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BOMB HOAXES A RED HERRING? ultiple airlines get 19 bomb threats in 48 hours, eight FIRs filed, three arr



RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

ultiple bomb threats continued to disrupt airline operations in the country for the third consecutive day. Eight flights, four of IndiGo, two of SpiceJet and one of Akasa Air, received bomb threats on Wednesday, leading to long delays and diversions. All the threats turned out to be hoaxes. However, there was panic amongst air passengers. It is not clear what triggered the sudden surge in hoax bomb threats since Monday. The threat message to IndiGo was the 19th confirmed instance of a bomb threat to an Indian carrier's flight over the past 48 hours. Worried over a trend of surge in hoax bomb threat messages, Delhi Police has registered seven FIRs at Indira Gandhi International Airport, in connection with bomb threats to several domestic and international flights in the last two days and launched a probe into the matter.

According to sources, top officials of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), National Investigation Agency (NIA), Intelligence Bureau (IB) and Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) on Wednesday met to discuss the bomb threats received by airlines. The authorities are also planning putting the hoax callers on 'no-fly list' and increasing the number of air marshals on flights.

A unit of National Security Guard (NSG) commandos is deployed as air marshals mainly on international routes and some sensitive domestic routes. Sky marshals are armed plain clothes security officers who travel on passenger planes.

Civil Aviation Minister K. Rammohan Naidu on Wednesdav said the government is closely monitoring the situation due to bomb threats to flights and

measures are taken against such activities. Strongly condemning the recent bomb threats to Indian

carriers, the minister said the Mumbai police have arrested minor responsible for issuing bomb threats to three flights and that others responsible for disruptions will be identified and prosecuted. The law enforcement agencies are pursuing all cases actively, he said.

In less than 24 hours, nine flights received bomb threats and the total count has climbed to at least 19 in three days. The threats have turned out to be hoaxes. On out to be noaxes. On Wednesday, bomb threats were received by four IndiGo flights, two SpiceJet flights and one flight of Akasa Air. On Tuesday late at night, one

flight each of Vistara and Air India Express had received the threats. IndiGo received bomb threats for three flights, including the Riyadh-Mumbai flight 6E 74 that was asserted that all necessary diverted to Muscat (Oman).

"The aircraft has been isolated, and all passengers been have safelv disembarked," an airline spokesperson said in a statement. Another flight 6E 1011 from Mumbai to Singapore received a securityrelated alert and the flight landed at Singapore. Also, IndiGo's flight 6E 515, operating from Chennai to

Lucknow, received a securityrelated alert. After landing at Lucknow, the aircraft was positioned at an isolated bay and all passengers have been safely disembarked. Meanwhile, late on Tuesday, a Mumbai-bound IndiGo flight from the national capital was diverted to Ahmedabad after a bomb threat. An Akasa Air flight enroute to Bengaluru returned to Delhi on Wednesday afternoon following a bomb threat. Earlier, three international

flights, one of Air India and two of IndiGo, had received bomb threats on Monday, while another nine flights spanning across all major carriers had received threats on Tuesday. All the threats came via social media platforms, and eventually turned out to be fake. This prompted Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)to seek a

report from Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, National Investigation Agency (NIA) and Intelligence Bureau (IB) on bomb threats that have received recently, been disrupting services. Continued on page 8



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Coming down heavily on Punjab and Haryana Governments over non-prosecution of stubble prosecution of stubble burning, the Supreme Court on Wednesday summoned the Chief Secretaries on October 23 for explanation of no action against the violators. A Bench of Justices Abhay S Oka, Ahsanuddin Amanullah and Augustine



inaction on stubble burning

the violators. The Supreme Court called CAQM a toothless tiger that only passed directions without any implementation. "This is not a political

SC slams Punjab, Haryana for

AQI was 999 at

According to the Central Pollution Control Board

(CPCB), the National

Capital recorded an average AQI of 230.

Anand Vihar!

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matter. If the Chief Secretary matter. If the Chief Secretary is acting at somebody's behest, we will issue summons against them as well. Next Wednesday (October 23) we are going to physically call for the chief secretary and explain everything. Nothing has been done, same is with the Puniab government The Punjab government. The attitude is of complete defiance," the Bench Bench remarked, pointing out that both States have not taken any steps to implement the directions issued by the CAQM, in the national capital region (NCR) in June 2021, to stop stubble

burning. Slamming the Punjab Government, the SC said not even a single prosecution has been carried out in the past three years and it was only tolerating breaches.

The air of the national Capital has turned extremely hazardous for the public as data by the AQICN revealed that the Anand Vihar recorded an Anand Vihar recorded an Air Quality Index (AQI) of 999 at 8 pm on Wednesday. Across the city, alarming AQI levels were reported, Sector 8, Dwarka recorded an index of 876, Mundka was 465, R.K. Puram was 334, Rohini was 322 and Narela was at 305.

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Omar Abdullah back in the hot seat

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah with MP Rahul Gandhi, and party leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra during the swearing-in ceremony of the Union Territory's new government, in Srinagar



Must talk about lack of trust: EAM

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif

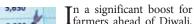
and other leaders during the 23rd meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of

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Pakistan in nearly a decade. He led the Indian delegation at the SCO-CHG summit in the Pakistani capital city. Ahead of the deliberations, PM Sharif shook hands with Jaishankar and warmly received him and other leaders of the SCO member nations at the Jinnah Convention Centre, the venue of the summit. In his remarks, the external affairs minister said cooperation must be based on mutual respect and sovereign equality and that the SCO member nations can benefit immensely if the grouping moves ahead collectively

Cabinet increases MSP of six Rabi crops for 2025-26

RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI





Gold, silver soar to a new high NEW DELHI: Ahead of Diwali, Gold prices on Wednesday touched a new all-time high of ₹78,900 per 10 grams in the national Capital, gaining ₹250 due to sustained buying by jewellers. The precious metal had closed at ₹78,650 per 10 grams in the previous session on Tuesday. Silver also followed the suit and surged ₹1,000 to ₹93,500 per kg due to fresh buying from industrial units and coin makers. On Tuesday, it had finished at ₹92,500 per kg. Meanwhile, gold of 99.5 per cent purity jumped ₹250 to hit a fresh record high of ₹78,500 per 10 grams against the previous close of ₹78,250 per 10 grams. The All India Sarafa Association attributed the rise in gold prices due to strong demand by local jewellers. Besides, the decline in equity markets also aided the rally in the yellow metal as investors moved towards the safe haven assets like gold. In futures trade on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold contracts for December delivery climbed ₹268 or 0.35 per cent to ₹76,628 per 10 grams. Silver contracts for December delivery zoomed by ₹580 or 0.63 per cent to ₹92,203 per kg on the exchange. In the international markets, Comex gold futures rose 0.51 per cent to USD 2,692.50 per ounce. The yellow metal remains strongly supported by elevated geopolitical tensions and uncertainty surrounding the United States' Presidential elections. PNS

Jharkhand list leak stuns BJP

candidates to wrest power from the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha-Congress led government in the mineral rich state. Soon after the announcement of Assembly and By-Poll elections schedule, BJP's CEC

Jammu and Kashmir Lok Sabha LoP Congress



DEEPAK KUMAR JHA NEW DELHI

In a major goof up that has not gone down well with the Bharatiya Janata Party's top leadership, a list of 35 probable candidates for the 81 member Iharkhand Assembly circulated on social media, and several news platforms, prompting the party to defer its "official' announcement for declaration of the contestants.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and top BJP leaders were present in the party's Central Election Committee (CEC) meeting for Jharkhand held late

on Wednesday evening. Sources said the meeting continued till late night but the PM left midway.

Sources also said the PM told the members to reconsider some of the Assembly pockets since the party is banking high on the winnability of the

convened a two-day marathon meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday evening at the party's Headquarters in national Capital to deliberate on the names of candidates for the upcoming Jharkhand and Maharashtra Assembly polls, as well as candidates for Assembly and Lok Sabha By-Polls.

The meeting for Maharashtra on Wednesday was attended by several high-profile BJP leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP National President JP Nadda, Union Home Ministers Amit Shah, Piyush Goel Bhupender Yadav, Vaisĥnaw and Ashwini Maharashtra deputy chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and respective state and CEC The meeting members. continued till the time of going to press.

A day earlier CEC held a crucial meeting and discussed the names of candidates for the Jharkhand Assembly Elections. Sources said the PM left the meeting earlier and asked the CEC members to rethink on certain seats. Continued on page 8

Government, in Islamabad, Pakistan, Wednesday PTI ISLAMABAD Delivering a thinly veiled message to Pakistan from its soil, External Affairs Minister S

Jaishankar on Wednesday said activities across borders characterised by the "three evils" of terrorism, extremism and separatism are unlikely to encourage trade, energy flows and connectivity.

In his address at a conclave of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) chaired by Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Jaishankar asserted that trade and connectivity initiatives must recognise territorial integrity and sovereignty and it is essential to have an "honest conversation" on the lack of trust.

Jaishankar spoke immediately after Sharif's inaugural address

at the 23rd meeting of the Council of the Heads of Government (CHG) of the Member States of the SCO attended among others by Chinese Premier Li Qiang. His remarks came amid the lingering military standoff between

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Indian and Chinese troops in eastern Ladakh and concerns over China's increasing military muscle-flexing in the Indian Ocean and other strategic waters. "If activities across borders are characterised by terrorism, extremism and separatism, they are hardly likely to encourage trade, energy flows, connectivity and people-to-people exchanges in parallel," the external affairs minister said without naming Pakistan.

Jaishankar arrived in Islamabad on Tuesday, becoming the first Indian foreign minister to visit

with mutual trust. He,especially stressed on adhering to SCO charter, highlighting its underlying essence of strengthening mutual trust, friendship and good neighbourliness.

"It should recognise territorial integrity and sovereignty. It must be built on genuine partnerships, not unilateral agendas.

It cannot progress if we cherrypick global practices, especial-ly of trade and transit," he said, in remarks seen as an indirect reference to China's assertive behaviour on several critical issues such as trade and connectivity. "But most of all, our endeavours

will progress only when our commitment to the Charter remains firm. It is axiomatic that development and growth requires peace and stability. Continued on page 8 bv

the Union Cabinet chaired Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the increase in the Minimum Support Price

(MSP) of six mandated Rabi crops for 2025-26 marketing season in the range of ₹130-300 per quintal. The hike in MSP is significant ahead of

elections in states like Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Delhi. Rabi marketing season begins from April 2025. The decision was announced by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.

The MSP for wheat has been raised by ₹150 per quintal, moving from ₹2,275 to ₹2,425 for the 2025-26 Rabi marketing season. The ₹150 per quintal hike in wheat support price is significant ahead of elections in states like Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Delhi. Rabi marketing season begins from April 2025. Mustard saw a hike of ₹300, bringing its MSP to ₹5,950 per quintal, while the MSP for Gram/Chana was increased by ₹210 bringing the new rate to ₹5,650 per quintal.

The higher MSP for mustard and chana is expected to provide farmers with better returns and encourage more cultivation of this oilseed, which is crucial for India's pulses and edible oil supply. Mustard is widely grown in states like Rajasthan, Haryana, and Madhya Pradesh while chana is widely consumed by a larger part of the population. Continued on page 8



BY SANJAY RAI

The traffic on Ring Road is anything but a smooth circle, if anything it resembles a 'jalebi' with two wheelers, autos and even rickshaws crossing lanes in a bid to get ahead in the bumper-to-bumper traffic on the circular road. From Majnu Ka Tila to Hanuman Temple these jams are making the drivers sweat in their vehicles. There is a severe traffic jam on both sides of this route from Majnu Ka Tila to Hanuman Setu. This adds to the problems of the drivers coming to Majnu Ka Tila from Rajghat side, and those coming to Hanuman Setu from Majnu Ka Tila side.

On Tuesdays, there is a severe traffic jam on both sides in front of Hanuman temple. All efforts to reduce this jam have failed. Recently, traffic signals have been installed at the end of Hanuman Mandir Setu by Delhi Traffic Police. But this has not resulted in much improvement right now. After the inauguration of Ashram Flyover, and Ashram Flvover Extension, people were expecting some relief from the jam, but due to the bottleneck near Sarai Kale Khan on the Ring Road, the mess remains.

As soon as one descends from the Ashram flyover to the Ring Road, the traffic jams begin, due to which it takes more than halfan-hour for people to cover the

Traffic jams on the Ring Road go round and round... Severe congestions on routes along, Ashram, Sarai Kale Khan, Majnu Ka Tila, Hanuman Setu, Rajghat



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distance of about half a kilometre to Sarai Kale Khan. This is due to the ongoing construction work of the rapid rail at Sarai Kale Khan.

Meanwhile, traffic jams continue on six roads of outer Delhi. Even emergency vehicles, ambulances and fire engines also get stuck in this jam. At the same time, due to the bottle neck near Haiderpur Badli Mod on Outer Ring Road, the traffic of sixlanes gets reduced to four lanes. The jam here is due to the narrow railway bridge. Vehicles coming without stopping from the elevated road from Pitampura get stuck in traffic as soon as they reach here. Several meetings have also been held between the Public Works Department (PWD) and Railways. According to PWD sources the width of this bridge can be increased soon if mutual consent is reached.

Due to the construction work of Outer Ring Road Metro, there are traffic jams from Prashant Vihar to Rohini Jail Mod. it takes about 30 to 40 minutes to cover three kilometres in, whereas earlier it used to take five to seven minutes.

Vehicles coming from KN Katju route are stuck in traffic jams as soon as they reach the outer ring road. E-rickshaws and other vehicles parked haphazardly below Rithala metro station, add to the mess.





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Youth dies as bike crashes into police barricade

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A road accident in Hazratganj claimed the life of a youth returning home after having dinner at a hotel on the intervening night of Tuesday and Wednesday. The victim, identified as Wahid, was riding his friend's motorcycle, which rammed into a police barricade.

Friends who were trailing behind rushed him to the Civil hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The accident occurred around 1:30 am.

Wahid's wife Amreen recounted that he had gone to a hotel in Phoolbagh for dinner with two friends. Initially, he had taken his scooter but later decided to ride his friend's motorcycle (KTM).

While navigating the road, he crashed into the barricades set up for police checks. Amreen described Wahid as a hardworking individual employed in AC supply. He had been planning to move to Saudi Arabia for several years and had already applied for a visa. Just before his visa could be processed, the family received the news of his death.

Amreen, along with their 11year-old son Arhaan and 5year-old son Ayan, is devastated by the loss. The family alleged that the barricade lacked proper reflectors, contributing to the accident in the darkness. Amreen claimed that



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the area where the barricade was installed had insufficient lighting and no reflectors, mak-

sive".

ing it difficult for Wahid to see the obstruction. In contrast, Hazratganj Inspector Vikram Singh stated that the accident was primari-ly due to the bike's high speed. The body has been sent for post-mortem, and as of now,

the family has not filed a for-

mal complaint. MAN ENTER'S GIRL House, threatens her

Irate over no response to his phone calls, a man, identified as Priyanshu Pal, allegedly entered a girl's home in Vikas Nagar and threatened her. The incident occurred when the girl did not meet him at the agreed location, prompting his aggressive behaviour.

The girl's mother was present at home during the incident and confronted the accused, but he reportedly threatened to kill her. In his complaint to the police, the victim's father explained that Privanshu had been persistent in his harassment, even obtaining the girl's phone number.

He would behave obscenely and pressurise her to meet him. He also threatened her over the phone, claiming he had photos and conversations of her that he would make public to defame her," he alleged. On Tuesday afternoon, Priyanshu allegedly entered their house and misbehaved with the girl. When confronted by her and her mother, he threatened them both. After the incident, the family promptly reported the harassment to the Vikas Nagar police station.

Station incharge Vipin Kumar Singh confirmed that an FIR been filed against had Privanshu based on the victim's father's complaint, and an

investigation was underway. > the picaneer ASSIFIED

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Opp guarded welcome to proposed food adulteration law

Lucknow (PTI): Yogi Adityanath government's plan the main opposition Samajwadi Party and the to introduce a stringent law aimed at checking food adul-Congress appeared to back the decision though with a teration received a guarded welcome from BJP's political rider that the move shouldn't be "misused". rivals barring the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) which "The move is a good one, I don't see any problem in it pro-

vided it isn't misused," said Congress MP from Saharanpur slammed the proposal as "divi-"These people want to divide Imran Masood. the people. We stand for broth-

"In fact, only today I read in a erhood but they want to destroy it. Nobody does all paper that a domestic help had mixed urine in food at her these acts (adulteration of workplace. So only sick minds food)," BSP's Uttar Pradesh undertake such acts and it is good that a law is being thought of to check them," the chief Vishwanath Pal told PTI. Interestingly, while the BSP Congress leader told reporters

opposed the proposed law, which the ruling BJP said is in the works following a spate of in Saharanpur. Samajwadi Party's Sambhal MP Zia-Ur-Rahman Barq too, while claiming that the UP BJP government had got its priorviral videos showing people spitting on food items and, in a few cases, even being accused of mixing urine in food items, ities wrong, appeared to be on

the same page with the Congress on the subject. "This isn't a religious matter. The government brings up such propaganda to hide its failures and distract the people from important issues like health care, and development. But that is not to defend those adulterating food. Strictest possible action needs to be taken against such people," he said, hoping that such "inci-dents of food adulteration" are not highlighted for mere political gains.

On Tuesday, the Yogi Adityanath government bared plans to introduce a new law against sellers who "hide their identity" and mix human waste or inedible material in food items and beverages making these acts cognisable and non-

bailable once the proposed

ordinance is promulgated. Subsequently, food sellers will be mandated to put up a signboard with their names outside the eateries and outlets.

The Adityanath government's move comes two months after the Supreme Court stayed its directive requiring eateries along the Kanwar Yatra routes to display the names of their owners, staff and other details. The BJP government order had drawn criticism from opposition parties including the SP and the Congress. BJP ally Rashtriya Lok Dal's UP chief Ramashish Rai felt that there was nothing "new" about

the move. "There is nothing new about it as the provisions for displaying details of owners of any food establishment are already there." Rai also sought to delink

added.

the move with "religion." The BJP also said the issue should not be politicised as it is related to health and safety and stressed that the menace of food adulteration affects all. This isn't a political issue, it's a health issue, a safety and sanitation issue. Everyone has watched horrifying videos of people mixing urine in juice, mixing spit in roti or other impurities in food items. That's why chief minister Yogi Adityanath decided to ensure that such things end," UP BJP spokesman Manish Shukla said.

"Once the move comes through, CCTVs would have to be put up at places where food items are stored. And none would be able to work in such eateries or outlets by hiding their identity," Shukla

Meanwhile, Varun Khera, the president of the Uttar Pradesh chapter of the National Restaurants Association of India (NRAI), also welcomed the move. Khera hoped that a format would be issued soon so that there would be uniformity in the display of names and other identities of investors and operators of an establishment. UP NRAI, which Khera heads, has around 1,500 members including popular national and international brands.

"I don't think there is any problem with this move. We follow all norms and guidelines and procure several certifications for selling food," Khera told PTI while insisting on the need to regulate hawkers and street food vendors and train them about food hygiene.

Accused fled to Mumbai after strangling delivery boy over taunting remark

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enraged Gajanan.

Centre' in Aliganj as part of the

Smart City project. A senior offi-

cial announced that this centre,

located on the ground floor of

the Urban Facilitation Centre, is

being launched as a pilot initia-

tive, with plans for similar cen-

and a dedicated yoga room.

senior citizens' dietary needs.

Additionally, there will be

rooms for medical counselling

room where Akash was wait-The prime accused in the ing. The two men first beat murder of delivery boy Bharat and then strangled him with a laptop charger cord, leading to his death. Bharat Kumar, Gajanan, fled to Mumbai after committing the crime on September 23. After the murder, they placed During police interrogation, Bharat's body in a bag and wandered with it for four Gajanan confessed that he and his accomplice Akash killed hours, waiting for darkness to Bharat after his taunting dispose it of. Once it was dark, remarks bruised Gajanan's ego. they dumped the body into a

According to Gajanan, the incident occurred when Bharat canal. Gajanan then fled to Mumbai delivered a parcel to their home. Bharat made a comto evade arrest. He admitted that after seeing

ment questioning why Gajanan had ordered an iPhone if he his photos in the news and realising the case had gained couldn't afford it, which significant media attention, he became fearful and decided to In a fit of anger, Gajanan grabbed Bharat by the throat surrender.

Upon being taken into police

and dragged him inside the custody. Gaianan led the authorities to the house where the murder occurred, provid-ing a detailed account of the crime.

He revealed that after killing Bharat, they placed the body in a bag, later transferring it into a sack. While they were prepar-ing to dispose of the body, Akash's sister arrived and questioned them about the sack. They lied, saying it contained utensils, and she did not

inquire further. They then loaded the body

into a car, driving around for hours before disposing it of into the canal. Gajanan further disclosed that after fleeing to

Mumbai, he spent the stolen money carelessly.



versity decisions can be submit-Uttar Pradesh government has set a timetable for launching new colleges and institutions, as well as new BEd and undergraduate/postgraduate courses in existing colleges. The deadline for submitting online no-objection proposals for new university courses is December 15, 2024. Specific

ted to the government by February 10, 2025, with resolutions expected by February 20. Applications for forming the Inspection Board are due by February 28, 2025, with the Board to be constituted by March 5. Inspection reports must be submitted by April 5, and affiliations granted by April 20. Appeals regarding affiliations will be resolved by

May 31, 2025. Principal Secretary MP Aggarwal has instructed regis-

However, as the case gained widespread media attention, he realised his safety was at risk. His photo went viral, and people in Mumbai began recognising him. He contacted his family, who consulted lawyers. On legal advice, Gajanan decided to surrender before the Barabanki court on October 2. Bharat Kumar, a resident of

Nishatganj, worked as an online delivery boy. On September 23, he left for work but never returned home. His family filed a missing report, and investigations later revealed that Gajanan and Akash had lured him to their house under the pretext of a delivery, where they killed him by strangulation.

Experts advise caution as dengue cases reach 1,328

Lucknow (PNS): With dengue cases in Lucknow district totalling 1,328, health experts are assuring the public that there is no need for panic, but the need of the hour is to be

cautious. "Dengue is similar to common fever and typically resolves on its own within seven to ten days. It provides warning signals before it becomes serious, so it's crucial to recognise these signs Stay alert and careful, and you can protect yourself from dengue. The current weather is conducive to its spread, and while patients are continuing to come in, the mortality rate in India is less than one per cent. However, a lack of information, carelessness, and ignoring warn-ing signs can make the disease more severe," explained a medical expert. The expert noted that normal dengue fever exhibits signs when it begins to progress to severe dengue. If symptoms such as red rashes, bleeding from any part of the body, frequent vomiting, blood in urine or stool, reduced urination for over 12 hours, stomach pain, difficulty breathing, shock, unconsciousness, or coldness in hands and feet occur, it is imperative to seek immediate medical attention. "If treated promptly, patients can recover within 24 to 48 hours," he stated. Joint director of vector-borne diseases in the Health department, Dr Vikas Singhal, emphasised that free testing and treatment are available at government hospitals, along with ambulance services. "If a dengue patient shows warning signs, call an ambulance immediately and get them to the nearest government hospital," he urged, stressing the importance of timely testing for anyone exhibiting dengue symptoms.

Teen forced to cough up ₹6L by classmate

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ened to kidnap the boy's sister and harm both of them if he didn't A sum of Rs 6 lakh was extorted from a student comply, demanding Rs 2.5 lakh. Fearing for his sister's safety, the allegedly by a classmate threatboy acquiesced and retrieved the money from the cupboard. ening to kidnap his younger sister. The accused not only Over time, the classmate extortdemanded money but also ed a total of Rs 6 lakh and a gold took jewellery from the victim. chain along with two necklaces As per reports, the harassfrom the boy's home. ment had been ongoing for A few days later, when the mothabout a year, with the accused er checked the cupboard for finding various ways to extort money, she found everything missing.

money. Upon pressing her son for When the victim's mother disanswers, he revealed the entire covered the situation, she scoldordeal. Subsequently, she filed a complaint at the police station. ed her son and thought the matter was resolved. However, Inspector Rajesh Tripathi from the accused continued to threaten the victim, demanding Gomti Nagar confirmed that an large sums of money. The inciinvestigation is currently underdent unfolded when a 16-yearway, with efforts being made to old Class XI student was gather evidence. approached by his classmate for Rs 20,000 under the pretense of needing help.

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Senior citizen care and recreational centre to open soon Lucknow (PNS): Lucknow is set Lucknow (PNS): For the academic session 2025-26, the to welcome its first 'Senior Citizen Care and Recreational

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I have changed my name from Mohammad Firoz Ahmad to FIROZ AHMAD S/o Mohammad Sharif R/o 88/477, Rupam Chauraha, Chamanganj, Kanpur for all future purpose

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Notify that due to mistake my Daughter's name written in Aadhar card as Mishika Srivastava whereas correct name is Avika Srivastava.Mishika Srivastava and Avika Srivastava Both name are same person. Avnish Kumar Srivastava S/o Prem Kumar Srivastava Plot No-12 Malhaur Laulai Road New Amity Univesity Laulai, Lucknow-226010



NOTICE

Property Id- 280509, Property Number BT/F/708 was allotted by LDA in the name of Smt. Saroj Kumari Agarwal, wife of late Shyam Manohar Agarwal, resident of B-1/95-B Vineet Khand-1, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow. The above flat has been purchased by me (Bhupendra Singh and Pooja Singh), the allotment letter of which has been lost somewhere. If anyone has received it, please inform on the following number. At present, a loan from TATA CAPITAL is also running on the above flat. M obile No.- 9792194777 and 200733023



I have changed my name from MISTAR JINNAH to SHAMEEM AHAMAD. In future I Shall be known as SHAMEEM AHAMAD. SHAMEEM AHAMAD S/o Mohammad

Yaseen, BP-786N, Near Heena Baikri, Bajupur, GTB Nagar, Prayagraj, UP



with doctors on hand and finan-I have changed my name from cial counselling services where Meeta Talreja to Sarita Bhagtani bank officials can assist seniors W/o Dharmendra Bhagtani R/o at low costs. A private agency will manage the operations of 124A/397, block 11.Govind Nagar Kanpur

the centre. Adjacent to the building, a park is being devel-NOTICE oped specifically for senior citizens. Construction of the cen-

I have changed my name from Shiba Khatoon to SHEEBA KHATOON W/o Firoz Ahmad R/o 88/477, Rupam Chauraha, Chamanganj Kanpur for all future purpose.

