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ARMY IS THE BOSS TERRORISTS ELIMINATI



Indian Army's Ghatak team carrying out an extensive search operation in the dense forest of 'Dehra Ki Gali', in Rajouri district,

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

ll three dreaded foreign terrorists, who were holed up inside a religious place since Monday morning, were eliminated by the joint team of security forces in the Batal area of Akhnoor in the 27-hour-long anti-terrorist operation without suffering any major

collateral damage.
A group of heavily armed terrorists, dressed in combat fatigue, were spotted by the local villagers in the Batal area early Monday morning after three school-going children came in contact with them in the close vicinity of a religious place. The terrorists, it is

an army convoy in the area to disturb peace.

One of the three terrorists who fired at an army ambulance was eliminated by the security forces on Monday afternoon. However, special forces were inducted to flush out the terrorists holed up inside the religious place.
The Indian army had also

deployed BMP-II, infantry combat vehicles to ferry troops to the nearest location before launching a final assault on the terrorists holed up inside the religious place.

Briefing media persons after Operation ASAN was called off, GoC 10 RAPID (H) Major General Sameer Srivastava along with DIG Samba-Kathua believed, were tasked to target range Shiv Kumar Sharma and

Brig Kapil Taneja, Commander 28 Infantry Brigade told reporters, the Indian Army successfully thwarted a terror ambush in the dense jungles of Batal, Jammu, on October 28, 2024, resulting in the elimination of three terrorists.

Major General Sameer Srivastava said the terrorists who targeted the army convoy were present in the area for some time and had not infiltrated recently. He said the operation which started around 7.20 am on Monday was completed in a record time without suffering any collateral damage on Tuesday. He said the operation demonstrated synergy with the Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) and the Special Operation Group

(SOG), bolstered by local intelligence and community assistance. Troops maintained comprehensive domination of the area, operating under challenging conditions during the night.

Major General Sameer Srivastava said Special Forces were mobilised promptly to reinforce the cordon around fleeing terrorists. technology, Advanced including night surveillance devices, unmanned ground vehicles & surveillance drones ensured real-time tracking and prevented potential escapes. "We have used unmanned vehicles, artificial intelligence that gave us a quick and successful result... We lost one Army Dog - he was ahead when we were doing search operations, and terrorists fired upon the Dog. It's due to his sacrifice, many of the lives could be saved," Major General Sameer Shrivastava told reporters during the briefing.

"After this operation, such information was spreading that the Army had used BMP we had used that kind of vehicle because the area was tough - with a gradient of 30 degrees and dense forest - we used those vehicles after locating terrorists to reach there...," Major General Shrivastava added.

Referring to some of the rumours in social media, Major General Sameer Srivastava said, "We also want to dispel some rumours going around on Social Media about the use of BMPs in this operation".

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Disengagement almost complete

Having agreed to disengage from the friction points in Demchok and Depsang at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh last week, India and China have nearly completed the process. The two sides will now verify the situation and commence patrolling in their respective zones.

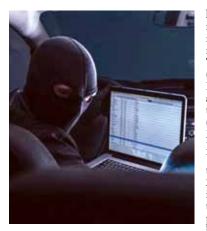
Troop disengagement at two friction points at Demchok and Depsang Plains in eastern Ladakh following a key agreement firmed up between India and China is in the "final stages," official sources said on Tuesday. On October 25, sources had said the process was likely to be completed by October 28-29. The agreement framework was "signed"

first at the diplomatic level and then military-level talks took place, the Army sources had said, adding the nitty-gritty of the agreement was worked into the Corps Commander-level talks, which was signed last week.

Adhering to agreements between the two sides, Indian troops then began to pull back equipment to rear locations in these areas. The disengagement at the two friction points is in its "final stages", an official source said on Tuesday. Sources last week said the agreement was

arrived at only for these two friction points, and "talks were still underway" for other areas. Continued on page 8

Sixteen days, 510 hoax calls, three arrests



STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI/NAGPUR

More than 100 flights operated by various Indian airlines received bomb threats on Tuesday. In 16 days, over 510 domestic and international flights have received threats that later turned out to be hoaxes. The threats were issued mostly through social media. Meanwhile, the Nagpur police arrested a 35-year-old man from Maharashtra's Gondia, who was allegedly behind the spate of hoax bomb threats that triggered panic, caused flight delays, and led to increased security at airports and other establishments.

