalduring one of the year's busiest and riskiest times for incidents.

vided as per the requirezones, with each further and other officials con-

 $T^{\text{he Fire department in ited fire tenders are set to be } \\ Dehradun \text{ is facing a deployed strategically across} \\ Chandra \text{ said that the strategical properties} \\ Chandra \text{ said that the strategical$ Chandra said that the department will utilise its limited resources to ensure quick response can be proment. He also urged people to immediately call 112 if they spot any fire accident. Adding to the safety preparations during Deepawali, Dehradun superintendent of police (City), Pramod Kumar said that the city has been divided into seven divided into sectors and sub-sectors for thorough monitoring. The police have identified 16 sensitive points where security arrangements will be intensified under the guidance of the respective area in-charges

Two die in separate accidents in Pithoragarh and Rudraprayag

Accidents on mountain deceased's body. The roads in Pithoragarh and remains were transported Rudraprayag resulted in the deaths of two men in two separate incidents on Wednesday. The officials said that the district control room in Pithoragarh informed the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) about an accident on Munsiyari Road near Baram, where a car had plunged about 200 metres into a deep gorge late on Tuesday. The vehicle's only occupant, the driver, identified as Virendra Singh Martolia (45), resident of Saring, Munsiyari, was reported to have died at the scene. The officials said that upon receiving the alert, an SDRF team led by sub inspector Dungar Singh reached the spot from the Askot post. The team accessed the accident site using alternative paths and managed to retrieve the

to the main road on a stretcher and handed over to the local police, they added. Another accident occurred near Rauthiya on the Jawadi Bypass in Rudraprayag on Wednesday. The officials said that a vehicle, carrying only one passenger, lost control while travelling from the bypass towards Rudraprayag and fell about 200 metres down a gorge. The SDRF search and rescue team was called at the spot led by SI Dharmendra Panwar. The team navigated alternative routes to retrieve the body. The body was transported to the main road using a body bag which was later handed over to the police. The deceased was identified as Umed Singh Negi (52), resident of Fadkiya village, Rudraprayag, they added.

UPCL gears up for outage free Deepawali

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To ensure that no consumer faces power outage during Deepawali festivities, the Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited (UPCL) has taken a slew of steps. Informing this on Wednesday, the managing director UPCL Anil Kumar Yadav said that all the regional officers have been directed to be present in their respective offices and ensure uninterrupted power supply. "To facilitate communication, a WhatsApp group has been installed and officers are required to provide real-time updates on the power supply status through it," he said. Apart from this, all officers have been assigned duties during

the Deepawali festival to guarantee prompt restoration of power in any unforeseen circumstances, he said. The availability of all trolley converters has been checked to ensure that they are operational for emergencies. Besides, a special control room has been set up for Deepawali with a team working round the clock on a rotational basis to address consumer issues. Consumers can obtain information about the power supply by calling 1912. Further, regional officers have been directed to keep maintenance teams on high alert to ensure swift action be taken in the event of a power outage," he said.

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Rajnath Singh to inaugurate Museum of Valour, Sardar Patel statue in Tawang, celebrate Diwali with soldiers

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will visit Tawang district in Arunachal Pradesh on Thursday to inaugurate the Museum of Valour dedicated to Major Ralengnao Bob Khathing and unveil a statue of Ratna Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the border district. He will also celebrate Diwali with soldiers stationed along the India-China bor-Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi will also be

Manipur Chief Minister N

Sharing the information on social media, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu welcomed both Rajnath Singh and the Manipur Chief Minister to the

"The inauguration of Major Ralengnao Bob Khathing Museum of Valour and unveiling of Desh Ka Vallabh, the statue of Bharat Ratna Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at Tawang, by him in the august presence of Hon'ble Manipur CM Shri @NBirenSingh ji and other dignitaries will be cherished by

posted in the micro-blogging

The heroic deed of Major Ralengnao Bob Khathing, who bravely led an expedition in February 1951 to bring the Indian administration to Tawang, has no parallel in human history.

What 'Iron' Man' Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel did as India's first Home Minister by integrating several princely states into the country leaves us forever indebted to him. I on behalf of the people of Arunachal Pradesh heartily welcome Hon Defence Minister Shri @rajnathsingh j



mountains," the chief minister

The two monuments dedicated to two great and brave souls will always remind us of their critical contributions to our country's integrity and sovereignty, the chief minister said in another social media post. Set against the backdrop of the eastern Himalayas, Tawang has long symbolised India's commitment to securing its borders. Rajnath's visit comes at a time when India and China reached a breakthrough in patrolling along the Line of Actual Control (LAC)

Meanwhile, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)General Anil Chauhan, will be in Andaman and Nicobar to participate in festivities with soldiers deployed there. Navy chief, Admiral Dinesh Tripathi, will celebrate with naval troops in Gujarat's Porbandar, while Air Chief Marshal AP Singh will celebrate with soldiers in Jammu and Kashmir.

The tradition of celebrating Diwali with troops was started by Prime Minister Narendra Modi when he came to office. In his first Diwali as prime minister, Modi visited Siachen

was in Punjab's Amritsar. In 2016, 2017 and 2018, he went Hiamchal Pradesh's Kinnaur, Gurez sector (Jammu and Kashmir) and Harsil in Uttarakhand, respectively. In 2019, the prime minister was again in Jammu and Kashmir, as he celebrated the

festival with jawans in Rajouri. Next year, he was in Rajasthan's Longewala and, in 2021, he was back in Jammu and Kashmir (Nowshera). He spent the next two Diwalis with troops in Ladakh's Kargil and Lepcha, Himachal Pradesh respectively.

Scheme launched to train 2.37 lakh young volunteers across country as first responders to disaster relief

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Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan has launched a special scheme to train 2.37 lakh young volunteers in 315 districts across the country as the first responders to disaster preparedness and response.

The 'Yuva Apada Mitra Scheme' was launched at the 20th formation day function of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) here on Monday, an official release said.

According to the plan, under the 'Yuva Apada Mitra Scheme', 2,37,326 young volunteers from the youth organisations such as National Cadet Corps (NCC), Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Bharat Scouts & Guides (BS&G) and National Service Scheme (NSS) will be trained in 315 districts of 28



disaster preparedness and

Besides, 1,300 trainers will also be prepared under the up-scaling of 'Aapda Mitra Scheme' with an estimated total cost of Rs 469.53 crore. The theme of the formation day event was 'Empowering Communities for Disaster Risk Reduction through Awareness for Behavioral Change'. During the event,

the union home secretary launched seven guidelines, SOP and handbook on disas-

ter management. In his address, he urged the Himalayan and Northeastern Region (NER) states to put up their projects on Glacier Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) in consultation with respective stakeholders according to national programme on

Congress seeks immediate probe into deaths of seven elephants in MP

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The death of seven elephants in Madhya Pradesh's Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve has sparked outrage, with Congress leader Jairam Ramesh calling it "absolutely shocking". He has sought an immediate probe into the mortalities stating that this loss represents about 10 per cent of the reserve's elephant population. The Congress general secretary in-charge communications said, "The news from the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve that seven elephants have died while two or three more are critical, is absolutely shocking.

"This wipes out some 10 per cent of the elephant population in the reserve at one go. A full inquiry must take place immediately and preventive measures must be instituted," the former environment minister



Bhupender Yadav.

According to reports, State Forest Minister Ramniwas Rawat has ordered a Special Investigation Team probe, while officials are investigating potential causes, including the consumption of Kodo millet. The situation remains critical, with three more elephants in serious condition.

A forest official said three more elephants have died in the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve (BTR) in Madhya Pradesh's Umaria district, taking the toll to seven. "The condition of three other tuskers was seriMadhya Pradesh's Forest Minister Ramniwas Rawat has ordered a probe by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) into the death of the tuskers and asked officials to ensure strict action against culprits.

BTR's deputy director Prakash Kumar Verma said prime facie, the elephants seemed to have died after consuming Kodo millet, but the exact cause will be known after the autopsy.

Four wild elephants were found dead in the BTR on Tuesday while four others, part of the same herd of 13 tuskers, were found ill during routine patrolling, officials earlier said. Verma on Wednesday said so far seven elephants have died. They were part of the herd of 13 pachyderms, he informed.

The condition of three other jumbos was serious and they were being treated, while the BTR teams were monitoring the movement of remaining elephants that were part of the herd, he added

Apologise to country: BJP to Congress after EC rejects Haryana irregularities charge

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The BJP on Wednesday asked the Congress to introspect and apologise to the country after the Election Commission(EC) rejected its allegation of irregularities in the just-concluded Haryana assembly polls as "frivolous and unfounded".

In a strongly-worded letter to president Congress Mallikarjun Kharge, the poll panel on Tuesday dismissed the party's allegations of irregularities in Haryana polls and said it was raising "the smoke of a generic doubt" about the credibility of an entire electoral outcome like it did in the

"frivolous and unfounded" doubts have the potential of creating "turbulence" when crucial steps like polling and counting

deprived and needy: President Murmu

Diwali an opportunity to help

are in live play, a time when both public and political parties' anxiousness is peaking, the EC had said.

Attacking the Congress over

the issue, BJP national spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi said, "In 1,642 pages, the Election Commission has given a detailed reply to the Congress over its baseless and preposterous allegations. The party stands completely exposed now. It does not have faith in any of the democratic systems and is ready to go to any extent to weaken the systems in India."

In the manner the Congress is trying to "demean" the dignity of the Constitutional bodies, it is not just ridiculous but suspicious, he charged.

"Hence, after the Election Commission's reply, the Congress should apologise to the country and introspect," the BJP spokesperson added.

India accounts for 26 per cent of global TB burden: WHO

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 \mathbf{I} ndia's ambitious goal to eliminate tuberculosis (TB) by 2025, five years ahead of the global target, appears challenging with a new World Health Organization's (WHO) report pointing out that India accounts for 26% of the global TB burden, the highest among 30 high-burden countries. per the

Tuberculosis Report 2024, globally, TB also emerged as the leading infectious dis-COVID-19. The WHO reported about 8.2 million new cases of TB, marking the highest incidence since monitoring began in 1995. While India led the list was followed by Indonesia, China, the Philippines, and Pakistan. This also represents a notable



The top infectious disease was found to be most common among men (55 per cent). Women accounted for more than 30 per cent, while tries to "make good on the 12 per cent were children and young adolescents.

"The fact that TB still kills and sickens so many people is

increase from 7.5 million an outrage, when we have the and treat it," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General, in the report. He called on counconcrete commitments they have made to expand the use of those tools, and to end TB". The report identifies five key

risk factors for TB: undernutrition, HIV infection, alcohol use disorders, smoking, and diabetes, stressing the need for multisectoral action to address these issues. The report said, MDR-TB

poses a significant obstacle.
Despite treatment success rates reaching 68%, only 44% of those estimated to have MDR-TB were diagnosed and treated in 2023. "Of the 400 000 people estimated to have developed MDR/RR-TB, only 44 per cent were diagnosed and treated in 2023," the report said.

managing these cases make eradication efforts more difficult. While the coverage of TB preventive treatment has been sustained for people living with HIV, multidrugresistant TB remains a public health crisis.

The report calls for increased

funding for TB research and sustained efforts to improve treatment success rates for multidrug-resistant TB, which have reached 68%. "Critical determinants like poverty and GDP per capita also require coordinated multisectoral action," said the report, while calling for increased funding for TB research.

On the positive front, meanwhile, the report noted a decline in the gap between the estimated number of new TB cases and those reported. It narrowed to about 2.7 million, down from Covid panlion in 2020 and 2021.

In March 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had made a commitment to eliminate TB from India by 2025, as the rest of the world aimed to achieve the TB-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) targets by 2030.

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President Droupadi Murmu Wednesday greeted citizens on the eve of Diwali and said the festival is also an opportunity to help the deprived and needy and share happiness with them.

On the auspicious occasion of Diwali, "we should illuminate our conscience, adopt virtues of love and compassion, and promote social harmony", she said. This festival the deprived and needy, and share "our happiness with them", the President said in a message issued by the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Diwali is a festival of happiness and enthusiasm, she said. "This festival symbolises the victory of knowledge over



ignorance and good over evil. Various communities in India and abroad celebrate this festival with great zeal,' President Murmu said, adding that this festival also kindles hope for a brighter

"Let us be proud of the glori-

ous heritage of India. With faith in goodness, let us celebrate a pollution-free Diwali and pledge to build a healthy, prosperous and responsible society," she said while extending Diwali greetings to all Indians living in the country and abroad.

Centre's panel on exam reforms mull reduced outsourcing, online exams

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 $M_{
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m inimising\, outsourcing}$ centres, holding maximum entrance examinations online and capping the number of attempts in major entrances are among the measures being contemplated by a high-level panel set up by the Centre to review functioning of National Testing Agency (NTA).

The Centre had on October 21 sought two weeks time from the Supreme Court to submit the final report of the panel led by former ISRO chief R Radhakrishnan.

"The report is almost ready. Several recommendations are being made to streamline the functioning of NTA and the conduct of major entrance exams in the country," a source said. Among the recommendations that the panel is likely to make are reducing offline exams or opting for hybrid exams where switching to online mode completely is not feasible; capping the number of attempts in major exams including medical entrance NEET and reducing the role of outsourced staff and centres to ensure sancti-

ty of exams is not affected. "The panel held 22 meetings to address the complexities involved in conducting such large-scale exams, the risks and the security measures.



suggestions from stakeholders including students and parents and took into account over 37000 suggestions received," the source

In the line of fire over alleged irregularities in the medical entrance examination NEET and PhD entrance NET, the Centre had in July set up the panel to ensure transparent, smooth and fair conduct of examinations by NTA.

While NEET was under the scanner over several irregularities, including alleged leaks, UGC-NET was cancelled as the ministry received inputs that the integrity of the exam had been compromised. Both matters are being probed by the CBI.

Two other exams - CSIR-UGC NET and NEET PG were cancelled at the last moment as a pre-emptive

The panel also includes for-

Randeep Guleria, Central University of Hyderabad Vice-Chancellor B J Rao, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Civil Engineering at IIT Madras K Ramamurthy, People Strong co-founder and Karmayogi Bharat board member Pankaj Bansal, IIT Delhi Dean of Student Affairs Aditya Mittal and MoE Joint Secretary Govind Jaiswal.

The committee was also been tasked with examining the existing security protocols related to the setting of the papers and other processes for various examinations and making recommendations to enhance the robustness of the system.

The panel had also opted two IIT Kanpur academicians as members -- Amey Karkare, professor of Computer Science and Engineering and Debapriya Roy, assistant pro-

Scientists develop luminescent ink with advanced security features Ink may help in combating counterfeiting

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Scientists at the Institute of Nano Science and Technology (INST) have developed a groundbreaking luminescent ink with advanced security features to combat counterfeiting in currency, certificates, branded goods and medicines among a few others.

The INST is an autonomous Department of Science and Technology (DST) under the Union Science Technology Ministry

Counterfeiting is a growing problem worldwide and researchers are trying to find unique ways to prevent it. Luminescent properties of rare earth ions and the characteristic emissions of bismuth have long been known. However, this is a first of its kind security ink based on luminescent nanomaterials with rare earth doping, enabling excitation dependent luminescence (Under both UV and NIR light it gives Visible emission).

By utilising rare earth ions and bismuth, this ink emits different colors under specific light wavelengths—vibrant blue, pink, and orange-red making it difficult to duplicate, said a statement from the



"Its unique properties allow for clear verification of authenticity in currency, certificates, medicines, and branded products.

This innovative solution promises to enhance product integrity and consumer trust, providing a powerful tool against counterfeiting."

The ink can overcome the limitations of current covert technique. tags, which are security features usually visible only under UV light and can be easily duplicated. "Specifically, the ink appears vibrant blue under 365 nm light, pink under 395 nm light, and orange-red under 980 nm near-infrared (NIR) light and remains effective under a statement.

said the statement.. The luminescent nanomaterial was synthesised using a simple co-precipitation

and humidity conditions,"

method at 120°C

After synthesis, the nanomaterials were dispersed into commercially available PVC ink using sonication (process of dispersing nanoparticles into solvent by applying sound energy).
This mixture was then used to

create patterns and letters through a screen-printing

These printed patterns, when exposed to different wavelengths of light, clearly showed the desired colour changes, proving the effectiveness of the ink, said the

By combining rare earth ions with well-known luminescent remains effective under a properties and bismuth with range of light, temperature, characteristic emissions, the team was able to enhance the encryption and decryption capabilities of the ink, improving its security poten-

Autonomous vessel to sail 1,500 km from Mumbai to Tuticorin



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In an effort to showcase the technological advancements achieved through innovation led by startups, the Indian Navy launched Sagarmala Parikrama on Wednesday, navy said here.

Giving details, officials said Matangi- an Autonomous Surface Vessel developed by Sagar Defence Engineering was flagged off by Defence Minister Rajna Singh here during the Plenary Session of Swavlamban 2024 at Bharat Mandapam. The sea transit from Mumbai to Tuticorin spans a distance of

850 nautical miles or 1500

kilometers. During the transit

Matangi will proceed in

from Mumbai to Karwar covering about 600 km (350 nm) passage at night. Nearly 1,000 km more are to go to Tuticorin for the expedition, they added. Startup's and MSMEs lead the way to successful development and validation of niche technology embodying the spirit of Swavlamban 2024. Strength and power through innovation and indigenization to make science, technology and innovation a revolutionary idea in the country is the objective.

human intervention, using the

indigenously developed 'navi-

gation and collision avoidance

Matangi has successfully com-

pleted the first leg of the Autonomous mode transit

software'.

Assam CM reconsiders plan to cut down century-old trees for flyover

PTI GUWAHATI

A midst ongoing public out-cry, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday said the government will reconsider its plans to fell dozens of century-old trees in Guwahati to make way for a flyover.

On Tuesday, prominent personalities and residents criticised the BJP-led government for planning to chop around 25 trees-some as old as 200 years-along the banks of Dighalipukhuri tank for the project. The protests continued on Wednesday, with college students, citizens, and local leaders gathering at Dighalipukhuri to voice their concerns.

"I want to assure you that the government is heritage infrastructure.

committed to preserving our environment while advancing flyovers from Dighalupukhuri to Noonmati, we are sincerely working to protect the old trees in the area. I urge all

stakeholders to allow the

Public Works Department a

few days to explore an alternative proposal and



assess its feasibility," Sarma said in a post on X.

government constructing a four-lane 5.05 km long flyover, the longest in the city, from Dighalipukhuri to Noonmati at a cost of Rs 852.68 crore. It is scheduled to be operational by 2026.