I have changed my name from Mohd. Firoz Ahmad to FIROZ AHMAD S/o Mohammad Sharif R/o 88/477, Rupam Chauraha, Chamanganj Kanpur for all future purpose

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I have changed my son's name from Mohd. Hasan Warsi to MOHD HASSAN WARSI S/o Firoz Ahmad R/o 88/477, Rupam Chauraha, Chamanganj Kanpur

for all future purpose NOTICE

In my daughter Anam Siddiqui's CISCE Highschool (Enrollment No. 7934034) Marksheet and Certificate my name has wrongly been mentioned as Sarfraz Ahamd. My correct name is Sarfaraz Ahmad.

es to expedite approvals.UP making the most of their free time. Many senior citizens, Higher Education Minister Yogendra Upadhyay announced that the Revenue whose children are often at work, are looking for activities Department will verify land to engage in, and this centre will records from December 16, offer a variety of recreational

2024, to January 20, 2025. No-objection proposals will be forwarded to district mag-The centre will feature a library with space for reading different istrates for verification within genres, a physiotherapy centre seven days, and reports must be for those needing treatment, submitted online to the respective university within one There will also be a multipurmonth. Online no-objection pose hall for relaxation and varorders will be issued by January ious activities, along with a cafeteria serving meals suited to 31, 2025. Appeals against uni-

timelines have been set for

verifying land records and

completing inspection process-

trars to meticulously verify land-related documents and conduct site inspections, emphasising that unreasonable objections will be deemed invalid. The Inspection Board must include experts, and inspection dates will be posted online. If inspections are missed, applications may be rejected. An annual record will monitor panel integrity, and the government may conduct counter-verifications for transparency.

Two Bajrang Dal leaders booked over 'derogatory' remarks on Prophet

Pilibhit (PTI): A case has been lodged against two leaders of right-wing outfit Bajrang Dal over their alleged derogatory remarks against Prophet Muhammad during a public meeting in Uttar Pradesh's Pilibhit, police said. The accused have been identified as Sanjay Mishra and Vivek Mishra, they added. According to the complainant filed by Afzal Khan, the incident occurred on October 13 in Madhotanda town here. "It has been alleged in the complaint that during the meeting, the Bajrang Dal leaders Sanjay Mishra and Vivek Mishra delivered speeches that were perceived as inflammatory and offensive to the Muslim community," said Circle Officer Puranpur Vishal

Agarwal inspired attendees Rs 4 crore over 1.5 years. with her address, emphasising Kumar highlighted the rapid the college's commitment to

unique education and holistic personality development. She reiterated the institute's mission to provide excellent education and prepare students for bright Lieutenant General Shivinder futures while encouraging

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Chaudhary.

Summit and Awards 2024', the Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail (UPMRC) Shri Ramswaroop Memorial Corporation College of Engineering and Management kicked off its 4received two prestigious awards for its achievements. Managing Director Sushil Kumar was day silver jubilee celebration on Wednesday. The programme began with the lighting of named 'Urban Infra Metro Man of the Year 2024'. The lamps and Saraswati vandana. event, held in New Delhi on Wednesday, also recognised UPMRC as the 'Urban Infra Executive director and founder Pankaj Aggarwal highlighted the institution's 25 years of Sustainable Mobility Promoter of the Year' for its green initia-tives. UPMRC is the first in the achievements and encouraged students to celebrate this milestone. Additional executive state to join the Energy director and co-founder Pooja Exchange Programme, saving

national and social service.

progress of metro projects in Kanpur and Agra.

LT GEN SINGH TAKES CHARGE

Singh assumed the role of Commandant of the Army Medical Corps Centre & College and Officer-in-Charge of AMC Records in Lucknow on October 14. Previously, he served as MG Med at Northern Command Headquarters. Following his appointment, he paid tributes to fallen soldiers by laying a wreath at the War Memorial 'Shraddhanjali' on October 15, attended by officers, JCOs, and recruits. During a Special Sainik Sammelan, he emphasised the importance of quality training for effective healthcare delivery to Armed Forces personnel and the responsibility of being a role model for trainees.

VSSH AND HEALTHCARE LIMITED, as a company by shares. 2. The Principal objects of the company are as follows:

2.1. To undertake, promote, assist or engage in all kinds of research and levelopment work required to promote, assist or engage in setting up hospitals

 and facilities for manufacturing medical equipment.
 2.2. To carry on the business of design, construction and running of all kinds of A.S. to carry on the business of acsign, construction and running of an kinds of hospitals, dispensaries, clinics, laboratorics and health clubs.
 2.3.To design, manufacture, import, export, buy, sell, install, maintain and improve

all kinds of equipment and instrumentation for hospitals, dispensaries, clinics laboratories and health clubs.

2.4. To set up laboratories, purchase and acquire any equipments and instrument required for carrying out medical research.

2.5. To educate and train medical students, nurses, midwives, Doctors, Para-medical Technicians, other medical professionals and hospital administrators and to grant such diplomas or recognitions as the company may prescribe or deem fit from time to time and to outsource and place the Nurses. Doctors, Para-Medical Technicians and other medical professionals to clients in India and abroad on contractual / non- contractual basis.

2.6. To buy, sell, manufacture, import, export, treat and deal in any kind of pharmaceuticals, chemicals, medicines and drugs.

2.7. To grant stipends, scholarships or any other assistance, monetary or otherwise to whomsoever to further the course of medicine and / or medical research. 2.8. To undertake to provide suitable hotel accommodation primarily for patients and their friends and relatives and to undertake all or any of the business

activities incidental thereto. **2.9.** To carry on in India and elsewhere all or any of the business of hoteliers and restauranteers, caterers, cab owners and hirers, pharmacy and drug house owners, travel agents, provisions and general merchants, theatre owners. proprietors of art saloons, beauty parlours, shopping arcades, health clubs and clubs dealing in sports, art and entertainment activities. including music dance and drama, and any other business which can be conveniently and efficiently carried on in connection therewith.

2.10. To act as consultants and render technical and managerial services in the field of medical rescarch and running of multi speciality hospitals,

lispensaries, clinics, laboratories and health clubs

3. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at: Gandhinagar Colony, Lacchirampur, Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh 276 001.

4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (ICA), Plot No. 6,7, 8, Sector IMT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), Pin Code-122050, within venty-one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the ompany at its registered office. Dated: 5th September, 2024 Name of Applicants: I. DR RAM BACHAN TRIPATHI 2. GYANMATI TRIPATHI . DR MANISH TRIPATHI 4. DR RAJNI TIWARI

5. DR MAYANK TRIPATHI 6. DR SHUBHI DUBEY . POONAM PANDAY

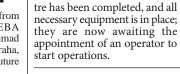
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1	Design Construction of Market Complex at Udit Nagar on Percentage Rate Basis.	7.96 Cr.

The Tender Fees of Rs.11,800/- to be deposited with the bid which is Non-refundable. The complete BID documents can be viewed / downloaded from official portal of Rourkela Municipal Corporation (https://www.rmc.nic.in or e-procurement portal of Odisha https://tendersodisha.gov.in from 15.10.2024 to 08.11.2024 (up to 17:00 Hrs. IST). Pre- Bid Meeting will be held on 24.10.2024 at 12.30 P.M. in the Conference Hall of RSCL. For queries, intending bidder may contact Ar.Sarthak Sourav Rath, Architect, RSCL Vide Phone No.8984353513, Email Id:rourkelascl@gmail.com.

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Situation limping back to normal in Bahraich



Police personnel on Wednesday keep a vigil in a deserted area of Maharajganj after a recent communal violence in Bahraich PTI

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 $T_{\text{lence-affected areas of}}^{\text{he situation in the vio-}}$ Bahraich district is gradually returning to normal, but markets in troubled regions still remain closed.

While no official order has been issued, sources said that the government has removed Mahsi Circle Officer Rupendra

Gaur from his post. He has been replaced by Rampur CO Ravi Khokhar. Additionally, the outpost in-charge of Mahsi and the SO of Hardi have been suspended, and preparations are underway to suspend CO Gaur as well. So far, the local police have registered 11 FIRs against named individuals and over 1,000 unidentified miscreants.

Of these, 10 FIRs were filed at the Hardi police station and one at the Sadar police station, resulting in the arrest of 52 individuals, though the main accused remains at large. To maintain peace, senior officers are monitoring the situa-

They are also compiling details on the criminal histories of tion round the clock in two those apprehended so far. shifts. The affected areas have been The situation deteriorated significantly after the communal divided into nine sectors, with police and district administraviolence, necessitating the suspension of internet services. tion personnel conducting patrols

Many families whose homes and belongings were destroyed are waiting for assistance from the administration.

Officials are currently assessing the damage caused by the vio-lence to facilitate monetary aid for those affected, helping them to resume a normal life.

BJP ex-MLA moves HC to withdraw election plea on Milkipur constituency

Lucknow (PNS): Former BJP MLA Baba Gorakhnath on Wednesday moved the Allahabad High Court to withdraw his petition challenging the election of Samajwadi Party leader Awadhesh Prasad from the Milkipur assembly constituency in the 2022 polls. The Milkipur seat has fallen vacant following Prasad's elec-tion to Lok Sabha.

The Election Commission on Tuesday announced bypolls to nine assembly seats in Uttar Pradesh but left out Milkipur due to proceedings in the matter before the Lucknow bench of the court.

"I have moved the request for the withdrawal of litigation. The court will hear my plea on Thursday," Gorakhnath said. He said he is withdrawing the plea "to pave the way for the

ongoing litigation." The plea had alleged that Awadhesh Prasad had taken an erroneous oath during the submission of his nomination papers. The writ alleged that the notary who authenticated Prasad's documents did not possess a valid licence on the date of attestation. According to Supreme Court directives, it is imperative for the notary's advocate to hold a current license on the day of document authentication. rasad, who was elected to Faizabad Lok Sabha in the recent gen-eral elections, said, "I vacated igation soon after my resignation." SP has named Ajit Parades, the son of Awadesh

Youth shoots self Lucknow (PNS): A youth, Lucknow (PNS): A youth, identified as Abrar aka Imran, allegedly shot himself some time on the intervening night of Tuesday and Wednesday. Upon hearing the gunshot, his brother woke up and immedi-ately informed police. The police have seized the pistol found at the scene, and sent the body for the post-mortem examination. No suicide note was discovered at the scene,

was discovered at the scene, and the reason for the suicide remains unclear. The incident occurred in the Madiaon area. Abrar (26) was a resident of Jalalpur Banka village in Khairabad, Sitapur, and had been living with his brother Mustafa in Faizullahganj Sinha Colony in Lucknow. According to Abrar's brother, the incident happened late

on Tuesday night when Abrar shot himself in the chest. "When I heard the gunshot and woke up, I found him lying in a pool of blood. After informing the police, I rushed him to the hospital, where doctors declared him dead," Mustafa

Inspector Shivanand Mishra of Madiaon police stated that Abrar had appeared distressed for the past two or three days. His brother had asked him about the cause of his distress, but Abrar avoided the topic.

CM welcomes Centre's decision to increase **MSP for Rabi crops**

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Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday, welcoming the decisions made by the Union Cabinet.

by the Union Cabinet. Following the cabinet meeting chaired by Modi, he took to X to highlight the prime minis-ter's "unwavering" dedication to farmers' welfare and the continuous progress in the agriculture sector. He stated, "The Union

Cabinet's decision to increase the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Rabi crops—wheat, barley, gram, lentil, rapeseed, mustard, and safflower—for the Rabi marketing season the Rabi marketing season 2025-26 is highly commend-able. This decision will bring positive change to the lives of farmers and encourage greater investment in agriculture. Heartfelt gratitude to the Prime Minister for this decision that will enhance the income of our farmer brothers!' CM Yogi also praised the Union Cabinet's decision to increase the dearness allowance (DA) for Central government employees, calling it a significant move. He noted that the cabinet approved a 3% increase in basic salary and pensions, raising the total DA

from 50%. In his post, he thanked the prime minister for this festive season gift to Central employees. Additionally, he appreciat-ed the cabinet's approval for the construction of a rail-and-road bridge over the Ganga

river in Varanasi. He remarked that under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, Kashi is reaching new heights

of development. "To support this growth, the Cabinet approved the bridge project and the Varanasi-Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay multitrack," he stated.

Yogi emphasised that this project will not only enhance regional development but also create new opportunities for the people of Varanasi and Chandauli.

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Notice

Nine killed in accidents

Lucknow (PNS): Nine people lost their lives in three separate accidents reported since Tuesday night.

In Kushinagar, three young friends-Aman Bharti (19), Anshu Gupta (19), and Sahil Patel (18)—were on a morning walk when they were hit by a speeding Scorpio. The incident occurred in the four-lane area under the Kasya police sta-tion. Two of the youths died on the spot, while Sahil later succumbed to injuries at Gorakhpur Medical College.

The trio was walking on the service lane near the Pakwa Inar intersection when the Scorpio, travelling from Bihar to Gorakhpur, struck them from behind. Bystanders reported that the occupants of the Scorpio fled the scene, abandoning the vehicle. Villagers quickly transported the critically injured youths to Kasya CHC, where Aman and Anshu were pronounced dead. Sahil was later admitted to Gorakhpur Medical College but could not survive.

In Fatehpur district, another road acci-

dent claimed three lives on Wednesday morning. Near the Barouri toll plaza in the Kalyanpur police station area, a car (Baleno) travelling from Kannauj to Prayagraj collided with a parked trailer at high speed, causing significant damage to the vehicle. Two occupants died at the scene, while a third individual succumbed to injuries during treatment at the district hospital. The deceased were identified through their Aadhaar cards as Manoj Shukla (65), Avinash Chand Dubey (64), and the driver, Kaushal Kumar Tiwari (40). The police informed the relatives and sent the bodies for autopsy. Eyewitnesses claimed that the acciden occurred when the trailer suddenly turned causing the speeding Baleno to lose control. In Amethi, a collision between a truck and a motorcycle on the Jagdishpur-Rae Bareli road resulted in three deaths. The accident occurred late Tuesday night, and all those injured were rushed to the hospital, where they were pronounced dead upon arrival.

बैंक ऑफ इण्डिया Bank of India Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest, Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated 08-02-2024, calling borrower/guarantor to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of same. The borrower/guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property/ies described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under subsection 13 (4) of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on the dated 16-10-2024 The borrower/guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of the Bank of India for mentioned amount and interest thereon. The borrower's/guarantor's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act. in respect of available, to redeem the secured assets

S. Io.	Name & Address of the Borrowers & Guarantors	Description of Immovable property mortgaged / Owner of the property	Amount O/S (as mentioned in the Notice U/S 13(2) Date of Demand Notice
	BRANCH - AMINABAD		1
••	Mr. Prem Prakash Tiwari & Mrs. Padma Tiwari Add:1817 Lakri Mohal Sadar Bazar Lucknow, 226002 Add:2. 273 Arjunganj Lucknow-226002 (Borrower)	Land and building situated at Lucknow; Flat No. MMIG SF-4 Second Floor. Area:- 508 sq ft, (47.211 Sq.Mtrs) Situated at Mohalla- Hata Rasool Khan, Ward LalKuwan Lucknow, Owner:- Mr.Prem Prakash Tiwari and Mrs Padma Tiwari. Boundaries:- East: - Flat No SF-3 North: - Flat No SF-1, West: - 20 Feet Wide Road, South: - Open	Rs. 14,00,559.00 + Interest & other charges
	: Previous possession notice dated 02.05.2024 a te: 16/10/2024	nd paper publication on 09.05.2024 in The Pioneer (Hindi Place: Lucknow Authorise	and English) stand withdrawn d Officer, Bank of India

Indian Bank इंडियन बैंक 🛆 इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD Zonal Office Lucknow, New Building, 2nd Floor, Hazratganj, Lucknow-226001, Ph. 0522-2286272, 2287283, Fax: 0522-2288033, E-mail id: zolucknow@indianbank.co.in **GOLD AUCTION NOTICE** As per the rules of Reserve Bank of India and Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank) the following borrowers had availed Loan against Gold Ornaments and the account became NPA due to non-payment on time. Loan was not repaid in time even after being informed by registered/legal notice. By this public notice Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank) invites tenders from the general public for recovery of dues by auctioning the

Govt gears up to set new record this Deepotsav

PNS AYODHYA Deepotsav in Ayodhya is set to achieve a new milestone the university, local colleges, and NCOs have taken up the challenge once again to break the previous arts of the lighting to achieve a new milestone for the eighth consecutive time this year. With preparations in the grand event on October 30 has begun. To make this year's Prof Sant Sharan Mishra stated Deepotsav historic, Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Avadh University has deployed over two dozen workers to begin marking the ghats at Ram Ki Paidi. On Wednesday morning, Deputy Registrar Mohammad Sahil led the marking efforts for the second time. He, along with Dr Ranjan Singh, and the university staff, supervised the marking of areas designated for 28 lakh diyas.

previous record and secure a full swing, the countdown to Records for yet another year in

arrangements has been entrustplace for Ayodhya in the ed to Taj Radio and Electric Guinness Book of World Company of Lucknow. Company of Lucknow. Electricians are stationed near Ram Katha Park, preparing the lighting setup

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is personally receiving updates on the situation from officials.

The police are intensifying

their efforts to identify unruly

elements, using video footage

This disruption has caused

considerable challenges for res-

idents, with some businesses

reporting losses amounting to

crores of rupees during this fes-

tive season. However, the

administration has announced

that internet service is sched-

uled to be restored at 11:59 pm

Extensive arrangements are

underway for a spectacular lighting display throughout more than 2 kilometres along

on Wednesday.

for identification.

Congress leaders visit Lord Ram, Hanuman temples in Ayodhya on Sharad Purnima Aiav Rai said thev

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by-election in the Milkipur assembly constituency, which had been impeded by the Prasad, as its candidate for the Milkipur assembly seat.

the Milkipur seat almost four months ago. It was Gorakhnath's moral duty to withdraw the litigation and he should have withdrawn his litsaid.

The deputy registrar confirmed that the marking on the ghats is expected to be completed within a week.

Under Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's direction Vice-Chancellor Prof Pratibha Goyal's management, this year's Deepotsav at Ramnagari promises to be more spectacu-lar than ever. Volunteers from he said. Ayodhya's Dharmapath

that the marking work on the 55 ghats of Ram Ki Paidi would be finalised within a week and by October 20, the distribution of volunteer ID cards would begin.

These QR code-equipped ID cards feature several security measures to ensure authenticity and prevent duplication, as 30,000 volunteers prepare to spread and light 28 lakh diyas across the ghats.

"The QR code-equipped ID card will contain details such as the volunteer's name, photo, mobile number, assigned deployment location, and identification number. Additionally, the ID card will feature the signatures of the authorised district administration officer, the Deepotsay nodal officer, and

Rampath and Dharmapath. Artificial electric lights will be used to enhance decorative walls, electric gates, and pillars. The lighting work is scheduled for completion by October 25. Tourism Officer Rajendra Prasad Yadav said, "A variety of tableaux will also be showcased during Deepotsav. The Information and Tourism department has finalised the tender process for their prepa-ration. On October 30, 18 tableaux will be displayed at Saket Mahavidyalaya, depicting scenes from the Ramavana era. Of these, 11 will be arranged by the representative from the

common man? the Information department and seven by the Tourism department."

On the occasion of Sharad Purnima, All India Congress Committee general secretary incharge of Uttar Pradesh Avinash Pandey and Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee president Ajay Rai paid obeisance to Ram Lalla and also visited the Hanumangarhi temple in Ayodhya. The two leaders said they prayed for happiness and prosperity for the people of the state and the entire country. After the darshan, Avinash Pandey said: "We prayed to Lord Shri Ram to give us strength to fight in the interest of the country just like Rahul Gandhi is travelling and fight-

wish everyone follows the path shown by Lord Ram. the epitome of character. and follows the code of conduct.

on the path of truth and fight against untruth and evil people like him," he added.

Ajay Rai said they wish everyone follows the path shown by Lord Ram, the epitome of character, and follows the code of conduct. "We are fortunate that we had the pleasure of Lord Ram's darshan. We pray that there should be prosperity and happiness in the society and everyone should do their

past, finding lost individuals in

Pandey said Lord Ram fought work while behaving in a dighis whole life for the truth. "We all should follow him and walk nified manner," he added.

pleged Gold Ornaments NPA accounts. Interested buyers/bidders who wish to participate in the Gold auction may submit the tenders in a sealed cover to the Branch Manager of concerned Branch, Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank) below on or before 23.10.2024 upto 5 PM. This Auction will be on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".

Sr. No.	Branch	Name of Account	Account Number	Articles	Gross Weight (in Grams)	O/s Amt. as on Date	Reserve Price (Rs.)
1.	Viraj Khand	Mr. Imram	7355582223	Gold Ornaments	76.510	3,02,614/-	4,84,430/-
2.	Viraj Khand	Mr. Imram	7362986250	Gold Ornaments	112.57	3,56,208/-	6,53,563/-

Bank reserve the right to change the date of auction/stop the auction/cancel the auction. The Bank also reserve the right to reject or accept the bid/tender without assigning any reason whatsoever. All the submitted tenders will be opened by the Branch Manager of concerned Branch inside Branch Premises on 24.10.2024 at 11.00 AM. If at the time of tender Opening, any buyer wish to purchase the Gold Ornaments over and above highes tender amounts then the Bank reserve the right to accept such bid amount and sale the Gold Ornaments. If any amount remains outstanding in the loan account after the auction is over, the Bank shall have all legal rights o recovery for such balance amount.

Note: The persons participating in the auction can contact the Branch Manager of the concerned Branch for any kind of information and interest buyer can also contact at Indian Bank, Viraj Khand Branch, Lucknow Mr. Shashank Anand, Mob.: 8090000164

Date: 17.10.2024

INDIAN BANK (erstwhile Allahabad Bank) Place: Lucknow



It is to bring to your notice that your loan account has been declared as NPA by secured creditor Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited having its registered office at 608 - 609, 6th Floor, Block – C Ansal Imperial Tower, Community Center, Naraina Vihar, New Delhi – 110028. (herein after called 'SHDFCL') and you are liable to pay total outstanding against your loan to SHDFCL. You are also liable to pay future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. Therefore, we hereby call upon you to discharge in full your liabilities to SHDFCL within 60 days from the date of this notice failing which SHDFCL will be empowered to exercise the power under Section 13(4) of the ACT. The details of borrowers and secured assets are as under:

ty. This guarantees that no one will feel lost for long and that	S. No.	Loan Account No. Borrower(s) Name	Applicant Address	Demand Notice Amount & Date	Secured Asset
reunions will occur swiftly. While cinematic portrayals relied on chance encounters for		0GKP2306000005064810, Ram Prasad, Manju	Humayupur Jagesarpasi Chouraha Gorakhpur, Basti Uttar Pradesh - 272175	Rs. 14,87,354/- & 23/09/2024	House No. 378D, Khasra No 140/1min Village Humayunpur Uttari Tappa- Kasba Pargana Haveli Tehsil- Sadar, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh-273017
family reunions, the Khoya- Paya Centres and police will now take on the responsibility of identifying and safeguarding every lost person, ensuring a	2.	0LKW210200005035069 & 0LKW2106000005037044, Mohammad Arif, Mohd Rafiq, Afaroz Jahan	551KA/105, Bhilawan Alambagh Near Ali Hospital, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh - 226005	Rs. 8,48,233/- & Rs. 7,00,968/- & 23/09/2024	H.No. 551 GA/134A (OLD H.No. 551 GA/92) Old Sardari Khera Ward Om Nagar Alambagh Lucknow Uttar Pradesh -226018
more systematic and secure process. Special emphasis is being placed on the safety of	3.	0KAN2204000005046195, Rashid Ali, Simmi Parveen, Simmi Parveen	88/265, Chaman Ganj, Near Baba Hotel Kanpur Nagar Uttar Pradesh -208001	Rs. 6,64,143/- & 23/09/2024	Part of Pvt. Plot No. 3, Carved out from Arazi No. 1788Mi Situated at Daheli Sujanpur, Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh -208015
children and women, with strict verification protocols in	4.	0ALB2312000005074179, Suresh Chandra, Sushma Sharma	5, Triveni Nagar, Post Udyog Nagar Mavaiya Road, Near Kallu Sweet House Naini Allahabad Uttar Pradesh-211008	Rs. 7,68,851/- & 23/09/2024	House Built on Plot part Of Arazi No 8 Min Situated At Village Chak Gulam Mohammad Karchhana Prayagraj Uttar Pradesh-211008
place for anyone claiming them. In cases of doubt, police involvement will be immediate to ensure their protection. Now,	5.	0GKP2304000005061708, Suraj Kumar Jayaswal, Sheela Devi	Arya Samaj Mandir, Hata, Kushinagar Basahiya URF Kaptan Ganj, Ward No. 11, Captainganj, Kushinagar Uttar Pradesh - 274301	Rs. 8,55,043/- & 23/09/2024	House on Plot Area 40.5 Sq. Mtrs, Situated at Nagar Panchayat Kaptanganj Tappa- Parvarpar Tehsil Hata, Distt. Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh - 274301
if someone gets lost at the Kumbh Mela, they will be cared for under a safe and organised system. The gov- ernment's initiative transforms	6.	0LKO2203000005045329, Chand Mohammad, Shabana Bano, Mohammad Shazad Rain	030 Pura Khijir Gujar Par Mubarak Pur Azamgarh U.P. Indian Oil Petrol Pump Azamgarh Uttar Pradesh -276404	Rs. 27,99,123/- & 23/09/2024	Flat No. 304, 3rd Floor, Constructed on land of House No. 12, Known as "Falkan Apartment" Nagar Nigam No. 21/011D, Area Measuring 780 sq.ft, Situated at Dalibagh, Butler Road Ward- Rajaram Mohan Rai, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh- 226001
the traditional narrative of pro- longed separations into a faster, simpler, and safer process, safe-	7.	0LKO2205000005047355, Dinesh Kumar Verma, Reena Verma	444/32D/1A, Mishribagh Barafkhan Thakur Ganj Lucknow Manju Tandon Dhal Lucknow Uttar Pradesh - 226003	Rs. 10,87,430/- & 23/09/2024	One residential Plot Khasra no416 Situated at Bhamrauli Shahpur Ward - Haidar Ganj, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh -226001
guarding the well-being of all attendees.		ACE: GURGAON, ATE: 16-10-2024		DEVELOP	AUTHORIZED OFFICER, MENT FINANCE COMPANY LTD.

New measures to ensure prompt reunions at Maha Kumbh

cleanliness at the Kumbh Mela,

a total of 1,45,000 toilets and

urinals will be set up. Besides, over 300 sectional vehicles

and jet spray cleaning sys-tems will be deployed, while

more than 10,000 employees

will be responsible for main-

taining the cleanliness of these

facilities. Additionally, service

levels will be monitored

through QR codes, enabling

immediate rectification of any

For efficient waste manage-

ment, 120 tippers and 40 com-

pactor trucks will be deployed. Transfer stations have been set

stories of reunion thrive.

issues.

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 $T_{\rm ment\ is\ transforming\ the}^{\rm he\ Yogi\ Adityanath\ government}$ age-old cinematic trope of loved ones getting separated in the bustling crowds of the Kumbh Mela. Through meticulous preparations, it aims to dispel the "filmy" notion of people getting lost and reuniting years later.

The government is implementing an innovative lost-andfound system for the Maha Kumbh, ensuring the safety of every visitor—especially chil-dren and the elderly—so no one gets separated from their loved ones.

This technology will not only prevent missing cases but also facilitate prompt reunions if someone is lost during the fair. The Prayagraj Mela Authority and police are collaborating to establish a comprehensive pilgrim registration system, blending security, responsibility, and technology. This initiative promises to make the Maha Kumbh a safe and memorable experience. With the advanced system in place, millions of pilgrims can enjoy their experience without

UP govt making preps for 'Swachh Kumbh' PNS PRAYAGRAJ

for cleanliness. In a bid to ensure a clean and

ilies.