Air India received threats for around 36 flights and IndiGo for about 35 flights. Vistara received the threats for 32 flights. "A number of Air India flights were subject to security threats received on social media on 29 October 2024. Following the laid down protocols, relevant authorities were immediately alerted, and all security procedures strictly adhered to, as per guidance from the regulatory authorities," an airline spokesperson said in a statement. As many as 14 FIRs in October in connection with the bomb threats to airlines.

In a related development, designated terrorist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun has also issued a threat specifically named several Air India flights in his recent video message, focusing on routes between New Delhi and Toronto (AI 187, AI 189), Vancouver (AI 185), London (AI 111, AI 161), Frankfurt (AI 121), Sydney (AI 302), and Melbourne (AI 308). Additional threats target Mumbai-London routes

(AI 129, AI 131). Meanwhile, the Nagpur police Special Branch has identified him as Jagdish Uikey, an author of a book on terrorism, who had been arrested in 2021 in a separate case. Uikey was identified after the hoax emails were traced back to him. So far three persons have been arrested in the hoax bomb threats probe. One was arrested from Indira Gandhi International Airport, and the second arrest was made from Chhattisgarh.

The investigation, led by Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Shweta Khedkar uncovered detailed information linking Uikey to the emails. According to Nagpur police, Uikey sent emails to various government bodies, including the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), Railway Minister, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and his deputy, airline offices, the Director General of Police (DGP) and the

Railway Protection Force (RPF).
On Monday, the Nagpur police stepped up security outside Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister Devendra Fadnavis's residence in the city after Uikey sent an email threatening to protest unless given a chance to present his information on the secret terror code he claimed to have deciphered. He also requested a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss his knowledge of terror threats, he added. Uikey's email sent on October 21 to Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, and also forwarded to the DGP and RPF, led to security measures at railway stations, the official said.

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Noida man arrested for death threats to Salman, Zeeshan

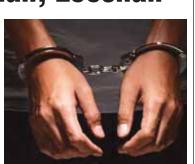
T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Mumbai police has arrested a 20-year-old man from Noida in Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday for allegedly giving extortion and death threats to super star Salman Khan and MLA Zeeshan Siddique, the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP-AJit Pawar) candidate and late Baba Ziauddin Siddique's son.

Identifying the arrested accused as one Mohammed Tavab, alias Gufran Khan, the police said that he was being brought from Noida to Mumbai on a transit remand. Acting on a complaint registered by Ziauddin Siddique's office, on Monday, Mumbai's Nehru Nagar police traced Mohammed Tayab to Noida using tech-intel and rushed its team to New Delhi's satellite city. The visiting police team wanted the accused on Tuesday and produced him before a court and sought a transit remand. The police said that Mohammed Tayab, alias Gufran Khan, had on Friday last sent a threat message to Siddique's mobile phone used by the latter for receiving public grievances.

So far, the police have arrested at least 15 persons from different parts of India for the Siddique killing that had sparked a nationwide political furore, coming ahead of the state Assembly elections. The preliminary elections. The preliminary investigations have revealed that the purported motive behind Mohammed

handing threats Siddique



and Salman Khan was to create a scare and extort money from them.

Salman Khan and his legendary father Salim Khan are already facing multiple threats and attacks, from the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, and even some wannabe law-breakers who have targeted the celeb duo in recent months.

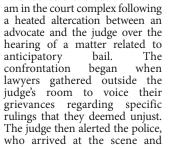
The Nirmal Nagar Police have booked arrested-accused Khan under various sections of the BNS and further probe is underway to find out if he has any accomplices or mafia links. Siddique is contesting November 20, 2024 Maharashtra Assembly polls on a NCP-Ajit Pawar ticket from Bandra East Assembly constituency in north-west Mumbai.