People hit the streets on Tuesday and protested the government's move to cut the trees on the banks of the iconic pond for the ongoing construction of the flyover. Later, they submitted a petition to the Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court and requested him to take suo motu cognisance of the which is very matter, important for the welfare of the environment.

At night, hundreds of people, including singers, actors and students of Cotton University, held a vigil in the area to prevent the administration from cutting the trees.

"Following the public protest during the day, we formed a called Dighalipukhuri'. We will hold this night vigil till the High Court takes a decision on the SFI state secretary Sangita Das said. Netizens also took to social

decision, highlighting trees' importance as habitats for numerous resident and migratory birds. 'It's a good sign that there is a

government's

lot of anger among people against the government's stubborn decision to cut down trees. However, if this protest does not translate into votes, it will yield no results," eminent neurosurgeon Navanil Barua said on

The government may yield to public pressure or "high profile protests" in Guwahati, but it will not change its destructive character, he added.

Where there is little or no protest, such irrational acts will continue," said Barua, also a renowned political commentator.

Bollywood playback singer Papon, who hails from Assam, expressed his dismay over the loss of heritage, "If we prioritise building the 'new' at the expense of the old, then it will become a historically very young place. Beautiful cities worldwide are celebrated for their greenery and historic

architecture, yet here we are Dighalipukhuri losing trees that are over 150 years old in the name of 'development.'

"Because of my love for trees, I have been constantly hurt for years when I see century old trees being brought down to widen roads etc. In the past I have gone to ask the law, only to be told that, development apparently comes before environment!' he said on Facebook.

BJP MLA Mrinal Saikia applauded the public outcry against the government's move and said when a tree is cut in a rural area, another grows, but the same never happens in urban areas.

"I don't know whether it is right or wrong to cut trees for sake of human development... But personally I am happy that some foresighted people are coming out to protest against cutting trees #Dighalipukhuri, #Guwahati, #Assam," he posted on X.

According to an RTI reply, the Public Works Department, which is looked after by Sarma, stated that the authorities have decided to go ahead with uprooting the trees surrounding the historic

carrying environmental impact assessment and public hearing

Dighalipukhuri constructed Bhagadatta, who led the Kauravas in the Battle of Kurukshetra Mahabharata, during the 'swayamvar' of his daughter Bhanumati

Historically, the pond was used by the Ahoms as a naval dockyard, especially during the 1671 'Battle of Saraighat' on Brahmaputra. Its access to Brahmaputra was

eventually closed during colonial times. connecting portion was further filled, on which the Circuit House was built and later the Gauhati High Court came up. several

other Besides. landmark structures like the state museum, district library, Rabindra Bhawan, Reserve Bank of India, a part of Cotton College (first college Northeast), Handique Girls' College (first women's college of NE), Nabin Chandra Bordoloi Hall and

EC exposed their lies on election rigging: Haryana CM



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH

The Congress' lies have been exposed and its attempts to undermine the election process thwarted, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini said here on Wednesday, a day after the Election Commission(EC)rejected allegations of rigging in the Haryana Assembly polls. The EC on Tuesday rejected

Congress' allegations of irregularities in the conduct of the polls, saying the party was raising "the smoke of a generic doubt" like it did in the past.

..The Hon'ble Election Commission has exposed that lie of Congress," Saini told reporters on the sidelines of the 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' oath-taking ceremony at the

Harvana Civil Secretariat. Saini said in the run-up to the polls he maintained that the Congress was not visible anywhere on the ground, even though its leaders claimed there was a

"Congress wave" 'They looted the country, indulged in corruption, and scams in the country, they made people stand in queues for days just to get a gas

cylinder," he said. On Tuesday, in a stronglyworded letter to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, the poll panel said such "frivolous and unfounded" doubts have the potential creating "turbulence" when crucial steps like polling and counting are in live play and political parties' anxiousness

is peaking.

Assam CM slams Jharkhand Government for inaction against Congress minister's derogatory remarks

BAHARAGORA/JHARKHAND

ssam Chief Minister AHimanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday slammed the JMM-led government in Jharkhand for failing to take action against Congress minister Irfan Ansari over his alleged derogatory remarks about BJP leader Sita Soren. Sarma claimed that the government hesitated to act against Ansari due to concerns about angering infiltrators.

Speaking at sammanlan in Baharagora, where he sought votes for BJP candidate Dineshanand Goswami, Sarma "Recently, Congress minister

Belgian paraglider was Akilled after colliding mid-

air with another paraglider in

practising for the upcoming

Paragliding World Cup 2024 in

the Himachal Pradesh town,

The accident took place on Tuesday when the two paragliders took off separately. Feyarets' body has

been spotted but is yet to be

recovered from the forest.

The other paraglider, who

suffered injuries and has been

taken to hospital, got entangled in the trees and was

His nationality is yet to be ascertained, police officials

Feyarets, known only by one

name, was a free flying paraglider in his mid-sixties, they said.

rescued.

police said on Wednesday.



Ansari derogatory remarks against Sita Soren, the sister-in-law of chief minister Hemant been taken because it might upset infiltrators. Sita Soren and Ansari are

Soren, but yet no action has

both contesting from Jamtara

Belgian paraglider killed in mid-air collision

This is not the first time

tragedy has struck the famed

In October last year, Polish

paraglider Andrez died

during a solo flight from Bir-

Kangra Superintendent of Police Shalini Agnihotri said police has directed authorities

to register paragliders, adhere

to designated routes and ensure they don't fly over

slopes of Bir-Billing.

Billing.

military areas.

minister

had

Prayagraj on October 6, the water level of the Ganges

was about 1.25 lakh cusecs.

The water level has now

started receding and this has

helped speed up various

visited

for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) also took cognisance of Ansari's remarks and issued a Jharkhand government, seeking a report

Sarma, who is the BJP's election co-in-charge, said Bangladeshi infiltrators have been entering the state every

on the matter.

day.
"They are occupying lands and posts of mukhiyas by marrying tribal girls here. Iharkhand politics gradually going into the hands of infiltrators but the JMM government is doing nothing against them," Sarma

He alleged that infiltrators have ruined the social fabric The National Commission of Santhal Paraganas.

"A proposal to install special

towers in high mountains to

pinpoint the crash sites in

case of accidents is in the

The November 2-9 World

Cup will see participation from 130 paragliders from 50

Manali

He vowed that if the BJP comes to power in Jharkhand, infiltrators would

CM also The Assam criticised the government for not fulfilling promises made during the 2019 elections, including providing 5 lakh jobs.

be chased away.

He pledged that a government would offer jobs sell LPG cylinders at Rs 500 with two free per year, build 21 lakh houses for the poor, and provide Rs 2,100 to women under the Gogo Didi Yoiana.

Elections for the 81-member assembly will be held in two phases on November 13 and 20, with counting scheduled for November 23.

Jan Suraaj founder urges people to stop voting for 'jaat and bhaat'

PTI ■ RAMGARH/BIHAR

an Suraaj founder Prashant Kishor on Wednesday urged the people of Bihar to give up supporting political parties in the name of 'jaat' (caste) and 'bhaat' (free ration), blaming the voting behaviour for the state's chronic backwardness. Kishor, the political strategistturned-activist, came out with the catchy rhyme at a rally in the Ramgarh assembly segment where a by-poll is scheduled next month.

The IPAC founder, who has worked with political leaders of all hues in a professional capacity, claimed that his home state has been given a raw deal by successive regimes in Bihar as also the Narendra Modi government

'Lalu and Nitish kept the whole of Bihar trapped in 'jaat' for 35 years. For the past 10 years, Modi has been short-changing you exchange for five kgs of bhaat. You must stop voting for 'jaat' and 'bhaat' if you want a better future for yourself and your children," Kishor said at the rally.

Kishor, whose fledgling party hopes to hold its own in Ramgarh which the RJD wants to retain and the BJP is trying to wrest back, also asked the people not to vote for the saffron party "which has made clear it will back Nitish Kumar for another term in office after assembly polls due next year". "Nitish Kumar has replaced

the terror of criminals during the Lalu era with the terror of an unbridled bureaucracy. The ongoing land survey has led to turmoil. People are also witnessing excessive bills for electricity and disconnections without warning ever since the smart pre-paid meters have been made mandatory. "If you support BJP, it will

strengthen the hands of Nitish and your woes will continue", alleged the Jan Suraaj founder which is contesting all four assembly assembly seats of Bihar where by-polls will take place on November 13.

Ramgarh, Besides elections will be being held in Imamganj, Belaganj and Tarari constituencies.

The crime branch of Odisha Police arrested 24 interstate cyber fraudsters in connection with the cheating of a corporate employee who lost

The Additional Director General (ADG) of crime branch, Vinavtosh Mishra, said police froze Rs 16.85

According to the complaint, the victim was added to a fraudulent WhatsApp group and lured into investing a large sum for promised high

seven teams were formed to

probe the interstate fraud The police teams arrested

nine accused from Tamil Nadu, eight from Gujarat and seven from Rajasthan, Mishra said.

Speaking about the modus operandi of the fraudsters, the crime branch officer said that the arrested people are not the real kingpins.

The victim was initially given shares worth Rs 19 each, 110, raising the fund value to

which quickly inflated to Rs Rs 25 crore, Mishra said.

money, the group admin allowed him to withdraw Rs 23 crore on August 21, 2024. When he made an attempt to withdraw his funds, he was removed from that WhatsApp group and the application used for transactions was deactivated. From the bank details and other documents collected during the investigation, the police identified 24 accused people from three states,

accused were produced before a court on October 28

BJP MP urges JPC chief to hear out Karnataka farmers' in land dispute with Waqf Board

PTI ■ BENGALURU

BIP MP Tejasvi Surya has Frequested Chairperson of Joint Parliamentary Joint Committee on Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2024 Jagdambika Pal to invite farmers from Karnataka's Vijayapura district as witnesses to discuss their land disputes with Waqf Board. The Lok Sabha member from Bengaluru South, who is a member of the Committee, recalled his recent meeting with a delegation of farmers from

pipeline," said Avinash Negi, director of the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports (ABVIMAS) in the district and other areas in the vicinity. "These farmers, who have cultivated their lands for nearly a century, maintain records dating back to the



In recent months, however, many of them have been served notices declaring their lands as Waqf property,

also been roped in for providing inputs for various Kumbh Mela projects.

While officials appear confident of completing

Kumbh projects in time, there are complaints of even

road widening projects

The scale of these claims is substantial, with nearly 1,500 acres being designated as Waqf property in their village alone," he alleged in his letter to Pal.

According to him, the farmers claimed that apart from being served notices, changes have been made in the RTC (Record of Rights, Tenancy and Crops), 'pahani' and mutation registers for some of the land parcels without following the due process of law.

"I, therefore, request that you invite the delegation of affected farmers to appear as before witnesses Committee.

Their testimony will provide

without any accompanying valuable insights into the proposed amendments and the pressing issues faced by the farming community in this regard," the letter stated. Surya also requested Pal to visit the affected regions in Karnataka to receive complaints and grievances and also have a public hearing with the farmers adversely impacted by the Waqf Board's action.

Following allegations by a section of farmers from Vijayapura district that their lands were marked as Waqf properties, Karnataka Chief Minister Sidddaramaiah on Tuesday said none of them will be evicted, and notices issued to them will be withdrawn

UP prepares for Maha Kumbh 2025, 500 projects underway for 42-day mega event

PTI ■ PRAYAGRAJ

uthorities are racing Aagainst time to put things in place before the 2025 Maha Kumbh - the 42-day mega religious event - unfolds in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj on the banks of the Ganga with the first 'shahi snan' being held on Makar Sankranti or

January 14. About 500 projects of central and governments involving various departments, 15 of them from Uttar Pradesh alone, are at different stages of completion, officials said. During his October 6 visit to Prayagraj, Chief Minister Adityanath announced extension of the project-completion deadline by 15 days to December 15, ostensibly to make up for extended rainfall and higher-than-normal water

levels of the Ganga. Usually during the Kumbh Mela, the water level of the Ganges is about 10,000 cusecs to facilitate devotees and saints from across the globe to take the holy dip in



"Usually the water level of Ganga starts receding around September 15.

This time, however, it happened a month late," Kumbh Mela Adhikari Vijay Kiran Anand told reporters while expressing confidence projects," an official that all the projects would be associated with various completed within the

Indian

"The size and budget of the Maha Kumbh this time is almost three times that of the 2013 Maha Kumbh," another official said. According to officials, the

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getting delayed.

"Widening of the road from Bairhana crossing to the CMP Dot bridge is necessary. This work has been pending since the last Kumbh (2019)," Colonelganj Corporator Anand Ghildiyal said.

"Widening of other roads leading to the Maha Kumbh area from Prayagraj railway junction - Leader Road and from Johnsonganj crossing to the station too - haven't been completed. If these are not completed in time, the devotees may have to face difficulties," he added.

Anand, the Kumbh Mela Adhikari, said that the entire Kumbh Mela will be set up in an area of more than 4,000 hectares. Technology Prayagraj and

Motilal Nehru National divided Institute of Technology have adminis administrative sectors for efficient management. Apart from this, 2,300 CCTV cameras are being

installed." Officials said that about 99 temporary parking spaces and 1.5 lakh toilets are being set up in the fair area.

Public Department is constructing 30 pontoon bridges on the Ganga, they said. Gupta, Manoi

superintending engineer (Kumbh Mela) of the Electricity Department, said 67,000 LED lights and 2,000 solar hybrid lights are being installed for the first time in the Mela area.

An Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam official said that the department is laying down 1,249 km of pipeline to ensure drinking water supply in the entire fair area. About 200 water ATMs and 85 water pumps would be installed in the area.

Regional Manager of Uttar Pradesh State Transport "The Mela area will be Corporation Manoj Kumar

Trivedi said that about 7,000 buses would operate for the Kumbh Mela while another 550 shuttle buses would operate from the Kumbh Mela area surrounding areas. Similarly, the Railways has

made preparations to run 825 trains especially when the Kumbh traffic peaks

during bathing rituals.
Divisional Railway Manager
Himanshu Badoni said that
there is a plan to run 825
trains on peak days during
the fair. These would be
short distance (up to 200 short distance (up to 200 km) trains. Besides, the North Central Railway has approved running 400 trains for long distance.

Badoni said that a toll free number - 18004199139 - will operational November 1 to enable passengers information about different facilities in Kumbh Mela area in their native language. Officials anonymity said that the Maha Kumbh would cost over Rs 6,000 crore to the

government.

cracks down on interstate cyber fraud

Odisha police



PTI CUTTACK/ODISHA

Rs 6.28 crore.

accounts and returned Rs 6.8 lakh to the victim.

returns. Following the complaint,

They may be termed foot soldiers of a major syndicate that cheats people.

When the complainant wanted to withdraw the

Mishra said. "As of date the team has apprehended nine accused persons from Tamil Nadu, eight accused from Gujarat and seven from Rajasthan,

he said adding that six of the and 11 will be produced before a court on Wednesday. Another seven accused are being brought to Odisha from Rajasthan on transit remand, he said, adding that the investigation is in www.dailypioneer.com

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PAPER WITH PASSION-

Traffic mayhem

On the eve of Diwali, Delhiites found themselves stranded for hours as traffic jams clogged major roads

iwali is the biggest festival in Delhi. It is awaited eagerly by one and all. While the festivities galore it is also during this time, the Delhiites suffer the most; high pollution levels and traffic jams dampen the festive spirit. On the eve of Diwali, thousands of commuters in Delhi found themselves trapped in an unending traffic nightmare. With the festive season in full swing, the city's roads, particularly around popular market areas, became scenes of frustration as vehicles moved at a snail's pace, leaving commuters stranded for hours. Despite pre-announced traffic measures by Delhi Police, congestion overwhelmed key roads, with frustrated citizens questioning the effectiveness of traffic management efforts. Heavy traffic jams were reported across several areas, including the DND flyway, Ashram Marg, and Sarai Kale Khan, stretching into congested points such as Karol Bagh, Taimur Nagar-Maharani Bagh Road, Punjabi Bagh, and Badarpur Mehrauli Road. As the festive rush built up on



Dhanteras, shoppers headed to market areas in droves. Many took to social media to share images and videos of the gridlocked streets, sparking discussions about the city's recurring traffic woes. In a bid to curb the chaos, Delhi Police had announced intensified road checks, anti-encroachment drives and measures aimed at keeping traffic flowing smoothly. Additionally, non-essential vehicles were restricted from entering the capital, and shoppers were instructed to park only in designated areas.

Despite these efforts, the measures seemed insufficient against the overwhelming crowd of festival shoppers. Sarojini Nagar, Sadar Bazar, and Khan

Market saw an enormous influx, leaving shop owners struggling to manage both security and traffic. In some areas, the traffic snarls dampened the Diwali spirit. Ironically, the unexpected security measures, intended to reduce congestion, left sections of the market unusually empty on Dhanteras. As commuters endured bumper-to-bumper delays, voices of discontent grew louder and many people vent their spleen on social media. With Diwali celebrations continuing, these issues are likely to persist. Despite attempts to bolster security and traffic regulation, the administration's efforts seem to have fallen way short, leaving commuters to bear the brunt of another chaotic festive season on Delhi's streets. The traffic jams reflect poorly on the administrations capability to handle it. No denying that more cars are on the roads and given the limited capacity of roads, traffic jams cannot be completely eliminated. But having said that it is also true that the preparedness to deal with such a scenario were inadequate. At places there was no traffic police personnel to control the traffic and many signal lights reportedly did not work. We actively campaigned to bring this issue to the attention of relevant departments through a series of reports well in advance, right before the festive season began. Yet, as always, complacency prevailed.



rtists dance on the Rampath ahead of Deepotsav celebrations, in Ayodhya

'Trophyisation' of weapon platforms



In the propaganda war, the symbolic power of "trophy" weapons extends far beyond the battlefield, reshaping the narratives of geopolitical rivalries

f Ukrainians made a public spectacle of captured Russian weaponry, the Russians did likewise in flaunting captured Western military hardware, from the Ukrainians. It is surreal to see captured battle trophies like the American M1 Abrams tank, German Leopard tank or the British Husky tactical support vehicle etc., in a public park. The symbolism supports the Russian narrative that the 'West'/NATO is attacking Russia, and yet the Russians are triumphing. However, the ground truth is more complex as the Russians had invaded Ukraine and the war status is a stalemate at best, as the envisaged '10-day operation' has gone on for over a year and a half. Such displays are common across militaries, and they understandably do not sit well with the other

Now, the Chinese have got riled over similar symbolism as the US Navy plans to exhibit a warplane, albeit of its own, that harks back to the 2001 Hainan Island incident that involved a midair collision of a Signal Intelligence aircraft i.e., EP-3E Aries II of the UN Navy, and a Chinese Air Force F-8 fighter plane. Flying over the tense and disputed South China Seas, the US plane had taken off from its Kadena Air Base in Japan and was intercepted by two F-8 fighters midway between the Hainan Islands and Paracel Islands. Whilst making aggressive passes, one of the Chinese fighter planes collided with the American plane and the Chinese fighter plane broke.