The Uttar Pradesh govern-ment is gearing up to make 'Maha Kumbh 2025' in Prayagraj a 'Swacch Kumbh' with extensive preparations

well-organised event, the administration is deploying over 10,000 cleaning staff. Additionally, 1.5 lakh toilets and 25,000 dustbins equipped with liner bags will be installed across the fairgrounds, aiming to maintain hygiene through-out the mega event. To ensure

fear of losing track of their famfound centres will render such scenes increasingly rare.

Cinematic portrayals of separation at the Kumbh Mela have been a staple of Indian cinema, from the 1943 film 'Taqdeer' to the 1970s classic 'Mela'. These stories left a lasting

impact, reflecting the belief that reuniting with loved ones in the vast crowds was nearly impossible. However, the introduction of high-tech lost-and-

up in each sector, and GPSbased monitoring of vehicles will ensure timely and effective cleaning.

ing to ensure justice for the

A total of 10,200 sanitation workers, organised into 850 teams, will be deployed at the Kumbh Mela. Special sanitation colonies have been constructed for their accommodation. To ensure transparency and timely payment, the daily wages of these workers will be directly deposited into their bank accounts, eliminating any financial confusion and guaranteeing fair compensa-tion for their efforts.

government will establish digital Khoya-Paya centres that leverage technology to recon-These centres will feature dignect lost individuals with their ital registration for missing individuals, allowing families to families. Every lost person will be promptly registered, with their details shared across cenlocate their loved ones more easily. Announcements for all missing people will also be ters and social media platforms like Facebook and X made, transforming a fair historically associated with des-(formerly Twitter). perate searches into one where

This initiative will not only enhance safety but also facili-For the Maha Kumbh 2025, the tate quick reconnections. In the

films often took years and relied on fate. With the Yogi government's new initiative, if someone remains unclaimed for 12 hours, the police will intervene to ensure their safety. This guarantees that no one will feel lost for long and that reunions will occur swiftly. While cinematic portrayals relied on chance encounters for family reunions, the Khoya-Pava Centres and police wil now take on the responsibility of identifying and safeguarding every lost person, ensuring a more systematic and secure process. Special emphasis is being placed on the safety of children and women, with strict verification protocols in place for anyone claiming them. In cases of doubt, police involvement will be immediate to ensure their protection. Now, if someone gets lost at the Kumbh Mela, they will be cared for under a safe and organised system. The government's initiative transforms the traditional narrative of prolonged separations into a faster, simpler, and safer process, safe-



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Month-long Ramnagar Ramlila ends on Sharad Purnima

Varanasi (PNS): Thousands of peo-ple watched the 'Bhor Ki Aarti' at Ayodhya Maidan in trans-Ganga Ramnagar during the wee hours here on Wednesday. With the Ram Rajyabhishek, the month-long internationally famous Ramnagar Ramlila

midnight hours to get a place near the Lila stage and by the time of Aarti not even an inch of space was left as thousands of people reached there. The

entire area echoed with the slogan of 'Jai Siya Ram'. Later, during the Lila, Lord Rama asked various groups of Banar Senas to return to their homes. Elaborate security arrangements were made on the occasion to avoid any untoward incident. The venue and its adjoin-

ing areas wore a festive look. This month-long internationally famous Ramlila began last month with the birth of 'Demon King' Ravana at Lanka on the occasion of Anant Chaturdarshi as per Hindu calendar. Ramnagar Ramlila drew global attention since UNESCO pro-

claimed the tradition of this Ramlila 'a masterpiece of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity' in 2005. The unique feature of this Ramlila is the use of 'petromaxes' for lighting at the stage and the artistes are selected on the basis of their loud voices.

Modi to give big **Diwali gift to** sports lovers

PNS): Prime Minister indoor stadium, which includes Modi is set to give a ali gift to sports enthu-Purvanchal (eastern ding his own parliaconstituency. During Kashi on October 20, l inaugurate Phases 2 ne National Centre of Stadium at the rede-Dr Sampurnanand Sigra, following the n of Phase 1 in 2023. ded facility, built at a 5.65 crore, now meets ndards and offers athover 20 sports disciopportunity to showalents on an internaorm. e leadership of PM

Chief Minister Yogi h, Uttar Pradesh is sforming into a sports overnment's efforts to sports infrastructure le a supportive envior athletes have already the state's share in nal medal wins. The um is expected to pron more world-class athletes. The Kashits complex features a he-art, multi-level

door sports. Amenities such as a gym, spa, yoga centre, billiards room, cafeteria and banquet hall are also available, making the complex a comprehensive sports destination. Additionally, it is designed to accommodate parasports competitions. The redevelopment was carried out in three phases, with Phase 1 costing approximately ₹109.36 crore, while Phases 2 and 3 were completed for around ₹216.29 crore. The upgraded facilities will allow local athletes to witness and participate in international matches in Varanasi. Hockey Olympian and DSP Lalit Upadhyay praised the CM Yogi Adityanath for motivating athletes with the mantra, 'Padak Lao, Padh Pao' meaning 'Bring medals, earn recognition' "The Yogi government is rewarding medal-winning athletes with substantial cash prizes, setting an example that other states are now following in the field of sports. By fostering a supportive environment, CM has significantly enhanced sports facilities in UP, boosting the morale of athletes. especially those from underprivi-leged backgrounds", he said.

facilities for both indoor and out-

GM conducts window ing inspection

(PNS): In view of the of huge crowd of devocted in the upcoming nbh Mela-2025 to be yagraj Sangam and to ooth and proper facilne railway passengers o the fair, General GM) of North Eastern aumya Mathur, along A. Varanasi Division. ımar Srivastava and icials, conducted winling inspection of rayagraj Rambagh rail n Wednesday. During ection, she through ley checked the Major o. 111 and facilities works for fair passenayagraj Rambagh and ions. On the occasion nil Kumar Satpathy, ay Singhal, Principal Signal and nunication Engineer andey, Chief Track Vijay Kumar, Chief

Commercial Manager (Passenger Services) Vijay Kumar, Executive Director (RVNL) Vikas Chandra, Senior Divisional Engineer (Coordination) Rakesh Ranjan, Senior Divisional Operations Manager Ajay Pratap Singh, Senior Divisional Ŝignal & Telecommunication Engineer Rajat Priya, Senior Divisional Engineer-III Anuj Verma, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Sheikh Rehman, Senior Divisional Security Commissioner S Ramakrishnan and other officers were present. The GM conducted a thorough inspection of Jhunsi and Prayagraj Rambagh stations.

der Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And ited (PCHFL) under Securitisation And Rec	Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforce onstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcem	DEMAND ement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with R ent of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act).		Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorise 3(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Se	d Officer of Piramal Capital & Housing Finance ecurity Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the
		ement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with R ent of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower m the publication of this Notice, the amounts ind rritings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s).			are also given below. In connection with above, om the date(s) mentioned below till the date of y the said Borrower(s) respectively.
Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) No. 00300010303 of Kochi Branch)	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date 16-09-2024 / ₹ 835009 / -(₹ Eight lakh Thirty Five Thousand Nine Only) NPA (08-09-2024)	Property address Survey No. 1504/1/18/10, 1504/1/16/8	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) [LC No. HLSA00056F4B of Lucknow - MMM	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date 16-09-2024 /₹ 790944.5 /-(₹ Seven lakh	Property address Plot Of Land Being Part Of Kharsa No.332,
mon Xavier (Borrower) Gijomon P Xavier Borrower 1) No. 00300010304 of Kochi Branch}	16-09-2024 /₹ 2721828 /-(₹ Twenty Seven	Mulavoor Ernakulam District Ernakulam Kerala :- 686673 Survey No. 1504/1/18/10. 1504/1/16/8	Marg Branch) Prem Tripathi (Borrower) Ratna Mani (Co Borrower 1) (LC No. BLSA000129BE of Agra Branch) Nirottam Singh (Borrower) Somati Devi (Co	Only and Fifty Paise) NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 2214408.1 /-(₹ Twenty Two	Situated At Village- Sarosa Bharosa, Lucknow- 226009, Uttar Pradesh. Property of Khasra No.207ml, Mauja-Naripura Chak Doyam, Nathilal Ki Dharamashala, Near
omon Xavier (Borrower) Gijomon P Xavier Borrower 1) No. 06000004769 of Lucknow Branch)	lakh Twenty One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Eight Only) NPA (08-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 152611.06 /-(₹ One lakh Fifty	Kothamangalam Taluk, Kothamangalam Near Mulavoor Junction Ernakulam District Ernakulam Kerala :- 686673	Borrower 1) (LC No. M0065518 of Agra Branch) Govind Agarwal (Borrower) Kamlesh Agarwal (Co	Only and Ten Paise) NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 1699566.36 /-(₹ Sixteen lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Five Hundred Sixty	Pram Vatika, Lohamandi Ward Tehsil & District, Agra-282001, Uttar Pradesh. House No.8/50 A, Khasra No.419 & 420, Bake New Kaushalpur, Oxford Library, District- Agra,
veendra Kumar Gupta (Borrower) Poonam pta (Co Borrower 1) No. 06000008617 of Lucknow Branch) lab Chandhra (Borrower) Indu (Co	Two Thousand Six Hundred Eleven Only and Six Paise) NPA (08-09-2024)	Dhakhauli, Pargana & Tehsil- Nawabganj Barabanki Barabanki Uttar Pradesh :- 225001 Flat No. 401, Tower-1, 4Th Floor, Polars Prajas Tower, At Khasra No. 292 Min, Uttardhauna,	Borrower 1) (LC No. BLSA000158DE of Moradabad Branch)	Six Only and Thirty Six Paise) NPA (04-01-2024) 16-09-2024 / \$1303273.52 /-(\$ Thirteen	Agra-282005 House Over Gata No.388, Situated at Gram
rrower 1) No. 06000009067 of Lucknow Branch)	(08-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 1865994 /-(₹ Eighteen lakh Sixty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety	B/H Law College Lucknow Lucknow Uttar Pradesh :- 226020 Plot No. 12 Khasra No. 642 Sa Situated At	Aamir Khan (Borrower) Shahana Begam (Co Borrower 1) (LC No. BLSA00017DF7 of Budaun Branch)	lakh Three Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Three Only and Fifty Two Paise) NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 1569348.94 /-(₹ Fifteen lakh	Rajabpur, Rajabpur Marriage Hall, Amroha, Jyotiba Phule Nagar-244236 Plot Over The Gata No.119, Situated at Gram
asat Ali (Borrower) Anisha Begam (Co rrower 1) No. 14600001252 of Meerut Branch)	Sixty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Four Only) NPA (08-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 1326989 /-(₹ Thirteen lakh	Village- Natkur, Tehsil- Sarojini Nagar, District- Lucknow Lucknow Lucknow Uttar Pradesh :- 226020 House On Plot No. 7 Block C In Khasra No. 22	Munne Khan (Borrower) Fatima Begam (Co Borrower 1)	Sixty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Forty Eight Only and Ninety Four Paise) NPA (03-09-2024)	Ushalt, Mahakali Petrol Pump, Dataganj, Budaun-243641, Uttar Pradesh.
nwani Kumar (Borrower) Rohit (Co rrower 1) Sushma (Co Borrower 2) No. 14600001290 of Meerut Branch) M/s	Twenty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Nine Only) NPA (08-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 3236934.28 /-(₹ Thirty Two	Village Asalat Nagar Modinagar Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh :- 201204 Flat No.B-304 And Flat No.B-303 3Rd Floor	(LC No. HLSA0006470A of Sahjahanpur Branch) Amit . (Borrower) Anjli (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 754327.38 /-(₹ Seven lakh Fifty Four Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Seven Only and Thirty Eight Paise) NPA (03-09-2024)	Plot Made On Part Of , Gata No.240, Indian Oil Petrol Pump, Situated at Village, Shahjahanpur-242001, Uttar Pradesh.
ansha Builder (Borrower) Rohit Agarwal (Co rrower 1) Akansha Agarwal (Co Borrower 2) rag Agarwal (Co Borrower 3) Pinki Agarwal Borrower 4)	Thirty Four Only and Twenty Eight Paise)	Golden Tower & Flat No. 465/1-T-303 Mangal Pandey Nagar Meerut Uttar Pradesh - 250001	(LC No. HLSA00066E59 of Lucknow - MMM Marg Branch) Sudha Singh (Borrower) Aparna Singh (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 837947.64 /-{₹ Eight lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Seven Only and Sixty Four Paise) NPA (03-09-2024)	House Constructed on Plot No.F-13 B, Part Of Khasra No.1967, Lucknow-226010, Uttar Pradesh
No. 19300041542 of Lucknow - Lalbagh anch) Om Narain Mishra (Borrower) ndana Mishra (Co Borrower 1)	Twenty Nine Thousand One Hundred Ninety Only) NPA (08-09-2024)	Plot No 170 Part Of Khasra No 412 Vill Rudahi Pargana Mahona Teh Bkt Lucknow Lucknow Uttar Pradesh :- 226020	(LC No. PHHLNOI05000769 of Noida Branch) Kusum Arora (Borrower) Anmol Batra (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 2237328.66 /-(₹ Twenty Two lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Eight Only and Sixty Six Paise) NPA	Flat No.707, 7th Floor, Advantage Tower, Mahagun Montage, Gh-03, Dundahera, Ghaziabad-201016, Uttar Pradesh
CNo. 19300043714 of Lucknow - Lalbagh anch) Rakesh Kesarwani (Borrower) Sarita sarwani (Co Borrower 1) Sunil Kumar (Co rrower 2)	16-09-2024 /₹ 2492155 /-{₹ Twenty Four lakh Ninety Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty Five Only) NPA (08-09-2024)	House On Plot No 5, Khasra No 101 Minj, Gram Mohamadpur Khatri, Ward Aliganj, Zila Lucknow Lucknow Uttar Pradesh :- 226020	(LC No. HLSA0006891A of Delhi - Shahdara Branch) Imran Javed (Borrower) Kusum Lata Singh (Co Borrower 1)	(08-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 1820475.32 /-(₹ Eighteen lakh Twenty Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Five Only and Thirty Two Paise) NPA	Plot No.9, Khasra No.15 D, Village Chapraula Pargana & Tehsil Dadri, Girdharpur Gate, Gautam Buddha Nagar-201306,
No. 19300044753 of Lucknow - Lalbagh Inch) Sukhveer Singh Yadav (Borrower) dha Devi (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 606078.76 /-(₹ Six lakh Six Thousand Seventy Eight Only and Seventy Six Paise) NPA (08-09-2024)	Plot No 5 Part Of Kha No 1333 Std Vill Aurangabad Ward Raja Bijli Pasi Tehsil Sarojani Nagar Lucknow Lucknow Uttar Pradesh :- 226020	(LC No. HLSA00071A67 of Hardoi - Lucknow Road Branch) Shravan Kumar Gupta	(03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 1153968.08 /-(₹ Eleven lakh Fifty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty	Plot Part of Gata No.278 Situated at Gram- Gunara, Near Yamuna City, Pargana and Tehsil
No. 19300044892 of Lucknow - Lalbagh anch) Ajay Kumar Ojha (Borrower) Anjula na (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 165468.74 /-(₹ One lakh Sixty Five Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Eight Only and Seventy Four Paise) NPA (08-09-		(Borrower) MONI GUPTA (Co Borrower 1) (LC No. HLSA00074DFA of Hardoi - Lucknow Road Branch) Mohd Ikwal Khan (Borrower)	Eight Only and Eight Paise)NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 1373339.5 /-(₹ Thirteen lakh Seventy Three Thousand Three Hundred	-Jalalabad, District-Shahjahanpur Uttar Pradesh 242221 Part of House No.733 Situated at Mohalla- Subash Nagar Hardoi, Pargana-Bangar, Tehsil
No. 25700002077 of Gorakhpur Branch) carsh Kumar Tiwari (Borrower) Sadhana ari (Co Borrower 1)	2024) 16-09-2024 /북 510227 /-(북 Five lakh Ten Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Seven Only) NPA (08-09-2024)	Plot Situated At Arazi No.1140, Ward No. 18, Mauza- Jungle Tulsiram, Tappa & Parg Ana- Haveli, Tehsile- Sadar Gorakhpur Gorakhpur	MALKA BANO (Co Borrower 1) (LC No. PHHLNOI05000690 of Noida Branch)	Thirty Nine Only and Fifty Paise) NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 5834832.3/-(₹ Fifty Eight lakh	and District-Hardoi Uttar Pradesh 241001 Flat 2622, Floor 25, Fortune tower, Crossing
No. 26600000516 of Delhi Rajouri Garden anch) Manoj Kumar (Borrower) Anju Pal (Co	16-09-2024 /₹ 1277399 /-(₹ Twelve lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Three Hundred	Uttar Pradesh :- 273001 Plot No. F-3, First Floor Rhs, Mig Block - F, Near Ankur Vihar Slf Ved Vihar, Loni	Mohit Bajpai (Borrower) Vibha Mishra (Co Borrower 1) (LC No. PHHLNOI05000391 of Noida Branch) Nishant Kumar (Borrower) Tanvi Singh (Co	Thirty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Two Only and Thirty Paise) NPA(08-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 3440321.72 /-(₹ Thirty Four Jakh Forty Thousand Three Hundred Twenty	republic plot No GH3, dundhahera ghaziabad, uttar pradesh 201016 Flat no 1522, 14th floor, Mahagun montage, Crossing Republic Plot no GH 3, Dehradun
rrower 1) No. 29100000258 of Bareilly Branch) ohd Navi (Borrower) Shahnaz Begam (Co rrower 1)	Ninety Nine Only) NPA (08-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /< 1135634.94 /-(< Eleven lakh Thirty Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Four Only and Ninety Four Paise) NPA	Ghaziabad Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh - 201010 House On Part Of Kh. No. 305 Kandharpur Bareilly Bareilly Uttar Pradesh - 243001	Borrower 1) (LC No. PHHLNOI05000615 of Noida Branch)	One Only and Seventy Two Paise) NPA (08-09-2024) 16-09-2024 / \$3388446.28 /-(\$Thirty Three	ghaziabad uttar pradesh 201010 Flat 2804, Floor 27, Advantage tower,
No. 29200000878 of Yamunanagar anch) Amit Kumar (Borrower) Suresho	(08-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 1630710 /-(₹ Sixteen lakh Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Ten Only) NPA (08-09-2024)	Near Sarsawa Block Mohalla Afgan East Shalimar Garden Saharanpur Saharanpur Saharanpur Uttar Pradesh 247001	Parul Vidyarthi Rathi (Borrower) Manish Agrahari (Co Borrower 1) (LC No. PHHLNOI05000667 of Noida Branch)	lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Forty Six Only and Twenty Eight Paise) NPA (08-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /\$ 2937770.18 /-(\$ Twenty Nine	Mahagun Montage, GH-03, Dundhahera Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh 201016 Flat 1824. Floor 17th, Fortune towermahagun
a Borrower 1) No. 30100000022 of Aligarh Branch) ohd Asim (Borrower) Kasima (Co rrower 1)	NPA (08-09-2024) 16-09-2024 / ₹ 1422278.84 /-{₹ Fourteen lakh Twenty Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Eight Only and Eighty Four Paise} NPA (08-09-2024)	Flat No. Ff-2 ,F,F,,On Part Of Kh. No-54 'Dream Homes', Mauja-Jamalpur Mafi, Hamdard Nagar-B,Parg. & Koll, Aligarh Aligarh Uttar	Preeti Saxena (Borrower) Vinay kumar asthana (Co Borrower 1)	lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Only and Eighteen Paise) NPA (08-09-2024)	montage, Crossing republic, Plot no GH-03, Dundahera Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh 201016
C No. 24000003452 of Kanpur Branch) rman Prajapati (Borrower) Ratna Devi o Borrower 1)	NPA (08-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 377115 /-(₹ Three lakh Seventy Seven Thousand One Hundred Fifteen Only) NPA (03-09-2024)	Pradesh :- 202001 Plot No. 3 Part Of Arazi No. 395 Gram- Pargahi Bangar Kanpur Nagar Kanpur Urban Uttar Pradesh :- 208001	Renu Vaid (Borrower) Vijay Vaid (Co Borrower 1)	Sixty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Six Only and Ninety Six Paise) NPA (08-09-2024)	Flat 1829, Floor 17, Fortune tower, Mahagun montage, Dundhahera Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh 201016
C No. M0234477 of Lucknow - MMM Marg anch) Akash Shukla (Borrower) Isha Shukla b Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 2488508.7 /-(₹ Twenty Four lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eight Only and Seventy Paise) NPA	Flat No.4-A, 4th Floor, Khasra No.127 min, Ward Moti Lal Nehru Nagar, Lucknow Uttar Pradesh 226020	(LC No. PHHLNOI05000848 of Noida Branch) Rajeev Pandey (Borrower) Nidhi pandey (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 1000751.96 /-(₹ Ten lakh Seven Hundred Fifty One Only and Ninety Six Paise) NPA (08-09-2024)	Flat no 2217, 21st floor, Advantage tower mahagun montage crossing republic, Plot no GH 03, Dundhahera ghazaibad Uttar Pradesh 201016
C No. M0234477TU of Lucknow - MMM arg Branch) Akash Shukla (Borrower) Isha ukla (Co Borrower 1)	(03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 307824.12 /-(₹ Three lakh Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Four Only and Twelve Paise) NPA (03-09-2024)	Flat No.4-A, 4th Floor, Khasra No.127 min, Ward Moti Lal Nehru Nagar, Lucknow Uttar Pradesh 226020	(LC No. PHHLNOI05000780 of Noida Branch) Rajat Saini (Borrower)	16-09-2024 / \$3570491.36 /-(\$Thirty Five lakh Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Ninety One Only and Thirty Six Paise) NPA (08-09-2024)	11h flor, Flat no 1123, fortune tower, Mahagun montage, GH 03, Dundhahera Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh 201016
C No. HLSA00055079 of Amethi Branch) anjoo . (Borrower) Vikas Agrahri (Co prrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 916144.02 /-{₹ Nine lakh Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Forty Four Only and Two Paise) NPA (03-09-2024)	Gata No.34 & 36 Situated at Gram- Hariharishapur GD Goenka School Hariharishapur Sultanpur Uttar Pradesh228001	(LC No. HLSA00001A8E of Lucknow - Gomti Nagar Branch) Vaishali Singh (Borrower) SANDEEP PARMAR (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 2911081.39 /-(₹ Twenty Nine lakh Eleven Thousand Eighty One Only and Thirty Nine Paise) NPA (03-09-2024)	Plot on KH no 824, Minj, Village sarasawa, paragana Lucknow Uttar pradesh 226001
C No. HLSA000044EB of Amethi Branch) anjoo . (Borrower) Vikas Agrahri (Co rrrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 528334.82 /-(₹ Five lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Four Only and Eighty Two Paise) NPA (03-09-2024)	Gata No.34 & 36 Situated at Gram- Hariharishapur GD Goenka School Hariharishapur Sultanpur Uttar Pradesh 228001	(LC No. M0113244 of Lucknow - MMM Marg	16-09-2024 / ₹1557956.24 /-(₹Fifteen lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Six Only and Twenty Four Palse) NPA	House Constructed on Part of Plot No 32, Part of Khasra no.130, Vill; Amaraigaon, ward - Shaheed Bhagat singh, Near pani ki Tanki Tehsil & Dist- Lucknow Uttar Pradesh 226002
C No. HLSA000133F2 of Varanasi Branch) narmendra Kumar (Borrower) Tetra Devi o Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹1212108.2 /-(₹ Twelve lakh Twelve Thousand One Hundred Eight Only and Twenty Paise) NPA (03-09-2024)	Arazi No.100/4 Mauza Lohara(Mavai) Paragana, Mugalsarai Tahsil, Distt Chandauli Uttar Pradesh 232101	(LC No. M0118505 of Moradabad Branch) Brij Kishor (Borrower) VIJAY LAXEMI (Co Borrower 1)	(03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 / ₹ 1072060.42 /-(₹ Ten lakh Seventy Two Thousand Sixty Only and Forty Two Paise) NPA (03-09-2024)	Part of Khasra No. 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213 & 214, Near Rajeev Medical Teshil & Distt. Moradabad
No. HLSA000133F2TU of Varanasi Branch) armendra Kumar (Borrower) Tetra Devi o Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 838293.96 /-(₹ Eight lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Three Only and Ninety Six Paise) NPA (03-09 -2024)	Arazi No.100/4 Mauza Lohara(Mavai) Paragana, Mugalsarai Tahsil, Distt Chandauli Uttar Pradesh 232101	(LC No. PHHLNOI05000397 of Noida Branch) Saurabh Kumar (Borrower) kanchan (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 2456515.77 /-(₹ Twenty Four lakh Fifty Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifteen Only and Seventy Seven Paise) NPA	Uttar Pradesh 244001 flat 2714, 26th floor, Advantage tower, Mahagun Montage, GH-03, Dundhera Ghaziabad uttar pradesh 201016
C No. HLSA0002E8C9 of Aligarh Branch) ohd Nisar (Borrower) Hasina (Co prrower 1)	16-09-2024 / 1892861.88 /-(* Eighteen lakh Ninety Two Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty One Only and Eighty Eight Paise) NPA	House of Part New Khasra No.940cha & Old Khasra No.457 Near Barkati Masjid & FM Tower Mauza-Manzoorgarhi (Islam Nagar)	(LC No. PHHLNOI05000611 of Noida Branch) Shailesh Kumar Jha (Borrower) Som nath Jha	(08-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /북 1661732.42 /-(북 Sixteen lakh Sixty One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty	Flat no 702, 7th floor, Advantage Tower Mahagun Montage, Crossing republic plot no
C No. HLSA0002E8C9TU of Aligarh Branch) ohd Nisar (Borrower) Hasina (Co	(03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 388936.02 /-{₹ Three lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty	Pargana & Tehsil Koil Dist Aligarh Uttar Pradesh 202001 House of Part New Khasra No.940cha & Old Khasra No.457 Near Barkati Masjid & FM	(Co Borrower 1) (LC No. M0124463 of Faizabad Branch) Kuldeep Pal (Borrower) MOOGA S (Co	Two Only and Forty Two Paise) NPA (08-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 1257461 /-(₹ Twelve lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Sixty	GH 03, Dundhahera Ghaziabad 201016 Gat no. 7 Min, Situated Paliyaa Risali, tehsil sohalwalb, Near hanumant Nagar,Dist-
rrower 1) C No. HLSA0005460A of Sitapur Branch)	Six Only and Two Paise) NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /र 981682.22 /-(र Nine lakh	Tower Mauza-Manzoorgarhi (Islam Nagar) Pargana & Tehsil Koil Dist Aligarh Uttar Pradesh 202001 House Plot Made on Part of Gata No.389,	Borrower 1) SHIVRAM (Co Borrower 2) (LC No. PHHLNOI05000801 of Noida Branch) Sanjay Kumar Mishra (Borrower) Nirmala	One Only) NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 / 1563457.52 /-(1 Fifteen lakh Sixty Three Thousand Four Hundred Fifty	Faizabad(Ayodhya), Uttar Pradesh 224201 Flat no 1201, 12th floor, Advantage tower, mahagun montage plot no GH 3, Crossing
rahan Ajamat Khan (Borrower) Afroz Jahan o Borrower 1)	Eighty One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Two Only and Twenty Two Paise) NPA (03-09-2024)	Near S K Enterprises Kheri Tehsil Kheri Uttar Pradesh 262701	Mishra(Co Borrower1)Sanjeev Kumar Mishra (Co Borrower 2) (LC No. M0125455 of Kanpur Branch) Nirman Prajapati (Borrower) RATNA DEVI (Co	Seven Only and Fifty Two Paise) NPA (08-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 981258.72 /-(₹ Nine lakh Eighty One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty	Republic, Dundhahrera Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh 201014 Private Plot No. 3, Situated at Part of Arazi No. 395, Gram - Pargahi Bangar, Pargana & Tehsil
C No. HLSA0005460ATU of Sitapur Branch) rahan Ajamat Khan (Borrower) Afroz Jahan o Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 797317.48 /-{₹ Seven lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seventeen Only and Forty Eight Paise) NPA (03-09-2024)	House Plot Made on Part of Gata No.389, Near S K Enterprises Kheri Tehsil Kheri Uttar Pradesh 262701	Borrower 1) MEWA LAL (Co Borrower 2) (Ic No. Blsa00004a28 Of Meerut Branch)	Eight Only and Seventy Two Paise) NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 / ₹ 1506520.3 /-{₹ Fifteen lakh	Kanpur Uttar Pradesh 209217 House Nagar Palika no.304 Near Chandra
C No. M0189040 of Saharanpur Branch) Ishad . (Borrower) Gulshan (Co Borrower 1) Inavaj (Co Borrower 2)	16-09-2024 /₹ 983464.24 /-(₹ Nine lakh Eighty Three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Four Only and Twenty Four Paise) NPA (03-09-2024)	Part of Plot No 67 & 68, Khasra Nos.699 & 701, Dara kot-Tala Swad Barun Dar Abadi Abdulla Colony, J V Jain College Pargana, Tehsil & Distt, Saharanpur Uttar Pradesh	Gohar Ali (borrower) Anwar Husain (co Borrower 1) Mohd Farman (Co Borrower 2) Anam Fatima (co Borrower 3) Danish Haider (co Borrower 4)	Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Only and Thirty Paise) NPA (03-09-2024)	Cinema Muzaffarnagar uttar pradesh 251002
C No. M0190651 of Delhi - Pitampura anch) Anjupal . (Borrower) Manoj Kumar	16-09-2024 /₹ 588242 /-(₹ Five lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Forty Two	247001 Plot No.F3, Flat no. F-1 MIG First Floor (R.H.S) SLF Ved Vihar Part of Khasra No.1214, Village	(LC No. HLSA00009951 of Kanpur Branch) Ravi Tiwari (Borrower) Hitesh Tiwari (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 1410531.92 /-{₹ Fourteen lakh Ten Thousand Five Hundred Thirty One Only and Ninety Two Paise) NPA (03-09-2024)	Part House no: 132/689(South Side), Munshipurwa, In Front of Ramleela Ground, Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh 208013
o Borrower 1) C No. HLSA00003096 of Noida Branch) Amit Imar Srivastava (Borrower) Usha Srivastava o Borrower 1)	Ninety Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy One Only and Seventy Two Paise)	Loni Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh 201102 Khata No.00412 / Khasara No.660 KA Villa No.25 Tulip Home Haldwani Talli Tehsil Haldwani Dist Nainital Uttarakhand 263139	(LC No. PHHLNOI05000299 of Noida Branch) Vikas Mishra (Borrower) Shail Mishra (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 2401324.4 /-(₹ Twenty Four lakh One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty	Flat 2918, 28th Floor, Fortune Tower Mahagun montage, GH-3, Dundhahera crosssing Republic Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh
C No. M0230392 of Lucknow - Gomti Nagar anch) Rahul Kumar Jaiswal (Borrower)	NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 627711.84 /-(₹ Six lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred	Part of House Municipal No.544/2026 Village Mohalla-Baraura Husain Bari, Ward-Kanhaoya	(LC No. M0139606 of Prayagraj Branch) Asha Devi Kushwaha (Borrower) AKASH KUSHVAHA (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 756061 /-(₹ Seven lakh Fifty Six Thousand Sixty One Only) NPA (03-09-2024)	201016 At Part of Arazi No189, Mauza - Ujhini Kasim Patti / Ftehpur Uparhar, Pragana & Tehsil - Sadar, Distt - Prayagraj, U.P. 212208
bita Jaiswal (Co Borrower 1) C No. BLSA000029CC of Lucknow - Gomti Igar Branch) Anil Dubey (Borrower) Seema	Eleven Only and Eighty Four Paise) NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 793115.66 /-(₹ Seven lakh Ninety Three Thousand One Hundred Fifteen	Madhopur, Baraura Hussainbadi Primary School, Lucknow Uttar Pradesh 226003 Over Khasra No.839, JP Model Public School Situated AT Gram Sarosa, Bhaisora, Pargana	(LC No. PHHLNOI05000840 of Noida Branch) Zuheb Hasan (Borrower) Shabana Azami (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 2055796.18 /-(₹ Twenty lakh Fifty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Six Only and Eighteen Paise) NPA	Flat no 0302, 3rd Floor, Advantage tower montage, Crossing republic plot no GH 03, Dundhera ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh 201016
bey (Co Borrower 1) C No. HLSA00005B24 of Aligarh Branch) Juray Bhardwaj (Borrower) Poonam	Only and Sixty Six Paise) NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 1160432.52 /-(₹ Eleven lakh Sixty Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Two	Kakori, Tehsil Sarojini Nagar Dist. Lucknow Uttar Pradesh 226011 Part of Khasra No.1577, Mohalla Chandniya, Mauja Kasba Koil-I, Near Ramabai Ambedkar	(LC No. M0143139 of Moradabad Branch) Ravi Kumar (Borrower) SUSHILA DEVI (Co Borrower 1)	(08-09-2024) 16-09-2024 / ₹ 921419.56 /-(₹ Nine lakh Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred Nineteen Only and Fifty Six Paise) NPA	Part Of Khasra No 9 A, Ba, Near Zyarat Moradabad. Uttar Pradesh 244001
ardwaj (Co Borrower 1) C No. HLSA00006437 of Aligarh Branch)	Only and Fifty Two Paise) NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 1314155.72 /-(₹ Thirteen Iakh Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Fifty	Rajkíva Chhatrabas District Aligarh Uttar Pradesh 202002 House Nagar Nigam No.4/468A Khasra	(LC No. M0160893 of Gorakhpur Branch) Rahaman . (Borrower) MARIYAM (Co	(03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 989785 /-(₹ Nine lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Five	Arazi No 1125 Mauja Jungle Bahadur Ali, Tappa - Kasba, Pargana - Hayeli, Tehsil - Sadar,
ohd Danish (Borrower) Farzana (Co prrower 1) C No. M0269436 of Kanpur Branch)	Five Only and Seventy Two Paise) NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 / ₹ 553720.68 /-(₹ Five lakh Fifty	No.133 Part, Mauza-Jamalpur Maphi Hamdard Nagar B Ghosiya Masjid Aligarh Uttar Pradesh 202002 House Built On Khasra No.1132 (Min) Gram	Borrower 1) (LC No. M0174924 of Noida Branch) Fateh Mohammad (Borrower) RUKHASANA (Co Borrower 1) RASHID (Co Borrower 2)	Only) NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 1243961 /-(₹ Twelve lakh Forty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty One Only) NPA (03-09-2024)	Distt Gorakhpur üttar pradesh 273001 Plot No 10, Village masuri, Near Jeevan Hospital, Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh 201015
ohammad Danish Siddiqui (Borrower) umtaj Bano (Co Borrower 1) C No. HLSA00007E55 of Hardoi - Lucknow vad Branch) Subhash Ku Dixit (Borrower)	Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Only and Sixty Eight Paise) NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 451408.12 /-(₹ Four lakh Fifty One Thousand Four Hundred Eight Only and	Part Of Gata No.1479, Near Shri Sai Filling	(LC No. HLSA00055396 of Lucknow - MMM	16-09-2024 /₹ 2790858.32 /-(₹ Twenty Seven lakh Ninety Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Eight Only and Thirty Two Paise) NPA	House Made on Plot No.52 Khasra No.154 Ka Minj Situation At Mohalla Village Uttardhauna, Mercedes Showroom, Lucknow
obhit Dixit (Co Borrower 1) Shail Dixit (Čo rrower 2) C No. HLSA00009C8E of Lucknow - Gomti	Twelve Paise) NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 5016426.7 /-(₹ Fifty lakh	Hardoi, Dehat, Hardoi 241001, Uttar Pradesh Flat No.C-1, 3rd Floor, Part Of Plot No.78 &	(LC No. HLSA000023D0 of Sitapur Branch) Ram Prasad (Borrower) Poonam (Co Borrower 1)	(03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 / 2096117.74 /-(Twenty lakh Ninety Six Thousand One Hundred Seventeen Only and Seventy Four Paise)	Gomti Nagar Uttar Pradesh 226028 House Build on Part of Khasra 293 Near Jain Hospital Shahjahanpur Uttar Pradesh 242226
sgar Branch) Azam Khan Malik (Borrower) ema Khan (Co Borrower 1) C No. BLSA00004829 of Moradabad Branch)	Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Six Only and Seventy Paise) NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 1059900.82 /-(₹ Ten lakh Fifty	79, Forming Part of Khasra No.365, Near Bada Imambada, At Mehtab Bagh (Gend Khana), Lucknow-226001, Uttar Pradesh. Property Situated on Plot No. Khasra No.794	(LC No. HLSA000023D0TU of Sitapur Branch) Ram Prasad (Borrower) Poonam (Co	NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 2190260.46 /-(₹ Twenty One lakh Ninety Thousand Two Hundred Sixty	House Build on Part of Khasra 293 Near Jain Hospital Shahjahanpur Uttar Pradesh 242226
esh Kumar (Borrower) Premvati Devi (Co rrower 1)	Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Only and Eighty Two Paise) NPA (03-09-2024)	Property Situated on Plot No.Khasra No.294 MIN, Mohalla- Baldevpuri, Gram - Sihora Govind Bahar Chungi, Near Kashyap Dharmsala, Moradabad-244001, Uttar Pradesh.	Borrower 1) (IC No. M0122149 of Kanpur Branch) Ashwani Sharma (Borrower) Phulmati Sharma (Co Borrower 1)	Only and Forty Six Paise) NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 / 1168695 / (R Eleven lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Five Only) NPA (03-08-2024)	Plot No.21, Arazi No.1590 (Min) Mathurapur, Kashi Ram Colony Near Kashiram Colony Gram-Ahirwa Kanpur Nagar Uttar Pradesh
C No. PHHLNOI05000600 of Noida Branch) ay Bhardwaj (Borrower) Poonam Sharma o Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 2728854.28 /-{₹ Twenty Seven lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Four Only and Twenty Eight	Flat No.0726, 7th Floor, Fortune Tower, Mahagun Montage, GH-03, Dundahera, Ghaziabad-201016, Uttar Pradesh.	(LC No. M0075081 of Lucknow - Gomti Nagar Branch) Sanjay Kumar (Borrower) Sunita Sunita (Co Borrower 1)	and the state of the second	208007 Plot No.50 Khasra no.1019 Ka Minj Situated At Near Samarpan Hospital Lucknow Uttar Pradesh 226203
C No. PHHLNOI05000795 of Noida Branch) ay Pratap (Borrower) Akansha Singh (Co rrower 1)	Paise) NPA (08-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 2663713.6 /-(₹ Twenty Six lakh Sixty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirteen Only and Sixty Paise) NPA	Flat No.1728, 16th Floor, Tower Fortue, Mahagun Montage, Crossing Republic, Plot No.GH-03, Dundahera, Ghaziabad-201016,	(LC No. BLSA0001AC3A of Amethi Branch)	(03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 1082147.02 /-(₹ Ten lakh Eighty Two Thousand One Hundred Forty	Plot On Land Over Gata No.131, Par Tehsil Mohanlal Ganj Near Kasba Maha Rana Pratap
C No. PHHLNOI05000859 of Noida Branch) hok Arora (Borrower) Shalini Arora (Co	(08-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 2695429.4 /-(₹ Twenty Six lakh Ninety Five Thousand Four Hundred	Huttar Pradesh Flat No.1719, 16th Floor, Fortune Mahagun Montage, Plot No.3, Dundehara Crossing Republic, Ghaziabad-201016, Uttar Pradesh.	Ajeet Kumar Maurya (Borrower) Shanti (Co Borrower 1) Shivlal (Co Borrower 2) (LC No. M0169414 of Moradabad Branch) Zulfegar Khan (Borrower) Mohd Tahir Khan	Seven Only and Two Paise) NPA(03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 952427 /-(₹ Nine lakh Fifty Two Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Seven	Gate At Moazzamnagar Lucknow Uttar Pradesh 226501 Mohalla Bagicha Gazi Mazaffar Lal Graveyard Rampur Uttar Pradesh 244901
rrower 1) C No. HLSA00016306 of Moradabad anch) Amit Kumar (Borrower) Savitri	Twenty Nine Only and Forty Paise) NPA (08-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 1016976.34 /-{₹ Ten lakh Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Six	Gata No.26, Situate at Village- Chak Pandaki, Tehsil And Distt- Amroha, Chamunda Mandir,	(Co Borrower 1) Shahana Bi T (Co Borrower2) (LC No. M0051600 of Kanpur Branch) Ashwani Sharma (Borrower) Phulmati	Only) NPA (03-08-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 692283 /-(₹ Six lakh Ninety Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Three	PVT Plot No.21 Part of Arazi No.1590, Gram Ahirwan Alakhnanda Society kanpur Nagar
o Borrower 1) C No. HLSA00013C41 of Prayagraj Branch) ai Lal Patel (Borrower) Nirmala Devi (Co	Only and Thirty Four Paise) NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /북 1644506.76 /-(북 Sixteen lakh Forty Four Thousand Five Hundred Six Only	Jyotiba Phule Nagar-244221, Uttar Pradesh Part Of Arazi No.641, Shiv Mandir Railway Line Bhitura, Pratapgarh-230204, Uttar	Sharma (Co Borrower 1) (LC No. M0173395 of Jhansi Branch) Sunny Yadav (Borrower) Meera Yadav (Co Borrower 1) Rajesh Yadav (Co Borrower 2)	Only) NPA (03-08-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 488726 /-(₹ Four lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Six Only) NPA (04-02-2024)	208008 Uttar Pradesh Part of Survey No.451 Near Forensic Science Laboratory Mauja Shijvaha Distt Jhansi Uttar Pradesh 284135
No. HLSA00028D87 of Gorakhpur Branch) kesh Shahi (Borrower) Madhuri Shahi (Co	and Seventy Six Paise) NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 6746398.92 /-(₹ Sixty Seven lakh Forty Six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Eight Only and Ninety Two Paise)	Pradesh Arazi No.520, Pargna Sidhua Jovana Tehsil, Kasia, Behind Bus Station, Kushinagar - 274403, Uttar Pradesh	(LC No. 23400003508 of Agra Branch) Anwaar Husain (Borrower) Gulnaaz (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 2823442.16 /-(₹ Twenty Eight Iakh Twenty Three Thousand Four Hundred Forty Two Only and Sixteen Paise) NPA	
No. M0048485 of Faizabad Branch) Ajay th (Borrower) Anita Soni (Co Borrower 1)	NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /₹ 1505671 /-(₹ Fifteen lakh Five Thousand Six Hundred Seventy One Only)	Dariyapur Dariyapur Sultanpur, Suraj Talkies Ke Pichhe, Sultanpur-228001, Uttar Pradesh	(LC No. 13100001786 of Noida 1 Rajendra Place Branch) M/S.Shree Ram Avtar Fruit	(30-09-2020) 16-09-2024 /₹ 9514440.55 /-(₹ Ninety Five lakh Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Forty	Shop No. 5 A- 22 Sabji Mandi Sabzi Mandi
No. BLSA00009059 of Agra Branch) Pankaj mar (Borrower) Suresh Chandra (Co rrower 1) Ishwar Devi (Co Borrower 2)	NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /< 663211.94 /-(< Six lakh Sixty Three Thousand Two Hundred Eleven Only and Ninety Four Paise) NPA (03-09-2024)	Property Situated at Mauja Prempur, Mohalla Azad Nagar,City And Dist-Firozabad, Firozabad-283204, Uttar Pradesh	Company India Pvt Ltd (Borrower) Ram Avtar Singh (Co Borrower 1) Devendar Rana (Co Borrower 2) (LC No. 01400003355 of New Delhi Branch)	Only and Fifty Five Paise) NPA (11-03-2023) 16-09-2024 / ₹ 15494422.1 /-(₹ One Crore	Flat No. 10 - C,2nd Floor, H. I. G. Flat Block
uru Sharn (Co Borrower 3) Hari Om Kumar o Borrower 4) Raju (Co Borrower 5) C No. BLSA0000CCOE of Gorakhpur Branch)	16-09-2024 /₹ 1933443.8 /-(₹ Nineteen lakh	Arazi No.64, Tehsil Nautanwa, Near	Vimal (Borrower) Menka (Co Borrower 1)	Fifty Four lakh Ninety Four Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Two Only and Ten Paise) NPA (04-01-2014)	E-15, Satabadi Vihar Sector-61, Noida Noida Gautambudh Nagar Uttar Pradesh :- 201301
ohammad Nazim (Borrower) Rasheda aatoon (Co Borrower 1) C No. HLSA0003F196 of Prayagraj Branch)	Thirty Three Thousand Four Hundred Forty Three Only and Eighty Paise) NPA (03-09-2024) 16-09-2024 /< 1927440.72 /-(₹ Nineteen	Mohanapur Dhala, Near SBI Bank, Maharajganj-273162, Uttar Pradesh. House No.17/A/19Q/4, Situated At Part Of	(LC No. 13300000291 of Cannaught Place Branch) Vimal (Borrower) Menka (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 21517478.36 /-(₹ Two Crore Fifteen lakh Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Eight Only and Thirty Six Paise) NPA (04-01-2014)	Flat No. 10 - C,2nd Floor, H. I. G. Flat Block E-15, Satabadi Vihar Sector-61, Noida Noida Gautambudh Nagar Uttar Pradesh :- 201301
iobhnath Maurya (Borrower) Rahul Maurya o Borrower 1)	lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Forty Only and Seventy Two Paise) NPA (03-09-2024)	Arazi No.289, Gali No.21, Near Hanuman Mandir, Allahabad-211002, Uttar Pradesh.	(LC No. 14600000282 of Meerut Branch) Kapil Kumar Sharma (Borrower) Manu (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 9241291.58 /-(₹ Ninety Two lakh Forty One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety One Only and Fifty Eight Paise) NPA	H No Nh- 91, Pocket- Nh Pallav Puram Phase- 2 Delhi Roorkee By Pass Road Meerut Meerut Uttar Pradesh :- 250001
anoj Kumar (Borrower) Reeta Devi (Co prrower 1)	Six Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Three Only and Seventy Four Paise) NPA (03-09-2024)	Plot No.3, Over Part Of Gata No.54 And 53MI Village, Near Gayatri Prasad Prajapatib Ex Minister Office, Sarai, Sultanpur-227405, Uttar Pradesh.	(LC No. 26100000316 of Jhansi Branch) Kailash Narayan (Borrower) Ram Kumari (Co Borrower 1)	(08-09-2017) 16-09-2024 / ₹ 127091 /-{ ₹ One lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Ninety One Only) NPA (10-05-2024)	Part Of Arazi No.610,611,612,616min Mauza Hasarigird Ward No.02 Mohalla Pulia No.09 Near Jhansi Public Jhansi Jhansi Uttar
No. BLSA0000F9B0 of Ghaziabad Branch) shad . (Borrower) Salma (Co Borrower 1)	16-09-2024 /₹ 2200105.1 /-(₹ Twenty Two Iakh One Hundred Five Only and Ten Paise) NPA (03-09-2024)	Khasra No.2279, Khekda Ward No.4, Mohalla Prempuri Inside MC, Kasba Khekada, Mauja Prempuri, Tehsli- Khekda, Dist-Baghpat,		10 0 ²	Pradesh :- 284001