He and actor Salman Khan received extortion and death threats more than a fortnight after his father and former minister-father Baba Ziauddin Siddique was shot dead near his office on October 12 during the Dussehra

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Ghaziabad court turns battlefield as lawyers, judge clash **STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

Adistrict court in Ghaziabad witnessed massive chaos and drama after heated arguments between the Judge and lawyers. The ruckus broke out around 11 am in the court complex following heated altercation between an advocate and the judge over the hearing of a matter related to anticipatory bail. confrontation began lawyers gathered outside the judge's room to voice their



began to remove the lawyers. The situation escalated quickly, leading to a lathi charge by police



The confrontation began when lawyers gathered outside the

judge's room to voice their surfaced on social media, showing grievances regarding specific rulings that they deemed unjust. District and Sessions Judge Anil anticipatory bail on priority. which he denied and stated that the case would be entertained as per the listing. However, purported video clips of

the incident doing the rounds on social media showed a large number of police personnel and lawyers in a confrontation in the courtroom. Visuals of the clash between police and lawyers have

police using force to evict lawyers from the court premises. In the On condition of anonymity, a lawyer said that a group of advocates had demanded that video, a policeman is seen taking a chair and threatening lawyers as if he would throw it on them after video, a policeman is seen taking a chair and threatening lawyers as if which lawyers are seen running Kumar should hear the case of through the corridor as cops continue to disperse them. Chairs were also hurled in the courtroom as police tried to bring the situation under control.

Some of the lawyers sustained minor injuries in the incident and the Bar Association has called for a meeting over the incident. Angry over the lathi charge, the lawyers created a huge uproar.

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Over 150 injured in fireworks accident at Kerala temple

PTI ■ KASARAGOD (KERALA)

A fire accident during a Theyyam performance at a temple near Neeleswaram late last night left 154 people injured, eight of them seriously, when firecrackers stored in the vicinity exploded, police said on Tuesday. Kasargod District Police chief

D Shilpa announced the formation of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe into the fire accident. The district administration said

magistrate has been directed to carry out an inquiry separately into the incident and submit a report.

The incident happened at Anjoottanbalam Veererkavu Temple near Neeleswaram in this northernmost district of Kerala, police said. Nileswaram police have registered a case into the firework accident under the Explosive Substance Act and various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

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NCB busts a 'Breaking Bad' plot, Tihar Jail warden among the arrested

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), in coordination with the Delhi police Special Cell, has busted a methamphetamine manufacturing unit, linked to members of the Mexican drug cartel - Cartel De Jalisco Nueva Generación, in Uttar Pradesh's Gautam Budh Nagar, arrested five persons, and seized about 95 kg of the drugs. Shockingly, the laboratory was allegedly set up by a Delhi-based businessman along



with a Tihar Jail warden, and a Mexican cartel member was also part of the syndicate.

The Special Dell of the Delhi Police was also roped in by the

"the drug network has footprints across several places in the National Capital Region". NCB's deputy director general (DDG) Gyaneshwar Singh said a Mumbai-based chemist and a Tihar jail warden are among the four people arrested and sent to three days police custody. Singh said that a West Delhi businessman and a Tihar Jail warden were in the factory at the

federal anti-narcotics agency as

time of the raid. Continued on page 8



Cometh VIP, cometh traffic snarls in the heart of delhi

When busy main roads are frequently restricted, heavy traffic gets heavier

BY SAUMYA SHUKLA

entral Delhi is the worst affected by the perennial problem of 'VIP movement' where busy main roads are frequently restricted for the general public to allow various events, politicians and dignitaries to move in a secure manner. On Tuesday, the markets were catering to a sea of people buying goods, especially jewellery, for Dhanteras, and traffic restrictions were in place since the morning hours due to the 'Run For Unity' event, leading many to divert from their usual route and taking extra long to reach their destinations.