The Chinese fighter pilot's body was never recovered. The damaged American plane along with its 24 crew members made an emergency landing at China's Hainan airbase without authorization and its crew were detained.

There was a counterclaim by the Chinese that the American plane had deliberately hit the Chinese fighter plane, but it was never substantiated, even though the Chinese had the data from the light recorders of both planes. 10 days of hectic diplomatic parleys ensued with each side blaming the other for provocation and unreasonable conduct.



ty of the American plane's presence claiming the region to be part of its exclusive economic zone as per the United Nations Convention on the Law of Sea (UNCLOS)whereas the Americans claimed patrolling rights under its right of Freedom of Navigation. But embarrassing delays in securing the release of American crew were publicly distracting from the more pressing foreign policy issue of launching the 'War on Terror' for the then US President, George Bush, in Afghanistan, following 9/11.

A due 'letter of the two sorries' (for the death of the Chinese fighter pilot and unauthorized landing) from the American side led the same to be conveniently interpreted as a 'letter of apology' by the Chinese media, and the same led to the release of American crew and the return of the disassembled aircraft. 23 years later, the Americans are bringing back the same plane i.e., EP-3E Aries II, at its Pima Air & Space Museum in Tucson, Arizona, for public display. The 'trophyisation' will be accompanied by a backstory explaining its significance in a historic incident that was fraught with risks of further escalation, for public consumption.

The Chinese fear an American



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narrative of 'capitulation' that paints the Chinese reaction in a dim light, even though it had the American plane and its 24 crew members, on its soil. As a riled Chinese social media commentator reacted, "It is not 2001. Wake up! It's 2024" - as if to suggest that the Chinese PLA was no minnow any longer, and it would give a befitting reply.
The unofficial mouthpiece of

the Chinese regime i.e., Global Times, captured the reactionary mood in China, "Chinese people saw the incident as a painful memory for the nation and the reported plan to display the US warplane at a sensitive moment when China-US relations are delicate and face uncertainties, is like "rubbing salt into the wound" and reflects an unfriendly stance by the US toward China". However, the situation in the choppy South China Seas has not changed much with the Chinese belligerence continuing and growing by the day, and with the Americans still conducting reconnaissance air sorties and naval exercises to counter the same.

Countries like Taiwan, Japan ish. and most recently Philippines, are in the direct line of competing territorial claims, against China. Symbolism with the conceptualisation of con-

like cepts (Quadrilateral of Sino-wary, Japan, US, Australia and India) or Naval Exercises are part of vital international optics and narrative building. In a dictatorial country like China where propaganda has been elevated to a fine art, Beijing understands the power of public perception, hence its discomfort with the re-positing of the Hainan incident, entailing the return of EP-3E Aries II in

public imagination.

The Chinese pipedream would like the new US exhibit to include, "calls from China and other countries worldwide to end US reconnaissance operations near their borders", but as the most encroaching, expansionist, and coercive neighbour - it would know better than to expect the American exhibit to be kind towards China's propaganda position. With many famous defections of fighter pilots towards 'enemy' countries (especially from China to Taiwan), the 'trophyisation' of weapon platforms is an old hat, and in that context, the thinskinned and hyper-reaction by the Chinese recently is churl-

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The benefits and reality of organic food choices



From freshly harvested crops to packaged foods, the organic label now commands a premium price; is it for real or just a sales gimmick

n recent years, a remarkable trend has emerged, ▲ with organic products now prominently displayed on supermarket shelves and featured on packaging across the board. It encompasses everything from freshly harvested crops to essential packaged goods. And, given that the organic brand will cost significantly more, people are questioning if it is worth it. Organic foods offer health, aetiology, and environmental benefits. This type of food is promoted as a more wholesome and righteous option. The concept is straightforward: reduce pesticide use, eliminate synthetic fertilisers, and avoid genetically modified organisms. For numerous individuals, opting for cleaner and more organically cultivated produce justifies the expense. And yet, aren't we, in our way, being chipped away at our true worth as

customers? Years ago, before the rise of industrial farming, vegetables like ladyfingers (okra) were a lot less predictable. We often found worms inside, an unpleasant but aged meals.



natural reminder of the environment in which they grew. These "flaws" assured us that the produce was authentic, untouched by synthetic chemicals. Fast forward to today, and the produce is picture-perfect, but the trade-off has been significant.

Our vegetables, once vibrant and full of flavour, are now coated in pesticides that strip them of their natural essence. We've all noticed it: the tomatoes don't taste like they used to, and a bell pepper is just... bland. With the essence of fresh vegetables fading from our experience, many sought refuge in the convenience of pre-packfood or packaged snacks overshadow the presence of vegetables offered alongside them.

It's hardly unexpected that many individuals find themselves torn between the less appealing, timeconsuming superfoods and the quicker, more delicious meal alternatives. Yet, what is the price to pay? Here's the point: it's not about flavour or ease—it's about well-being.

Even minimal exposure to pesticides has been linked to a variety of health issues, including hormone disruption and neurological complications. As time passes, these substances may build up within the human body, and despite increasingly stringent regulations, the long-term consequences remain largely unclear.

This justifies the higher price tag, reinforcing the value of organic foods. Is "organic" always synonymous with better quality? Not exactly. Organic does not guarantee perfection. Certification processes have gaps, meaning that pesticide-free does not necessar-

The appeal and taste of fast ily equate to "organic." It promises a reduction in synthetic chemicals and the adoption of more sustainable farming practices. Additionally, organic farming enhances biodiversity and soil health—both essential for the future of our planet.Is this a worthwhile investment?

It hinges on what you value most. Choosing organic is a positive move towards minimising chemical exposure and fostering sustainable practices. However, to truly enhance the flavour of your meals, seeking out local farmers and fresh produce that hasn't undergone excessive processing or long-distance transport could be a more effective solution to that issue.

Embracing organic choices transcends mere financial considerations; it represents a commitment to your wellbeing, an enhancement of your culinary experience, and a forward-thinking approach to the future of our food systems.

(The writer is a motivator and a freelance journalist; views expressed are personal)

POPULATION CENSUS 2025 Madam —Regarding 'Population Census

Takes Off in 2025' (Oct 29), the census is far more than a political activity; it's a strategic framework for development as India progresses toward becoming a superpower. The proposed 31 questions for the census should encompass aspects such as the agricultural workforce, tribal and coastal populations, elderly and infirm populations, women's education and economic standing, the skilled youth workforce, informal sector engagement, child mortality rates, school and college enrollment, residents abroad, border-area inhabitants, those who have traveled or hold properties abroad, and OCI and NRI populations in India. The upcoming election delimitation should ensure fair population representation per constituency for MPs and

Although caste census isn't constitutionally mandated, it is often used as a political tool that risks dividing society along caste lines. The lack of exact figures on castes among Hindus and Muslims and the absence of official caste records make the legitimacy of caste data contentious, often resulting in disputes and litigation. Furthermore, with the prevalence of intercaste marriages, the caste census appears increasingly outdated.

Vinod Johri | Delhi

DIGITAL FRAUD

Madam— When a Prime Minister warns citizens about digital fraud, it underscores the gravity of this issue and its deep infiltration at the grassroots level. According to available data, Indian citizens lost around ?120 crores to digital fraud in the first quarter of 2024 alone—a conservative estimate, as many cases go unreported due to fear of police harassment or lack of awareness. The methods used by fraudsters vary widely and evolve constantly. A common tactic involves scammers posing as relatives to extract bank details, often from numbers originating abroad. This is particularly prevalent in Punjab, where many have relatives overseas, making

Revisit West Asia policy



he editorial on the looming war clouds in West Asia (Oct 28) should resonate more deeply with India than with other nations, given India's critical stakes in the region. For decades, attacks and counterattacks in West Asia have been common, but the current wave of violent escalations and genocides on both sides has far-reaching implications globally. India, in par-

lent times. It is essential for prudence to pre-

Israel, despite India's historical support for the Palestinian cause. Additionally, India benefits from affordable crude oil sourced from Russia, although these savings are primarily enjoyed by select private players in the oil sector rather than reaching the public. However, as tensions intensify, potentially drawing in the US and Russia, nations worldwide may find themselves compelled to align with one side. This situation could pressure the government to prioritize ideological support for Israel or risk trade disruptions that could affect India's economic stability-already challenged by an unfavorable trade balance. India, surrounded by a region of strained relations, cannot afford isolation in such turbu-

tion leans ideologically toward supporting

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them easy targets.

These foreign-based numbers make tracing the criminals more challenging. While the Digital India initiative launched in 2015 has successfully propelled the nation toward digital empowerment, it has also exposed more citizens to cybercrime. This calls for increased caution, particularly among the elderly and those less familiar with digital technology. Only by staying vigilant can we protect ourselves from these evolving digital threats.

Yash Pal Ralhan | Jalandhar

RISING CASES OF STROKES AMONG YOUNG

Madam — Countries worldwide are making significant investments to position themselves at the forefront of the semiconductor industry, with India setting aside \$11 billion and considering an additional \$5-10 billion.

These are sizable figures, particularly when compared to the relatively lower investment in labor-intensive industries like leather and handicrafts. But what is the government's ultimate goal with such a massive investment? Is it to establish a base

for a larger electronics sector, or to support the expanding automobile supply chain? Unfortunately, the government's response has been unclear and less than satisfactory, with an emphasis on promoting "aatmanirbharta" or self-reliance.

However, self-reliance may not be entirely practical given the complex nature of global supply chains. Reducing dependence on allied nations like South Korea and Taiwan may not be necessary; rather, the focus could be on lessening reliance on China. A key challenge for the government in implementing this plan will be securing a skilled workforce. A more strategic approach would be to target specific, scalable segments of the supply chain, such as fabrication, design, assembly, and packaging. Instead of focusing solely on selfreliance, India should aim to establish itself as a key player in the global semiconductor supply chain, maximizing the impact of this significant investment.

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FIRST COLUMN

WHERE DO WE GO WRONG?

It is essential to recognise the diverse spiritual paths that humanity traverses



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

am referring to our relationship with God. To understand this properly, clarity must be there about different classes of men. There are two main ones. The first one is of majority. In this, there are five types. Many do not know God, those who are living in the wilderness, and do have not much connection with civilization.

The next are those, who are aware but have no opinion about God. They take a neutral stance in this matter. They are called agnostics. The next level is of those, who are aware of God, but are too lazy to have anything to do with Him, i.e., they don't do any spiritual practices to develop a link with God. The fourth category is of those, who are envious of God. Why is God superior to us, why should we take His shelter, why does He control everything, etc.? And the last category is atheists, who forcefully deny God's existence. Now I come to those, who have faith in God and His instructions, but are of different levels

The first level is of those who do some spiritual practices as rituals. For example, someone has a murti of Lord Krishna in his home, which he has placed on a shelf. He lights an 'agarbatti' every morning after bath and places it near the murti. Someone else may be chanting Gayatri Mantra three times a day. Or someone maybe worshipping Suryadeva every morning with water. These are very nice activities and bring benefits, which are limited in extent. The worshiper has certain material desires, which he is keen on. He is superior to an ordinary man carrying out his material activities in pur-



suit of material goals like wealth, power, fame, etc. The next level is those who do some rituals and also have some faith in the Lord's instructions, as given in bonafide spiritual texts like the Bhagavad-Geeta. But they restrict themselves for two reasons what they can get from God. They don't do more to please God and become deserving, but displease God by their lusty, greedy, angry, hateful, etc. activities. Is this intelligent?

They end up gaining some material benefits for the spiritual acts done, and also punishments for bad acts done. They don't cancel out, i.e., both come to fruition. The next level of faith is better. They do rituals and try to gain purity in action through their minds, senses, and words. This helps them enhance their mode of goodness. They reap many benefits as a consequence. (The Bhagavad-Geeta 14.6) Then, comes the next level, who can be called devotees. They desire to please God in addition to their senses, minds and bodies. They have faith in Good's instructions, i.e., try to act accordingly. But they also don't go far enough. This happens due to many reasons like fault in nature (svabhava) and not great 'sanskars' (cul-

They only come to a stage described by Lord Krishna. (6.41)Now we come to the highest level of devotees; he is helplessly attracted towards God due to practice done in the previous life. He transcends the ritualistic part of the Vedas. (6.44)Let us, therefore, not go wrong. We should stop ourselves from denying the existence of God staying neutral or being feeble about connecting with God. We have so much to gain even if we are not thinking of gaining liberation. God has so much to offer like opulence of all six kinds including success

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

India's shift toward competency-based hiring



The focus on competency over credentials promises not only to improve employability but also to foster a more inclusive workforce



ndia is moving towards skillsbased hiring over degrees, marking a significant shift in the job market. Companies increasingly adopt competency-based hiring practices, focusing on practical skills and inclusivity rather than traditional degrees. This change is influenced by the growing importance of industry-relevant competencies in today's digitised business landscape. IBM India is a notable example of this trend, as it has implemented a 'skills-first' policy, where a college degree is no longer a prerequisite for recruitment. Similarly, companies like TCS, Infosys, and Wipro are also shifting towards skills-based hiring, investing heavily in training programs in the digital economy.

This shift has broad implications for India's education sector, prompting universities and educational institutions to incorporate more industry-relevant training and competency-based curricula. Many Indian universities are partnering with businesses to offer specialized training in artificial intelligence, data analytics, cyber security, and beauty and well-

Recently, Medhavi University collaborated with Orane International, a pioneer global institute in beauty-wellness. Such collaborations aim to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and industry requirements, ensuring graduates are job-ready from day one. Reports have shown that such partnerships have significantly increased employability in specialized fields, highlighting the importance of aligning education with industry needs. Competency-based hiring is revolutionising university education and professional development in India. In today's technology-driven economy, continuous learning and upskilling are crucial for career advancement.

Companies like IBM, TCS, and Infosys



THE INDIAN **GOVERNMENT** RECOGNISES THAT SKILLS DEVELOPMENT IS CRITICAL TO

> PERFORMANCE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH. AS REFLECTED IN THE 2024 **EDUCATION** BUDGET, SIGNIFICANT **FUNDING HAS** BEEN DIRECTED

TOWARDS DIGITAL PROJECTS TO PREPARE YOUNG INDIANS FOR A heavily invest in training programs on the digital economy. These programs often include online courses, certifications, and micro-credentials, enabling employees to acquire new skills efficiently.

The Indian government recognizes that skills development is critical to national performance and economic growth. As reflected in the 2024 education budget, significant funding has been directed towards digital projects to prepare young Indians for a digital future. Over the next five years, approx-

imately 2 million young people NATIONAL Additionally, 1,000 Industrial modernized, with updated course content tailored to industry

This government support is crucial for India's ambition to remain a talent hub. India stands at a critical juncture in its economic journey, with immense potential for growth but facing a significant challenge in bridging the unemployment-employability gap. As the world's fifth-largest economy, India's vision for "Viksit Bharat" by 2047 hinges on effectively skilling its youth to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving job

market.
The Union Budget 2024-25 has highlighted this priority, allocating substantial funds for education, employment, and skilling initiatives. However, the task ahead is daunting, with nearly 73% of workers aged 15-59 years lacking formal or informal voca-DIGITAL FUTURE lacking formal or informal vocational training. A multi-pronged

approach is essential to harnessing India's demographic dividend and fueling economic growth. This includes bolstering institutional support, strengthening industry-academia connections, and leveraging innovative financing solutions like impact bonds. As India navigates this crucial phase, the success of its skill development efforts will play a pivotal role in shaping the nation's future and realizing its economic potential.Competencybased hiring transforms the job market and creates opportunities for diverse groups often exclud-

In India, many individuals seeking to re-enter the workforce— Training Institutes (ITIs) will be often in remote or part-time roles—benefit from approach. During the pandemic, many women took online cours-es in digital marketing, content creation, and I.T. services while balancing home responsibilities. This shift towards skills-based hiring opens doors for a more inclusive and diverse workforce and paints an optimistic picture of the future of employment in India, full of opportunities and potential for growth.

India's thriving start-up culture is a testament to the adaptability and practical experience valued in skills-based hiring. Startups, often operating with limited resources, place less emphasis on educational background and more on the skills and potential of their employees.

As a result, startups are setting the pace in adopting skills-based hiring practices, inspiring more giant corporations to follow suit

and revolutionise the job market. Their innovative approach to hiring is not only inspiring but also a sign of the changing times in the Indian job the

market.Transitioning to skills-based hiring comes with chal-lenges, including the need for accurate and unbiased skills assessments. Traditional hiring, reliant on academic qualifications, is relative-

ly straightforward. In contrast, evaluating practical skills requires sophisticated testing and assessment techniques. Additionally, companies must train their H.R. teams to recognize and nurture talent based on skills rather than credentials. Acknowledging these challenges

is the first step towards overcom

ing them, and it prepares us for the future of hiring. By acknowledging these challenges, we can better prepare for the future of hiring and ensure a more effective and inclusive job market. Despite these challenges, the benefits of competency-based hiring are evident. Companies can access a broader and more diverse talent pool by focusing on skills, including individuals overlooked by traditional hiring processes. This approach helps fill critical skills gaps and fosters a more inclusive and innovative workforce.