nstable electrocuted

PNS): A constable was ted while spreading a wire in Unnao on y morning. He was the CHC where the doced him dead. On getnation about his death, also visited the CHC ock of the situation. Harendra Singh (a retired of 2019 batch was postpolice station of Unnao. am on Wednesday, as spreading clothes on ume in contact with elecand sustained serious colleagues took him to where he was declared Bangermau Arvind rushed to the CHC

and expressed condolences. Kin of the deceased had been informed about it and further action will be initiated in the matter on their arrival, he said.

TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION: The tunnel construction for the underground section of Corridor-2 (CSĂ-Barra-8) commenced in the presence of UPMRC Managing Director (MD) Sushil Kumar, Director of Works and Infrastructure CP Singh, Director of Rolling Stock Naveen Kumar and other senior officials on Tuesday. The 'Gomati,' the fifth TBM machine in the project and the first for Corridor-2 was launched from the 'up line' at the launching shaft near Rawatpur elevated station.

e-murder accused held

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ccused of raping and coning a minor girl to arrested after a gunthe police here in ustained injuries, offi-The gunfight took Soraon police station on Tuesday night, a cer said.

nga Nagar) Kuldeep nawat said on October eceived information dy of a girl was lying eld. A police team the spot and the body for postmortem in rape of the girl was , he said. "Five police e formed to uncover nt and footage of 150 meras was scanned than 65 suspects were l. During this time, a seen taking away the CCTV footage," the

said teams identified as Mukesh, a local le was being searched ed had given a lift to

on his bicycle on 3 and subsequently killed her, the officer information was te on Tuesday night erson was present near

the highway in Judhapur Dadu. On this information, the police team reached there and proceeded to take him into custody. Meanwhile, the person opened fire on the police team with a pistol," he said. "In the retalia-tory firing, the accused was shot in the leg and he was sent to the hospital." the officer said to the hospital," the officer said and added that the accused confessed to the crime during

questioning. INVESTITURE CEREMONY:

The investiture ceremony of the Boys' High School (BHS) and College and its annexe Holy Trinity School (HTS) were held in the Saint Patrick's auditorium in the school premises. Col Praveen Kumar S, Commanding Officer, 6 UP Girls Bn NCC was the chief guest. Principal DA Luke welcomed the chief guest while the NCC cadets presented the guard of honour. On behalf of the newly-elected cabinet, College Captain, Samarth Khare took the oath to discharge the duties and responsibility vested in them by the school to the best of their capability and for the glory of the institution. The chief guest Col Praveen Kumar emphasised that rank is not a reward but a responsibility. The function came to an end with the vote of thanks by college section in charge Dr AR

Mukhopadhyaya.

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Centre hikes DA by three percentage

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The Centre on Wednesday increased the Dearness Allowance (DA) by 3 percentage points effective from July 1 this year, benefitting more than 1 crore employees and pensioners ahead of the Diwali festival.

The Union Cabinet has approved to increase Dearness Allowance (DA) to central government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) to pensioners by three percentage points of the basic pay/pension ahead of Diwali, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said after the Cabinet meeting. The minister also offered Diwali greetings to all central government employees and pensioners.

The DA/DR hike will be effected from July 1, 2024, the minister informed

He also informed that the financial implication of this

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Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the Varanasi-Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya (DDU) multi-

tracking project with an esti-mated cost of Rs 2,642 crore.

The proposed project includes

a new rail-cum-road bridge

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DA/DR hike is Rs 9,448 crore. Earlier in March this year, the 4 percentage points to 50 per

₹ 2,642 crore for multi tracking project

Railway modernisation: Cabinet approves

cent from January 1, 2024. The minister said that the DA government hiked DÅ/DR by hike is based on the 12-month average of All India Consumer

Index-Industrial Price Workers

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved an additional instalment of Dearness Allowance (DA) to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) to pensioners from July 1, 2024, representing an increase of three per cent (3%) over the existing rate of 50 per cent of the Basic Pay/Pension, to compensate against price rise, an official statement said.

This increase is in accordance with the accepted formula, which is based on the recommendations of the Seventh Central Pay Commission. The combined impact on the exchequer on account of both DA and DR would be Rs 9,448.35 crore per annum.

This will benefit about 49.18 lakh central government employees and 64.89 lakh pen-

result of PM-Gati Shakti

No connectivity with nations supporting terrorism: Jaishankar

PTI ISLAMABAD

Delivering a thinly veiled message to Pakistan from its soil, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday said activities across borders characterised by the "three evils" of terrorism, extremism and separatism are unlikely to encourage trade, energy flows and connectivity. In his address at a conclave of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) chaired by Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Jaishankar asserted that trade and connectivity initiatives must recognise territorial integrity and sovereignty and it is essential to have an "honest conversation" on the lack of trust. Jaishankar spoke immediately after Sharif's inaugural address

at the 23rd meeting of the Council of the Heads of Government (CHG) of the Member States of the SCO attended among others by Chinese Premier Li Qiang. His remarks came amid the lingering military standoff between Indian and Chinese troops in eastern Ladakh and concerns over China's increasing military muscle-flexing in the Indian Ocean and other

strategic waters. "If activities across borders are characterised by terrorism, extremism and separatism, they are hardly likely to encourage trade, energy flows, connectivity and people-topeople exchanges in parallel," the external affairs minister said without naming Pakistan. Jaishankar arrived in Islamabad on Tuesday, becoming the first Indian foreign

minister to visit Pakistan in nearly a decade. He led the Indian delegation at the SCO-CHG summit in

the Pakistani capital city. Ahead of the deliberations,



our commitment to the PM Sharif shook hands with Jaishankar and warmly Charter remains firm. It is received him and other leaders axiomatic that development and growth requires peace and of the SCO member nations at the Jinnah Convention Centre, stability. the venue of the summit. And as the Charter spelt out,

In his remarks, the external affairs minister said cooperation must be based on mutual respect and sovereign equality and that the SCO member nations can benefit immensely if the grouping moves ahead collectively with mutual trust. He, especially stressed on adhering to SCO charter, highlighting its underlying essence of strengthening mutual trust, friendship and good neighbourliness.

"It should recognise territorial integrity and sovereignty. It must be built on genuine partnerships, not unilateral agendas.

It cannot progress if we cher-ry-pick global practices, especially of trade and transit," he said, in remarks seen as an indirect reference to China's assertive behaviour on several critical issues such as trade and connectivity.

benefits of cooperation and "But most of all, our endeavintegration that it envisages," ours will progress only when he added.

Jaishankar said the SCO's objective was to strengthen mutual trust, friendship and good neighbourliness.

It is to develop multifaceted cooperation, especially of a regional nature. It is to be a positive force in terms of balanced growth, integration and conflict prevention," he said. 'The Charter was equally clear what the key challenges were. And these were primarily three, that the SCO was committed to combating: one, terrorism; two, separatism; and three, extremism," he said. Jaishankar also described the challenge of debt as a serious concern.

The external affairs minister, delving into global issues, said the global institutions need to keep pace with the changes and underlined the need for 'reformed multilateralism'. He also emphasised the need

for comprehensive reform of the UN Security Council, both in the permanent and non-permanent categories, to make the global body more representative, inclusive, transparent and efficient.

"The SCO must be in the lead of advocating such change, not hold back on a matter of such importance," he said. Jaishankar also referred to various global challenges.