Restrictions for the 'Run For Unity', organised to celebrate Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary, were effective around India Gate, Ć-Hexagon from 6.45 am till the

completion of the event. The Delhi Traffic police said, "Special traffic arrangements have been made in view of 'Run For Unity' from Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium on October 29, 2024 in celebration of #RashtriyaEktaDiwas."

The police announced diversions have been announced in Tilak Marg-Bhagwan Dass Road Crossing, Purana Quila Road-Mathura Road Crossing, Shershah Road-Mathura Crossing, Dr. Zakir Hussain Marg-Subramanian Bharti Marg Crossing, Pandara Road-Subramanian Bharti Marg Crossing, roundabout Mansingh Road, roundabout Jaswant Singh Road, K.G Marg-Firozshah Road Crossing and roundabout Mandi House.

With the already existing problems that commuters face including



construction works that make the about half an hour due to VIP roads narrower, frequent breakdown movement. "Traffic is stopped for the roads narrower, frequent breakdown of buses, illegal parkings that cramp up roads and restrict the free flow of traffic, public shared that such restrictions make their commute even more difficult especially in the morning hours when there is rush of office goers on the roads.

"I left my home at 11 am, planning for a quick 25-minute trip to the office. But of course, Delhi's infamous traffic had other ideas. Here I am, stuck in gridlock in Central Delhi, likely to arrive just in time to see my colleagues return from their assignments. Perfect timing, as always!" a media professional said.

These diversions not just affect the people only travelling in Central Delhi but all over the city. A commuter shared that he was stuck in traffic for

last 25 to 30 minutes on Badarpur flyover towards Delhi because of VIP movement. Can't what type of system is there as even ambulances are stuck," he said. n Central Delhi areas like ITO, Bengali

Market, Connaught Place, and Mandi house, where people have come out in large numbers to shop and celebrate the festival, a similar situation prevailed. A commuter said, "Crucial time is being wasted at the ITO red light. An ambulance screeching sirens is falling on deaf ears of traffic personnel."

About 7,700 people took part in the 'Run for Unity', which began from Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium according to the traffic advisory issued for the Delhi Traffic Police.

Gold worth ₹42 crore sold on Dhanteras

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m ifty}$ -one kg of gold worth Rs and crore was sold on the occasion of Dhanteras in Lucknow on Tuesday. This was significantly higher compared to Rs 28.3 crore sales last year.

The market remained abuzz since morning, with huge crowds witnessed at jewellery shops and utensil shops, which are the tra-ditional items purchased during this auspicious occasion.

Vice-president of Lucknow Sarrafa Association Adheesh Jain said that with gold prices being high, lightweight jewellery



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remained much in demand. "We are pleased with the sales, and the response from customers has met our expectations," he said.

Rita Johri from Gomti Nagar, who purchased a necklace for her would-be daughter-in-law, said that her son's wedding was in November and she had decided to make the necessary purchases on Dhanteras.

"Gold prices are always in flux, and I was concerned that they may increase further, so I decided to make the most of Dhanteras," she said.

Amit Pradhan, a company executive, said that his wife purchased a gold ring for the occasion.

'We have traditionally followed this custom, and every year we make a purchase of a gold ornament during Dhanteras, which is a form of investment. Earlier, gold was the only form of investment, and hence such festivals were very popular. But today, there are myriad forms of investment, resulting in a decline in people's inclination towards purchasing gold. Nevertheless, customs and traditions still encourage people to buy gold on Dhanteras," he added.

Somyata Aggarwal, who purchased a gold coin, said: "Buying gold ornaments other than at weddings makes no sense with artificial jewellery being all the rage. Hence, I decided to buy a gold coin every year and now have a good collection of coins."

Meanwhile, the utensil shops witnessed a huge rush since morning. Apart from the reg-ular stores, many makeshift utensil shops had mushroomed across the city. Utensil sellers were seen jostling with a large number of customers showcasing items of their choice. President of Lucknow

Market flooded with designer diyas, terracotta items

Even with the flashy, trendy lights of all colours available during Diwali, diyas still play an important role in the celebrations, being used in puja ceremonies and as decorative items. The city market is flooded with designer diyas and terracotta products of various kinds.