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Reviving Bihar's libraries: Bridging the gap between tradition and technology

A well-conceived hybrid model could revitalise Bihar's libraries, providing a space where traditional and digital learning coexist

n today's era of rapid dig-ital transformation, Llibraries in Bihar and across India are facing a critical challenge: how to remain relevant in a world increasingly dominated by digital content and online resources. Historically, libraries have been pillars of knowledge and learning, preserving history, culture, science, and philosophy for generations. However, with the rise of the internet, mobile technology, and social media, the traditional role of libraries is being questioned, especially in rural areas and smaller towns. The digital revolution has reshaped the way people, especially the youth, consume information. Where libraries were once the sole custodians of knowledge, the



Internet now offers instant access to vast amounts of data. E-books, online courses, and educational videos are available at the click of a button, challenging the need for physical spaces to access information. While this shift has opened new avenues for learning, it has also contributed to the neglect and decline of public libraries, particularly in states like

cally deteriorated. Where there were once 540 public libraries in the state during the 1950s, only 51 remain today, according to a 2022 report from the Bihar Assembly Library Committee

Entire districts, including Arwal, Kaimur, Banka, Sheohar, Kishanganj, and Sheikhpura, now have no public libraries at all—neither in rural areas nor in urban centres. The closure of these institutions reflects a deeper cultural shift, where reading and communal learning spaces are no longer central to the lives of many. Muzaffarpur, highlights the concerning reality of the fading library tradition. Its few Bihar.Bihar's once-thriving remaining libraries, such as that offer more than just

library culture has dramati- the Gandhi Smriti Library and Nav Yuvak Samiti Trust Library, are either poorly resourced or neglected. In a city of this size, there isn't

a single well-functioning library that caters to literature lovers or cultural enthusiasts, leaving little hope for their counterparts in rural areas. Yet, as the world embraces digital transformation, the role of libraries must evolve rather than disappear. The challenge lies not in replacing libraries but in reimagining them as hybrid spaces—integrating digital resources with the physical charm and purpose of traditional libraries. Libraries, with their rich legacy of providing knowledge, can be transformed into community hubs



books. They can become centres for digital literacy, elearning, and skill development, especially in areas where access to the internet and technology is still a challenge.In this context, Vinay, a worker from Muzaffarpur, suggests a forward-thinking solution: modernizing libraries to meet the needs of the current generation. Libraries should be

equipped with computers,

for career counselling and education. "We need to reconnect young people, who are lost in the virtual world, with the world of books," he explains.

Libraries can offer both the serenity and richness of traditional books and the practicality and excitement of digital resources. This transformation would not only make libraries more accessible but also relevant to today's internet access, and resources youth, who are accustomed to

consuming knowledge digi-

The success of such an initiative would depend on concerted efforts by local leaders, communities, and governments. For instance, establishing a digital library in every Panchayat would bridge the urban-rural divide, bringing digital literacy to the forefront while preserving the cultur-al and intellectual heritage libraries represent. Panchayat representatives and village intellectuals can play a critical role in promoting the use of these modernized libraries, ensuring that the younger generation has access to both digital and physical forms of knowledge. The ongoing digital revolution has created an urgent need to rethink the purpose and structure of

The Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library in Patna, one of the few libraries still thriving in Bihar, is a testament to the potential of such institutions. However, unless libraries across the state are modernized to embrace digital tools and resources, their future seems uncertain.

The decline of libraries in Bihar isn't just about the closure of physical spaces—it reflects the broader societal changes driven by technology. But rather than view this as the end of the library's role, it should be seen as an opportunity to redefine its importance in a digital-first world. (The writer is an educator in Muzaffarpur Bihar; views

are personal. Charkha

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Israel must step in if it bans UNRWA, says UN

The United Nations stressed Tuesday that if Israel puts in place new laws cutting ties with the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, the Israeli government will have to meet their needs under internation-

Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said in a letter obtained by The Associated Press that there is no other alternative to the agency, known as UNRWA. It has been a lifeline during the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza, and the Israeli legislation "will have devastating consequences for Palestinian refugees" in Gaza,

the West Bank and East

Jerusalem, he said The UN agencies for children. health and migration also stressed that UNRWA is the "backbone" of the world body's operations in Gaza, where people have relied on its emergency food aid and health centers during the more than yearlong war, which has killed tens of thousands and left much of

the enclave in ruins. The United Nations is heartened by statements of support for UNRWA from all quarters and countries, U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said, and "we would very much appreciate efforts by any member state to help us get over this hurdle." Israel has alleged that some of UNRWA's 13,000 staffers in Gaza participated in the Oct. 7, 2023, attacks by Hamas that sparked the war. It's also accused hundreds of UNRWA staff of having militant ties and

said it has found Hamas mili- UNRWA isn't interested in tary assets in or under the agency's facilities

Israel's new laws: Two laws passed Monday could prevent UNRWA from continuing its work. Even the US, Israel's closest ally, joined many governments and humanitarian organizations in opposing the legislation, which doesn't take effect for three months.

Guterres sent the letter Tuesday to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu outlining his concerns.

As an occupying power, under international humanitarian law, Israel is required to ensure the needs of the Palestinians are met, including for food, health care and education, Guterres said. And if Israel isn't in a position to meet those needs, it has an obligation to allow and facilitate the activities of the UN, and "UNRWA is the principal means by which assistance is supplied to Palestinian refugees," he said.
If UNRWA's activities are

restricted or halted, the secretary-general said, Israel would have to fill the vacuum "to ensure the needs of the population are met."

"Otherwise, it would be in violation of international law," said Dujarric, the UN spokesman.

Israel's UN Ambassador Danny Danon responded to the letter by saying, "Rather than con-demning UNRWA for turning a blind eye to terrorism and in some cases participating in terrorism, the UN instead condemns Israel."

He claimed in a statement that

providing humanitarian aid to Gaza, calling it "nothing but an arm of Hamas operating under the guise of the United

Nations. "Israel will continue to facilitate humanitarian aid in Gaza according to international law," Danon said, "but UNRWA has failed in its mandate and is no longer the right agency for

Dismay from UN agencies:

World Health Organization pokesman Tarik Jasarevic said **UNRWA** health workers have provided over 6 million medical consultations over the past year. They also offered immunizations, disease surveillance and screening for malnutrition, and UNRWA's work "couldn't be matched by any agency including WHO," he said.

Jeremy Laurence, spokesman for the UN human rights office, said that "without UNRWA, the delivery of food, shelter, health care, education, amongst other things, to most of Gaza's population would grind to a halt." UNRWA was established by the UN General Assembly in 1949 to provide relief for Palestinians who fled or were expelled from their homes before and during the 1948 Arab-Israeli war that followed Israel's establishment, as well as their descendants.

Israel faces criticism: Timed to the Israeli laws, Norway announced Tuesday that it will ask the 193-nation General Assembly to request a ruling from the top United Nations court about whether Israel is obligated to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid to Palestinians by international organizations, including the UN.

The International Court of Justice in July condemned Israel's rule over the Palestinian territories, declaring its occupation unlawful. The nonbinding opinion called on Israel to end its occupation and immediately halt settlement construction.

Norway's foreign minister Espen Barth Eide, told the AP that Israel's policy is making it increasingly difficult for Palestinians to access life-saving assistance. He said Norway will argue that even if Israel's occupation is illegal, it has obligations, "and we believe that these are not met."
Guterres told Netanyahu that

while the Israeli laws prohibit any activity by UNRWA "within the sovereign territory of the State of Israel," the UN considers Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem part of the occupied Palestinian territory and Israel has no sovereignty because of its occupation.

Meanwhile, at the UN's regular Security Council meeting on the Middle East - this month open to all UN members - speakers supported UNRWA and virtually all called for immediate cease-fires in Gaza and Lebanon.

US Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield expressed deep concern at the Israeli leg-islation, saying, "right now there is no alternative to UNRWA when it comes to delivering food and other life-saving aid in Gaza."

Spanish authorities say 63 dead from devastating flash floods



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t least 63 people have died A t least 05 people Valencia after flash floods swept away cars, turned village streets into rivers and disrupted rail lines and highways in the worst natural disaster to hit the European nation in recent memory.

Emergency services in the eastern region of Valencia confirmed the death toll on Wednesdav.

Rainstorms on Tuesday caused flooding in a wide swath of southern and eastern Spain. Floods of mud-colored water tumbled vehicles down streets at frightening speeds. Pieces of wood swirled with household articles. Police and rescue services used helicopters to lift people from their homes and

Authorities reported several missing people late Tuesday, but the following morning brought the shocking announcement of dozens found dead.

Over 1,000 soldiers from Spain's emergency response units were deployed to the devastated areas.

Yesterday was the worst day of my life," Ricardo Gabaldón, the mayor of Utiel, a town in Valencia, told national broadcaster RTVE. He said several people were still missing in his

We were trapped like rats. Cars and trash containers were flowing down the streets. The water was rising to three meters," he said.

Spain has experienced similar autumn storms in recent years, but nothing compared to the devastation over the last two days. The death toll could easily rise with other regions yet to report victims and search efforts continuing in areas with difficult access. In the village of Letur in the neighboring Castilla La Mancha region, Mayor Sergio Marín Sánchez said six people were missing. A high-speed train with near-

ly 300 people on board derailed near Malaga, although rail authorities said no one was hurt. High-speed train service between Valencia morning. But more storms were forecast through city and Madrid was interrupted, as were several commuter

Valencian regional President Carlos Mazón urged people to stay at home so as not to complicate rescue efforts, with travel by road already difficult due to fallen trees and wrecked are likely linked to climate

"The neighborhood is destroyed, all the cars are on top of each other, it's literally smashed up," Christian Viena, a bar owner in the Valencian village of Barrio de la Torre, said by phone. "Everything is a total wreck, everything is ready to be thrown away. The mud is almost 30 centimeters

Spain's central government set up a crisis committee to help coordinate rescue efforts. The rain had subsided in Valencia by late Wednesday

Thursday, according to Spain's national weather service. Spain is still recovering from a severe drought earlier this year. Scientists say increased episodes of extreme weather

Biden calls Trump supporters garbage, sparks backlash

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U^S President Joe Biden sparked a controversy when he compared supporters of Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump to garbage. Biden was commenting on a racist joke a comedian made at a Trump rally days earlier likening Puerto Rico to an "island of garbage."

"The only garbage I see floating out there is his supporters, his demonisation of Latinos is unconscionable, and it's un-American. It's totally contrary thing we've been," Biden said in his remarks on a campaign call for Latino voters on Tuesday. "Just the other day, a speaker at his rally called Puerto Rico a "floating island of garbage." Well, let me tell you something. I don't know the Puerto Rican that — that I know — or a Puerto Rico, where I'm fr- — in my home state of Delaware,

ourable people," he said. Republican Senator Marco

Rubio raised this issue in front of thousands of Trump supporters in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Trump, the former president, was also quick to condemn it. Trump, who was holding a rally in Allentown, described Biden's remarks as "terrible," and likened them to Hillary Clinton's comments calling some of supporters

"deplorables" in 2016. "So, you have to remember added. Hillary [Clinton]-she said 'irredeemable," Trump said. 'Garbage' I think is worse."

In a damage control exercise, Biden later tried to explain his remarks on X.

"Earlier today I referred to the hateful rhetoric about Puerto Rico spewed by Trump's supporter at his Madison Square Garden rally as garbage—which is the only word I can think of

they're good, decent, honto describe it," Biden wrote. "His demonisation of Latinos is

unconscionable. That's all meant to say. The comments at that rally don't reflect who we are as a nation," Biden said. Trump's running mate Ohio Senator J D Vance described it as disgusting.

This is disgusting. Kamala Harris and her boss Joe Biden are attacking half of the country," he wrote on X.

There's no excuse for this. I hope Americans reject it," he

Karoline Leavitt, the Trump Secretary, said in a statement that Trump is backed by Latinos, Black voters, union workers law enforcement officers, border patrol agents and Americans of all faiths.

"(Kamala) Harris, (Tim) Walz and Biden have labelled these great Americans as fascists, Nazis, and now, garbage," Leavitt

China successfully launches new crew to space station

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hina on Wednesday suc-Cessfully launched its spaceship sending three astronauts, including the country's first female space engineer on a six months' mission to fine tune its low orbiting space sta-

The Shenzhou-19 crewed spaceship was launched by a Long March-2F carrier rocket, early Wednesday from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China.

About 10 minutes after the launch, the Shenzhou-19 spaceship separated from the rocket and entered its designated

orbit. shape and the launch is a complete success, the CMSA

announced. The spaceship will perform a fast, automated rendezvous and docking with the front port of the space station core module Tianhe in about 6.5 hours, forming a combination of three modules and three spacecraft. China built its space station after it was reportedly excluded from the International Space Station (ISS) over concerns that China's space programme is manned by its military, the People's Liberation Army,

It is currently the only country to have a space station. The ISS is a collaborative pro-

ject of several countries. Observers say China's space station may become the only one of its kind in orbit once the ISS retires in the coming years. The two robotic arms of the station, especially the long one which has the ability to grab objects including satellites from space, drew international concerns.

announced its plans for the further development of space programmes which included launching a manned lunar mission, construction of a lunar space station, exploration of habitable planets and extra-terrestrial life to expand its space programme in the next few Besides building its space sta-



number of space mission, the CMSA said. collected samples for the first time from the far side of the moon and brought them back to earth for scientific studies. The Shenzhou-19 crew consists of mission commander Cai Xuzhe, and astronauts Song Lingdong and Wang Haoze. Wang is currently China's only female space engineer and the third Chinese woman partici-

ed conducting space science and application tests, perform-

ing extravehicular activities, installing protective devices against space debris, and managing the installation and recycling of extravehicular payloads and equipment.

Lin Xiqiang, CMSA spokesperson told a press conference on Tuesday that the crew will

carry out 86 space science research and technology experiments, covering various fields including space life science, microgravity fundamental physics, space material science, space medicine and new space technologies.

The Shenzhou-19 astronauts will complete in-orbit rotation with the trio currently manning and stay at the space station for approximately six months. Wang Haoze explained that she

space experimental projects, cargo management, and space station operation management. China is also engaging in discussions to select and train astronauts from partner counterparts to join its space station flight missions, Lin said.

will be mainly responsible for

Considering the close ties, an astronaut from Pakistan was expected to join in future space station missions.

"No matter which country participates, it is humanity's collective quest to unravel the mysteries of the cosmos," Lin said.

NY rally was an absolute lovefest: Trump

Urged by some allies to apologise for racist comments made by speakers at his weekend rally, Donald Trump took the opposite approach on Tuesday, saying it was an "honour to be involved" in such an event and calling the scene a "lovefest" the same term he has used to describe the Jan. 6 insurrection at the US Capitol.

Trump gathered supporters and reporters to his Mar-a-Lago resort two days after a massive rally at Madison Square Garden featured a number of crude remarks by various speakers, including a set by comedian Tony Hinchcliffe in which he joked that Puerto Rico was a "floating island of garbage." Some of Trump's top Republican allies have condemned the remarks, and his campaign took the rare step of publicly distancing itself from Hinchcliffe's joke, though not the other comments.

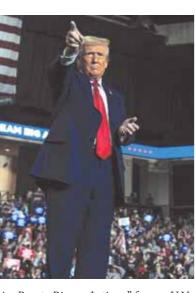
But given the opportunity to apologize at multiple events and in interviews Tuesday, Trump instead leaned in. Speaking at his Florida resort, he said that "there's never been an event so beautiful" as his Sunday rally in his hometown of New York

"The love in that room. It was breathtaking," he said. "It was like a lovefest, an absolute lovefest. And it was my honor to be involved.

On Tuesday night, he told Fox News' Sean Hannity that he knows nothing about Hinchcliffe but said, "I can't imagine it's a

big deal." With just a week before Election Day, some Trump allies have voiced alarm that the rally, which was supposed to highlight the Republican presidential nominee's closing message in grand New York fashion, has instead served as a distraction and even a liability, given the electoral importance of Puerto Ricans who live in Pennsylvania

and other key swing states. "This is not a time to have anyone criti-



cize Puerto Rico or Latinos," former U.N Ambassador Nikki Haley, who challenged Trump for the GOP presidential nomination and later endorsed him, said in an

interview with Fox News Channel. Trump later held a rally in Allentown, Pennsylvania, a city with a large Hispanic population, where Puerto Rico's shadow S. senator, Zoraida Buxo, joined him and defended the former president's record. "We need this man to be our commander in chief," said Buxo, who cannot vote in the Senate because Puerto Rico is not a state.

Still, there was anger in Allentown. Ivet Figueroa, 61, stood outside the rally venue holding a trash can with the words "Trash

"He will make us feel safe and he will pro-

Trump" on it. She said of the insult and Trump:: "The person who said it was vetted by him. So that's what he allowed, so he has to take responsibility for what he said. Now it's too late for saying sorry.' I don't want an apology, I want justice, and justice is on Nov.

The fallout from the Madison Square Garden event risked highlighting voters' concerns about Trump's rhetoric and penchant for controversy in the closing stretch as both campaigns are scrambling for votes. Speakers at the rally also made racist comments targeting Latinos, Black people, Jews and Palestinians, along with sexist insults directed at Trump's Democratic rival, Vice President Kamala Harris, and former

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. In an interview with ABC News earlier Tuesday, Trump claimed to not know Hinchcliffe but did not denounce what he

"I don't know him. Someone put him up there. I don't know who he is," Trump said, according to the network, insisting that he hadn't heard Hinchcliffe's comments. When asked what he made of them, Trump "did not take the opportunity to about how to make your life better," she denounce them, repeating that he didn't said.

hear the comments," ABC reported. In the Hannity interview, Trump said people were trying to make the comedian's appearance into a "big deal" when it "has nothing to do with the party, has nothing

to do with us." The comments have drawn outrage from Puerto Rican leaders.

The archbishop of Puerto Rico called on Trump to disavow them, saying it wasn't enough for the campaign to say the joke didn't reflect Trump's views. The president of Puerto Rico's Republican Party called the "poor attempt at comedy" by Hinchcliffe disgraceful, ignorant and totally reprehen-

In Pennsylvania, where Trump campaigned Tuesday night, the Latino eligible voter population has nearly tripled since : Harris said it was time to stop pointing fin-More than half of those are Puerto gers and start locking arms.

Trump is unstable, obsessed with revenge: Harris

US Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris launched a fierce attack on her Republican rival Donald Trump, describing him as "unstable" and "obsessed with revenge" while urging Americans to reject his chaos and division.

Making a passionate appeal to her countrymen, Vice President Harris used the last major speech of her campaign to present herself as a fighter who would usher in a new generation of leadership.

"Donald Trump intends to use the United States military against American citizens who simply disagree with him. People he calls —"the enemy from within". This is not a candidate for President who is thinking

'This is someone who is unstable, obsessed with revenge, consumed with grievance, and out for unchecked power," Harris said. Harris, 60, will take on Trump, 78, in the November 5 election.

Addressing thousands of people at the Ellipse in Washington, DC, where Trump told his supporters on January 6, 2021, to "fight like hell," shortly before they ransacked the US Capitol, Harris described the election as an existential choice between the liberties and the "chaos and division". "He has an Enemies List of people he intends to prosecute. He says one of his highest priorities is to set free the violent extremists who assaulted those law enforcement officers on January 6," she said.

"It is time to turn the page on the drama



and conflict, the fear and division. It is time for a new generation of leadership in America," she said. "And I am ready to offer that leadership

as the next President of the United States she said.