We meet at a difficult time in world affairs. Two major conflicts are underway, each with its own global repercussions. The Covid pandemic has left many in the developing world deeply devastated," he said. "Disruptions of various kinds - ranging from extreme climate

events to supply chain uncertainties and financial volatility - are impacting growth and development," he said.

He also added that technology holds great promise but raises a new host of concerns

PM Modi, enrolled as 'active member' of BJP

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday became the first person to be enrolled as the 'active member' of the BJP as he launched Abhiyan' here. He took his 'Sakriya Sadasyata' (active membership) in the presence of BJP president J P Nadda and general secretary Vinod Tawde, who is convener of the nationwide membership drive. An 'active member' of the BJP has to enrol at least 50 persons as party members in a booth or in an assembly seats. Only active members take part in the party's organisational elections, which will begin after the membership drive ends.



traverses through Varanasi and Chandauli districts in Uttar Pradesh," a government statement said.

It added, "Varanasi Railway railway lines between Varanasi and DDU Junction route, Station, a crucial hub in Indian among other infrastructural Railways, connects key zones and serves as a gateway for pil-The proposed multi-tracking grims, tourists and the local project will ease operations opulation."

cording to the statement, the viding the much-required Varanasi-DDU Junction route, infrastructural development vital for both passenger and on the busiest sections across freight traffic, faces heavy con-Indian Railways. The project gestion due to its role in trans-

cement, and food grains, as well National Master Plan for multias serving growing tourism and industrial demands. modal connectivity which has been possible through inte-'To address this issue, infrastructure upgrades are needed, including a new rail-cum-road and services.

bridge over the Ganga River and the addition of 3rd and 4th the project, covering two dis-tricts in Uttar Pradesh, will These enhancements aim to improve capacity, efficiency and support the region's socio-economic growth," the state-"Apart from relief in congestion in the stretch, 27.83 MTPA (million tonnes per annum) freight is anticipated on the proposed stretch," it added. Highlighting the enhancement of employment/self-employment opportunities, the official

ment said.

grated planning and will provide seamless connectivity for movement of people, goods According to the government,

increase the existing network of Indian Railways by about 30 kilometres. "The Railways being an environmentally friendly and energy efficient mode of transportation, will help both in achieving climate goals and minimizing logistics cost of the country and lower CO2 emissions (149 crore kg) which is equivalent to plantation of six crore trees," the state-

Government departments told to resolve pensioners' issues

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release stated that the project is

The Centre has asked all its departments to strive to redress pensioners' grievances within 21 days, according to an official statement issued on Wednesday. In the cases where redressal of grievances an inter requires more tim

sive guidelines for handling central government pensioners' grievances.

The grievance shall be redressed under 'whole of the government approach, it said. In no case, grievance shall be closed summarily by stating, 'it does not pertain to this office, the statement said.



activities, the statement said "DARPG has preserved historical records and has organised an exhibition in collaboration with National Archive of India (NAI) showcasing historical documents preserved in DARPG earlier," it added.

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Jaishankar said there is a need

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and these tasks are even more

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These files were identified as outdated, irrelevant, or redundant as per the record retention schedule and were subsequently weeded out or closed. This activity aimed to de-clutter office spaces, it added.

The special campaign 4.0 has As of mid-October 2024, 800 emphasised sustainability public grievances have been through the promotion of edispo waste mec "Outdated files, redundant materials, and unused office equipment have been disposed of systematically.

Modi said in a social media post, "Adding momentum to our endeavour of making a Viksit Bharat! As BJP



launch the Sakriya Sadasyata Abhiyan today. This is a movement which will further strengthen our Party at the grassroots and ensure effective contribution of our Party Karyakartas for national progress.

"Active members, Modi noted, will be eligible to contest elections for a 'Mandal Committee' and above. At the same time, they will get many opportunities to work for the party in the times to come, he added.

Every six years, the BJP launches a fresh membership drive. Every existing BJP member is also required to Karvakarta, proud to become enrol himself afresh, while

im reply may be furnished, it said.

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The central government has issued comprehensive guidelines after reviewing its pensioners' grievance redressal mechanism, i.E., Centralized Pension Grievances Redress and Monitoring System (CPENGRAMS), a portal.

The guidelines envisage expeditious and efficient redressal of the grievances, said the statement issued by the Personnel Ministry.

'Ministries/departments should strive to redress the pensioners' grievances within 21 days. In the cases, where redressal of the grievances requires longer time, an interim reply may be furnished on the portal," read one of the the first Sakriya Sadasya and new members are also added. | highlights of the comprehen-

closed without its conclusive redressal and the Action Taken Report (ATR) should be filled in with the supporting information and documents at the time of closure of grievance, it added.

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"Ministries/departments shall undertake monthly review of pension related grievances, pending on the portal to ensure the qualitative redressal of grievances within the prescribed time limit," the statement said.

The nodal public grievance officers have been asked to "analyse the trend of grievances and conduct a root cause analysis to check the incidence of grievances", it added. According to the guidelines, an applicant can file an appeal against the redressal of his

grievance within 30 days of closure of the grievance and it shall be disposed of within 30 days by the Appellate Authority. A speaking order shall be passed, attaching relevant documents, if any, the statement said. The grievance applications,

filed in the physical form with the ministry/department, shall be uploaded on the CPEN-GRAMS portal to ensure proper monitoring of these grievances" it added.

In another statement, the Personnel Ministry said that the Department

Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) under it is all set to achieve the mid-campaign 100 per cent progress of the ongoing special campaign 4.0.

This campaign is part of the government's commitment for institutionalising 'Swachhata' and minimising pendency in government offices.

Special Campaign 4.0 is implemented on digitisation, improving/enhancing office spaces, timely scrap disposal, weeding/preservation of office

records, inclusivity measures and environment friendly of

contributing to the improvement of service delivery and enhancing public satisfaction, the statement said. The DARPG has adopted the use of AI-enabled tools for better grievance tracking and resolution in the Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) and has seen a System marked improvement in the speed and accuracy of grievance redressal during the campaign, it added.

DARPG has initiated weeding of files, marking the beginning of enhanced record management and reinforcing the commitment to a clutter-free and efficient office premise. So far, over 4,100 files have been reviewed, and 800 files identified for weeding/closure," the statement said.

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DARPG disposed of electronic waste (e-scrap) as part of the campaign.

A revenue of Rs 67,625 has also been earned from e-scrap disposal

Additionally, approximately 110 square feet of space was cleared in the process, enhancing the efficiency and organisation of office facilities," the statement said.

With the special campaign 4.0 ongoing until October 31, 2024; the DARPG aims to further intensify its efforts in ensuring cleanliness, enhancing efficiency, and addressing the remaining pendency, it added.

New drug rules in India: A leap towards global research excellence

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New drug rules and regula-tory procedures introduced in India have promoted scientific and ethical research at par with global expectation and practices, the Government said on Wednesday.

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The conference is being hosted for the first time in India by Control Organisation (CDSCO), in collaboration with the World Health

Organisation (WHO). According to the minister, the medical device rules in India include risk-based classification, bringing all devices under regulation through registration and framing regulatory pathways.

"There is robust pre-approval Drug Regulatory Authorities and post approval regulatory procedures of all medical devices, diagnostics managing product lifecycle indicating robust control. We are collaborating with international organisations such as the International Medical Device Regulators Forum (IMDRF), ISO, WHO and regional net-

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Election time

The elections in the two states, along with by-elections, will provide a clear snapshot of the public sentiment

t is election time once again. The last round of elections in 2024 would be held in November. The Election Commission has announced that Assembly elections in Maharashtra and Jharkhand will begin on November 13. Jharkhand will go to the polls in two phases, on November 13 and 20, while Maharashtra will hold a single-phase election on November 20. The votes for both states will be counted on November 23. Additionally, dates for several Lok Sabha by-elections, including in Wayanad, Kerala, where a bypoll is needed after Rahul Gandhi vacated the seat, have been announced. The Assembly elections in Maharashtra and Jharkhand are critical for both the ruling and the Opposition parties, as they serve as key battlegrounds to gauge their standing. In Maharashtra, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) faces a formidable challenge from the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) coalition, comprising the Shiv Sena (UBT), the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and the Congress.



The MVA aims to capitalise on public dissatisfaction over issues like economic distress and governance failures while projecting a united front despite internal tensions.

In Jharkhand, the contest is equally poised, with the incumbent Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM)-Congress alliance seeking to fend off the BJP's challenge. The ruling coalition is banking on Chief Minister Hemant Soren's popularity and social welfare schemes to retain power. However, the BJP is expected to emphasise issues like law and order and tribal rights to swing the vote in its favour. Apart from the Assembly polls, by-elections will be con-

ducted on November 13 for four Assembly seats in Punjab-Dera Baba Nanak, Chabbewal (SC), Gidderbaha, and Barnala. These bypolls are seen as indicators of the prevailing political sentiment in the regions, potentially setting the tone for broader electoral battles. In addition, the by-election for the Wayanad Lok Sabha seat in Kerala presents another crucial contest. Speculation is rife that Priyanka Gandhi Vadra may make her electoral debut from this constituency, adding a significant dimension to the Congress's campaign strategy. Elections in India are not only a period of heightened activity for political parties but also a monumental task for the Election Commission and government machinery. Conducting elections in the country is no small feat, as ensuring a peaceful, free and fair process presents significant challenge. The upcoming assembly elections in Maharashtra and Jharkhand, along with the bypolls, will serve as critical indicators of India's evolving political dynamics. As the states prepare for high-stakes battles, various political scenarios could unfold, influenced by factors like coalition strategies, regional issues and leadership challenges. But ultimately it would be the unpredictable and elusive voters who would decide the fate of the political parties.



Haryana setback exposes cracks in INDIA Bloc



The Congress defeat has not only dampened the party's resurgence narrative but also underscored the need for a recalibrated approach to coalition politics

he Grand Old Congress Party faces criticism from its INDIA coalition partners for mishandling the recent Haryana Assembly polls, allowing the BJP to win for a third time despite ten years of anti-incumbency. Most exit polls had predicted a clear win for the Congress, but the BJP secured 48 out of 90 seats, a victory even the BJP itself was surprised by. A win in Haryana would have boosted the Congress resurgence story. However, Congress lost this fifth Assembly election recently due to internal conflicts, adding to its previous loss-es in Punjab, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. It is uncertain whether the partners will be united in fighting against the BJP. Questions like whether an alliance with AAP would have favoured Congress to win in the Haryana polls are being debated. Secondly, the defeat would impact the upcoming elections in Maharashtra and Jharkhand. The immediate impact of the Haryana result is likely in seat sharing in the forthcoming Assembly elections in Delhi, Maharashtra and Jharkhand. Thirdly, it is uncertain whether the Congress and AAP will have an alliance. The AAP has already said it will go solo. The INDIA bloc performed well in the 2004 Lok Sabha polls due to its adaptability and compromise. The main aim of the Coalition was to give a one-toone fight with the BJP and not split the anti-BJP votes. The Coalition put irritable issues on the back burner and managed to work well. They functioned with the sole aim of defeating the BJP and, to a certain extent, succeeded. The BIP majority was reduced, and the government had to be formed with the help of JD (U) and TDP.

The Haryana defeat has altered tion of disgruntled people. he situation within the Coalition, with the INDIA bloc surprise and registered its getting an edge over the Congress. The partners would probably deal with a slightly more restrained and sobered Congress. No one has said so far that the INDIA bloc is finished.



On the contrary, Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav's statement a day after the defeat indicated that the alliance with Congress would continue. Akhilesh said, "I want to say that the INDIA bloc will be there. The UP and Congress alliance will remain intact..." The Aam Admi Party has said it will go solo in the Delhi Assembly poll, while it allied with the Congress in the Lok Sabha polls three months ago. Congress won no seat. The other allies criticise Congress for its overconfidence and rigid attitude toward seat sharing. The

resurgent Congress, which had doubled its tally in the Lok Sabha polls, weakened after its Haryana shocker. Most exit polls suggested an astounding win for Congress in Haryana because the BJP faced a 10-year anti-incumbency and dealt with a sec-However, the BIP sprung a

(Uddhav) and the Nationalist Congress Party in Maharashtra. Congress needs to be more responsive to the seat-sharing formula and Sena's demand for Thackeray to be projected as the CM's face even before the polls. The AAP won no seat in the THE MAIN AIM OF Haryana election but got roughly 1.78 per cent of the THE COALITION WAS votes. TO GIVE A ONE-TO-

It would have undoubtedly added to the INDIA bloc's ONE FIGHT WITH kitty if Congress had allied with AAP. According to Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut, the Congress ignored the small-THE BJP AND NOT SPLIT THE er parties and their offers for ANTI-BJP VOTES. collaboration. Leaders from THE COALITION PUT the Trinamool Congress, AAP, Shiv Sena (Uddhav), National Conference, RJD, IRRITABLE Nationalist Congress Party, **ISSUES ON** and others were critical of the Congress for messing up the Haryana polls. Shiv Sena THE BACK BURNER AND MANAGED TO WORK WELL

Lok Sabha polls for seat sharing is crucial, at least in the Maharashtra and Jharkhand polls. The subdued Congress will not have the upper hand in seat sharing with most of its allies. The present mood in the INDIA coalition must impact Congress's relations with its partners.

The Opposition may not be able to withstand any more shocks. Congress must focus on the 286 seats in a direct fight with the BJP. The 2024 polls proved the Congres' strike rate against the BJP rose to 29 per cent from 8 per cent in 2019. Significantly, the number of seats in which the Congress fought with the BJP was 286, down from 370 in 2014.Congress came to power in 2004 and 2009 because of its cordial relationships with the partners. The onus for keeping the mouthpiece Saamna said, alliance is broadly on the "No one thought the BJP Congress. It must realise that government would be elect- every partner, small or big, is essential. Congress has had introspection sessions, and Panchmadi and Shimla are good examples. It is time for one more such session. (The writer is a popular columnist; views are *personal*)

most impressive victory in Harvana

No party has ever won a third term in the rural state. Discussions occur between the Congress, the Shiv Sena

ed in Harvana again. It seems Congress's overconfidence and arrogance of local Congress leaders led to the party's defeat," the Marathi paper said in its editorial on Wednesday. Repeating the formula adopted during the

A vendor arranges earthen lamps (Diya) for sale, in Bikaner

Why Indian women deserve support, not judgement



RACHNA LAKHPATI

We must start questioning the unrealistic expectations placed on women and inculcate a culture that promotes shared responsibilities and duties

 ndian women are increasingly taking on obligations that exceed 55 hours per week. They manage to pursue their professional careers while also managing a household-what one may refer to as the "second job." It reveals an unsettling fact about the intimidating pressure on women to perform above their capabilities. Although this problem between job and private life affects women all over the world, it is especially difficult for Indian women due to cultural expectations, societal standards and the long-held conviction that they "must do it all."

The question arises: why is there so much pressure on Indian women to push themselves beyond their breaking point? The answer lies in deeply ingrained gender roles and societal expectations. While strides have been made in women's empowerment, the onus of managing the household and caring for children continues to largely fall on their shoulders, even as they excel in their careers. As more women enter the workforce and pursue professional goals, the expectation



judged.

But why should society judge

women for trying to manage the impossible? The expecta-

to continue fulfilling traditional roles has not diminished. Instead, it has expanded, creating an unsustainable juggling act.

Are women taken for granttions placed on women often come with little recognition or ed? In many ways, yes. The concept that women are born appreciation for the sacrito balance this act manifests fices they make. Instead, itself in the belief that they can when women struggle or easily handle a high-demandchoose to prioritise one aspect ing profession while also servof their life over another, ing as primary carers, homethey are met with criticism makers, and support for the rather than compassion. rest of the extended family. This is especially true for However, such an assumption those who lack a strong supignores the impact on their port system. If a woman does physical and mental wellnot have family members being. Each woman's drive is willing to share the load of influenced by the societally child-rearing or household imposed "superwoman" image, which puts undue management, she is left to carry an even heavier burden. pressure on them. And when Should she be judged for

this? Absolutely not.

Let us not forget that many Indian women are also teachers, a profession that requires nurturing, patience and a relentless dedication to the betterment of future generations.

These women are shaping young minds in the classroom while simultaneously caring for their own families at home. The least society can do is give them the space and freedom they deserve, without the weight of judgement. It's time we, as a society, recognise that women's worth is not measured by their ability to "do it all." We must start questioning the unrealistic expectations placed on them and, instead, advocate for a culture that promotes shared responsibilities. Supporting women in their endeavorswhether in their careers or at home-by giving them the freedom to make choices without judgment is essential. Only then can we begin to alleviate the unnecessary pressures that have, for too long, weighed on the shoulders of Indian women.

(The author is a motivational speaker and a freelance *writer; views are personal)*

THE EDITO

INDIA-CANADA DIPLOMATIC CRISIS

Madam - Apropos to the article 'Souring relations,' on October 16. India is withdrawing its High Commissioner from Canada after Canadian PM Justin Trudeau again accused India of masterminding the June 18, 2023, killing of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar outside the Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Surrey, British Columbia. Trudeau's accusation and mischaracterisation of India is based on the American intelligence's raw data supplied to Canada.

But, Sikh militants in both Canada and California are deeply involved in organised crime and gang violence. Perhaps, Trudeau believed the volume and frequency of the accusation could trump the truth. He also may believe that doubling down on Sikh militants might win him votes in key districts. On both points, he is wrong. After Khalistani terrorists blew up Air India Flight 182, ignorance can be no excuse about the movement's lethality. Left unchecked, the Khalistani extremists Trudeau's government shelters can be as lethal as Al Qaeda. The movement would be impotent without funding, however. Here, Canadian banks are as complicit as the Arab and Somali hawala agents who ultimately helped move money around prior to Al Qaeda's 1998 East Africa embassy bombings and the September 11, 2001, terror attacks in New York and Washington. Hence, Canada is guilty of abetting terrorism.

N Sadhasiva Reddy | Washington

END COMMUNAL VIOLENCE

Madam- It is indeed a matter of concern that communal clashes are again showing their ugly faces. No religion can recommend violent reactions for any reason. But every religion suggests being patient even under utter provocation. Therefore, clash in the name of God and religion is only an organised attempt to disturb peace and take undue advan-



his refers to the news, "Delhi government imposes ban on firecrackers to combat air pollution" (October 15). Besides the increasing population density, the air in Delhi remains polluted and it is being inhaled by the majority of the populace and people commuting there. Recently, the AQI level is showing

attract some people for sometime but not all for all the times. People have their basic livelihood issues and any group interested in relieving them of their plights should come out with constructive ideas and suggestions.

But sharpening the frictions and promoting clashes should be understood by the people as anti-social acts that aim at reaping advantages for the self or the group. If any group plans to promote its cause by promoting differences and violent reactions, it should remember that the results of such activities will be only negative in the long run and the gains, if any, will be purely ephemeral. However, it is for the people to identify such persons and groups and keep them at a distance without falling prey to their deceptive traps.

A G Rajmohan | Anantapur

LIMIT SCREEN TIME

Madam — In our daily lives, mindless scrolling on social media has turned into tage of it. But the history is clear with an addiction fuelled by the constant its messages that such chauvinists can overflow of news and information.

Firecracker ban insufficient

alarming conditions.

Apparently the decision of the Delhi government to ban the production, storage, sale and use of firecrackers till January 25 seems to help in reducing the worsening pollution condition, but it will irritate the majority of Hindus in view of the upcoming Chhath pooja and Diwali festivals.

The State BJP President Virendra Sachdeva has raised a valid question to the Delhi government that the main reasons for pollution are the burning of stubble in the neighbouring state of Punjab and dust is flying on many broken roads. Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee President Devendra Yadav has argued the bitter truth that the arrangements made to control pollution have been inadequate. It would be better to discourage the use of firecrackers in social and religious events. Yugal Kishore Sharma | Faridabad

People often find themselves endlessly scrolling through content without any specific purpose. We must try to acknowledge that this scrolling addiction can lead to a decrease in cognitive ability leading to various psychological disorders, or sometimes it may also hamper the mental well-being of an individual, resulting in a reduction and a lack of focus and attention while doing any job or specific task. Scrolling might give us temporary pleasure, but at what cost?

We are just making ourselves more vulnerable and slowly becoming a puppet of social media and mobile phones. Setting a limit on scrolling, planning a digital free period, and bringing offline leisure activities into our daily routine can help an individual to alleviate this dangerous addiction. So, don't lose yourself for some momentary pleasure because ultimately health is wealth.

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A family can transform a person into an achiever by right encouragement and support



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mall family, Happy family (Chhota Parivar-Sukhi Pariwar) & 'Hum Do Hamare', these two jingles coined by the administration had Changed the family planning scenario in India over the years. But it's so ironic that despite becoming the first country to adopt a national policy for limiting a great Indian proclivity, India is expected to overtake China in 2034. At the time of independence, there were 345 million Indians. The world took 454 years to go from 345 million in 1310 AD to a billion, but India took just 52 years. Looking at the above facts and figures one wonders as to what would be the societal structure in a country that takes the burden of a population of a billion people. Sadly, the situation is quite grim, because today we see fewer families and more individuals living their lives on their terms with an 'I care a damn attitude' which is guite common in the metropolis.

Our forefathers were brought up with strong family values, but with passing time and ever-changing scenarios, today those core values have been left behind to adopt new so-called modern values. It's so unfortunate that today very few of us know the importance of living or growing up in a family. One must understand the fact that a family is the first school where the literate and the illiterate have got their first lessons in the art of living and values, traditions, customs and conventions. Also in a family, everyone feels secure and protected. Everyone feels strong because of the strength of the family. Everyone feels that others welcome him or her. Everyone feels a kind of support, sustenance and encourage-



ment. It is, therefore, essential to help and facilitate the growth of good supportive families for foundation as a family tradition rather than promoting an individualistic lifestyle for the sake of the next Gen & future to come

There is some kind of magnetic force that holds the members of a family together. In other words, it is a feeling of closeness and belongingness in the mind of every person and the feeling of acceptance on the part of the whole group that gives it the nomenclature of a family. This feeling of acceptance is always based on the feeling of mutual love, loyalty and trust and also understanding and accommodation. Today we see that families are splitting up.

Certain values like mutual affection, love & genuine caring that make a family work are vanishing because everyone wants to live an independent life without any kind of family interference. However, if the younger ones continue to give regard to the elders and the elders continue to give love to the younger ones, then the family life will continue to be undisturbed and everyone will act responsibly. But, if each one gives up their responsibility and the feeling of concern for others, then cracks would appear and get deeper. Hence to preserve the family structure & tradition, one needs to have tolerance, sobriety & humility because family is very essential to civilised life, be it a spiritual family or the society as a family or of nations. Hence we should consider family as a place where we can work for physical, mental, moral and spiritual growth and can create an environment where others also can grow. A family can change a person into a great leader, disciplinarian, soldier, criminal or scholar by encouraging or discouraging, supporting or condemning certain positive or negative traits in him. We must, therefore, pay attention to the transformation of families because families are the breeding grounds for good or bad human beings. So, let us awaken people to observe family values such as mutual love, trust, acceptance, accommodation, consideration and care for the wellbeing of others, the spirit of adjustment, tolerance, responsibility and cooperation because if these family values flourish, the nation and the whole humankind will flourish too.

Stubble burning crisis needs practical solutions



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Without swift and sustained efforts, northern India would face yet another year of deteriorating air quality, leaving millions to grapple with bad air quality



he Supreme Court has taken a strong stance against the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) for its failure to control stubble burning, a major contributor to air pollution in Delhi-NCR. The court's rebuke, deliv-ered during a hearing on October 3, emphasised the need for effective ground-level interventions and questioned why the Commission had not implemented any provisions of the rele-vant Act to curb pollution from crop residue burning. Stubble burning, especially in the northern states of Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, has been a major environmental challenge for years. Farmers often resort to burning crop residue after harvesting paddy and wheat due to the increasing mechanisation of farming, the use of combined harvesters, a shortage of labour, and rising labour

FARMERS OFTEN **RESORT TO BURNING CROP RESIDUE AFTER** HARVESTING PADDY AND

court ordered that these vacant posts be filled by April 30, 2025, to improve monitoring and enforcement capabilities. Effective staffing is critical for implementing measures on the ground, particularly when deal-ing with farmers who rely on burning crop residue as a quick and cost-effective way to clear their fields.

Despite repeated interventions from both the National Green Tribunal (NGT) and the Supreme Court, stubble burning incidents continue to surge. Last year alone, more than 33,000 incidents of stubble burning were recorded in Punjab, even after explicit instructions to engage with farmers to explore alternatives. The WHEAT DUE TO lack of a coordinated effort between the state governments THE INCREASING and the CAQM has only exacer-MECHANISATION bated the pollution crisis during the winter months. OF FARMING, THE

material for the CBG process. In a crucial role in the energy secthis way, stubble has shifted from being a burden to becoming a stubble burning, the state is makvaluable asset in Uttar Pradesh's rural economy. As of last year, Uttar Pradesh led the country in CBG production, with ten oper-ational plants. Currently, 24 CBG units are active, and another 93 are under construction. The state aims to have more than 100 CBG plants operational soon, a goal endorsed by Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri. During a March 2024 announcement, he highlighted the state's plan to double its bio-coal and biodiesel production by 2025. The success of CBG production in Uttar serve as a blueprint for other Uttar Pradesh State Bio-Energy

ing strides in environmental protection. The Yogi Adityanath government has expressed confidence that the enhanced production of bio-coal and biodiesel will help reduce air pollution in the region over the next five years. The Supreme Court's critique of the CAQM underscores the urgency of finding a balanced approach to stubble burning that respects both environmental concerns and the practical challenges faced by farmers. Uttar Pradesh's model of converting stubble into a resource could Pradesh has been bolstered by the Uttar Pradesh State Bio-Energy issues. However, the broader challenge remains: implementing such solutions at scale requires consistent policy support, adequate resources, and a willingness to engage with farmers directly. The court's directive for the CAQM to improve its approach and for state governments to fill vacant posts by 2025 is a step towards accountability. Yet, the real test will lie in translating these directives into action before another winter brings the familiar, suffocating haze back to the skies of Delhi-NCR. The question remains whether the CAQM, in partnership with state governments, can adapt and adopt innovative solutions like those seen in UP. Without swift and sustained efforts, the region risks facing another year of deteriorating air quality, leaving millions to grapple with the health consequences of inaction.

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costs. This practice, prevalent in October and November following the paddy harvest, results in the release of large amounts of particulate matter into the atmosphere, contributing to the haz-

ardous air quality in Delhi-NCR. The Supreme Court's criticism of the CAQM reflects a broader frustration over the Commission's inability to effectively tackle this issue. Despite being set up three years ago to address pollution in the National Capital Region and surrounding areas, the CAQM has been criticised for its slow pace and lack of tangible outcomes. The court particularly highlighted that the Commission meets only once every three months, a frequency deemed inadequate for addressing a recurring crisis like stubble burning.