The designer diyas come in a multitude of shapes, featuring corrugated edges and vibrant colours. These diyas are available individually or as sets on terracotta plates, with prices starting as low as Rs 3 per diya. The terracotta items on offer include idols, lamps, mobiles, and pots in different shapes, along with figures of Buddha and various Hindu deities. Painted in bright greens and

hues and are reasonably priced. Shifaq, a female seller in Chinhat, mentioned that these items were sourced from Kolkata, Delhi, and

oranges, these items attract

customers with their vibrant

Gorakhpur. "Lucknow no longer produces these items because there is no clay available, so we purchase them from various places and then paint them before selling," she explained.

She noted that the items mainly consist of those that have been popular in previous years. However, she pointed out that sales had not been good, stating, "Till noon, there were hardly any customers on the occasion of Dhanteras."





Nandu, another seller, commented that terracotta items generally find buyers during Diwali.

People prefer to decorate their homes with earthy items. Flower pots and idols, in particular, attract customers, and colourful figurines are always a big hit," he added.

Regarding sales, he admitted that it was early in the festive season and that a conclusion about sales could only be drawn after Diawali. Anushka Pandit, a housewife

who purchased a tulsi plant pot, said she had been buying terracotta items for the past

ten years. "They are inexpensive and look attractive as decorative pieces. The flower and plant pots are very beautiful, and terracotta lanterns also create a lovely display," she

Arunima Srivastava, an executive, expressed her fondness for terracotta decoration

'I look forward to Diawali for these items. There are many beautiful clay pots available in makeshift shops with unique designs that cannot be found throughout the year. These items make for great decorations," she remarked.

Merchant Metal Association Harish Chandra Aggarwal said that the market had done well, with total sales close to Rs 60 crore. He noted that the maximum purchases of utensils in a year take place on this occasion. "There are no sales on Diwali, hence Dhanteras is crucial for us," he said. A utensil seller in Gomti Nagar

said that he kept extra staff on Dhanteras at his shop due to the constant stream of customers. "The crowds become difficult to handle, hence extra help is required. The market peaks in the evening," he

Amrita Chauhan, a housewife, said that she made an early visit to the utensil shops for her Dhanteras purchase. "The crowds increase by the hour during Dhanteras, and the markets are overflowing by evening. Hence, I decided to make my purchase before noon when the markets had just started buzzing. I bought a large non-stick frying pan, which I needed in my kitchen,"

METRO TRAINS TO OPERATE TILL 7 PM ON DIWALI

Lucknow Metro train services will be available from 6 am to 7 pm on the day of the Diwali (October 31), officials said on Tuesday. They said that train services from both terminal stations—CCS Airport Metro Station and Munshi Pulia Metro Station—would start at 6 am, with the last train leaving at 7 pm. This change in service timings will be for Diwali only. On other days, the timings will be as usual: 6 am to 10:30 pm. Meanwhile, UPMRC appealed to all citizens to refrain from flying kites near the metro corridor during Govardhan Puja (November 2).

Sardar Patel's vision of Akhand Bharat: Yogi PNS LUCKNOW

PM Modi strengthening

On the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath flagged off the 'Run for Unity' to celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of the 'Iron Man of India', Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The event witnessed participation from hundreds of youths, children, and citizens, with the race starting from 5 Kalidas Marg and ending at KD Singh 'Babu' Stadium.

Yogi interacted with young participants, distributing chocolates and encouraging them along the way. He also extended his greetings to the people of Uttar Pradesh on Dhanvantari Iavanti (Dhanteras), highlighting the importance of health in societal empowerment.

He remarked, "Health is fundamental to the development of society. A healthy society strengthens the nation. The 'Run for Unity' not only benefits our health but also fortifies Sardar Patel's vision of a united India."

He added that this event represents more than just a run for unity; it embodies a commitment to health and national unity, inspiring every citizen to remain strong and united.