In discussing her policy plans, she cast herself as a president who would expand Medicare to cover home health care, who would back women's reproductive rights and a president who would prize compro-

"I am someone who has spent most of my career outside of Washington. So I know that not all good ideas come from here. I am not afraid of tough fights against bad actors and powerful interests," she said.

drive to hold accountable those who use their wealth or power to take advantage of other people. The drive to protect hard-working

Americans who aren't always seen o heard, and deserve a voice. That is the kind of president I will be," Harris said. When elected, Harris said she would walk into the Oval Office, with a To-Do

"Full of priorities on what I will get done for the American people. And I will work with everyone —Democrats, Republicans, and Independents—to help Americans who are working hard and still struggling

to get ahead," she said.

S Korean military says the North appears poised to conduct nuclear, ICBM tests

South Korea's military intelligence agency told lawmakers Wednesday that North Korea has likely completed preparations for its seventh nuclear test and appears to be preparing to test a long-range missile capable of reaching the United States. In a closed-door hearing, the agency also said some advance units of North Korean troops sent to Russia may have arrived at battlefronts as the forces prepare to move to the Kursk region, where Russia has struggled to push back a Ukrainian incursion, according to two lawmakers who attended the meeting.

Earlier this month, South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol told The Associated Press that he expects North Korea to stage major provocations like nuclear and intercontinental ballistic missile tests around the US election to dial up pressure on Washington and its allies. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has also flaunted his military nuclear programme in recent months, testing various missile systems and disclosing a secretive facility for producing weapons-grade uranium

The agency believes that North Korea has finished preparations to conduct a nuclear test at its testing ground in the northeastern town of Punggye-ri, with the detonation likely to be

Opponents of Myanmar's military government on

Wednesday welcomed the lat-

est sanctions imposed by the

European Union, the UK and

Canada on individuals and

entities supplying aviation fuel

and equipment to the army,

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform to the General Public at large that my clients (1) Sh. Vikas Vishwakarma S/o Sh. Sudershan Vishwakarma and (2) Smt. Kamla Devi W/o Sh. Vikas Vishwakarma both R/o H.No. 70, Gail No.26, A-Block, Dass Garden, Baprola, Najafgarh, Delhi-110043, have severed all their relations occiblis for accidits in all expects with their son Sh.

socially, financially in all respects with their son S

socially, financially in all respects with their son Sh. Sandeep Vishwakarma because he is not obedient to my clients and misbehaved with my above said clients and is harassing my above said clients for his greed. Therefore, my above said clients have severed all kinds of relationship with their son St Sandeep Vishwakarma and have debarred and disowned him from inheriting any movable and immovable properties owned by my above said clients. Any person dealing with them will do so at his/her/helier lown risk.

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Work: At Alipurduar Jn. Division

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Amrit Bharat Station Scheme including

Comprehensive Annual Maintenance

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10 years. Advertised Tender Value

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hrs. on 21-11-2024. For details please visit in website www.ireps.gov.in

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"It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Ansa Ahmed had acquired Property bearing No. B-14/91

area 65 sq. yrds., Khasra No. 535, situated at Village

Ghonda Gujran Khadar in the abadi of B-Block, Gali No. 11, Subhash Vihar Bhajanpura, Illaqa Shahdara, Delhi vide GPA Dt. 15.04 2004 along with ATS & Will

executed by Mr. Mohd Kamil, Now Mr. Ansar Ahme

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claim or right in respect of the said Property by wa

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within 07 days from the date of publication of thi notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with a supporting documents at below mentioned address

After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of

such person shall be treated null and void and als

treated as waived and not binding on our client.

Ajay Kumar Giri (Advocate) H. No. 26/161, Baseme

Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi-110024.

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Reg: Residential Plot No. 34, land area measuring 60 sq. yds. (Sixty sq. yds.) out of the large measuring 260 sq. yds. "said portion", part of Plot No. 34, measuring 260 sq. yds., out of Khasra No. 85, Situated in the Revenue Estate of Village Nawada, Colony known as Vipin Garden Extn., Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059; (Hereinaftle) referred to the Said Proportion.

Nagar, New Delhi-110059; (Hereinafter referred to as the 'Said Property'). Be it known to all that our client, Ms Baby & Mr. Ratan Kumar (hereinafter called the Purchaser') intend to purchase the said portion from Mr. Parmod Kumar Singh (hereinafter called the "Attorney-holder). In this connection, the Attorney-holder has informed the purchaser he is sole and absolute Attorney-holder in respect of the said portion vide POA documents viz., GPA, ATS and Will dated 25/08/2007 executed by Ms Neena Rani in his favour. Ms. Neena Rani had purchased the said portion, from Mr. Chiman Lal vide POA documents viz., GPA, ATS and Will dated 11/04/2007.. The Attorney holder has further

locuments viz., GPA, ATS and Will date 1/04/2007.. The Attorney holder has furthen formed the purchaser that the said portion

is the undisputed owner of the said property.

DRM/Elect. (G). Alipurduar Jr NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Pardeep Kumar (Advocate).

in September.

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carried out at tunnel No. 3, said Lee Seong-kweun, one of the lawmakers who attended the hearing. North Korea conducted its sixth and last nuclear test

The agency also said it's detecting signs, including the placement of launch vehicles, that the North is preparing to test launch an ICBM designed to reach the US mainland, said Lee and Park Sun-won, another lawmaker. The agency believes the ICBM test could take place sometime in November.

'We cannot specify the exact location but the transportererector launcher has been deployed at a certain area where it could be anticipated that an ICBM test aimed at verifying atmospheric re-entry technology could be conducted," Lee added.

All of North Korea's ICBM tests since 2017 have been conducted at a high angle to avoid the territory of neighbours. Experts have said the North may eventually seek to flight test its weapons at an angle closer to a normal ballistic trajectory to verify whether the warhead would survive the harsh conditions of atmospheric re-entry. Tensions on the Korean Peninsula have worsened since 2022 after Kim used Russia's invasion of Ukraine as a distraction to accelerate the growth of his nuclear weapons and missile programme.

which has stepped deadly

The army is currently on the

defensive against ethnic militias

in much of the country as well

as hundreds of armed guerril-

la groups collectively called

the People's Defence Forces,

formed to fight to restore

democracy after the military

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This is inform to all concerned that

w.e.f. 01st October 2024, the name

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office at 709, Madhuban Building,

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been changed to NEXGEN Foundation

For NEXGEN Financial Solutions

It is hereby informed to the General Public that Mr. Aseem Takyar S/o Late Sh Ram Chander Takyar & Mrs Renu Takyar W/o Mr Aseem Takyar both R/o House No. 4061 Sector 23 A Gungram, Haryard 122017 had purchased a residential House No. A - 554C size measuring 173 Sqyds situated at Ansels Palemyiths Curugam Haryara 122017.

Ansals Palam vihar Gurugram Haryana 122017 That Mrs Renu Takyar unfortunately had expired

Arman Takyar as her only legal heir along-with her husband Mr Aseem Takyar in the family. Mr. Aseem Takyar had approached to M/s Ansal properties and Infrastructure Limited for addition

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I. Pankai Kumar, S/o, Sunil

Kumar, House Number - B-

2/541 J.J.Colony, Raghubir

Nagar Tagore Garden Delhi -

110027. I, have changed my

name from Pankaj Kumar

Gihara to. Pankaj Kumar, all

purposes.

/07/2024 at Gurgaon & left her son Mr

Sanjeev Gupta

for all future purposes

Dated: 01.10.2024

N Korea's top diplomat in Moscow for talks on troop deployment

North Korea's top diplomat is set to hold talks in Moscow on Wednesday following reports that Pyongyang has sent thousands of troops to Russia to support its action in Ukraine.

Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui's arrival followed the Pentagon's statement that North Korea has deployed about 10,000 troops to Russia to fight against Ukraine within "the next several weeks."

Maj. Gen. Pat Ryder, the Pentagon press secretary, said Tuesday that a "relatively small number" of North Korean troops are now in the Kursk region, where Russia has struggled to push back a Ukrainian incursion, adding that it's yet to be seen how Moscow and Pyongyang will use them.

Western leaders have described the North Korean troop deployment as a significant escalation that could also jolt relations in the Indo-Pacific

seized power from the elected

civilian government of Aung

San Suu Kyi on February 1,

Over the past year, the army

has suffered unprecedented

New sanctions target Myanmar's military suppliers

agenda for Choe's talks in Moscow, but in a closed-door hearing at South Korea's parliament, the South's spy agency said Choe may be involved in high-level discussions on send ing additional troops to Russia and negotiating what the North would get in return.

South Korean and Western officials have voiced concern that Russia may offer technology that could advance the threat posed by North Korea's nuclear weapons and missile programme.

Moscow and Pyongyang have responded vaguely to South Korean and Western claims of the North Korean troop deployment to Russia, emphasising that their military coop eration conforms with international law, without directly admitting the presence of the North's forces in Russia.

The US and its allies also have accused North Korea of providing millions of artillery shells and other equipment to Russia to fuel its military action in

"The human rights violations

taking place across Myanmar,

including airstrikes on civilian

infrastructure, by the

Myanmar military is unac-

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said in the statement.

UK budget proposes US\$ 50b in tax hikes return to the austerity that public finances left by the

British Treasury chief Rachel Reeves told lawmakers Wednesday that taxes will rise by 40 billion pounds (USD 52 billion) in order to plug a hole in the public finances and investment projects to boost

In the Labour Party's first budget since returning to power earlier this year for the first time in 14 years, Reeves said she will use the money to "invest, invest, invest" and get the economy growing.

Reeves said the tax increases are needed because of the economic "black hole" left by the previous Conservative govern-

"I am restoring stability to our public finances and rebuilding our public services," she said. The centre-left party was elected July 4 after promising to

scandal under Conservative governments, get Britain's economy growing and restore fraved public services.

The budget could set the tone for the length of the current parliament, which runs until 2029, and the party's ability to win a second term at the next

Reeves pledged to put "more pounds in people's pockets," give a much-needed financial boost to public services, such as schools and hospitals, and get the economy growing. All this has to be done within the confines of stretched public finances, which the government has said are in a much

it was elected in July. Prime Minister Keir Starmer has warned that the budget will reflect "the harsh light of fiscal reality" but that there will no marked the early years of the previous Conservative government after it was first elected in

Reeves argued that higher taxes and limited public spending increases are needed to "fix the foundations" of an economy that it argues has been undermined by 14 years of Conservative government.

The Conservatives say they left an economy that was growing, albeit modestly, with lower levels of debt and a smaller deficit than many other Group of Seven wealthy nations. Pumping money into health,

education and housing is a priority of the new government, made harder by a sluggish economy, hobbled by rising worse state than thought when public debt and low growth. The government also says there is a 22 billion pound (ÚSD 29 billion) "black hole" in the

I've heard about half a billion dol-

lars were spent to import one

Conservative government. Labour has pledged not to raise the tax burden on "working people," a term whose definition has been hotly debated in the media for weeks. The Treasury has announced that about 3 million of the lowestpaid workers will get a 6.7 per cent pay increase next year, with the minimum wage rising to 12.21 pounds (USD 15.90)

Reeves — Britain's first female chancellor of the exchequer, a position that has existed for some 800 vears — also said she is tweaking the government's debt rules so that she can borrow billions more for investment in the health system, schools, railways and other big infrastructure projects, and to raise money by hiking tax paid by employers, though not

an hour.

Iran lifts its ban on imports of new iPhone

▼ranians will soon be able to get their hands on iPhones 14, 15 and 16 after authorities lifted a ban on new smartphone models by the US tech giant Apple, according to an announcement Wednesday. The ban on new iPhone models had been in place since 2023 but now, the country's telecommunications minister said authorities are allowing the registration of the new models. The minister, Satar Hashemi, said on X that the problem of registering new iPhone models on the Iranian market was "solved" and that Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian backed the efforts of the communication ministry

toward that goal. Hashemi did not elaborate but said the import measures would be announced, soon.

Following the 2023 ban, iPhone 13 and older versions could still be imported amid high demand for an item that remains a status symbol for many young Iranians. brought into Iran would stop

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working on Iran's state-controlled mobile phone networks after one month, the time span for tourists allowed to visit the county. The ban spurred a parallel economy for the older handsets. jacking up prices for the devices as many sought to put their depreciating Iranian rials into any physical commodity. It was a sign of the economic woes plaguing Iran after decades of Western sanctions.

Imports of iPhones have long been a contentious point — gov ernment statistics suggest that about a third of Iran's entire USD 4.4 billion mobile phone import market consisted of iPhones before the ban. Iran's Supreme Leader Avatollah Ali Khamenei in 2020 pointedly criticised iPhone imports though he had previously slammed what he described as all American luxury goods. "Excessive imports are something dangerous, Khamenei said at the time, according to a transcript on his official website. "Sometimes this import is a luxury product, meaning there is no need for it.

type of American luxury cellphone." However, other foreign

smartphone brands such as Motorola, Samsung, Nokia, Xiaomi and Huawei remain widely available in Iran.

छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल पर्यावास भवन, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, जिला- रायपुर (छ.ग.

// सर्व संबंधित को सूचना // भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय की ई.आई.ए

अधिसूचना दिनांक 14.09.2006 (यथा संशोधित) के अंतर्गत सर्व संबंधित को सूचित किया जाता है कि (1.) मेसर्स लाईम स्टोन क्वारी (प्रो.- श्री सौरभ कंभकार), खसरा क्रमांक- 865/1 (पार्ट), 865/2 (पार्ट), 868, 869 (पार्ट), 873 (पार्ट), 888/3 888/4, 888/5, 888/6, 889, 890, 891/1, 891/2, 891/4, 891/5, 891/6 891/7, 892/2 (पार्ट) एवं 892/3, लीज एरिया- 4.23 हेक्टेयर, खदान उत्खनन क्षमता- 2,00,025 टन प्रतिवर्ष ग्राम- ढौर, तहसील - पाटन, जिला-दुर्ग (2) मेसर्स लाईम स्टोन क्वारी (प्रो.- श्री हरिशंकर कुंभकार), खसरा क्रमांक- 149, 260, 257/1 257/2, 254, 256, 279/2, 279/3, 262/1, 262/2, 265/3, 263/1, 263/2, 279/1, 279/4, 270/2, 270/3, 269/3, 271/3, 271/1, 271/2, 276, 275, 432, 433/2, 433/1, 438, 439, 443/1, 443/2, 445, 441/1, 441/2, 446 269/2, 270/1, 265/1, 264/1, 282 एवं 265/2, लीज एरिया- 12.38 हेक्टेयर खदान उत्खनन क्षमता- 5,00,010 टन प्रतिवर्ष, ग्राम-चुनकट्टा, तहसील - पाटन जिला-दुर्ग के पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेतु संयुक्त लोक सुनवाई बाबत मुख्यालय छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर में आवेदन किया गया है उक्त परियोजनाओं के संबंध में आपत्ति / सुझाव / विचार / टीका टिप्पणी, इस सूचना के जारी होने के दिनांक से 15 दिवस के अंदर क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी, छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, 5/32 बंगला, भिलाई, जिला- दुर्ग के कार्यालय में मौखिक अथवा लिखित रूप से कार्यालयीन समय में प्रस्तुत की जा सकती है। इस परियोजनाओं के लिए संयुक्त लोक सुनवाई दिनांक 21/11/2024 को समय प्रातः 11:00 बजे, स्थान- आदिवासी सामुदायिक भवन, ग्राम पंचायत चुनकट्टा, ग्राम-चुनकट्टा तहसील - पाटन, जिला-दुर्ग (छ.ग.) में नियत की गई है। यह भी सूचित हो कि :-

 लोक सुनवाई के दौरान सिम्मिलित होने वाले व्यक्तियों को फिजिकल / सोशल डिस्टेंसिंग का पालन करना अनिवार्य होगा।

2. लोक सुनवाई के दौरान सम्मिलित होने वाले व्यक्तियों द्वारा मास्क का प्रयोग किया जावेगा तथा समय-समय पर सेनेटाईजर का प्रयोग किया जाना अनिवार्य होगा। 3. लोक सनवाई स्थल पर सम्मिलित होने वाले व्यक्तियों की बैठक व्यवस्था कम से कम

02 मीटर की दूरी रखना अनिवार्य होगा। 4. कोरोना वायरस के नियंत्रण एवं रोकथाम हेतु शासन द्वारा जारी समस्त दिशा-निर्देशे

का अक्षरश: पालन किया जाना अनवार्य होगा । ई.आई.ए. नोटिफिकेशन 14 सितम्बर 2006 (यथा- संशोधित) के अनुसार संबंधित अंग्रेजी भाषा तथा सी.डी. (साफ्ट कॉपी) डायरेक्टर, पर्यावरण, वन और जलवाय परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, इंदिरा पर्यावरण भवन, जोर बाग रोड, नई दिल्ली

व्यक्तियों के अवलोकन / पठन हेत् ड्राफ्ट ई.आई.ए. रिपोर्ट, कार्यपालक सार हिन्दी एवं क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी, एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, पर्यावरण, वन और जलवाय परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, अरण्य भवन, नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर, जिला - रायपुर, छत्तीसगढ़, कलेक्टर, कार्यालय कलेक्टर, दुर्ग, जिला-दुर्ग, मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी, जिला पंचायत, दुर्ग, जिला-दुर्ग, मुख्य महाप्रबंधक, जिला व्यापार एवं उद्योग केन्द्र, दुर्ग जिला- दुर्ग, सरपंच / सचिव, ग्राम पंचायत चुनकट्टा, तहसील पाटन, जिला- दुर्ग, सरपंच / सर्चिव, ग्राम पंचायत ढौर, तहसील- पाटन, जिला-र्दुर्ग एवं मुख्यालय, छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, पर्यावास भवन, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, जिला - रायपुर में पूर्ववत रखी गई है।

सदस्य सचिव छत्तीसगढ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल.

battlefield defeats, and has innocent civilians is intolerabeen increasingly relying on ble," Britain's minister for the While the ban was in place, any indiscriminate air and artillery Indo-Pacific, Catherine West iPhone 14, 15 or a newer model

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Extract of Reviewed Ind AS Financial Results for the Quarter & Half Year Ended on 30th September 2024 (Standalone Financial Results under Regulation 47(1)(B) of Listing Regulations)

	Particulars	Ciandione							
SI No		Quarter Ended			Six Months Ended				
		30.09.24 Unaudited	30.06.24 Unaudited	30.09.23 Unaudited (Restated)	30.09.24 Unaudited	30.09.23 Unaudited (Restated)	31.03.24 Audited (Restated)		
1	Total Income from Operations.	4308.44	4185.67	4629.43	8494.11	8544.79	17231.31		
2	Profit before Interest, Depreciation & Taxes (EBITDA)	299,46	358.07	471.45	657.51	831.84	1582.52		
3	Net Profit for the Period (before Tax and Exceptional Items)	178.24	253.25	376.72	431.49	648.37	1202.77		
4	Net Profit for the Period before Tax (after Exceptional Items)	178.24	253.25	376.72	431.49	648.37	1201.81		
5	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after Exceptional Items)	133.38	189.51	273.20	322.89	476.45	900.09		
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [(Comprising Profit) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	189.51	273.20	322.89	476.45	900.09		
7	Equity Share Capital	679.80	679.80	679.80	679.80	679.80	679.80		
8	Reserves	5291.07	5157.69	4549.61	5291.07	4549.61	4968.19		
9	Earnings Per Share (of ₹10/- each) Basic & Diluted:	1.96	2.79	4.02	4.75	7.01	13.24		

. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly financial results filed with BSE under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the aforesaid results is available on the website of the BSE i.e. www.bseindia.com and also on the website of the Company i.e www.iaschindustries.com

The financial results of the Company have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS)

Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped, wherever necessary, to conform to the current period's classification.