Moreover, the Commission has issued only 82 directives since its inception, a number that the court described as insufficient to deal with the scale of the problem. A significant concern raised by the Supreme Court is the lack of adequate staffing within the pollution control boards of Delhi-NCR and other affected states, including Uttar Pradesh. The

Turning Stubble into a Resource: While the focus USE OF remains on the failures of the COMBINED CAQM and the continued challenges in states like Punjab, Uttar HARVESTERS, A Pradesh has emerged as a notable example of how stubble can be SHORTAGE OF managed more sustainably. The LABOUR, AND state has successfully implemented initiatives that transform stub-**RISING LABOUR** ble into an energy resource and natural fertiliser, benefiting both COSTS

the environment and the agricultural community.

The key to this transformation has been the establishment of Compressed Biogas (CBG) plants that convert crop residue into energy and high-quality compost. This approach has not only addressed environmental concerns but has also created an additional income stream for farmers, who sell stubble as raw

Policy 2022, which offers various incentives for establishing bio-CNG and CBG units using agricultural waste.

The policy aims to set up CBG plants in every district, providing local solutions for managing stubble while promoting energy self-sufficiency. A significant milestone in this journey was the inauguration of a CBG plant in Dhuriyapar, Gorakhpur, on March 8, 2023, by Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. The plant, built for Rs 165 crore, processes 200 metric tonnes of straw, 20 metric tonnes of press mud, and 10 metric tonnes of cattle dung daily. It produces 20 metric tonnes of biogas and 125 metric tonnes of organic manure, contributing to higher agricultural yields while reducing dependency on chemical fertilisers. This initiative allows farmers to diversify their income sources and play

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Urbanisation and youth: Building a healthier future amid rapid growth

By 2050, with 70 per cent of the global population expected to live in cities, engaging youth in shaping sustainable urban future is more crucial than ever

areas. These areas carry dis-

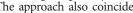
tinct health challenges that are

influenced by broader socio-

economic determinants such

as poverty, education and

rbanisation, an engine for economic prosperity and resources, sits at the centre of modernity and impacts health outcomes. With rapid urbanisation, the UN projects that by 2050, 7 of 10 people will live in cities, and the youth will likely be the most dominant population. The future will be forged by the ever-increasing global youth, who are integral to playing a dynamic and revolutionary role in creating and building strong, prosperous, sustainable, and vibrant societies. In recent years, international organisations have emphasised the meaningful involvement of youth as vital to accelerating progress towards the





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with this year's message of World Habitat Day, which focuses on "engaging youth to create a better urban future." However, while we work towards engaging the new generation in planning their urban present and future through participatory processes and local leadership opportunities, ensuring their healthy SDGs while development con-tinues to grow globally. Urbanisation's positive attrib-The approach also coincides utes also mask the inequalities youth is likely to reside in

that exist within it. Not all city urban slums and low-income residents experience or can access these benefits equally. For instance, 40 per cent of India's population will reside in the urban setup by 2030, with 24 per cent being the youth (15-29), making it a relatively young country. Although rapid

health challenges.

employment. Youth from low-income families and areas are more likely urbanisation will continue to to face barriers to accessing improve India's average houseeducation, which in turn limhold socio-economic condi-

its job opportunities and perpetuates a cycle of poor health tion and child health status, it is expected to disproportionoutcomes. ately affect the health of urban These informal settlements youth, who are likely to may sit adjacent to an affluent

become more vulnerable to neighbourhood. Still, the people living there lack access to Urbanisation without accountsafe water and sanitation infrastructure, becoming hotspots ing for the primary healthcare amenities results in significant for waterborne and vectorborne diseases due to flooding, health disparities. As gentrifiopen sewers, and overcrowding. With such poor hygiene, increased rates of malnutrition



among children and young adults worsen the burden of diseases

In addition to infectious diseases, urban youth in lowerincome areas are increasingly exposed to non-communicable diseases such as diabetes and hypertension, which are often exacerbated by poor diet, stress, and lack of access to early diagnosis or regular health checkups.

These substantial regional disparities affecting urban youth's

living and health conditions are also caused by the inequitable distribution of clinics and healthcare centres, which limits care options. According to NFHS-3, only 39.9 per cent of urban poor children get full immunisation compared to 65.4 per cent of urban non-poor children. Lower vaccination rates and a lack of awareness of ongoing health issues negatively impact school attendance and cognitive development.

The National Urban Health Mission (NUHM), launched in 2013, has been instrumental in meeting the regulatory, reformatory, and developmental public health priorities for urban settings.

Over the years, NUHM has improved access to healthcare, allowing the urban poor

to choose public over costly private services. Among the other initiatives to focus on urban youth health, the National Youth Policy (NYP) 2021 outlines a 10-year vision for youth development by 2030, aligning with the United Nations' SDGs.

The NYP prioritises youth health as essential for India's holistic growth and progress by addressing critical health components of urban youth and acknowledging mental health. Further, India's pioneering step towards building inclusive health that benefits all and focuses on the youth also found prominence in the recent G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration in 2023.

The report encompasses ways to eliminate hunger and malnutrition and advance with

more health collaborations, especially when facing challenging mental health. While policies like NUHM and NYP have made strides in addressing urban youth health, more needs to be done and implemented to improve primary healthcare.

Many urban healthcare centres still struggle with understaffing, lack of resources, and accessibility issues for slumdwelling youth. To ensure that India's urban youth thrive, it is crucial to increase investments in health services, prioritise mental health care, and continue engaging youth in the decision-making process for urban development.

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Saini had replaced Manohar

Lal Khattar as the chief minis-

ter of Haryana in March. Saini,

an OBC face of the party, had won the Ladwa seat in

Months before the assembly

polls, the BJP replaced Khattar

with low-profile Saini, a deci-

sion that surprised many, but

the BJP's gamble paid off with

Saini leading the party to vic-tory in the state elections.

Saini's elevation from the

Haryana BJP president to chief minister in March came at a

time when the party was facing

anti-incumbency following

Khattar's tenure of nine-and-a-

half years and attacks from a buoyant opposition on farmers'

unemployment,

Kurukshetra district.



Omar Abdullah, first CM of Union Territory J and K

MOHIT KANDHARI 🗖 JAMMU

 $\mathbf{N}^{\text{ational Conference Vice}}_{\text{President Omar Abdullah}}$ was sworn in as the first Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir at a glittering oath ceremony in the Sher-e-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) on Wednesday. Omar wore a skull cap and a resplendent black sherwani on the occasion. To balance the regional aspirations Omar Abdullah inducted an equal number of legislators from the Kashmir and Jammu regions.

Nowshera MLA Surinder Choudhary, who turned out to be a giant killer after defeating J&K BJP Chief Ravinder Raina, took oath as Deputy CM, while senior NC leader and MLA from DH Pora, Sakina Itoo, was also inducted into the Cabinet. Alongside them, NC's Mendhar MLA Javed Rana, MLA Rafiabad Javed Dar and Independent MLA Satish Sharma, son of a former Congress MP Madan Lal Sharma, also took the oath of office. Three more ministers are expected to be inducted into the Council of Ministers. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha administered the oath of office and secrecy to Omar and five members of the council of ministers. Sinha posed for a group photograph and immediately left the venue of the oath ceremony while guests were still attending a high tea.

Ironically, none of the elected legislators from the Congress party- a pre-poll alliance partner of the National Conference took the oath of office. The Congress party chose to stay away in protest against the denial of 'statehood' to Jammu and Kashmir.

Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) Chief Tariq Hameed Karra said that the Congress party is not joining any Ministry in the newly formed J-K government "at the moment" as despite repeated promises made by the Prime Minister for statehood, it has not been restored. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajanth Singh congratulated Ómar Abdullah soon after the oath



Shri Omar Abdullah Ji on taking oath as the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir. Wishing him the very best in his efforts to serve the people. The Centre will work closely with him and his team for J&K's progress," PM Modi wrote in a post on X.

The swearing-in ceremony was attended by several INDIA bloc leaders, including Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Mallikarjun Kharge, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, Left leaders Prakash Karat and D Raja, DMK's Kanimozhi, and NCP's Supriya Sule. PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti also attended the event. Former RAW Chief AS Daulat, AIP Supremo and Baramulla MP Sheikh Abdul Rashid also attended the ceremony.

DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad, Peoples Conference Chairman Sajad Lone, Jammu Kashmir APNI party Chief Altaf Bukhari, and J&K BJP Chief Ravinder Raina remained conspicuous in their absence. Before the swearing-in ceremony got underway, Dr Farooq Abdullah was seen greeting guests and welcoming them. He hugged his old friends and political leaders and warmly shook hands with them.

Before the oath-taking cere-mony, Omar said that he looked In his first comments after taking the oath, the Chief Minister said, "We will not let forward to working in cooperceremony. "Congratulations to Jammu feel that they do not ation with the Union govern-

have a voice or representation ment.

"I have some strange distinc-tions. I was the last chief minin the current government. We have brought in a Deputy CM to ensure this and this will ister to serve a full six-year term. Now I'll be the first chief minbe our endeavour going forth as well." Omar also visited the ister of the Union territory of J-Civil Secretariat complex and K. The last distinction, as in the one of serving six years, I'm occupied the 'hot seat' in his office chamber. On his arrival, quite happy about. Being a CM he was given a customary guard of a Union Territory is a different matter altogether. It has its challenges. I hope that the staof honour. Omar also chaired a meeting of the administrative secretaries of all the departtus of a union territory is a temporary one. We look forward to Omar also directed the union working in cooperation with the territory's police to minimise government of India to resolve the people's problems and the "public inconvenience" during best way to do that would be to VIP movements. In his first direction to the police, he said they should avoid "stick-wavstart by restoring statehood to J-K," Omar Abdullah said. After attending the oath-taking ing" and "aggressive gestures" when he moves by road. Omar

ceremony of Jammu and Kashmir CM Omar Abdullah, JKPDP president Mehbooba Mufti said, "Today is a very auspicious day. The people of Jammu and Kashmir have got Interacting briefly with the their government after several of my government will be to years. People have elected a stabecome the voice of the people ble government. The people of and expressed optimism that Jammu and Kashmir suffered a Jammu and Kashmir will not lot after 2019, and we hope that remain a Union territory for a this new government will treat the wounds we have. We hope hood soon. Before attending his that the government will pass a resolution condemning the decision of August 5, 2019 (abrogation of Article 370). oath ceremony Omar also Apart from this, we also hope that the government will also find ways to resolve issues of unemployment, drug addiction, electricity and others".

NAYAB SINGH SAINI TO BE SWORN IN AS HARYANA CM

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Nayab Singh Saini will be sworn-in as the chief minister of Haryana on Thursday, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP's top leadership, among others attending the oath-taking ceremony. Saini, 54, on Wednesday met Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreva and staked claim to form the next government after he was unanimously elected as the leader of the BJP legislature party in a meeting held at the party office in Panchkula. Massive security arrangements have been made in the wake of

the swearing-in ceremony which will take place in Panchkula. Besides Modi and Shah, several Union ministers including Rajnath Singh and J P Nadda, who is also the BJP president, chief ministers of many states, and senior party leaders will attend the oath-taking event. Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya will

administer the oath of office

Haryana BJP chief Mohan Lal Badoli on Tuesday said while PM Modi, Union ministers, chief ministers of the BJPruled states and NDA partners will attend the oath-taking function, opposition leaders of various parties, "progressive farmers", 'Lakhpati Didis' and people from various social organisations have also been invited.

and secrecy.

Badoli had also said Valmiki Jayanti falls on October 17, the day when the new government would be sworn-in. In the October 5 Haryana polls, the BJP secured an unprecedented third term in the state, winning 48 seats in the 90-member assembly. The Congress won 37 seats.

With the BJP forming the government for a third time in a row in Haryana, Saini will be taking oath as the chief minister for the second time. Around 50,000 people were expected to attend the mega event, party leaders said.

A total of 14 LED screens will be installed at the event venue polls.



Agnipath scheme, inflation, so that people could witness the function. Traffic advisory has also been issued ahead of the swearing-in event. In a departure from tradition, the BJP had declared that Saini would remain chief minister if the party returned to power in Haryana after the assembly

and law and order. Days after Saini was brought in by the BJP, the Model Code of Conduct came into effect with the announcement of the Lok

issues,

ception.

Sabha elections, and later ahead of the assembly elections, effectively giving him only two months to shift the public per-

MUDA chairman resigns amid site allotment controversy

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The Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) chairman K Marigowda quit on Wednesday, amid a row over irregularities in allotment of sites to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi B M. He submitted his resignation from the post to the Urban Development Department Secretary.

"I have resigned following directions from the CM. Also, as I had health issues, I have resigned...There was no pressure on me, as I had health issues I have resigned," Marigowda, who is considered close to Siddaramaiah, told reporters here.

Responding to a question, he said, "Probe is on (in MUDA case allegedly involving CM) and it will continue. It will be known from the probe whether there were any irregularities." Siddaramaiah is facing the

Directorate(ED)probes into alleged irregularities in the allotment of 14 sites to his wife by the MUDA. Siddaramaiah's wife, brother-in-law Mallikarjuna Swamy, Devaraju from whom Mallikarjuna Swamy purchased land and gifted it to Parvathi and others are named as other accused in the case by Lokayukta.

Lokayukta and Enforcement

Stating that Siddaramaiah is his leader and he has been with him for 40 years, Marigowda said, "He made me taluk and zilla panchayat president, has never asked to do illegal things, even on the MUDA issue."

Asked whether he was resigning to "save" the CM, he said, "No. I'm resigning on personal grounds. I had a stroke twice. I felt I cannot continue, so I have resigned." To a question whether there was pressure on him to quit from Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh, Marigowda said, "it is ment of sites to Side far from the truth." On wife Parvathi B M.

September 27, Congress work-ers and CM's supporters, who had gathered in large numbers in a show of support to Siddaramaiah at the Mysuru airport on his arrival there, tried to gherao Marigowda alleging that he was responsi-ble for the CM's "plight." Despite his attempts to explain, they did not listen to him and asked him to go back, follow-ing which he left the scene.

After the Mysuru Urban D e v e l o p m e n t Authority(MUDA) chairman stepped down from his post on Wednesday, the BJP demanded that Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah also resign immediately as he is "deeply embroiled" in the land 'scam''.

Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) chairman K Marigowda resigned from his post amid the row over alleged irregularities in allotment of sites to Siddaramaiah's reporters in Bengaluru.

"MUDA chairman has tendered his resignation. I call upon Siddaramaiah that if you have the slightest morality left in you, you should step down immediately. You should not wait for today's sunset," BJP national spokesperson and MP Sambit Patra said at a press conference here. He said Marigowda's resignation and Siddaramaiah's wife "offering" to return the MUDA sites allocated to her make it clear that the chief minister is "deeply involved in the scam from head to toe".

'There is no doubt about it," Patra said.

Earlier in the day, Marigowda submitted his resignation to the Development Urban Department secretary. "I have resigned following directions from the CM. Also, as I had health issues, I have resigned ... There was no pressure on me, as I had health issues I have resigned," Marigowda told

Bomb hoaxes a red herring?

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airlines came up before a parliamentary committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture where Civil Aviation landing here Secretary Vualnam cited the sensitivity carrying of information due to the ongoing probe into the matter to decline to share more details.

Notably, most bomb threats security checks, which often take a few hours, result in airlines financially. On getting a threat like this airports/aircraft, passengers are off-loaded from the plane along with cabin baggage, check-in baggage and cargo, and they are all screened again. Engineering and security teams also search the plane before it is cleared for flying again.

In the latest incident, a Delhi-bound IndiGo aircraft from Mumbai was diverted to Ahmedabad after receiving a bomb threat, which later turned out to be a hoax. The aircraft was isolated, and all passengers were safely disembarked. for Delhi on Wednesday

morning. Intelligence sources said Soon after the flight took-off most of the social media from Mumbai on Tuesday night, an unidentified person, said. After being alerted by these false threats.

the Mumbai ATC, the pilots decided to make an emergency landing at The issue of multiple hoax emergency landing at threat messages to various Ahmedabad airport, which was the closest airport when the flight was en-route to Delhi, said the official. "After during Vumlunmang midnight, the aircraft, nearly 200 passengers and crew, was thoroughly checked by the security agencies overnight. However, nothing suspicious

was found. turn out to be fake, the The flight took-off for Delhi at around 8 am today after getting a green signal from disruptions like delays and the security personnel," the even rescheduling of the official said. In a statement, remainder of the flight in IndiGo said flight 6E 651, some cases, which hit the operating from Mumbai to operating from Mumbai to Delhi, was redirected to Ahmedabad due to a "security-related alert".

In another incident, no bomb was found aboard an Air India Express plane which landed in Singapore more than an hour after its scheduled arrival time. A Bengaluru-bound Akasa Air flight with more than 180 people on board returned to the National Capital on Wednesday afternoon following a bomb threat. Sources said the flight QP1335 landed safely at the Delhi airport. Meanwhile the Canadian Air Force aircraft is ferrying After a thorough checking, 191 stranded passengers of

nothing suspicious was an Air India flight from found and the flight took-off Iqaluit airport, landed safely in Chicago.

accounts that issued the hoax bomb threats to airlines through a tweet, claimed a were found to be operating bomb had been placed in the from outside the country aircraft which was carrying and were immediately nearly 200 passengers and suspended. Cyber security crew, an official from the agencies are also on alert and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel are tracking social media International Airport here accounts that are linked to

Must talk about lack...

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ments.

And as the Charter spelt out, this means being firm and uncompromising in countering the three evils." Jaishankar said there is a need to

Abdullah also asked the Jammu

and Kashmir police to refrain

from creating a green corridor

media, Omar said the first task

long time and regain full state-

offered prayers at the revered

Hazratbal Shrine and Mazarat-

e-Anwar of Sher-e-Kashmir.

for his movement.

introspect if "good neighbourliness" is missing somewhere and there is a lack of trust. "If we fast-forward from the inception of the charter to the situation today, these goals and these tasks are even more crucial. It is, therefore, essential that we have an honest conversation," he said.

"If trust is lacking or cooperation inadequate, if friendship has fallen short and good neighbourliness is missing somewhere, there are surely reasons to introspect and causes to address," he said

"Equally, it is only when we reaffirm our commitment most sincerely to the Charter that we

From page 1 "Why are you shy of prosecuting people? This is not a political matter. This is a matter of implementation of statutory directions of the commission. No political considerations will apply. There is defiance on your part. You are encouraging people to commit breaches. You are only imposing nominal fines. ISRO (Indian

Space Organisation) is telling you the location of the stubble burning and you say fire location is not found," the Bench said. Stubble burning is a major contributor to the rising pollution levels in the National Capital Region.

Punjab Advocate General Gurminder Singh submitted it was difficult to implement the directions on the ground

can fully realise the benefits of cooperation and integration that it envisages," he added. Jaishankar said the SCO's objective was to strengthen mutual trust, friendship and good neighbourliness.

"It is to develop multifaceted cooperation, especially of a regional nature. It is to be a positive force in terms of balanced growth, integration and conflict prevention," he said.

The Charter was equally clear what the key challenges were. And these were primarily three, that the SCO was committed to combating: one, terrorism; two, separatism; and three, extremism," he said. Jaishankar also described the challenge of debt as a serious concern.

The external affairs minister, delving into global issues, said the global institutions need to keep pace with the changes and underlined the need for

'reformed multilateralism'. He also emphasised the need for comprehensive reform of the UN Security Council, both in the permanent and non-permanent categories, to make the global body more representative, inclusive, transparent and efficient. "The SCO must be in the lead of advocating such change,

not hold back on a matter of such importance," he said. Jaishankar also referred to various global challenges.

"We meet at a difficult time in world affairs. Two major conflicts are underway, each with its own global repercussions. The Covid pandemic has left many in the developing world deeply devastated," he said. "Disruptions of various kinds -

ranging from extreme climate events to supply chain uncertainties and financial volatility -are impacting growth and development," he said.

Jharkhand list leak stuns BJP

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Party's national organization general secretary B.L. Santhosh, K. Laxman, Satyanarayan Jatiya, Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Sudha Yadav, Sarbananda Sonowal, and Vani Tripathi, among other CEC members were present. Jharkhand in-charge and Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Jharkhand co-in-charge and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, Jharkhand BJP in-charge Laxmikant Vajpayee, Jharkhand BJP president Babulal Marandi, former Jharkhand Chief Ministers Champai Soren and Arjun Munda, Union Minister Annpurna Devi,

CEO of online clothing website arrested for financial fraud

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI and Minister of State for

Defense Sanjay Seth, among The Delhi Police arrested a 55 year old Chief Executive other senior leaders of the Jharkhand BJP Core Group, also attended the meeting. Officer (CEO) and founder Sources said CEC discussed member of an online clothing the names of candidates for website, in financial fraud case, which was covered by the Forbes around 50 assembly seats in Jharkhand. The first list is magazine as the top five startup's likely to include more than to watch out for. 35 candidates. According to the police on

The Election Commission Wednesday, the accused has announced the dates for the been identified as Vivek Gaur, Maharashtra and Jharkhand Assembly Elections on Tuesday. Maharashtra will go to polls in a single phase on November 20, while Jharkhand will have a twophase election on November 13 and 20, with the results being declared on November 23.

who is a resident of Gurugram in Haryana. "The above accused was involved in many an incident of financial fraud in Delhi and other states. He was also wanted in FIR under section 174A of IPC at RK Puram police station," a senior police officer said. He ran a company called YEPME

Cabinet approves increased...

SC slams Punjab, Haryana...

and the authorities made "red entries" in the revenue records of the farmers who caused fires at farms. The SC also took exception to a purported

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incorrect statement of the Punjab government of having submitted a proposal to the Central government for the grant of funds to provide a tractor along with driver and fuel to small farmers.

The Judges said no endeavour has been made by the Punjab Government to seek funds from the Centre for ensuring tractors to farmers. On the CAQM, the Supreme Court called it a toothless tiger that only passed directions without any implementation. The Bench noted the Union government was at fault for not choosing renowned experts in the field of pollution as members of

CAQM.

"We have great respect for the members and their academic qualifications but they are not qualified or experts in the field of air pollution," the Bench said. Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati said that one of the members had been a chairperson of the Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board for six years. But the Bench remarked, "Heading Pollution Control Board of states in no qualification. You know how pollution control boards function." The judges subsequently suggested that the CAQM should engage with some expert agency to

Slamming the Commission for Air Quality Management for failing to control adjoining instances of stubble burning capital.

From page 1 in NCR and adjoining areas,

the SC had said it had taken Several factors contributed to the MSP hike, including a moderation in inflation, the availability of adequate wheat stocks, and softening global prices. Last year, the government had raised the wheat MSP by 7.05 per cent, the largest increase since 2014-15, to incentivise farmers to boost output.

The Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (ČACP) recommends MSP for The Supreme Court directed 22 crops before the sowing the five NCR states to fill up period each year. There are 14 Kharif crops and seven Rabi crops covered under MSP. 2025. The Court had The minister said the support price for wheat has been increased to ₹2,425 per quintal for 2025-26, from ₹2,275 per affidavit explaining the steps to curb air pollution, often

quintal in the previous year. The support price for safflower was increased by ₹140 to ₹5,940 per quintal from ₹5,800 per quintal in the previous for safflower.

year. In case of pulses, support price for lentil (Masur) increased by ₹275 to ₹6,700 per quintal, while that for gram MSP raised by ₹210 to ₹5,650 per quintal for the 2025-26 marketing season.

Support price for barley increased by ₹130 to ₹1,980 per quintal for 2025-26 Rabi marketing season, from ₹1,850 per quintal in the previous year. The increase in Rabi crops MSP is in line with the Union Budget 2018-19 announcement of fixing the MSP at a level of at least 1.5 times the All-India weighted average cost of production.

The expected margin over the All-India weighted average cost of production is 105 per cent for wheat, followed by 98 per cent for rapeseed & mustard; 89 per cent for lentil; 60 per cent for gram; 60 per cent for barley; and 50 per cent

no efforts to implement its direction to prevent such incidents. The top court had wondered how the subcommittee on safeguarding and enforcement to be constituted by CAQM would function owing to the lack of representation from the pollution control boards of Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh

due to vacancies. the vacant posts urgently, preferably before April 30, directed the CAQM chairperson to file an address the issue of air

pollution. attributed to the burning of paddy straw in states adjoining the national

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Israel strikes southern suburbs of Beirut for the first time in nearly a week

AP BEIRUT

sraeli jets struck the southern súburbs of Beirut early Wednesday for the first time in six days, Lebanese state media reported. The casualty

count was not yet clear. The attack comes just one day after caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikati said the United States government gave him some assurances of Israel easing its strikes in the Lebanese capital.

Israel says it is striking Hezbollah assets in the sub-Hezbollah assets in the sub-urbs, where the militant group has a strong presence, but it is also a busy residential and commercial area. The Israeli military said the Wednesday strike hit a weapons ware-house under a residential building building.

The Israeli military posted The Israeli military posted an evacuation warning on the X platform saying it is target-ing a building in the Haret Hreik neighborhood. An Associated Press photogra-pher who witnessed the strikes said there were three in the area. The first strike was documented less than an hour after the notice.

Hezbollah began firing rockets into Israel on Oct. 8 in solidarity with the Palestinian militant group Hamas, following their surprise attack on



into all-out war last month, southern Israel. A year of Tuesday in the southern town low-level fighting escalated of Qana killed at least 15

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and has displaced some 1.2 million people in Lebanon. Elsewhere, Israeli strikes late

people, according to Lebanon's Civil Defense. Nuhad Bustanji, a spokesperson for the first responders, said rescue efforts were still underway and the toll could rise. Videos

shared on social media showed the smoking ruins of a building targeted in the strike with surrounding structures damaged as well. Local media said there were sever-

town Tuesday night. dozens of civilians in 1996.

Qana was the site of an Israeli artillery strike on a United Nations compound that killed

NATO's collective security guar-antee — Article 5 of the military al strikes in the southern alliance's treaty — is the pillar on

which its credibility is based. It is a political commitment by all member countries to come to the

aid of any member whose sover-

eignty or territory might be ly talking about "negotiations" under attack. with Russia and much less fre-

includes big hurdle for West

'NATO membership for Ukraine'

Zelenskyy's 'victory plan'

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Wednesday his plan to win his country's fight against Russia's invasion could bring peace next NATO makes its decisions by Germany - refuse to allow Ukraine in while fighting continues because they fear being dragged into a wider war with Russia.

At their summit in Washington in July, NATO's 32 members declared Ukraine on an "irreinviting Ukraine to join NATO "If we start moving according to this victory plan now, it may be possible to end the war no later than next year," Zelenskyy told his country's parliament. versible" path to membership in the Western military alliance. Any decision on offering to start membership talks is probably not likely before the next summit in the Netherlands in June.

He has recently been trying to win approval for the plan from Western partners, who so far have stopped short of publicly voicing their support for it. The first point in Zelenskyy's five-Ukraine's troops are having trou-ble holding back Russia's military might, especially in the eastern Donetsk region where they are gradually being pushed back-ward. Though Russia's gains have point plan that was presented in a speech to the Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine's parliament, is perhaps the most ambitious and the most likely to make Western allies balk: been incremental, its steady forward movement is slowly adding up and Ukraine keenly feels the need for more large-scale letting Ukraine into NATO while Western help.