Reflecting on Sardar Patel's immense contributions to India's independence and the unity of modern India, CM Yogi noted that Patel dismantled the British conspiracy by integrating over 563 princely states into the Republic of India.

"From the Nawab of Junagarh to the Nizam of Hyderabad, he compelled everyone to



united India. The vision of Akhand Bharat given to us by Sardar Patel is being strengthened under Prime Minister Modi's leadership," he said.

"This year, National Unity Day holds special significance. To honour Sardar Patel's 150th birth anniversary, a series of events will be organised across Uttar Pradesh and the entire country from October 31, 2024, to October 31, 2025," he added.

These programmes will promote unity and brotherhood, advancing Sardar Patel's ideals across the state.

During the 'Run for Unity', CM Yogi administered an oath to all participants to uphold the unity and integrity of the country, urging citizens to fulfil their responsibilities and support the army in safeguarding national

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2 sharpshooters held in op by Lko, Punjab police

Dolice claimed to have appre-Phended two alleged sharpshooters from an international gang of criminals, wanted for the murder of an Aam Aadmi Party leader in March 2024 and alleged involved in a triple murder case in Ferozepur, following an exchange of information between two senior officials from Lucknow and Punjab. They were hiding in a house in Lucknow, the police

In a video statement, DCP (North) RN Singh said that the accused were hiding in a house in Indira Nagar (Sector 14). An officer from the Punjab police shared this information with

Custodial death:

Ajay Rai meets

kin of victim

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Mohit Pandey

Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee president and former minister Ajay Rai

visited the residence of

deceased trader Mohit

Pandey to express his condo-

lences following his death in

police custody. Rai consoled the bereaved

family and assured them of

all possible support from

Speaking to reporters outside

Mohit's residence, Rai stated

that the police had become

completely autocratic under

"This is the second case of

custodial death in the capi-

tal within 15 days. Recently,

Aman Gautam from

Vikasnagar also died in

Rai remarked that while

there were Diwali lights all

around the country, Yogi's police had brought dark-

ness to Mohit's house forev-

"The insensitivity was such

that no government repre-

sentative visited Aman's

inefficiency of the Yogi gov-

police custody," he said.

the Congress.

Yogi Adityanath.

the CP of Lucknow, who instructed the police to take action.

The DCP stated that the accused were involved in the murder of Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi Mahal from Tarn Taran in March 2024.

"They were also implicated in a triple murder in Punjab. On Monday, a joint police team from Lucknow and Punjab conducted a raid and arrested the shooters, who are hardcore criminals," he said.

According to the DCP, the two shooters were working for a gangster based abroad.

e accused confessed to crimes and were subsequently handed over to the Puniab police after the necessary for-

The Uttar Pradesh government has issued guidelines

for grand cow worship cere-

monies in shelters across the

state on Govardhan Puja,

ensuring adequate arrange-

ments to honour and respect

The guidelines mandate clean-

liness, hygiene, and access to

clean drinking water at tempo-

rary shelters, conservation cen-

tres, Kanha Gaushalas, and

Kanji Houses dedicated to the

Public représentatives, includ-

ing ministers, MPs and MLAs,

have been directed to attend the

Govardhan Puja in their

respective constituencies to

emphasise their significance,

whereas district officials have

been told to lead a special cleaning drive ahead of the

care of stray cattle.

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The Punjab police will now interrogate them to further the investigation into the triple murder and the AAP leader's murder cases. The accused arrested have

been identified as Bikramieet alias Vicky and Punjab Singh. Bikramieet had been absconding since the murder of Gurpreet Singh. Punjab Singh is the main

accused in the triple murder case in Ferozepur. Both have numerous serious crime cases registered against

them at various police stations

Police said that both accused operated on the instructions of international gangsters based Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi

Cow worship ceremonies in shelters

Ministers, MPs

and MLAs, have

been directed to

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constituencies

service and protection.

Additionally, special programmes will promote cow

The Yogi Adityanath govern-

ment also emphasises the use

of Diwali items, including diyas

and idols crafted from cow

dung, encouraging the market

availability of these products.