For Jasch Industries Ltd Sonipat, 29.10.2024 sd/- (Jai Kishan Garg)Chairman

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Re: Second Floor and Third Floor with rool rights referred to as "said floor" of Property bearing Municipal No. A62, measuring 208.33 sq. yds., Block-A, Situated in the layout plan of Gujaranwala Co-Operative House Building Society Ltd., situated at Village Raj Pur Malikpur Chhauni, now Known as Gujaranwala Town, Part 1, Delhi-110009; "hereinafter referred to as "said property". Notice is beapty given to the general public Notice is hereby given to the general public including Banks, Financial Institutions, etc. that, as informed by our clientess, Mrs. Kumud khanna, she is the sole and absolute owner or the said floor. In this connection, she has informed that the said property was owned by Mr.Dev Raj Khanna, Dharam Pal Khanna, and Mr. Sham Sunder Khanna vide Conveyance Deed executed by POI thru DDA in their favour and the said deed is registered as Document Deed executed by POI thru DDAin their favour and the said deed is registered as Document No. 7906 on 03.10.1994. Later on, a Partition Deed was executed amongst them and the said Partition Deed is registered as Document No. 221 Book No. 1, Vol No. 07, pages 114-130 on 25.03.1998 (SRO Delhi). According to the said partition deed, the said floor (alongwith 1/3" undivided share of the said property) fell to the share of Mr. Dharam Pal Khanna. Mr. Dharam Pal Khanna expired leaving behind is following legal heirs viz., Mrs. Kumud Khanna and Mr. Ashish Khanna. However, in terms of the Will registered as Doc No. 386. khanna and Mr. Ashish Khanna. However, ir erms of the Will registered as Doc No. 386 30ok No. III, Vol No. 432, pages 111-115 or J1/102/2016 (SRO-VIA) executed by Mr Dharam Pal Khanna, the said floor was nherited by Mrs. Kumud Khanna. Thus, she is be sole and absolute ouner of the said floor Now, our clientess intends to mortgage t said floor with IDFC FIRST Bank Limited availing loan facility.

s not mortgaged anywhere and there is not harge or dispute or any litigation pending egarding the said portion. Any person including Bank/s, Financia institution/s. relative/s having any claim, right title or any interest of any nature whatsoeve into or upon the said portion is hereby calle availing loan facility.

If any person, society, bank, financial institution or other institutions have any objection against the ownership of our clientess on the said floor and subsequently rightful mortgage of the said floor in favour of IDFC FIRST Bank Limited by our clientess, may raise his/her/their objection/s, in writing, by Registered AD post, to the undersigned, within 07 days, on address mentioned below. Otherwise after expiry of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice, the said floor shall be mortgaged by our clientess in favour of IDFC FIRST Bank Ltd., and no objection shall be acceptable against such mortgage. into or upon the said portion is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered AD Post to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 07 days of publication of this notice and in the event of no response having been received to the notice, the title of the attorney-holder in respect of the said portion shall be deemed to be clear of any charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever and encumbrance of any nature whatsoever an any subsequent claim shall not bind ou clients/Purchaser, in any manner whatsoever.

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SHIVKANT ARORA, ADVOCATE
FOR M/S INTELLECTIVE LAW OFFICES,
A-74, LOWER GROUND FLOOR,
DEFENCE COLONY, NEW DELHI-110024 hivkant Arora, Advocate I/s Intellective Law Offices -74, LGF, Defence Colony, ew Delhi -110024

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CIN: L33111DL2021PLC381513 Extract of unaudited standalone Ind AS financial results for the quarter & half year ended on 30th September 2024 (under Regulation 47 (1)(B) of SEBI Listing Regulations)

SI No	Particulars	Standalone							
			Quarter Ended		Six Months Ended		Year Ended		
		30.09.24	30.06.24	30.09.23	30.09.24	30.09.23	31.03.24 Audited (Restated)		
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited (Restated)	Unaudited	Unaudited (Restated)			
1	Total Income from Operations.	1460.95	1361.06	1423.56	2822.02	3161.75	6314.88		
2	Profit before Interest, Depreciation & Taxes (EBITDA)	515.02	469.10	330.62	984.13	1014.28	2249.70		
3	Net Profit for the Period (before Tax and Exceptional Items)	490,72	444.99	308.26	935.72	967.37	2151.90		
4	Net Profit for the Period before Tax (after Exceptional Items)	490.72	444.99	308.26	935.72	967.37	2151.90		
5	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after Exceptional Items)	367.25	332.99	234.51	700.25	724.06	1604.44		
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [(Comprising Profit) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]		332.99	234.51	700.25	724.06	1604.44		
7	Equity Share Capital	453.20	453.20	453.20	453.20	453.20	453.20		
8	Reserves	7987.41	7613.55	6514.55	7987.41	6514.55	7287.15		
9	Earnings Per Share (of ₹10/- each) Basic & Diluted:	8.10	7.35	5.17	15.45	15.98	35.40		

Sonipat, 29.10.2024

 The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly financial results filed with BSE under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the aforesaid results is available on the website of the BSE i.e. www.bseindia.com and also on the website of the Company i.e www.jasch.net.in. The financial results of the Company have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS)

Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped, wherever necessary, to conform to the current period's classification.

Jai Kishan Garg Chairman & Managing Director

नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, रायपुर (छ.ग.) छत्तीसगढ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल

पर्यावास भवन, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, जिला- रायपुर (छ.ग.)

भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय द्वारा जारी ई.आई.ए.

// सर्व संबंधित को सूचना //

नोटिफिकेशन, 2006 (यथा - संशोधित) के तहत सर्व संबंधित को सुचित किया जाता है कि मेसर्स मुढ़ीपार लाईम स्टोन क्वारी (प्रो.- श्री राकेश वर्मा), ग्राम - मुढ़ीपार, तहसील -बलौदाबाजार, जिला- बलौदाबाजार - भाटापारा (छ.ग.) स्थित खसरा क्रमांक- 279/ 2, 3, 4, 282 / 1,2,3, 284 /1,2,3, कुल क्षेत्रफल - 2 हेक्टेयर में पूर्व से संचालित चूना पत्थर (गौण खनिज) उत्खनन क्षमता- 28,346.2 टन प्रतिवर्ष, मेंसर्स मूढ़ीपार लाईम स्टोन क्वारी (प्रो.- श्रीमती विजयलक्ष्मी वर्मा), ग्राम -मुढ़ीपार, तहसील- बलौदाबाजार, जिला- बलौदाबाजार - भाटापारा (छ.ग.) स्थित खँसरा क्रमांक- 126/1, 126/5, 127/1, 127/5, 128 / 1 एवं 128 /5, कूल क्षेत्रफल -4.607 हेक्टेयर में पूर्व से संचालित चूना पत्थर (गौण खनिज) उत्खननॅ क्षमता- 40,976.95 टन प्रतिवर्ष, मेसर्स लाईम स्टोन क्वारी माईनिंग प्रोजेक्ट (प्रो.- श्री दीनदयाल अग्रवाल), ग्राम मुढ़ीपार, तहसील- बलौदाबाजार, जिला-बलौदाबाजार - भाटापारा (छ.ग.) स्थित खसरा क्रमांक- 164 एवं 169 / 1, कुल क्षेत्रफल 1.085 हेक्टेयर में पर्व से संचालित चना पत्थर (गौण खनिज) उत्खनन क्षमता- 20,943.8 टन प्रतिवर्ष से 42,285 टन प्रतिवर्ष, मेसर्स मुढ़ीपार लाईम स्टोन क्वारी (प्रो. - श्री डोमन लाल वर्मा), ग्राम -मुढ़ीपार, तहसील बॅलौदाबाजार, जिला- बलौदाबाजार-भाटापारा (छ.ग.) स्थित खसरा क्रमांक- 44, 52, एवं 53/2, कुल क्षेत्रफल - 0.927 हेक्टेयर में पूर्व से संचालित चूना पत्थर (गौण खनिज) उत्खनन क्षॅमता- 10,903.75 टन प्रतिवर्ष, मेंसर्स वर्मा मटेरियल सप्लायर (प्रो.- श्री परसराम वर्मा, मुढ़ीपार लाईम स्टोन क्वारी) ग्राम- मुढ़ीपार, तहसील- बलौदाबाजार, जिला- बलौदाबॉजार-भाटापारा (छ.ग.) स्थित खसरा क्रमांक - 264 (पार्ट), 265 (पार्ट), 272 (पार्ट), 261/1 (पार्ट), 267, 270/1, 270/2, 271/1, 266/1, 266/2, 273 / 1, 273 / 2, 273 / 3 एवं 273 / 4 कुल क्षेत्रफल - 1.079 हेक्टेयर में पूर्व से संचालित चूना पत्थर (गौण खनिज) उत्खनन क्षमता - 46,867.47 टन प्रतिवर्षे के पर्यावरणीय रेवीकृति बाबत् **संयुक्त लोक सुनवाई दिनांक 02/12/2024 को प्रात**ः 10:00 बजे से ग्राम मुढ़ीपार स्थित खसरा नंबर 118/1/घ, रकबा 1.011 हेक्ट. **(गोठान) तहसील-बलौदाबाजार. जिला-बलौदाबाजार-भाटापारा (छ.ग.) में** नियत की गई है। यह भी सचित हो कि लोक सनवाई के दौरान भारत सरकार. पर्यावरण वन एवं

द्वारा जारी समस्त दिशा-निर्देशों का अक्षरश पालन कराया जाना अनिवार्य होगा <mark>।</mark> ई.आई.ए. नोटिफिकेशन, 14 सितम्बर, 2006 (यथा - संशोधित) के अनुसार संबंधित व्यक्तियों के अवलोकन/ पठन हेतु ड्राफ्ट ई.आई.ए. रिपोर्ट, कार्यपालक सार हिन्दी एवं अंग्रेजी भाषा तथा सी.डी. (साफ्ट कॉपी) डायरेक्टर, भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, जोर बाग रोड, नई दिल्ली, एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय. भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, अरण्य भवन, नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, जिला - रायपुर (छ.ग.), कार्यालय कलेक्टर बलौदाबाजार-भाटापॉरा, जिला - बलौदाबाजार-भाटापारा (छ.ग.), मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी, जिला पंचायत बलौदाबाजार, जिला - बलौदाबाजार-भाटापारा (छ.ग.), मुख्य महाप्रबंधक, जिला व्यापार एवं उद्योग केन्द्र, जिला- बलौदाबाजार-भाटापारा (छ.ग.), मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी, जनपद पंचायत- बलौदाबाजार जिला- बलौदाबाजार-भाटापारा (छ.ग.), कार्यालय सरपंच / सचिव, ग्राम पंचायत भद्रापाली (आश्रित ग्राम मुढ़ीपार), तहसील- बलौदाबाजार, जिला- बलौदाबाजार-भाटापारा (छ.ग.), क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, छत्तीसगढ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, न्यू ऑफिस बिल्डिंग, रिंग रोड़ नं. - 2, टाटीबंध, रायपुर, जिला - रायपुर (छ.ग.) एवं मुख्यालय, छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, पर्यावास भवन, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, रायपुर, जिला - रायपुर (छ ग.) में रखी गई है।

जलवायु परिवर्तन मेत्रालय, नई दिल्ली के ऑफिस मेमोरेण्डम F. No. 22-25/2020-IA. III दिनांक 14.09.2020 तथा कोरोना वाईरस के नियंत्रण एवं रोकथाम हेतु शासन

> सदस्य सचिव क्रतीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, रायपुर (छ.ग.)

Petrol, diesel commission hiked; no change in prices

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Commission paid to petrol pump dealers on sale of petrol and diesel has been hiked without change in retail price but rates will go down in several places in states such as Odisha, Chhattisgarh, and Himachal Pradesh on account intrastate freight rationalisation.

Commission on sale of petrol has been hiked by 65 paise a litre and that on diesel by 44 paise per litre. Alongside, the state-owned firms also rationalised intrastate tariffs which could lead to a reduction in rates of up to Rs 4.5 a litre in some parts.

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) -- the state-owned market leader -- on October 29 wrote to dealers informing of an increase in dealer margin for all categories.

"Considering the hardship of retail outlets selling less than Rs 170 per kilolitre per month, special care has been taken to alleviate the same," it said. "You will be entitled to an upward revision of dealer margin of approximately Rs 0.65 per litre for petrol and Rs 0.44 a litre of diesel.'

This is the first revision in commission paid to dealers in nearly eight years.

All the three state fuel retailers -- IOC, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) -- took to X to announce the revision in dealers' commission. "IndianOil is pleased to

announce a revision in the dealer margins (effective from



30th October 2024), following the resolution of a pending litigation. This will have no additional impact on the Retail Selling Price of products," IOC said in a post

BPCL in a post said the revised commission will be effective October 30. This would be "at no additional cost to consumers".

"On the auspicious occasion of Deepawali, HPCL is happy to announce revision in dealer commission effective 30th October 2024. This will have no additional impact on the Retail Selling Price of Petrol & Diesel," HPCL said. "Thru this revision, HPCL aims to strengthen the ability of our dealer network in delivering superior customer experience and enhanced service standards for millions

of customers who visit our Retail Outlets on a daily basis.

The revision, it said, also aims at delivering happiness to all the committed staff employed at retail outlets and their families.

Dealers commission was last revised on October 5, 2016 when it was raised to Rs 1,868.14 per kilolitre, plus 0.875 per cent of produce billable price on petrol and Rs 1,389.35 per kl plus 0.28 per cent of product billable price on diesel. This has now gone up up Rs 0.65 per litre on petrol and Rs 0.44 a litre on diesel.

three firms also The rationalised intra-state freight that will result in a cut in petrol and diesel prices in several places in states such as Odisha, Chhattisgarh, and

"Further, demonstrating the core value of Nation First, our endeavour to provide affordable petrol and diesel across the length and breadth of the country on a sustained basis has come to fruition. #IndianOil has undertaken intrastate rationalisation of freight which will reduce variation of retail selling price of product across various markets within a state, except in geographies where Model Code of Conduct is in place," IOC said.

BPCL said intra-state freight rationalisation will reduce disparities benefiting petrol/diesel, consumers, especially in remote areas.

"Simultaneously, we have also intrastate undertaken rationalisation of freight thus benefiting customers at remote places, far from our supply locations, except in areas under model code of conduct," HPCL said.

Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri welcomed the intra-state freight rationalisation which he said will "benefit consumers located at remote locations (far from petrol and diesel depots of oil marketing companies) which will result in a decrease in petrol and diesel prices in several parts of the country. (Decision in poll-bound states and will constituencies implemented later)".

In a post on X, he cited the example of Kunanpally and Kalimela in Odisha's Malkangiri where petrol price will reduce by Rs 4.69 and Rs 4.55, respectively; and diesel

rates will be cut Rs 4.45 and Rs 4.32, respectively.
Similarly, prices will reduce
by Rs 2.09 in petrol price and
Rs 2.02 in diesel price in

Chhattisgarh's Sukma. Rates will also be cut in Bijapur, Bailadila, Bijapur, Kateykalyan, Bacheli, and Dantewada of the state.

Similarly, prices will also be cut in several places in Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Mizoram.

"The dealer commission increase will provide better services to approximately 7 crore citizens who visit our fuel retail outlets in the country everyday, without increasing fuel prices," he

"The fulfilment of this demand pending for the last 7 years will bring joy and happiness in the lives of petrol pump dealers and nearly 10 lakh staff working at more than 83,000 petrol pumps across the country.'

Ajay Bansal, President of All India Petroleum Dealers' Association, welcomed the decision saying it will help meet a part of the increase in cost of running petrol pumps over the past eight years.

"This revision comes after seven years and eight months. We welcome it," he said, adding that the dealers have withdrawn a legal case they had filed against the oil companies over oil companies enforcing marketing discipline guidelines.

The dealer commission revision has happened following the withdrawal of

BRICS+ group's share in global goods exports can overtake G7 by 2026

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The share of BRICS+ global merchandise exports can overtake the G7 bloc by 2026, EY India said on Wednesday. The October edition of EY Economy Watch reveals a significant shift in global trade dynamics, with the BRICS+ group rapidly increasing its share in merchandise exports and

imports. From 2000 to 2023, the BRICS+ group's share of global merchandise exports has risen from 10.7 per cent to 23.3 per cent, marking an impressive increase of 12.6

percentage points. In contrast, the G7's share has seen a notable decline, dropping from 45.1 per cent to 28.9 per cent. Meanwhile, the rest of the world has maintained a relatively stable share, increasing slightly from 44.2 per cent to 47.9 per cent. G7 is a grouping of advanced economies -- the United States, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom.
This trend highlights the

growing prominence of the BRICS+ group in the global trade arena, suggesting a potential shift towards a multipolar global economic landscape, EY India said.

"Given the present trends and the likelihood of several new members joining the BRICS+ group being strong, the share of BRICS+ in global merchandise exports can overtake that of the G7 group by 2026," EY India Chief Policy Advisor DK Srivastava



BRICS, consisting of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, has now expanded with five additional members - Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

Central to this transformation are India and China, two key members of the BRICS+ alliance. In 2023, they ranked third and first, respectively, globally in terms purchasing power parity (PPP), both countries are projected to retain these positions by 2030.