But there are signs that Western support may be waning, dimin-ished by a focus on the Middle Zelenskyy said granting Ukraine membership in the alliance would be a "testament of (allies') determination" to support Ukraine. It may, however, be too East wars and domestic political concerns. The US elections next month could bring a major shift in Ukraine's fortunes, as

Washington has been the biggest provider of military aid. Zelenskyy publicly acknowl-edged for the first time that in private talks with Ukraine its Western partners are increasingquently use the word "justice" in conversations about the war. He also dialled up the stakes in

Ukraine, repeating his recent claims that North Korea is now sending military personnel to help Russia's war effort, as well as delivering ammunition, and that Iran and China are also aiding Moscow.

Zelenskyy's "victory plan" contains confidential sections which he didn't mention in Parliament, officials said.

Other aspects of the plan include continued striking of targets on Russian soil, including the incursion into Russia's Kursk border region that began in August and more long-range drone strikes on Russian infrastructure.

Ukraine, he said, also needs more air defence systems and access to a broader range of intelligence from allies.

Zelenskyy noted that Ukraine is rich in natural resources, including critically important metals "worth trillions of US dollars," such as uranium, titanium, lithium, graphite and others.

Those Ukrainian assets, as well as the country's agricultural production, are among Russia's key targets in the war, he said, but could be shared in postwar times with partners.

Also in a postwar period, battle-hardened Ukrainian troops would be an asset for NATO efforts to keep Russia at bay.

At least 140 killed as gasoline tanker **explodes** in Nigeria

More than 140 people have been killed and 50 others injured after a gasoline tanker overturned in Nigeria and sparked an explosion as dozens of people rushed to the vehi-cle to scoop up the fuel, police said Wednesday.

The explosion occurred past midnight in Jigawa state's Majiya town after the tanker driver lost control of the vehicle while travelling on a highway close to a university, police spokesperson Lawan Adam said.

Deadly tanker accidents are common in Nigeria, Africa's most populous country, where traffic regulations are not strictly enforced in many places and there is a lack of alternatives such as an efficient railway system to transport cargo. It is also common for people to salvage fuel after such accidents, especially with Nigeria's soaring fuel prices. Residents who heard about the latest accident rushed to the scene and were scooping up fuel, "sparking a massive inferno that killed 94 people on the spot," Adam said. Videos that appeared to be from the scene showed

visit to province facing Taiwan AP TAIPEI (TAIWAN)

Jinping's rare

China's President Xi Jinping made a rare visit to a province facing Taiwan following military exercises that mobilised China's navy, air force, missile force and land troops to simulate a blockade of the self-governing island democracy that Beijing

claims as its own territory and threatens to annex by force.

Xi did not comment on the military exercises during his visit to Fujian province, according to the official Xinhua News Agency, but his visit came on the heels of China's dispatch of a record 125 aircraft, as well as its Liaoning aircraft carrier and ships, in largescale military exercises surrounding Taiwan and its outlying

Don't look at China's BRI through **'narrow political prism': Pak**

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year, but it contains a step that some crucial Western allies have

so far refused to countenance:

before the war ends.

the fighting continues.

ambitious a step.

PTI ISLAMABAD

Dakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz P Sharif on Wednesday rooted for Beijing's Belt and Road Initiative at the SCO summit here, saying such connec-tivity projects should not be viewed through a "narrow political prism" — an apparent reference to India's reluctance to endorse it.

In his opening remarks at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit, he said efforts like China's Belt and Road Initiative and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, which is a part of the larger project, should be expanded. India has shown little enthusiasm for the China's "unilateral" initiative. And it has repeatedly criticised the China-Pakistan



Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif (centre), China's Premier Li Qiang, Belarus Prime Minister Roman Golovchenko, Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin, Kazakhstan's Prime Minister Olzhas Bektenov, Tajikistan's Prime Minister Kokhir Rasulzoda, and other leaders pose for group photo at the opening session of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) meeting in Islamabad, on Wednesday.

fire stretching across the entire area, with what appeared to be bodies littered at the scene.



corridor for violating its territorial integrity as it involves building infraislands on Monday. Xi has largely avoided public appearances and foreign travel over the past year, but bringing Taiwan under Beijing's control remains a priority for his adminstructure in Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir.

Indirectly challenging India's position, Sharif said, "Let us not look at such projects through the narrow political prism, and invest in our collective connectivity capacities which are crucial to advancing the shared vision of an economically integrated region." In his speech later, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said trade and connectivity initiatives must recognise territorial integrity and sovereignty and it is essential to have an "honest conversation" on lack of trust, a remark seen as an indirect reference to China. The SCO comprises China, India, Russia, Pakistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Belarus. Sixteen more countries are affiliated as observers or "dialogue partners". In his closing address, the Pakistan leader condemned the Israeli attacks in Gaza.

We cannot ignore the ongoing genocide in Gaza, the international community bears the responsibility to ensure an immediate and unconditional ceasefire leading to the establishment of state of Palestine on the basis of pre-1967 borders with Al-Quds as its capital," he said. The Pakistan prime minister urged member states to strengthen the SCO framework to tackle regional challenges. "We are at a historic moment of transition where sweeping transfor-mations are reshaping the global, social, political, economic, and security landscape," he said.

He affirmed Pakistan's "commitment to regional peace, stability and enhanced connectivity and sustainable socio-economic development".

He said the SCO embodies the "collec-

tive voice and wishes of over 40 per cent of the global population anchored in the Shanghai spirit". Together, we have the potential to drive

socio-economic progress, enhance regional peace and stability, and to improve the quality of life for our citizens," he said.

Sharif urged the leaders to use the SCO meeting to "exchange ideas, share best practices and forge concrete action plans that will benefit our economies and societies". He expressed hope that wonderful outcomes that will emerge from our in-depth deliberations". "Our collaboration, joint teamwork

expands academic and tourism linkages, poverty alleviation, empowerment of women and youth across the SCO region are reflection and commitment of our determination to promote prosperity through unity," he said. Sharif said Afghanistan provides oppor-

tunities for trade and transit, while also asking the Taliban government in that country to ensure that its territory is not used for terrorism against its neighbours. He called for collective efforts to eradicate poverty. "Poverty is not just a social issue but a moral imperative," he said. He said it is time to tackle the threat of the climate change sweeping across the region.

'Climate change is an existential crisis that transcends our borders and its impacts are felt universally," the Pakistani leader said.

He said Pakistan was on the frontline of disasters linked with climate change. as shown by 2022 floods that affected millions of people and caused losses worth USD30 billion.

There was no direct reference in his speech to bilateral issues with India. Pakistan became a full member of the SCO at its 2017 summit in Kazakhstan.

Mexican president acknowledges killings of 3 civilians by military

AP MEXICO CITY

Mexico's new president acknowledged Tuesday that three civilians including a child died in two shootouts involving the military last week in a violent border city.

President Claudia Sheinbaum said a soldier was killed in one of the shootouts, as well as two adults and an 8-year-old girl. She said the events on Friday and Saturday are under investigation. But Sheinbaum gave no sign of backing away from the outsized role that she and her predecessor have given to the armed forces. The events in Nuevo Laredo, across the border from Laredo, Texas, started Friday when a nurse, her husband and son found themselves on a road where soldiers were pursuing sus-pects' vehicles. The husband, Víctor Carrillo Martínez, told local media there was a confrontation and his wife died in the crossfire. Sheinbaum said the soldier was

apparently killed in an exchange of gunfire. "It had to do with criminals who

she said. "It is very important to say that Nuevo Laredo is where criminal groups have carried out the most attacks on the army and the National Guard." The city has long been in the grip of the Northeast Cartel, an off-

shoot of the old Zetas gang. The second incident in Nuevo Laredo happened Saturday, when the 8-year-old and her grandmother were driving to a store and were caught in the middle of a pursuit by soldiers or National Guard officers. The grandmother told reporters

that a military vehicle was pur-suing an SUV and her car got stuck between them and the military opened fire.

The Human Rights Commission of Nuevo Laredo said a young man's tortured body was found nearby in a truck that the army and National Guard had been pursuing. Sheinbaum confirmed the two deaths, saying the shootings had involved the militarized National Guard.

"In case there has been any misbehavior by any member of the guard or the army, or any official,

opened fire on an army vehicle," it will be punished," she said. The Defense Department, which controls the National Guard, said it had no immediate com-

ment on the shootings. Last week, the army was involved in another shooting that killed six migrants and wounded 10. In the incident near Tapachula, close to the border with Guatemala. soldiers claimed they heard "deto-nations" and opened fire on a truck carrying migrants from Egypt, Nepal, Cuba, India, Pakistan and El Salvador. The dead included an 11-year-

old Egyptian girl. The area is often used by migrant smugglers, but warring drug cartels also operate in the region. Former president Andrés Manuel

López Obrador, who left office Sept. 30, gave the military an unprecedentedly wide role in public life and law enforcement. He created the militarized Guard and used the combined forces as the country's main law enforcement agencies, supplanting police.

But critics say the military is not trained to do civilian law enforcement work

Bodies of 5 Russian climbers who died on Nepal peak have been retrieved

AP KATHMANDU

 $T^{\rm he \ bodies \ of \ five \ Russian}_{mountaineers \ who \ died \ on}$ the world's seventh-highest peak were retrieved from the mountain on Wednesday and flown to Kathmandu.

The bodies were picked up by rescue helicopters from base camp on Wednesday. They were then transported from the airport in Kathmandu to the morgue at Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital. The Russians were climbing the 8,167-metre (26,788-foot) high Mount Dhaulagiri during Nepal's autumn climbing season.

The climbers were reported missing on Oct. 6 and a rescue helicopter spotted their bodies two days later. Bad weather and the location of the bodies made it difficult for rescuers to retrieve the bodies.

Two of the climbers reached the summit, the while other three had turned around without reaching the top before teammates at base camp lost radio contact with them.

Hong Kong cuts liquor tax in effort to reignite its nightlife industry

AP HONG KONG

Hong Kong's leader announced a cut to liquor tax Wednesday as the Asian financial hub hopes to revive its reputation as a travel destination with a vibrant nightlife and dining scene. After fulfilling Beijing's longstanding imperative to enact a

law, Chief Executive John Lee now faces challenges with economic competitiveness against regional rivals like Singapore, Japan, and mainland Chinese

and a wave of middle-class emigration during the COVID-19 pandemic have dampened local demand. Many residents now prefer to spend their weekends in mainland China, attracted by its lower prices and a wider variety of entertain-ment options. Visitors from the

mainland are also spending less in the city than before. Vacant shops are commonly seen in the city's most popular shopping districts, and rev-

dining industries.

nesses.

The government previously

told lawmakers that after wine

duties were abolished in 2008,

imports jumped 80% in a year

and the city welcomed hun-dreds of new wine-related busi-

Lee, a former security chief

handpicked by Beijing to lead Hong Kong, pushed through

the new security law in March.

Critics fear the law will further

curtail the civil liberties

promised to the former British

enue at the city's bars were down about 28% in the first half of 2024 from the same period in 2019, preliminary official data showed.

In his annual policy address, Lee said the duty rate for liquor with an import price of more than 200 Hong Kong dollars (about \$26) would be slashed from 100% to 10% for the portion above that price starting Wednesday. He hoped the policy would foster the logistics, storage, tourism and high-end

colony when it returned to Chinese rule in 1997.

That law follows similar national legislation Beijing imposed in 2020 to quell huge anti-government protests. Since that law took effect, many of the city's leading activists have been prosecuted, forced into self-exile or silenced. The Hong Kong government said the security laws are necessary for the city's stability.

But in the wake of these dramatic political changes, many middle-class families and young professionals have emigrated to Britain, Canada, Taiwan and the United States.

To attract more wealthy migrants, Lee also revised a scheme that awards residency to applicants who invest a minimum of 30 million Hong Kong dollars (\$3.9 million) in certain types of assets. Starting Wednesday, purchases of homes valued at 50 million Hong Kong dollars (\$6.4 million) or more can be counted for up to a third of the requirement, he said.

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TRAI chief highlights balanced satcom spectrum consultation

PTI NEW DELHI

s battlelines are being \mathbf{A}^{s}_{drawn} Adrawn over the modalities of allocating the satcom spectrum, TRAI Chairman Anil Kumar Lahoti Wednesday said on consultation process is currently on and that the telecom regulator will consider all inputs put before taking a considered view.

The regulator's comments came as Starlink CEO Elon Musk and Indian tycoons are locked in a standoff over satellite spectrum.

Jio recently sought a revision of a consultation paper on recommending norms for "terms and conditions for the assignment of spectrum for satellite based communication certain commercial Communications services". "We have received reference

from the Telecom Department and we have Telecom initiated consultation process in response to reference that has been received from DoT and it covers issue that have been referred to TRAI by the DoT... The consultation process is on, we will consider all inputs and views that are received during consultation for satellite companies process and we will come out harboring any urban

considered recommendations," TRAI Chairman Anil Kumar Lahoti told reporters on the sidelines of IMC

Asked about the demand by Reliance Jio that the TRAI consultation paper be revised to ensure a level playing field between terrestrial and satellite players, TRAI chairman said, "different stakeholders raise different demands on the consultation process, and we consider all these viewpoints and inputs and take a considered view.

World's richest man Elon Musk has taken on Indian billionaires Mukesh Ambani and Sunil Bharti Mittal over the allocation of spectrum used wireless in using satellites, calling their demand for the auction of

such airwaves "unprecedented". While Ambani's Reliance Jio has been vocal about the need to allocate such spectrum through an auction to give a level-playing field to legacy operators who buy airwaves and set up infrastructure like telecom towers, Mittal on Tuesday articulated the need



ambitions to buy spectrum as not auctioned. Scindia said the Telecom Act telecom companies do. Starlink

of 2023 passed in December has put the matter in 'Schedule 1', which means that for satcom spectrum will be allocated administratively. demanding administrative allotment of licences in line with the global trend, as it looks to tap into the world's 11... Spectrum does not come mobile telephony and internet market. This has found some without a cost. What that cost is and what the formula of that cost is going to be, will not be decided by you or me... It will be decided by Trai... backing in Telecom Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, who said on Tuesday that such airwaves will be given out through administrative allocation and And there is a paper that has already been circulated by

Trai, and we have a regulatory authority for telecom, and that regulatory authority has been empowered by the constitution to decide what that administrative pricing is going to be," he had said. The minister had said that he is very confident that Trai will

in an administrative manner. "Satellite spectrum across the Satellite spectrum across the world is allocated administratively. So, India is not doing anything different from the rest of the world. Conversely, if you do decide to auction it then you would be doing something, which is different from the rest of the different from the rest of the world," the minister said. Pointing out that satellite

Scindia said, "If the spectrum price it individually".

come up with the best pricing that should be adopted, provided that it is being given

spectrum is shared airwaves,

is shared then how can you Musk first termed the demand made by Jio last week for shunning sector regulator Trai's consultation paper on satellite broadband being allocated and not auctioned as "unprecedented", and then asked if it was "too much trouble" to allow Starlink to

India reiterates opposition to China's Belt and Road Initiative

PTI ISLAMABAD

India on Wednesday once again refused to endorse China's ambitious 'One Belt One Road' initiative, becoming the only country in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) not to support the controversial connectivity project.

A joint communique unveiled at the end of the SCO's Council of Heads of Government conclave hosted by Islamabad said Russia, Belarus, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan reaffirmed their support for the Chinese connectivity initiative.

It said the countries noted ongoing work on the implementation of the project, including efforts to link the Eurasian Economic Union with the One Road One Initiative (OBOR). India has been refusing to

endorse OBOR in previous SCO conclaves as well.

India has been severely critical of the OBOR, previously known as the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), as the project includes the so-called China-Paliater Economic Corridor (CPEC) that passes through Pakistan-

occupied Kashmir. There has been growing global criticism against the OBOR as a number of countries are reeling under the burden of debt while implementing pro-relating to the initiative. projects



In his address at the SCO conclave, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said. "debt is a serious concern" but did not elaborate further. Collaborative connectivity can create new efficiencies," he said.

The joint communique said heads of delegations the noted the proposal to create a 'Greater Eurasian Partnership' with the participation of the SCO, Eurasian Economic Union, Association of Southeast Asian Nations as well as other interested states and multilateral associations. "The heads of delegations,

reaffirming their desire to ensure stable economic and social development in the SCO region, noted the importance of implementing SCO the Economic Development Strategy for the period up to 2030 and the

programme of multilateral trade and economic cooperation of the SCO member states," it said. "They stressed the need for coordinated efforts through the mechanisms of relevant cooperation in order to implement the respective

action plans," it added. The SCO conclave was chaired by Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

Besides Jaishankar, conclave was attended by Chi-n-ese Premier Li Qiang, Belarus Prime Minister Golovchenko, Roman PM Kaza-kh Olzhas Bektenov, Russian PM Mikhail Mishustin, Tajik PM Kohir Rasulzoda, Uzbek PM Abdulla Aripov, Kyrgyzstan's Cha-i-rman of Ministers Cabinet Zhaparov Akylbek Vice and Iran's First Pres-ident Mohammad Reza Aref.

Piyush Goyal urges industry to prioritise quality over subsidies

PTI NEW DELHI

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday asked the industry to focus on making high quality products to tap global markets as export competitiveness will not come from government

subsidies or support. (QCOs) to b He also said that the manufacturing in government is putting its effort to nudge industry to get into the manufacturing of QCOs covering 106 products high quality products as it is a were issued, but in the last 10 "tough" task to get industry to years, the government has making quality goods.



boost Barriers to Trade. He also said that manufacturing high quality the country.

Till 2014, he said, only 14 goods helps boost economic activities, generating jobs and increasing exports. "India will have to aspire to accept that they should be issued as many as 174 such become a manufacturer of high quality goods and services and it should be orders covering 732 products

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Ministers' panel discusses merger of GST compensation cess into taxes

PTI NEW DELHI

The group of ministers $T_{(GoM)}^{he}$ on GST Pankaj Chaudhary, on Wednesday discussed merger of compensation cess into GST.

States were of the

compensation cess has expired.

"But no new goods will be added. Compensation period has ended and if it has to be brought under GST then it has to be restructured and brought in as taxes," sources said.

The Group of Ministers (GoM), which includes from members Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, will submit its report to the GST

RBI celebrates 90th anniversary with nationwide quiz



STPI Launches LEAP AHEAD 2nd Edition for Startups PNS NEW DELHI

Building on the success of Bits inaugural edition, the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) on Wednesday launched the LEAP AHEAD 2nd Edition at the Indian Mobile Congress 2024 in the national Capital.

The initiative was launched by K. K. Singh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) and Arvind umar. Director General, STPI; Dr. Rasappa Viswanathan, Director, ICAR Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research; Pradeep Gupta, Chairman & Managing Director, CyberMedia and New Delhi was conducted at Hyatt Regency, Bhikaji Cama Place, Delhi, where 136 Board Member, TiE Delhistudents (68 teams) competed. The team from NCR: and Roshan Lal Tamak. Executive Director & CEO, Shaheed Sukhdev College of DCM Shriram Ltd, Dr. Sanjay Business Studiescomprising Gupta, Senior Director, STPI; Ishaan Yewale& Harshita Jain Subodh Sachan, Director, STPI.Following the impactful success of the LEAP AHEAD emerged as the winner, followed by those from Maulana Azad Medical 1st Edition, which anchored College and Sri Venkateswara College in young entrepreneurs and tech startups, the second second and third places, respectively. Prizes for the top three teams are of ?2 edition promises to revolutionize tech startups in scaling, product diversification, and regional lakh, ?1.5 lakh, and ?1 lakh, expansion. The winning team will now compete in the Zonal round, which will take place between November 21, 2024, With up to Rs One Crore in funding support, the program includes comprehensive three-month and December 4, 2024. The national final will be held at mentorship program offering national final will be held at Mumbai in December 2024. a mix of virtual and in-person sessions.

compensation cess, under Minister of State for Finance

States suggested that during the transition of cess, once it is decided to merge with taxes no new goods should be added to the list of luxury, sin and demerit goods.

provide internet services in India.

faced a huge amount of opposition from the industry on quality control orders.

doors to the rest of the world. If we are looking at selfreliant India, it can only happen when India will be self-confident and that confidence will only come when we all decide that quality is not our job, it is our duty," the minister said.

He added that if the Indian industry is not competitive in work towards competitiveness where it has a comparative advantage with other nations.

The government is taking a QCOs

Initially, the government to ensure that more and more people will become aligned with better quality standards. These orders help curb the "Our export competitiveness import of sub-standard is not going to come from products, prevent unfair subsidies or government support. It is not going to come from our closing the environment.

Under the order, an item cannot be produced, sold, traded, imported and stocked unless it bears the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) mark. Violation of the provision of the BIS Act can attract imprisonment of up to two years or a fine of at least Rs 2 lakh for the first offence. In any product, that can be case of second and imported the industry has to subsequent offences, the fine will increase to a minimum of Rs 5 lakh and extend up to 10 times of the value of goods or articles.

series of steps such as rolling accordance with the WTO through their out Quality Control Orders Agreement on Technical technical manpower.

recognised globally," Goyal said. Citing an example of the pharma industry, the minister also urged the big industry players to handhold and support MSME units in this area.

"We still have a lot of work to do in terms of getting industry aligned with these QCOs," he said adding India was not able to become a partner of a protocol in the pharma sector as "every single time when we try to join that protocol, which has certain strict conditionalities attached to it, there will be an opposition from those (industries) who would be looking at short cuts". The minister urged the industry to participate in the BIS (Bureau of Indian

BIS (Dure Standards) com in their are issued in committees

function.

since the compensation cess ends in March 2026, the only way to restructure it is to merge the levy with the taxes and bring about separate tax rates for the items on which cess is levied currently.

"GST compensation cess is coming to an end. A discussion needed to be done on what will be the future of the cess. Every state has given their views. This was the first meeting," Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said.

Should it continue as cess or be converted to tax and whether there would be changes in luxury, demerit and sin goods items, Chaudhary said, "Discussion is going on". The next meeting of the GoM

on compensation cess is in the second week of November. Sources said all states have suggested merger of taxes under GST, because skilled

Council by December 31. the GST regime, In compensation cess at varied rates is levied on luxury, sin

and demerit goods over and above the 28 per cent tax. The proceeds from the cess, which was originally planned for five years after GST roll-out or till June 2022, was used to compensate states for revenue loss incurred by them post the introduction of GST. In 2022, the Council decided to extend the levy till March 2026 to repay the interest and the principle amount of the

Rs 2.69 lakh crore worth loan taken in the 2021 and 2022 fiscal years to make good states' revenue loss during Covid years. With just one-and-a-half year

remaining for the cess to end, the GST Council in its 54th meeting on September 9 decided to set up a GoM to decide the future course of the cess.

PNS NEW DELHI

The Reserve Bank of India **L** (RBI) is commemorating the 90th year of its operations this year. As part of the series of events being held throughout the year to mark this milestone, the Bank has launched the RBI90Quiz, a nationwide general knowledge-based quiz competition aimed at undergraduate students.

The RBI90Quiz is a teambased contest, being held in multiple stages. The online phase was conducted from September 19-21, 2024. respectively. Based on the performance in the online phase, college teams were selected for participation in State-level rounds. The State-level round of the RBI90Quiz for

Rubrik launches DSPM Promote Indian firms in infra consultancy: **Ex-PIB** chief

PNS NEW DELHI

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m Press}$ Information Bureau (PIB), Govt of India, Rajeev Kumar Jain on Wednesday said the government must take efforts to promote more and more Indian Companies in the infrastructure consultancy space to fully realize the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat, more so when we are already promoting the manufacturing of train coaches in India.

Jain further said that Indian Railways and metro projects have embraced the "Make in India" philosophy by promoting local manufacturing of rolling stock, signaling systems, and other critical components. "This can be done so even for infrastructure the consultancy sector," said Jain who had a stint Rail, Civil Member Secretary/Special Aviation and Urban Affairs Officer, CUMTA, Ajay Kumar



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and various ministries in his career spanning over 30 years. He was addressing at the 4th Edition of Urban Infra Business Summit & Awards 2024, hosted by the Urban Infra Group. Anil Kumar Khandelwal, Former Member (Infrastructure), Railway Board, Ministry of Railways, Prof. Manoj Choudhary, Vice Chancellor, Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, Ministry of

complex in nature, and being built for the first time in India, the Govt. has relied on all the Indian companies (Tata Consulting Engineers, Consulting Engineers Group for the job of project management consultancy. This makes a compelling case for the Govt. to do so in the

other Railways, I. Jeyakumar, IRTS, consultancy particularly in metro sector," he stated.



Lal, Principal FA & CAO (Retd), Ministry of Railways US-based cyber security firm Rubrik on Wednesday announced the launch of and Rajesh Agrawal, Former Member Railway Board, were also present at the inaugural Rubrik Data Security Posture Management (DSPM) for

Microsoft 365 Copilot to provide greater visibility and Complimenting the Government for promoting control of sensitive data, reduce the risk of exposure, Atmanirbhar Bharat, Jain said and empower organizations that the High-Speed Railway is a classic example of to quickly and securely adopt a classic example of awarding the consultancy contract to all the Indian companies. "The project being highly technical and Copilot, an AI-powered assistant that generates answers anchored in an business organization's content to deliver highly relevant and contextual responses.

> "The announcement comes at a crucial time as many organizations are preparing to embrace AI tools and adopt Microsoft 365 Co-pilot in a big way. The biggest hurdle that's slowing down organizations is the lack of tools and platforms that can identify and control access to sensitive data" said Abhilash

infrastructure

works.

Purushothaman, President and Gen Manager, Rubrik (Asia). Vice General

"With the growing volume of Microsoft 365 customers in India, managing and safeguarding sensitive safeguarding sensitive information has become increasingly complex. Rubrik aims to mitigate these risks, strengthen resilience for organizations and enables accelerated adoption of transformational AI tools like

M365 Copilot; without worrying about potential sensitive data exposure and associated regulatory fallouts

that are a slowing down the AI adoption," Abhilash Purushothaman added. "Organizations are facing significant pressure when it comes to improving security of their rapidly growing data," said Mike Tornicasa, Chief Business Officer at Rubrik.

"Microsoft is committed to enabling secure and intelligent productivity tools for our customers," said Tony Surma, CTO, Americas Partners at Microsoft.

Microsoft 365 Copilot is an AI-powered assistant that generates answers anchored in an organization's business content to deliver highly relevant and contextual responses.

To ensure Copilot surfaces only data which users have permissions to view, it follows the same data access controls already in place in Microsoft 365. Misconfigurations in these controls could lead to the exposure of sensitive data to unauthorized users.

To help mitigate this risk, Rubrik DSPM for Microsoft 365 Copilot is designed to provide the data visibility and control needed to ensure sensitive data is correctly classified, labeled, and segmented - and has the right access permissions. This enables organizations to leverage the power of Copilot while securing sensitive data from the risk of exposure.

INBRIEF

RECPDCL HANDS OVER RAJASTHAN-IV

RAJASTHAN: REC Power Development and Consultancy Limited (RECPDCL), a wholly owned subsidiary of REC 🞑 Limited, the Maharatna CPSU under the aegis of Ministry of Power, handed over a project specific SPV on 15th October 2024 at Gurugram.