In preparation for Diwali, a

focused campaign is underway

in UP to mark Govardhan Puja

attend the

respective

in their

abroad. Since the incident, they had been hiding in a rented house near Munshipulia in Lucknow.

Following the arrest of the accused, Punjab DGP Gaurav Yaday announced on social media: "Achieving a major success against organised crime, the Punjab Police have successfully arrested two shooters from Lucknow in a joint operation with Uttar Pradesh Police. Both shooters were wanted in separate incidents of sensational murders in Punjab."

He added, "The arrested accused. Bikramieet alias Vicky,

to protect stray cows in urban

areas, aiming to foster public

reverence and compassion for

This initiative reflects not only

religious values, but also the

cultural sensitivity of society

By organising such events

across districts on Govardhan

Puja, including cow worship

and other spiritual activities.

the government is actively pre-

serving cultural heritage along-

Govardhan Puja, a significant

part of Indian tradition,

embodies society's compassion

towards cows and strengthens

Through this initiative, the

government seeks to celebrate

Govardhan Puja with height-

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is charged with the murder of

Mahal in Tarn Taran, which took place in March 2024. Meanwhile, Punjab Singh is the main accused in the triple murder that occurred in September 2024 in Ferozepur." "Both individuals have extensive criminal history, with numerous serious crimes registered against them, and were allegedly working on the instructions of foreign international gangsters. The Puniab Police are fully committed to dismantling the organised criminal network."

Both shooters lived on the first floor of the house from which they were arrested in Lucknow The landlord does not reside in the house and is a resident of Gorakhpur.

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CoE inaugurated at CSIR-CDRI

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On the occasion of the 9th Ayurveda Day, UP Deputy Chief Minister and Health Minister Brajesh Pathak visited the CSIR Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI) in Lucknow to witness the digital inauguration of four prestigious Ayush Centres of Excellence (CoE) by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. CDRI is one of these centres,

highlighting India's commitment to integrating traditional medicine with modern healthcare.

Director of CSIR-CDRI Dr Radha Rangarajan welcomed Pathak and praised the instiAvurvedic research. The programme included an

introduction to CDRI's legacy and a presentation on the objectives of the AYUSH CoE, which aim to advance research and scientific validation in traditional medicine.
Pathak remarked, "The CDRI

Centre of Excellence will play a transformative role by evaluating herbal extracts and phyto-constituents. This research will validate their effects on immune function and anti-inflammatory responses, potentially leading to approvals by regulatory authorities such as the CDSCO

Prakriti Parikshan Abhiyan, aimed at raising health awareness among citizens. The establishment of these CoE is pivotal for enhancing Ayurveda's role in modern healthcare.

Additionally, Pathak toured CDRI's laboratories, gaining insights into advanced research

for JEE collapses in coaching centre, dies

Lucknow (PNS): A student died after suddenly collapsing on the classroom floor while talking to his friends at a coaching centre in the city on Monday. The student passed away before he could be taken to hospital, leaving his family devastated. Police arrived after being informed and began an inquiry

into the incident. The incident occurred at a coaching centre located in Aligani. The student, identified as Harsh, from Mulayam Tiraha Jankipuram, was preparing for IEE. He reached the coaching centre on Monday and was conversing with friends in the classroom when he fainted and fell to the ground. He was rushed to a hospital, where doc-

tors declared him dead. The coaching administration subsequently informed his familv about the situation.

The police conducted an investigation at the coaching centre. Upon reviewing the CCTV footage, they observed Harsh suddenly collapsing during the conversation. The Aliganj ACP stated that the student did not die under suspicious circumstances, and the family members also declined to pursue any further action.

Meanwhile, a youth allegedly hanged himself to deathat his house in Para police station area on Monday. The deceased was identified as Badri Vishal. A resident of Ayodhya, Badri lived in a house in Lucknow on rent. According to his father, Badri worked in a private finance company in Hazratganj and was addicted to alcohol. "When I returned home, I found my son's body hanging. He got married just a year ago, but his wife left him due to his liquor addiction," he said.