China's contribution BRICS+ exports has surged dramatically, increasing from 36.1 per cent in 2000 to 62.5 per cent in 2023. India has also made significant strides, contributing 7.9 per cent to BRICS+ exports in 2023. EY's analysis further

underscores the increasing importance of high-tech exports from BRICS+ from countries.

The group's share of global high-tech exports has risen significantly, from just 5 per cent in 2000 to 32.8 per cent in 2022.

This shift reflects a strategic move toward technologyintensive products, positioning BRICS+ nations as vital players in the global

high-tech market, it added. addition to trade dynamics, the currencies of BRICS+ nations are gaining traction in the global economy. The Yuan has remained stable, with slight appreciation, while the Indian rupee has faced depreciation, particularly since 2018.

Notably, the share of the US dollar as a global reserve currency has declined from 71.5 per cent in 2000 to 58.2 per cent in 2024, signalling a potential shift toward a more multipolar framework.

"As geopolitical tensions continue, the coordinated policies among BRICS+ members may challenge the established dominance of the G7 and the US dollar, paving the way for a new multipolar global economic landscape, Srivastava said.

BRICS+ group is establishing a platform for conducting international and trade investment transactions, which could become a low-cost alternative to the existing SWIFT platform.

The group is also developing a trade and reserve currency, backed by gold and other select commodities, Srivastava added.

Businesses expect resounding sales this Diwali

The roads are jammed and I shops chock-a-block as people make beelines for malls and markets to grab just the perfect gift to make the festival of lights a memorable affair for their loved ones.

Dinner sets, beauty hampers, gourmet food baskets, electronic gadgets, and the ever reliable chocolates and endless for the fervent Diwali shoppers but the task is to balance budgets with big expectations.

Khanna, homemaker in her 30s, knows it too well as she treads the fine line between temptation

and staying within budget. "The temptation to give innovative and expensive gifts to your near and dear ones is always there but one can't go out of budget too. The key is in finding the right balance," Khanna told PTI.

On her shopping list is an eclectic mix of home decor for friends, smartwatch for her husband, board games for children and home appliances

"Gifting during the Diwali festival comes with a huge responsibility. I guess zeroing in on budget and what to give to whom is never easy, and I doubt if anyone has mastered it," she added.

been the favourite time of the year for businesses and this vear is no different as leading players in the online and expecting "resounding sales". While Bikano, a leading name the traditional snack market, has set a mammoth

"Rs 300 crores plus" year-end target in the festive season, Surya Roshni, a lighting and consumer durable company, explained how a large proportion of their sales, accounting to about "30 per cent", happens during this

period.
"When it comes to the festivities, most people tend to spend more than usual, which is somewhat of a distinct period when the purchasing tendencies flout the rules," Iitendra Agrawal, ceo of Surya Roshni, marketplace

The festive season has always

the festive period. Chirag Gupta, founder and ceo of premium snacking company 4700BC, is upbeat about this year's demand, witnessing a "20-25 per cent"

gourmet hampers. The festival season has set the cash registers ringing for brands selling their wares online. And like previous years. the online sector continues to garner strong demand.

instance, online Snapdeal



He added that it's not just the urban centres but the semifestive sale. urban centres have also been 'recording steady growth" in

increase for its festive

For

order volumes during the

"Women's fashion (2.5 X growth), children's fashion (2X growth) and home decor (1.6X increase) are among the categories that saw significant increase compared to the previous year," a Snapdeal spokesperson said.

In addition to buying physical gifts, shoppers have come to rely on digital gift cards that offer minimum inconvenience and enticing discounts.

Gift cards are not just hassle free for the ones gifting but also allow the recipients the freedom of choice. Neu's gift card

marketplace, which offers a diverse range of gifting options from high-value electronics to everyday essentials like food and travel, said the category has become very popular on their platform with "over 50 per cent" of existing customers returning frequently to make trend to continue and will

conventional gift choices such as bed linen or crockery sets for spirits.

Major players in the breweries and distilleries industry, such DeVANS Modern Breweries Ltd and Radico Khaitan, are witnessing growing demand and bumper sales. They have launched new variants and festive packs for their premium products. Mocktail brand Swizzle has also recorded a noticeable uptick of 25 per cent in the

sales last month. Last year, according to figures by the excise department, 64 lakh liquor bottles worth

just three days running up to Diwali.

"One of the reasons liquor has emerged as a preferred gifting choice during festivals is its strong association with celebration and social gatherings.

purchases. show sustained growth in alcohol sales, fuelled by an are also the alcohol brands, expanding customer base and ened interest in

> distinctive beverage said Amar experiences, Sinha, Chief Operating Officer at Radico Khaitan Limited.

> Gifting an "experience" in Diwali also has its own loyal takers.

Instead of delivering a package to the loved ones, many are opting to give them a break from the daily hustle by booking an exclusive staycation at five-star hotels and resorts. The Claridges, for instance, has an array of staycation offers at its different properties in picturesque Ûttarakhand, about Rs 121 crore were with packages starting at R bought by people in Delhi in 20,000 inclusive of breakfast. with packages starting at Rs

3F Oil Palm inks pact with Karnataka Government to empower farmers

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The 3F Oil Palm on Wednesday said it has signed a pact with the Karnataka government to advance sustainable agriculture communities.

This partnership will provide farmers access to advanced agricultural technologies, aining programmes essential resources to enhance productivity and support Karnataka's growing horticultural sector, according to a statement.

Memorandum Understanding (MoU) was signed with the Department of Horticulture of Karnataka with an aim to increase palm



economic empower sustainable knowledge, term agricultural success for oil palm cultivators in Udupi Dakshina Kannada and Sedam taluk of Gulbarga district, the company said in a statement. The company plans to introduce cultivation practices, focusing sustainable growth community empowerment.

INBRIEF

VIT AP UNIVERSITY HONOURED WITH BHARAT BLOCKCHAIN AWARD

AMARAVATI: VIT AP University is proud to announce that it has been awarded with Bharat Blockchain Academic Excellence Award 2024 representing the state of Andhra



PRACTICAL EXAMINATION FROM NOVEMBER 04

AMRITSAR: The practical examination for all subjects of Guru Nanak Dev University affiliated colleges for BA/BSc Semester - First, Third and Fifth classes under Guru Nanak Dev University are commencing from November 04, 2024.

GNDU EXTENDS LAST DATE FOR ODL AND ONLINE COURSES

AMRITSAR: Guru Nanak Dev University has extended the last date for admission to courses offered under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and Online mode until 15th November 2024 as per the guidelines issued by the University Grants Commission- Distance Education Bureau (UGC-DEB)

BLOOD DONATION CAMP AT GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY



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GNDU CELEBRATED THE "DIWALI FESTIVAL - GREEN GLOW FEST"

AMRITSAR: The Department Education of Guru Nanak Dev University celebrated the "DIWALI FESTIVAL under the title "GREEN GLOW FEST" with great enthusiasm under the guidance of, Head, Department of



Piyush Goyal meets Schneider Electric CEO; discusses investment plans

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

ommerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday held a meeting with Peter Herweck, CEO of energy management and automation major Schneider Electric, in Riyadh and discussed the company's investment plans for India.

The minister is in Saudi Arabia to discuss ways to further deepen the strategic partnership between the two countries and explore new avenues of trade, investment and economic cooperation. "Held a meeting with Mr Peter Herweck, CEO of

@SchneiderElec, a global company specialising in management and digital automation with a strong presence in our Discussed the company's investment plans for India and how it can leverage the nation's talent

sustainable, and energy-

high-tech,

to provide

efficient solutions to the world," Goyal said in a post on social media platform X. In March this year, Schneider Electric said that it will invest Rs 3,200 crore by 2026 to make India its manufacturing hub for domestic sales as well as exports.

As part of this, the company will set up manufacturing facilities for its various products and solutions across

Presently, the company has 30 pool and government support factories across India. The minister also held a

bilateral meeting with William E Ford, Chairman and CEO of the global growth investment firm, General Atlantic. "Discussed the company's potential to collaborate with

India's healthcare sector, especially in consumerfocused health enterprises. Additionally, explored potential for expansion of their investment in Global Capability Centres (GCCs), as well as various other sectors, in the country," Goyal said in another post.

Suzuki to supply electric SUV to Toyota as collaboration expands adopted for this model were jointly developed by Suzuki, Toyota, and Daihatsu Motor

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Swill supply the all-new battery electric vehicle SUV model to Toyota Motor Corporation as the companies further expand collaboration.

The new model is scheduled to be manufactured at Suzuki Motor Gujarat from the early months of 2025, Suzuki Motor Corporation said in a statement. Maruti Suzuki India plans to

launch the same model next Suzuki has around 58 per cent stake in Maruti Suzuki.

"Suzuki will supply our first (Battery Electric Vehicle) to Toyota globally. I am grateful that collaboration between the two companies has further deepened in this way," Suzuki President Toshihiro Suzuki

While continuing to be

competitors, the companies

will deepen collaborations

toward solving social issues,

including the realisation of a

carbon-neutral society through a multi-pathway approach, he added.

Toyota President Koji Sato said by leveraging the BEV

unit and platform that the companies have developed, they will take a new step in the collaboration in the field of electrified vehicles. "This will allow us to deliver

various choices that contribute to a carbonneutral society to customers worldwide. We would like to learn from each other's strengths, compete, and further joint efforts based on a multi-pathway approach," he added.

The BEV unit and platform remarkable growth.

Corporation, utilising each company's strength. Both Suzuki and Toyota's businesses have their roots in Enshu - the western part of

Shizuoka Prefecture - and both companies took on the challenge of switching their businesses from looms to the automobiles industry, the statement said. Suzuki and Toyota started exploring business partnerships in 2016. The fields of collaboration are and diverse production and mutual supply of vehicles, and the spread of electrified vehicles. As a result, the market launch of collaboration vehicles has expanded to Japan, India, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.

The new development marks the first BEV in the OEM relationship between the two companies. It will be launched worldwide, providing a BEV choice even in the SUV market, which is showing



India to play international FIFA friendly against Malaysia on Nov 18 in Hyderabad international friendly against

three matches after chief coach Manolo Marquez took charge as head the Indian men's football team will play Malaysia in an international friendly in Hyderabad on November national federation (AIFF) said on Wednesday.

India Football The All Federation (AIFF) had last month announced that the

November 19 but did specify the venue.

On Wednesday, it advanced the match by a day and also announced the venue.

"The FIFA Friendly match between India and Malaysia will be played on November 18, 2024, at Gachibowli Stadium in Hyderabad, Telangana," the AIFF said. November 11-19 is the last FIFA international match window of this year. In international

matches

scheduled during a FIFA window, clubs are mandated to release players for national

The Gachibowli Stadium in Hyderabad had also hosted the three-team Intercontinental Cup tournament last month. India had played out a goal-less with Mauritius on draw September 3 before losing 0-3 to Syria, the eventual champions, on September 9 in that tournament.

met was in October 2023 in the India then travelled to Merdeka Cup semifinal. India Vietnam to play

Ronaldo misses late penalty as Al-Nassr eliminated from Saudi cup

AP ■ RIYADH (SAUDI ARABIA)

Cristiano Ronaldo missed a stoppage-time penalty and Al-Nassr was eliminated from the King's Cup in a 1-0 loss to Al-Taawoun.

The five-time Ballon D'Or winner has yet to win a major trophy since signing for the club almost two years ago.

Playing at the round-of-16 stage of Saudi Arabia's premier knockout competition, Al-Taawoun took the lead on Waleed Al-Ahmad's header with 20 minutes remaining. Al-Ahmad was then whistled for a foul in the area in the 95th minute.

Ronaldo had converted all 18 of his previous penalties for Al-Nassr but this time shot over the bar to the shock of the home crowd of 14,519. The defeat is the first for Stefano Pioli since the Italian succeeded Luis Castro as head coach in

Ronaldo and Al-Nassr still have two chances at silverware this season but are already six points



behind leader Al-Hilal after eight games of the Saudi Pro League and have seven points from three games in the group stage of the Asian Champions League.

"Technically we performed well but we couldn't win the game," Pioli said. "We feel disappointed to be out of the cup. But we still have two trophies to go for and we will give our best in

winning the first leg 5-0.

Brazilian teams have won the tournament for the past five

The final will be played on Nov. 30 at the same Monumental de Nunez

Atletico's win also affected the race to be the last South American qualifier for the 2025 Club World Cup, as it

to the 32-team tournament in

the United States had River

Libertadores edition. River

Plate already qualified based

on its consistent results in the

continental competition across

four seasons. FIFA will make

the draw for the June 15-July

13 tournament on a date in

early December it has not yet

confirmed.

Stadium in Buenos Aires.

eliminated Olimpia Paraguay from contention.
Olimpia would have advanced

Plate won this



PTI ■ PARIS

Veteran Indian tennis player Rohan Bopanna and his Australian partner Matthew Ebden advanced to the quarterfinals of the men's doubles event of the Paris Masters here.

quarterfinals of

Paris masters

The Indo Australian pair eked out a 6-4 7-6 win over the Brazilian-German combine of Marcelo Melo and Alexander Zverev in one hour 16 minutes at the ATP 1000 event on Tuesday.

Bopanna and Ebden won 91 percent of their first serve and hit four aces in the course of the match.

The third seed Ind-Australian duo made a crucial break in the first game to take the opening set.

The reigning Australian Open champions then had the opportunity to break their opponents in the fifth game of the second set but Melo and Zverev managed to hold with the match heading to a tiebreaker.

Earlier this week, Bopanna and Ebden had clinched a spot in the prestigious season-ending ATP Finals.

Brazil's Atletico Mineiro draws at Argentina's River Plate and reaches Copa Libertadores final



AP BUENOS AIRES

Brazil's Atletico Mineiro drew 0-0 at Argentina's River Plate and reached the final of the Copa Libertadores for the second time.

The team of veteran striker Hulk had beaten its rivals 3-0 in the first leg of the semifinal. The festive atmosphere at the play at Uruguay's Penarol after

80.000 fans did not affect the Brazilian side, which had some of the clearest chances to score. Atletico's rival in the decider and it is very likely to be fellow Brazilian side Botafogo. The Rio de Janeiro-based team will

full Monumental de Nunez Stadium with more than will be decided on Wednesday,

Alcaraz and Tsitsipas reach 3rd round at Paris Masters but Rublev loses temper and match for the Finals. The big-serving outside contention for Turin, while

AP ■ PARIS

Tarlos Alcaraz overcame some Crusty moments on his serve to beat Nicolas Jarry 7-5, 6-1 and reach the third round of the Paris Masters. The second-seeded Spaniard was troubled by Jarry's strong forehand at times. The Chilean broke his serve in the ninth game and held for 5-5. But Jarry double-faulted in his next service game to lose the first

"It was a little bit complicated, really happy to get through the first set," Alcaraz said. "I have to get used to the speed of the court. It's really fast

Alcaraz saved a break point in the third game of the second set with an ace and broke for a 4-1 lead with a crisp forehand winner.

Serving for the match, Alcaraz saved another break point with an ace to make it deuce and won the next two points, clinching victory when the erratic Jarry's two-handed backhand clipped the net and went

"He's a really dangerous player on these courts," the 21-year-old Alcaraz said. "I'm super happy to win here?

The four-time Grand Slam champion is looking for his fifth title of the year and next plays either 15th-seeded Ugo Humbert or American qualifier Marcos Giron. "It's been a great year so far," said won major titles at the French Open and Wimbledon.

Tenth-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece beat Alejandro Tabilo 6-3, 6-4 to stay in contention to reach the



the hosts on October 12. The

The November 18 match will

be Marquez's fourth match in

charge of the national team

and he would be looking for a

win against a lower-ranked team, though it will not be an

easy one. Malaysia are ranked 133rd in the FIFA chart while

The last time the two teams

match ended 1-1.

India are at 125th.

season-ending ATP Finals for the Turin, Italy, next month. top eight players. It is being held in Seventh-seeded Casper Ruud of

Norway, a three-time Grand Slam runner-up, started well before losing 7-6 (3), 3-6, 6-4 to unseeded Australian Jordan Thompson. In an earlier second-round match,

sixth-seeded Andrey Rublev lost two tiebreakers and his temper as his hopes of qualifying for the Finals took a hit. Rublev lost 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5) to

Francisco Cerundolo and was so frustrated at one point in the second set that he smashed his racket against his left knee at least seven times in succession and made it

The Russian player held the eighth for the Finals and could be overtaken by rivals.

U.S. Open runner-up Taylor Fritz became the fifth player to qualify

Jannik Sinner, Alcaraz, Alexander Zverev and Daniil Medvedev in the Sinner pulled out of the Paris Masters on Monday, citing a virus. The Italian player is guaranteed to finish the year as No. 1. He was the second high-profile player to pull

out following seven-time champion

American reached the season-

ending tournament for the second

time in three years. The indoor

event takes place from Nov. 10-17. Fritz joined U.S. Open champion

In remaining first-round play, the 2022 final - advanced with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Matteo Arnaldi. No. 9 seed Alex de Minaur beat

Mariano Navone 7-5, 6-1 to stay in

Novak Diokovic.

won 7-5, 6-2 against Jiri Lehecka; American Ben Shelton beat Corentin Moutet 6-3, 6-7 (8), 6-3, and Frenchman Giovanni Mpetshi

No. 12 Hubert Hurkacz lost 6-1, 6-3

U.S. Open semifinalist Jack Draper

to Alex Michelsen.

U.S. Open semifinalist Frances Tiafoe 6-7 (5), 7-6 (4), 6-3. Fresh from his title in Basel, Mpetshi Perricard next plays Karen Khachanov and will look to add to

Perricard hit 28 aces in defeating

his 512 aces. Frenchman Arthur Fils also progressed by edging Croatian

faces Jan-Lennard Struff. But veteran Richard Gasquet, who plans to retire after next year's French Open, lost 6-3, 6-4 to Zizou Bergs.

Punjab FC, Chennaiyin FC clash following a string of good run

In-form sides Punjab FC and Chennaiyin FC will square off in the Indian Super League here on Thursday as the battle for playoffs spots heats up. Punjab FC are placed fourth in the table after as many matches while Chennaiyin FC are positioned sixth with two

their five games thus far. They are arguably two definite contenders for the top-six and hence this fixture carries significance for both teams, giving them an opportunity to move up the standings and develop pressure on the

victories and draws each in

higher-ranked opponents. So far, across both seasons, Punjab FC have scored 34 goals in the ISL - boiling down to 1.30 strikes per game. Impressively though, only once have they gone back-to-back

World Cup on Wednesday in a deal

that will brand video review checks at

the tournament in the United States

Chinese consumer electronics firm

"branding

Hisense will have "branding appearing in the video operation

room and on pitchside screens," FIFA

said in a statement, when match

officials study key incidents in the 32-

next year.



matches without finding the back of the net in the competition, which was a sequence of two clashes in December last year.