IIFL FINANCE OFFERS GOLD LOAN AT 0.99% INTEREST RATE PER MONTH



DELHI: IIFL Finance, one of India's non-banking financial leading companies (NBFC), is offering Gold Loan at 0.99% interest rate per month with zero processing fees until October 19, 2024 under its ongoing Gold Loan

LOCOMOTIVES ACROSS INDIAN RAILWAYS TO BE EQUIPPED

MALIGAO: In a major milestone, Indian 👩 Railways is all set to install Kavach 4.0 - an indigenous Automatic Train, Protection System on 10,000 locomotives across its network. Recently, after successful trial, implementation of Kavach 4.0 was done at a stretch of 108 km in the West Central Railway.



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I WAS ON EDGE OF MY SEAT WHEN MY NAME **CAME UP IN HIL AUCTION: HARMANPREET**

n the edge of his seat during Hockey India League (HIL) auctions, India's Olympic medal-winning skipper Harmanpreet Singh was silently praying that Sardar Sigh from Soorma Hockey Club

Harmanpreet becoming the costliest buy in the men's section as Soorma Hockey Club, representing Punjab and Haryana, secured his services for a whopping Rs 78 lakh on the first day of the three-day auction.

"I am elated that the Hockey India League is back and in marvellous fashion. I was on the edge of my seat when my name came up during the auction, mentally hoping and urging Sardar Singh to bid for me and I get to play for the Haryana-Punjab region," said Harmanpreet, who led India to the bronze medal at the Paris Olympics.

"It was a great relief when Soorma Hockey Club finally landed me in the auction and I could not have been

teams, while the inaugural women's event will have four teams.

The ace drag-flicker was happy with

makes a winning bid for him. Eventually his wish came true with

happier," he added. The men's HIL will feature eight

the combination of the squad, insisting that they managed to get the perfect balance. "We have a very good-looking team at

the Soorma Hockey Club at the end of the auction, the owners and coaching staff have hit the ball out of the park. We have the perfect balance of

experienced, big-name players and young players with the potential to become big names themselves," Harmanpreet said.

The FA said it had interviewed

several candidates before

deciding on Tuchel. Tuchel won European club

soccer's biggest prize when leading Chelsea to the Champions League title in 2021. He has won league titles

with PSG in France and

Bayern in Germany. He takes on the England job after leaving Bayern at the end

The 51-year-old Tuchel fits the FA's remit of hiring a coach who has delivered at the

highest level and also knows

the English game following his

The FA said in July that it

of last season.

time with Chelsea.

The upcoming edition of the event holds greater significance as the Women's HIL will make its debut and will run co-currently with the men's league in two venues — Ranchi (men) and Rourkela (women).

India defender Udita Duhan, who was picked by Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers for Rs 32 lakh, can't hide her excitement for becoming the costliest buy in the women's auction.

"Hockey India is breaking barriers Hockey India is breaking barriers and setting new standards by holding a Women's Hockey India League at the same time as the men's league. This will be a good opportunity to showcase our skills and grow as athletes by playing with players from different nationalities. All of us are eager to give our 100 per cent" she eager to give our 100 per cent," she said. "I cannot wait to get on the pitch

said. I cannot wan to get on the pitch and aim to win the league." Hyderabad Toofans, Soorma Hockey Club, Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers, Delhi SG Pipers, Tamil Nadu Dragons, UP Rudras, Kalinga Lancers and Team Gonasika are the eight men's teams.

In the women's event, Soorma Hockey Club, Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers, Delhi SG Pipers and Odisha Warriors will fight it out from December 28 till February 1, with the final of the women's event slated for January 26.

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Chennaiyin FC aim to stretch unbeaten away run against NorthEast United

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that they had returned to

training ahead of the NorthEast United match.

Chennaiyin's clash with NorthEast United will be the

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clinical," he added. Chennaiyin FC will look to prolong their unbeaten away run at the Indian Super Due to heavy rainfall in Chennai, the Marina Machans had to travel to Guwahati League 2024-25 season when they lock horns with determined hosts NorthEast prematurely and resume training away from home. Coyle expressed gratitude to the Highlanders for their sporting integrity in opening their gates early and also wished for the safety of those United FC here on Thursday. CFC have been on the road for two out of their first three matches this season.

Speaking to the media ahead back home. of their third away match, Chennaiyin head coach Owen Coyle praised NorthEast "We haven't been able to train for the last three days because of the severe weather in United while highlighting the need for his team to be more Chennai. importantly, we want to make clinical. sure everyone's safe and well, so that's the priority," Coyle

"What you have is two very good teams," Coyle told the media.

This was echoed by left-back "Two very attack-minded Ankit Mukherjee, who joined teams, going all out to win a Coyle for the presser. teams, going all out to win a tough game. NorthEast (United) are always a very dangerous opponent — they were last year and they certainly are this year. I think Juan Pedro Benali has done a fontactic ich" During the international break, CFC's Lalrinliana someone with "significant experience of English football, with a strong track record delivering results Hnamte international debut for India, in the Premier League and/or leading international while Farukh Choudhary returned to the fold with a leading international competitions." It also said the new coach goal. Coyle emphasized their achievements and confirmed

fantastic job." "Equally, we know we have a good team, we know we have good players and can stand would develop the team to "win a major tournament and be consistently ranked as one of the top teams in the world." toe-to-toe with the best teams in this league when we are at of the top teams in the world. As manager of Chelsea, Tuchel beat Pep Guardiola's Manchester City to win the Champions League within months of taking the job. He also won the UEFA Super Cup and Club World Cup with tho our best. So that's our focus, being very respectful of our opponents but focusing on our qualities. "In truth, we should probably

23rd meeting between the teams in the ISL. NorthEast United have played four be sitting with 7-9 points; in the last two games alone, we matches this season, one more than Chennaiyin, with one had just under 40 chances, so win, one loss, and two draws.

said.

Thomas Tuchel hired as England head coach ahead of 2026 World Cup

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AP LONDON

Thomas Tuchel was hired as England coach on Wednesday and will take on the challenge of ending the national team's decades-long wait for a trophy.

The German, who previously managed Paris Saint-Germain, Chelsea and Bayern Munich, will begin his tenure in January ahead of the 2026 World Cup in the United States.

The English Football Association said Tuchel had been identified as the "preferred candidate" after been what it described as an

extensive search to replace Gareth Southgate, who stepped down after the European Championship in

July. Tuchel won major trophies in Germany, France and England and is England's third foreign coach, after the late Sven-Goran Eriksson and Fabio Capello. He succeeds one of England's most successful coaches in Southgate, who led the country to back-to-back European Championship finals and a World Cup

semifinals. Southgate stepped down after eight years following defeat to Spain in the final of Euro 2024.



Mbappe's representatives dismiss Swedish reports of a rape claim

and Club World Cup with the Premier League club.

AP STOCKHOLM

Trench soccer star Kylian have rejected as "false and irresponsible" reports in Swedish media saying he is the subject of a rape investigation in the Nordic country. Without citing sources, several Swedish media including tabloids Expressen and Aftonbladet and broadcasters SVT and TV4 reported that the Real Madrid striker was the subject of a rape claim following a visit to Stockholm last week. In response to the reports, Swedish prosecutors issued a brief statement Tuesday saying a rape had been reported to police, but didn't name any suspect. "According to the report the incident took place on October 10, 2024, at a hotel in central Stockholm," said the statement published by the Swedish Prosecution Authority. Prosecutor Marina Chirakova, who is leading that investigation, declined to give any further details. "From my side I cannot confirm whether there is a



and left the hearing in Paris on Tuesday. Later on Tuesday, a lawyer for Mbappé Bernard, told French broadcaster TF1 that her client was "bewildered" by the reports. We are told that a complaint

has been lodged, but at this

Competition is stronger this year but India can lift SAFF trophy: Ashalata

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 $T^{\rm he \ quality \ of \ football \ has}_{\rm improved \ immensely \ in \ the}$ region but the Indian team is equipped to win the SAFF Women's Championship, senior defender Ashalata Devi said on Wednesday as the side gears up to take on arch-rivals Pakistan in its tournament-opener.

The clash against Pakistan on Thursday assumes significance since Ashalata will become India's first woman footballer to play 100 international matches when she takes field on Thursday at the iconic Dasarath Stadium. Ashalata said the first game always sets the tone, and a strong start will help them play freely in the following matches. The last time the two teams clashed, India had emerged a 3-0 winner.

of respect for them. They have grown as a unit. Last time, we won against them, but we are not taking them lightly. They are motivated, prepared well and will surely put up a good fight,"

said Ashalata. India head coach Santosh Kashyap is expecting a close contest. "I have watched Pakistan's recent matches, including the one against Singapore, where they put up a tough fight and narrowly lost 1-0. They have strong physicality and play good football.

"All the teams are very close in terms of quality, and they fight hard. Whether it's the men's or women's teams, we can't afford to think we are the favourites and will win easily. When asked about Ashalata

"It's always exciting to face a team like Pakistan. We have a lot said, "It's a great achievement for said, "It's a great achievement for her as well as for women's football. I always tell young players to look up to her and how she has maintained herself for such a long time."

Pakistan, who have players like Maria Khan and Nadia Khan in the ranks, will not be pushovers. Skipper Maria is an experienced midfielder, who plies her trade for Saudi Arabian pro side Eastern Flames. Two other Pakistan players, goalkeeper Rumaysa Khan and striker Isra Khan, play in Canada and the United States, respectively.

"I think it will be an interesting match, India have prepared well. They have a new coach as well, so they have new strategies, we don't know what to expect. It's a good rivalry," Pakistan head coach Adeel Rizki said.

The Associated Press.

not made public by Swedish authorities until charges are filed or a suspect is ordered held in pre-trial detention. Mbappé's communications team accused Swedish media of spreading "slanderous" rumors.

"These accusations are totally false and irresponsible, and their propagation is unacceptable," they said in a statement sent to the AP and

"Kylian Mbappé will under no circumstances tolerate his integrity, reputation and honour being sullied by

In a post late Monday on his official X account Mbappé

his entourage. The French star had been picking up the Swedish reports. He appeared to draw a link between the reports in given permission to skip international duty because of a Sweden and a hearing in Paris on Tuesday in a legal dispute minor thigh injury as France beat Israel and Belgium in with former club Paris Saint-Nations League matches on Germain over unpaid wages. October 10 and October 14, "It's becoming so predictable, on the eve of the hearing, as if respectively.

Mbappé, who won the World Cup with France in 2018, joined Real Madrid this summer after seven years at PSG.

Messi scores hat-trick as Argentina wins in South American World Cup qualifying

AP BUENOS AIRES

hat trick and two assists: Lionel A Messi came back in style for Argentina in its 6-0 home win in a South American World Cup qualifying match. Messi, who missed two rounds of

the competition in October due to a right ankle injury, played from start to finish on Tuesday in front of raucous fans at the Monumental de Nuñez Stadium, who chanted his name after he opened the scoring in the 19th minute.

Its archrival Brazil, whose coach Dorival Júnior was under pressure earlier this month, got some relief with a convincing performance in a 4-0 home win against Peru.

Argentina remained as leaders of the round-robin competition with 22 points after 10 matches, three points clear of second-place Colombia, who earlier beat Chile 4-0. Uruguay, which earlier had a goalless draw with Ecuador, and Brazil come next with 16 points.

The Uruguayans are in third position on goal difference.

Ecuador and Paraguay follow, with 13 points each, but the Ecuadorians have one more win to take the fifth position.

The top six teams in the region will secure automatic berths in the next World Cup. The seventh-place team, currently Bolivia, will play in an international playoff for a spot in the tournament in 2026.

Two more rounds of South American World Cup qualifying will be played in November.

MESSI IN STRONG FORM ON RETURN: Messi's first goal came after a mistake by a Bolivian defender, who missed a pass and allowed the 37-year-old Messi to run freely and finish unchallenged in front of goalkeeper Billy Viscarra. Messi assisted on Lautaro Martínez's goal in the 42th minute and gave a decisive pass once again in added time on a goal by Julián Álvarez.

Argentina appeared to slow its pace



after the break, but scored again with Thiago Almada in the 69th minute. The striker scored from close range after a low cross by Nahuel Molina. Messi's show had

two great finishing touches from the edge of the box, the first in the 84th and the second in the 86th minute. "We enjoyed this, we are happy to be here playing in Argentina," said

Messi, who once again refused to say whether he will play in the next World Cup in 2026. "This could be one of the last (matches in front of the Argentinian crowd)."

Bolivia, which is seeking to qualify for the World Cup for the first time in 30 years, remains in contention with 12 points.

BRAZIL REAPPEARS UNDER Henrique, scored for the second IÚNIOR: This month's rounds of South American qualifying were important for coach Dorival Júnior. His team was knocked out in the quarterfinals of the latest Copa America and was struggling against rivals it used to beat easily, such as Paraguay and Venezuela.

Júnior's chances of success seemed low in matches against Chile and Peru due to injuries affecting several of his starters; goalkeeper Alisson, defender Éder Militão and striker Vinicius Júnior were all out. But a last-minute win against the Chileans and a convincing display against the Peruvians will give the Brazil coach some relief.

Raphinha scored from the spot twice to put Brazil in front in Brasilia, the first in the 38th minute and the second in the 54th.

Substitute Andreas Pereira made the 59th and 74th minutes.

more than 60,000 fans at the National Stadium gasp when he scored with a volley in the 71st minute. Another substitute, Luiz consecutive match for the national team with a classy shot from the edge of the box.

These were two matches that we controlled well," Raphinha said.

"We are far from perfection, but we are on the right track."

CHILE IN LAST PLACE: Chile's loss to Colombia has placed the job of coach Ricardo Gareca at risk. Davinson Sánchez, Luis Díaz, Jhon Durán and Luis Sinistierra scored the goals for Colombia. Chile is in last place in the qualifying group with only five points.

Paraguay beat Venezuela 2-1 and moved into a qualifying position in the standings. Jon Aramburo opened the scoring for the visitors in the 25th minute, but striker Antonio Sarabia came off the bench to win it for the hosts with goals in

stage we don't even know against whom. A complaint does not make the truth, a complaint does not prove anything. And once again, I don't even know if the complaint is against him," she said. Swedish media already last week reported on Mbappe's brief stay in Stockholm, publishing pictures of him and

unfounded insinuations." by chance," the post said in

French. Mbappé's lawyers didn't wrote "FAKE NEWS!!!!" and linked to a French article comment as they arrived for

suspect in the case," she told Names of suspects are typically other media.



AUSTRALIA START OVERWHELMING FAVOURITES AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

ustralia will start as A o v e r w h e l m i n g favourites in their quest for an unprecedented eighth final appearance when they take on South Africa in the semi-final of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup here on Thursday.

Australia have now made it to the semi-finals of the global T20 tournament in all its nine editions held so far since 2009 in England.

The six-time champions take on the Proteas women in a lastfour clash in what seems to be a repeat of the summit showdown during the 2023 edition in South Africa, which the Southern Stars won by 19 runs.

Going by pure statistic, South Africa are no match for Australia who have won nine out of the 10 WT20I games, with the former's only win coming in January this year. The head-to-head record at

WOMEN'S T20 WC SEMI-FINAL



Women's T20 World Cup is seven encounters. even more intimidating as Australia have won all the

which has remained intact for The best part about the current Australian team is the core

years now with only Meg Lanning retiring from

international cricket All the 10 others, who played in the 2023 final are here with in the 2023 final are here with the likes of Alyssa Healy, Beth Mooney, Ellyse Perry, Megan Schutt, Ashleigh Gardner being the pillars of the team. On a slow Dubai track, the depth in batting has been Australia's biggest strength

Australia's biggest strength, with Phoebe Litchfield and Annabel Sutherland capable of muscling the balls to the fence. For South Africa, one of their biggest assets has been slow orthodox left-arm Nonkululeko Mlaba, who has so far taken 10 wickets in four group league games. Skipper Laura Wolvaardt, her

opening partner Taznim Brits and the seasoned Marizanne Kapp are all match-winners in their own rights but they have always come up short against

Healy and company. Hopefully, the Proteas women would be eighth time lucky against familiar foes in their bid to win the maiden global T20 trophy.



Day 1 of first Test between India and NZ called off due to rain

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Unrelenting rain wiped out play on day one of the opening Test between India and New Zealand here on Wednesday.

The play was called off at 2.34 PM as heavy rain lashed the M Chinnaswamy Stadium after relenting for about half an hour earlier.

The match officials came out to inspect the pitch around 2 PM after outfield and first layer of covers were removed around 1.50 PM.

But there were large damp

areas on either side of the pitch excitement for them was the as hessians were brought out in sighting of star batter Virat a last-ditch attempt to get some Kohli and opener Yashasvi Jaiswal, who went for an game time.

indoor net session along with However, it was a futile effort as extensive damage was assistant coach Abhishek already done by rains of varying intensity from early Navar. They might have to wait morning.

further for action even on the Earlier, even the toss, which second day as the current forecast is for more rain on was scheduled at 9 AM, could not take place as rain came Thursday at least till noon. It may be recalled that even the down relentlessly over the city from morning. training sessions of both teams

There was a smattering of spectators at the stadium downpour on Tuesday. despite the inclement weather.

Play on day two is scheduled at 9.15 am and toss at 8.45 am. But the only moment of

Handling pressure will play a

big part in Jaiswal's success



When Rohit Sharma explained 'significance of Gabba' to young Pant

PTI NEW DELHI

For some time, Rishabh Pant couldn't understand why fans had gone hysterical after his unbeaten 89 against Australia at the Gabba in 2021 until Rohit Sharma stepped in to tell him that his knock was not just another match-winning effort in an epic Test.

A second string India, without Under for being a significant contributor to India's back-toits then regular skipper Virat Kohli, senior player KL Rahul back Test series wins. His career-best 159 came in and three main bowlers, had Sydney during the 2018-19 peaten Australia by three wickets at a venue which was considseries. ered a fortress for the home team which hadn't lost a single game there since 1989. It was a chase of 328, and Pant's counter-attacking knock was not just a match-defining one. It was to find a place among the greatest innings by an Indian in adverse overseas conditions. "Sometimes, there are performances that you remember for a lifetime, and one of them for me is the Gabba Test," the 27year-old told Star Sports' 'Star Nahi Far' event. Initially, it was just satisfaction of winning a tough Test for India but as time went by, Pant understood the magnitude of his achievement, something that Rohit had told him about. "At the time, I didn't realise how significant it was. Rohit bhai was there, and he told me, 'You have no idea what vou've done.' I was like, 'What have I done? My aim was just to win the match. Rohit bhai said, 'Later, you'll understand what you've done," he recalled.

Neetu David becomes second Indian woman to be inducted into ICC Hall of Fame

PTI 🗖 DUBAI

Former India spinner Neetu David, who still holds the record for the best figures (8/53) by a woman in an individual Test innings, on Wednesday became only the second female cricketer from the country to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame. David, the current chairman of selectors for Indian women's team, enters the ICC Hall of Fame a year after the induction of former captain Diana Edulji.

David made more than 100 appearances (10 Tests and 97 ODIs) for India as a prolific left-arm spinner and was inducted alongside South Africa and England legends AB de Villiers and Alastair Cook, joining a long list of great cricketers. The 47-year-old David is the second-

highest wicket-taker for India in ODIs cricket with 141 scalps and was also the first female player from the country to claim 100 wickets in the 50-over game. Topping the wicket-taking list at the World Cup in 2005, to inspire her country to their first-ever final, is also among her standout achievements.

David said in an ICC release: "It is truly an honour to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame, something that I consider to be the highest recognition available to anyone who puts on their national team jersey.

"This comes after a lifetime of dedication to this great sport, and it caps a very journey for me to get to this point special To be considered a Hall of Famer alongside the greatest players that ever lived is humbling, and I am thrilled to be part of this exclusive club." Following some impressive performances with the ball at domestic cricket for Uttar Pradesh, David won a first international appearance for India as a 17-year-old in a

Australia and England in

2025-26 will begin in Perth,

That first Test is scheduled for

November 21-25, 2025 with

the second a day-night Test at

the Gabba in Brisbane from

Adelaide Oval will host the

Western Australia.

December 4-8.



Test against New Zealand in Nelson in 1995.

She impressed with four wickets in that contest and was again selected for the ODI leg of that tour as India claimed the New Zealand Women's Centenary Tournament. In late 1995, David truly rose to prominence as she recorded sensational figures of 8/53 — still the best individual bowling spell in a single innings of a women's Test — against England in Jamshedpur as India fell to a narrow two-

41 wickets from 10 matches, it was in ODI cricket that she performed best with 141 scalps from 97 matches at a miserly ling average of 16.34. David retired from international cricket in 2006, only to reverse that decision two years later for a brief return in ODI cricket at the Asia Cup and on India's tour of England.

in Australia: Childhood coach

Yashasvi Jaiswal was oblivious to the cheers of a handful of spectators as he walked across a soaked M Chinnaswamy Stadium turf on Wednesday, chatting intensely with assistant coach Abhishek Navar.

There was no pressing demand for him to spend an hour at indoor nets as rain held up the first day's play of the opening Test between India and New Zealand.

After all, he is going through a roseate phase in Test cricket for over a vear now.

But that deep caring for his craft and a focused mind will come handy when Jaiswal crosses over to Australia next month for the biggest challenge yet in his fledgling career, feels his childhood coach Jwala Singh. "At this level, it is more about how you handle pressure. You can always work on technique, but if you don't have the right

international cricket, Jaiswa has made 1217 runs from 11 Tests at an average of 64.05 and has three daddy knocks - 171, 209 and 214.

were washed away by heavy

So, what are the changes that he has observed in the left-hander in the last one year or so? "He always has been aggressive

as a batsman. Earlier, he had a tendency to attack almost every ball, especially fast bowlers, but now he uses aggression more judiciously.

'Yashasvi now has more awareness of his game. He has better awareness about which ball to attack and which one to let go. Of course, he has also become a very good fielder now, especially in slip region," Iwala noted.

The trait was visible in Jaiswal's batting while going through a breakout series against England earlier this year.

The way he handled English legend James Anderson was impeccable. At Rajkot, Jaiswal respectfully patted a fuller attitude and mindset then you length delivery from Anderson will end up as a failure. But back to the bowler in the 85th Yashasyi has a over

Women's T20 League title. Cook represented England over 250 times

in international cricket, making his most significant impact in the longest format. He retired from international cricket in 2018 as England's highest Test run-scorer and century-maker, spearheading notable successes both home and away with the bat and as captain. In his 14-year-long career, de Villiers hit over 20,000 international runs across all three formats.

De Villiers, fondly known as "Mr 360", run loss. While David excelled at Test cricket with excelled in Test and T20I cricke while setting South African records for the fastest fifty, century and 150 in ODI cricket to earn a reputation of being one of he most feared, destructive batters in the

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"Now, whenever I hear people

RISHABH MALIK NEW DELHI

Women's Kabaddi League (WKL) on Tuesday

announcing updates for the

upcoming season. This event

marked as a significant step toward establishing women's

kabaddi as a national sport and

creating a thriving ecosystem

for female athletes across India.

The league will feature several

Durgas, Gujarat Angels,

Haryana Hustlers, Great

Marathas, Rajasthan Raiders,

Telugu Warriors, and UP

The selection trials for WKL

Bengaluru Hawks,

Ganga Strikers.

teams,

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Delhi

talking about that Gabba match,

I understand what he meant and

how important it was," the Delhi

plaver said. No greater feeling

Pant has commanded the cricketing world's awe and respect for coming back after recovering

from a life-threatening car acci-

dent in 2022. This was after he

made a name for himself Down

than beating Australia

In the 2021 series, he scored 97 in Sydney and an epic 89 not out in Brisbane to earn respect and adulation from both the fans and the opposition team.

When you go to Australia, you have to work more on handling the bounce and short balls because the wickets are different there, and the atmosphere is different," he explained.

Cricket Australia says 2025-26 Ashes 'They don't want you to win, which makes it more fun. There's series will begin in Western Australia no greater feeling than going to Australia and beating them in their home."

What impresses Pant about Australia is their strategy to AP SYDNEY always hunt in a pack and the gutsy keeper-batter is a firm Cricket Australia said on Wednesday that the fivebeliever in counter-punching. Test Ashes series between

"In general, Australia fights as a team. They don't give you anything easy, and they play aggres-sive cricket. I won't throw the first punch, but if someone throws the first punch at me, I won't hold back. "That's the kind of mentality you

need to have when playing against them," he said.

She played her final domestic match in 2013, calling time on an illustrious career by helping Railways to the 2012-13 Senior week, coinciding with the conclusion of the Women's T20 World Cup.

history of the game. The ICC Hall of Fame was launched in January 2009 as part of the global governing body's centenary celebrations. The Class of 2024 will be celebrated in a special series of engagements in Dubai this

Iwala told PTI when he was informed about skipper Rohit Sharma's high evaluation of his younger colleague. "It is even more true when you

fortunately.

go and play in Australia because they play some hard cricket there and put a lot of pressure on opposition," he added. As someone who saw Jaiswal

mature head on his shoulder,"

from a very young age, Jwala feels that the 21-year-old has grown as a batsman since making his debut in 2023 against the West Indies.

"I think being around players like Rohit and Virat has helped him a lot. After all, there is nothing like learning from such masters," he said. in Since his baptism

sixes — a sweep over square leg, a loft over mid-wicket and straight mousse over the bowler's head. Jaiswal was highly effective against Anderson throughout the series — extracting 98 runs from 150 balls that he faced off

But once the pacer erred in length, Jaiswal creamed the

Lancastrian's next three balls for

the quick and getting out twice. It was not entirely surprising then that he became only the second Indian batter after the legendary Sunil Gavaskar to score over 700 in a series.

But then it is always easy to play down that wonderful run citing home advantage, as Australia offers a vastly different challenge.

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WKL unveils plans for women's Kabaddi in upcoming season are set to be a major highlight of the upcoming season, as they will open doors for ANNOUNCEME thousands of aspiring female players nationwide. The league PRESS CONFERENCE aims to identify the most talented athletes who will then be selected for the auction

process and logically segmented for the playing. The WKL's structure follows a round-robin & Home-away format during selection trials, promoting an exciting and competitive atmosphere that is crucial for player development. This format allows teams to face each other multiple times, fostering not just competition but also camaraderie among collaboration.

players. The league seeks to in elements in building a robust still a sense of unity and sporting community for essential women

groundwork for future generations of female athletes. By emphasizing inclusivity and providing resources for training, mentorship, and exposure, the league is cultivating an environment where young women can thrive in sports. WKL's initiatives will include workshops, coaching clinics, and partnerships with schools to inspire and engage the next generation of kabaddi players. HARSHIT MANAV, COO, WKL expressed his excitement for the future of women's kabaddi, stating, "We are

WKL is not just focused on the committed to creating a strong present; it is actively laying the platform for women athletes, ensuring they receive the recognition and respect they deserve. This is about building a legacy-a national game for women that encourages participation at all levels." As WKL prepares for the upcoming season, the anticipation builds not only for the matches but also for the numerous initiatives aimed at supporting female athletes. With plans for international participation and more exciting announcements in the pipeline, the WKL is poised to elevate women's kabaddi to new heights.

traditional Boxing Day Test beginning December 26, with the Sydney Cricket Ground also maintaining its usual time slot for the January 4-8 fifth and final Test. Australia currently holds the Ashes, having retained them with a draw in the 2023 series in England.

third Test from December 17-

The Melbourne Cricket

Ground will host its

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