Given that they didn't score in the previous game, Punjab FC run the risk of equalling that record, something that they would want to avoid especially with the coming game taking place at their home turf. In their last home match,

Punjab FC held their own

against the Hyderabad FC attackers by winning 2-0. Never before in the ISL have

Punjab FC managed to keep successive clean sheets at home though. They have a chance of scaling that feat against a dynamic Chennaiyin FC frontline that has netted eight goals in five games this season. Chennaiyin FC have put forth a unified front in ISL 2024-25, regularly dragging the team back from precarious positions

to achieve positive outcomes. For instance, they have won seven points from losing situations this season - the joint-most with Kerala Blasters

Contrastingly, Punjab FC have claimed no such points so far, highlighting the need of an early lead for the Marina Machans.

The Owen Coyle-coached side have also emerged as a force to reckon with on the road. They are unbeaten in their last three ISL away games - winning

twice and drawing once. The last time Chennaiyin FC registered a longer such streak was for five games from January-February Interestingly, they had made it all the way to the final that year, under the tutelage of Coyle. "We want to follow our style," Punjab FC head coach

expressed confidence by saying that he wants his team to take the lead in setting the tempo of the game regardless of the ideas and plans that Chennaiyin FC come up with. "The main topic before us this season is that we want to make the opponents follow our style

of play. That's our biggest concern. Chennaiyin FC have good players and a good style of play but we want to follow our style," Dilmperis added. Chennaiyin FC and Punjab FC have faced each other twice in the ISL, winning once each.

"I want us to believe we can win every game," Chennaiyin coach Coyle said.

"I want my players to believe that they can win every game. That won't be possible. But the intent should be there always and that's the kind of players like working with," Coyle



Jürgen Klopp defends his decision to join Red Bull after fan backlash

AP ■ BERLIN

Türgen Klopp has defended his decision to head up Red Bull's group of soccer clubs, saying he "didn't want to step on anybody's toes" after his decision prompted a backlash from fans of his former teams in Germany. Klopp is taking over as the

drinks company's head of global soccer from January in what was widely seen as a surprise move. It will be his first job after leaving Liverpool at the end of last season

"I didn't want to step on anybody's toes, definitely not, and personally I love all of my ex-clubs," Klopp said in an interview released Wednesday on a podcast hosted by former Real Madrid and Germany midfielder Toni Kroos.

some fans.
"I really don't know what exactly I could have done for everyone to be happy," he said. Red Bull, and especially its Leipzig team, are widely resented by many German soccer fans, who see the drinks company as an unwelcome corporate

presence trying to buy success. Fans at Klopp's former clubs like Borussia Dortmund have criticized the move, and Mainz fans held up banners this month expressing their disappointment questioning whether he was

Klopp spent 18 years at Mainz as a player and coach before joining Dortmund in 2008, where he went on to lead the club to two Bundesliga titles and the Champions League

viewed Red Bull's involvement in soccer "so critically," and suggested it played an important role in bringing high-level club soccer back to the former East Germany with the Leipzig project.

Klopp previously said he planned to take a "long break" from soccer after leaving Liverpool, where he coached his last game in May after nine

years with the club. "I'm 57 so I can still work for a couple more years but I don't really see myself on the sideline (as a coach) for the time being," he said. "But it was always clear that I wasn't going to do nothing at all. And then this story with Red Bull came into the picture, and for

me it's outstanding." Klopp said he saw his Red Bull role primarily as an "adviser" working together with coaches at the clubs backed by the drinks giant. "I always had the feeling that the coach is very, very often the loneliest person

FIFA announces first Club World Cup sponsor with Chinese electronics firm branding VAR checks months ago and U.S. Sponsors have deal sealed with Infantino at a signing **AP** SHANGHAI tournament has had a sponsor for video reviews since the technology was approved before the men's 2018 been more focused on deals for the men's 2026 World Cup that will be co- $F^{\rm IFA\ finally\ announced\ a\ first}_{\rm sponsor\ for\ its\ revamped\ Club}$ World Cup in Russia, Hisense was the

Less than eight months before the Club World Cup opens - with Lionel Messi's Inter Miami hosting the first game of a tournament that sees Real Madrid, Manchester City and Bayern Munich play their first competitive games in the U.S. - it now has one sponsor but still lacks any broadcast

official "VAR Screen Provider" for

this year's European Championship organized by UEFA in Germany.

team tournament being played in 11 American cities from June 15 to July 13. FIFA's talks for a global streaming Though no previous FIFA deal with Apple+ stalled several

hosted with Canada and Mexico. Saudi Arabian sponsors are expected to sign soon and help FIFA President

Panagiotis

Gianni Infantino fulfil promises to clubs that the tournament's total prize money will run to hundreds of millions of dollars every four years. FIFA is set to confirm Saudi Arabia as the 2034 World Cup host on Dec. 11. The new Hisense deal "paves the way for further sponsorship deals for FIFA's new flagship club competition to be announced in the coming weeks," soccer's world body said. FIFA did not specify the value of the

ceremony in Shanghai. Reviews of referee decisions in key incidents - for goals, penalty awards and red cards - can extend to at least

two minutes, despite FIFA's aim during trials in 2016 of completing checks in about 10 seconds. Hisense first signed up as a FIFA sponsor for the 2018 World Cup and it renewed for the 2022 edition in

Qatar. television and laptops The manufacturer also signed its first sponsor deal with UEFA, when Infantino was still the European

soccer body's general secretary, ahead of Euro 2016.

he made to coach another club would also have disappointed

Klopp suggested any decision

final. Klopp said he had never

at the club," he said.

EASWARAN, NITISH REDDY, PRASIDH TO BE UNDER CLOSE SCRUTINY

PTI ■ MACKAY (AUSTRALIA)

outings Abhimanyu Easwaran, Nitish Kumar Reddy and Prasidh Krishna will be the primary focal points of India A's four-day match against their Australian counterparts,

starting here on Thursday. Easwaran, Nitish and Prasidh have been included in India's squad for the five-Test Border-Gavaskar Trophy series, beginning on November 22, and the thinktank will be eager to know how they fare in Australian conditions.

Easwaran's performance will, however, have far more significance as the 29-year-old opener could potentially Rohit Sharma's replacement if the captain skips a match or two against Australia for personal reasons.

Easwaran, who is also the vicecaptain of India A here, is a vastly experienced campaigner having played 99 First-Class matches to score 7638 runs with 27 hundreds and 29 fifties.

He has also been part of the India squad in the past but what inspires confidence is his recent form in First-Class

The right-hander struck 157 and 116 for India B in the Duleep Trophy before making a 191 against Mumbai for Rest of India in the Irani Trophy and made another hundred in his final red-ball game before flying out to Australia - an unbeaten 127 against Uttar Pradesh in the Ranji Trophy.
So, he has the body of work to feel in fine fettle ahead of the match against Australia A, though the conditions here will be vastly different from what he has experienced so far this

season in India. On the other hand, Nitish does not boast of such impressive First-Class numbers, as he has been drafted into squad for his perceived ability as a pace-bowling all-rounder and, even in that, batting is his stronger

In the Duleep Trophy earlier this year, Nitish made two ducks with a highest of 40 in five matches while grabbing just two wickets.

But the selectors have backed him ahead of senior names such as Shardul Thakur, who has resumed playing domestic matches after recovering from



So, this will be a good opportunity for the selectors to check how the Andhra man measures up to a very capable Australia A side that includes the likes of Camreon Bancroft, Marcus Harris, Michael Neser, Cooper Connolly and Scott

Prasidh is a late addition to the India A squad in place of initially picked up Yash Dayal, and the Karnataka pacer needs to find some rhythm here. Since his return from injury,

Prasidh has picked up just seven wickets in as many innings across Duleep Trophy, Irani Cup and Ranji Trophy. But the selectors seemed to have been influenced by the theoretical advantage his height brings in on the height brings in on the Australian decks. Prasidh can use this opportunity to keep himself ready if he gets a callup to the first eleven as the third seamer behind Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj or if the management wants to rest one of the frontline pacers as part of workload management during the tour.

Other than this aforementioned troika, the likes of skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad, top-order batter B Sai Sudharsan, pacers Yash Dayal and Navdeep Saini and middle-order batter Devdutt Padikkal can look forward to churn out some good efforts to keep themselves on the periphery of selection in case of an eventuality in the senior

Ishan Kishan, the wicketkeeper batter, too will be eager to make the most of this chance after a finding his favour back

with the powers that be. TEAMS (FROM):

India A: Ruturaj Gaikwad (capt), Abhimanyu Easwaran (vice-capt), Devdutt Padikkal, Sai Sudharsan, B Indrajith, Abishek Porel (wk), Ishan Kishan (wk), Mukesh Kumar, Ricky Bhui, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Manav Suthar, Navdeep Saini, Khaleel Ahmed, Tanush Kotian, Prasidh Krishna.

Australia McSweeney (c), Cameron Bancroft, Scott Boland, Jordan Buckingham, Cooper Connolly, Ollie Davies, Brendan Doggett, Marcus Harris, Sam Konstas, Nathan McAndrew, Michael Neser, Todd Murphy, Fergus O'Neill, Jimmy Peirson, Josh Philippe, Corey Rocchiccioli, Beau

Need to be patient with Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, says Nayar

India's a assistant k Nayar coach Wednesday insisted that they do not ask for tailor-made pitches in Tests and also backed out-of-form legends Virat Kohli and skipper Rohit Sharma, saying that they must be given "space and time to come back".

After suffering their first-ever Test series loss at home in 12 years, India will strive to salvage their pride when they clash with New Zealand in the third and final Test from

Playing on a track that assisted spinners, India lost the Pune Test by 113 runs. It is being speculated that the pitch at Wankhede Stadium here could again favour the spinners.

Nayar refuted suggestions that turning tracks are being made at the behest of the team.
"I wish we could curate pitches,

but we don't. The curators do. Whatever we're provided with, we go on and play (whether) that'd be a pitch that seamed or a pitch that turned. We don't according to what we want," Nayar said on eve of of the final

Both Rohit and Kohli are woefully out of form, and that impacted team's performance.

Nayar said there is nothing wrong with the modern-day greats and all they need is just a bit of time and backing.

"I've seen nothing but love for them all over. When a top player, when someone who's been through the journey, goes through a lull, a lot of times it's about giving them their space and trusting that they will come back. They will put in the work," he said.

"Everyone's worked really hard, everyone wants to do well, whether you're Virat Kohli or Rohit Sharma or even someone as young as Shubman Gill. The effort is there." "Sometimes, sometimes vou've

got to be a little patient, even with the greatest of players,



and they can have tough times. I'm pretty sure sooner rather than later, we'll have more to praise about Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma and everyone else as well," he said

Nayar said it would be "harsh" to say the current Indian batters do not play spin as well as those in the past.
"That's a bit of a harsh

statement. When you're trying to achieve something, there's always going to be a time when you're trying to play cricket in a different way and you're trying to push yourself out of the comfort zone," he said.

"Sometimes the results don't go your way, but if you're patient enough and when that upward curve hits the team and hits an individual, then your purple patch lasts for really long.

We're hoping that the transition that we're trying to have in terms of the mindset and the approach of the players in Team India, (given) that we're facing this dip now, but once we start hitting the upward curve, it'll be a long

Nayar said the dressing room atmosphere hasn't changed over the last two matches.

'There are going to be times when you don't do so well. When India lost the World Cup (final) in India, that was a low point in Indian cricket for everyone...

"In the same breath, a couple

(eight) of months later, we champions. world Coming back is always a great journey. That's how stories and egacies are made.

"Hopefully we can be part of creating something as special as that in the future, but the atmosphere is great. Still a lot of jokes and bubbly cricketies in the dressing room. You'll see our (training) sessions (are) filled with fun and nothing has changed.

have far in the series, starting with 46 all-out for lowest Test innings total at home in Bengaluru. After that, India made 156 in the first essay of Pune Test and crumbled to 245 all-out from 81/1.

Nayar refused to read much into it and said, "I wouldn't call it a collapse, when you lose wickets in a bunch or when we pick wickets in a bunch - like we did in the last game as well, where we got seven wickets in 51 runs - I think that tends to happen in this game of

"Sometimes it is the mindset. It may not be perceived from outside as trying to be aggressive or trying to have intent, but intent is not necessarily swinging at the ball. Intent is more about your approach towards the ball.

"Is it worrying? Well, the only way we look at it is how we can get out of it. That's our thought process (and) mindset."

India still have wood on New Zealand while playing on turning wickets: Ajaz Patel

Afirst ever series loss at home to New Zealand notwithstanding, India still have the "wood on us" while playing on turning wickets, said Kiwis spinner Ajaz Patel here on Wednesday.

New Zealand have outplayed India on all fronts in their backyard so far in the three-Test series, particularly in the spin department as they head into the third and final match starting here on Friday with an unassailable lead of 2-0.

Zealand New hammered India in a raintruncated opening Test at Bengaluru by eight wickets, exposing their shortcomings on a challenging pitch at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium, the world No 2 side was given a testa of its own medicine on a taste of its own medicine on a spin-friendly track in Pune in the second Test, which the hosts lost by 113 runs.

Ahead of the final Test at the Wankhede Stadium, another spin-friendly track is in making despite the struggles of the Indian batters.

who have an opportunity to inflict a 3-0 whitewash on India, would need to continue to make all the right moves despite the hosts being more adept in playing on such

"India still have the wood on us when it comes to playing on turning wickets, traditionally, the Indian batters have done well in turning surfaces," Patel told the media after New Zealand's training session. "Obviously, they haven't had

maybe as much success as they would have liked in this series so far but they're certainly an opposition that are very, very skilled and not the easiest to come up against." 'Their skill set is very vast and

for us as a spin group, especially it's about being able to control what we can control and making sure that we can apply pressure for long periods of time and making sure that we're delivering the best balls on a given surface," he added. New Zealand's accuracy and recentness in attack, both with the bat and the ball, has been

series win in India and Patel acknowledged that the visitors will need to stick to the basics. "It is really about continuing to challenge them. As a batter it's not easy out there when you're facing a ball that's turning as much, and so it's about us

got phenomenal spinners so our batters are trying to do the opposite and they're trying to create opportunities to score runs," he added. who create

10/119 to become only the third spinner in Test cricket to take all 10 wickets in an innings, said the pitch for the upcoming contest looked different from the one before. Being back in Mumbai is making sure we put the balls in good areas for long periods of time," he said. "On the flip side, India have

always quite special and it's a place I call home as well. Having the opportunity to play out here again is quite special. To be honest, after my 10-wicket haul, I wasn't sure whether I'd get another opportunity to play out here again throughout my career,"

"To be honest with you my memory is very poor so I don't exactly remember the surface that well but one thing I do remember was it looked a lot remember was it looked a lot drier to start with," he added. Patel, who had to play second fiddle to fellow left-arm spinner Mitchell Santner in the Pune Test, said he was happy to keep, everting, pressure, on keep exerting pressure on India from the other end. "It's (about) looking at what

roles you're playing for the team when it comes to a bowling perspective," he said. "Mitch (Santner) was bowling exceptionally well from the other end so for me it was really important that from my end while I'm still trying to take wickets, I'm also performing the holding role and trying to restrict as many runs as possible so that pressure doesn't come back on The way Mitch was bowling,

there was no real need for me to try too many things. It was about trying to keep it as simple as possible. Once again, going into a new surface and a new game that may completely

CA extends coach Andrew McDonald's term till 2027

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Cricket Australia on Wednesday extended the tenure of men's team head coach Andrew McDonald till the end of the 2027 season, meaning he will oversee the team's defence of the one-day

World Cup in South Africa.
McDonald was appointed as head coach after Justin Langer's tumultuous departure in early 2022 and has since steered the men's team to notable achievements. Under his guidance, Australia secured the World Test Championship and the 50-over World Cup and also retained the Ashes in England. The extension will help McDonald to be in charge of the side till the defence of the one-day World Cup title in

2027 and in their effort to regain T20 World Cup and Champion's Trophy next year. The period also includes 13 months of Test cricket, featuring away series against India and England and the 150th anniversary Test at the

Cricket Australia CEO Nick Hockley said: "Andrew has proven to be an outstanding

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men's head coach who as well as delivering exceptional results has built a strong coaching team, methodology and an excellent environment for the team to perform at its best. We are delighted to extend his tenure for a further two years." McDonald said: "I am very fortunate to have an exceptional group of leaders, players, coaches and staff who

three years ago by claiming

are fully invested in the ongoing well-being, success and development.

professionalism, "The commitment and experience of my fellow coaches and the wider staff have ensured the journey has been extremely successful but just as importantly created a culture of unity, trust and inclusivity." he added.

Retirement thought hit me after we lost to India in T20 WC: Matthew Wade

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 $F^{\rm ormer~Australia~wicketkeeper-}_{\rm batter~Matthew~Wade~has~revealed}$ that his team's defeat to India in the T20 World Cup earlier this year was probably the moment that ended his career as it was the first time that the thought of retirement crossed his

India, led by skipper Rohit Sharma's superb 41-ball 92, defeated the Aussies by 24 runs in a crucial Group 1 Super Eight match at St Lucia to book a semifinal berth and eventually went on to bag the title.

"It (the thought about retirement) probably hit home after we lost against Îndia. That was when I really sat down and reflected that that was probably the end of my career. That was an emotional moment," Wade, who announced his retirement from international cricket on Tuesday, told cricket.Com.Au



Wade, who generally batted down the order in T20 Interantionals, said the arrival of Josh Inglis as a wicketkeeper who could bat top of the order too

influenced his decision. "The time was right for 'Ingo' (Josh Inglis) to come in. You can see what he's done in the last (few months that) he's been in the team as the No.1

'keeper. He was certainly ready to come in and take that role.

They're looking for maybe someone who can bat more top to middle order now as well and that suits him really

The Tasmanian also said he is unlikely to participate in the upcoming IPĹ mega auction as it will be tough to make himself available for the entire

duration of the event. Wade has been a part of Gujarat Titans

over the last two seasons.
"I'm doing the ILT20 which will be straight after the BBL. I'm doing the (Abu Dhabi) T10, which leads straight into BBL.

"So, I'm going over to Dubai at the end of this month. I've got some Tassie (Tasmania) one-dayers that I've been playing as well. I won't be in the IPL," said Wade, who will be Australia's wicket-keeping and fielding coach during the white ball series against