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house, nor was any form of government assistance provided," he alleged. Rai further noted that Yogi did not visit the house either. He commented that Yogi Adityanath had called the kin of the victim to his residence for a photo opportunity. "Unfortunately, not only is there no talk of a government job, but the assistance amount remains just a promise," he added. Rai emphasised that the public is now fed up with the

ernment and is yearning for contributions to

and US FDA."

He also discussed the prime

minister's initiative, 'Desh Ka

to improve Ayurvedic practices. The prime minister inaugurated four Ayush CoE, including those in Lucknow and Bengaluru, and launched multiple health sector projects worth around Rs 12,850 crore. This initiative underscores the ongoing effort to provide quality healthcare services across India, fostering the integration of traditional and modern

Student preparing

CM Yogi: Investment proposals | Ayodhya set for Deepotsav show interest of investors in UP

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday said the invest-ment proposals worth Rs 40 lakh crore received during last year's Global Investors Summit bear testimony to the growing interest of investors from across the globe in the state.

These proposals not only signify the state's progress but also narrate its transformative development journey, reflect the state's progress and tell the story of its development journey, he said while speaking at an event here.

"Over the past seven years, Uttar Pradesh has seen major changes that have improved its reputation both in India and around the world. As a result, investors from across the globe are now drawn to invest in the state. Investment proposals Rs 40 lakh crore received during last year's Global Investors Summit bear testimony to the growing interest of investors from across the globe in the state," he said.

He said earlier (before BIP came to power), the state was struggling with a damaged

reputation. 'The state was known for riots, criminal gangs, political corruption, and governance issues. This led to a crisis for young people who faced a lack of jobs, respect, and security. Festivals and celebrations were marked by fear, with residents worried about violence. "Today, however, the state is free from riots and lawlessness. Previously, investors hesitated to invest in UP and



those who did often sought ways to leave. Now the state has created a safe and stable environment that attracts businesses and provides new opportunities for its youth," Adityanath noted.

The chief minister highlighted that the recent Global Investor Summit showcased the state's economic potential

to the nation. Groundbreaking for projects worth Rs 12 lakh crore has already taken place from the committed proposals, and at present, investment proposals of Rs 10 lakh crore are ready. He emphasised that these investments are not only about economic growth but also represent vast job opportunities for the state's youth. Uttar Pradesh, now one of

India's leading state economies, aims to achieve a USD 1 trillion economy by 2029, in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision, he said.

This secure environment has made Uttar Pradesh an attractive destination for investors and tourists alike. Once a state facing an identity crisis, is now catching the attention of peo-ple across India and the world, who are eager to be part of its growth. This transformation required significant policy changes by the state government to bring in new oppor-tunities and foster a climate of safety and development," he

With sector-specific policies in place, Uttar Pradesh now has 28 separate investment policies, each tailored to welcome investors in various sectors, Adityanath said.

The chief minister praised the glorious history of Uttar Pradesh, highlighting the sig-nificance of its festivals, par-ticularly Dhanteras and Deepotsav.

He said Dhanvantari, the Hindu god of medicine, was born in Varanasi, the state's oldest city, and that this heritage is celebrated across the

He also mentioned that a grand Deepotsav would be held in Ayodhya on Wednesday. This event marks a significant occasion, as it is the first major celebration since Ramlala took his place in his sacred abode after 500 years, he added.

Ayodhya celebrates the long-awaited arrival of Ram Lalla as it gears up for Deepotsav on Wednesday. After 500 years, over 3.5 million diyas will illuminate Ramnagari, with more than 2.5 million at Ram Ki Paidi today, creating a historic spectacle. The celebrations will commence in the morning with a vibrant fusion of spirituality, culture, and tradition, as Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Union Tourism and Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, and UP ministers witness the festivities.

This year's Deepotsav marks the first since Ram Lalla's con-secration in the grand temple, making it an eagerly anticipated event across Uttar Pradesh. The procession, starting from Saket Mahavidyalaya, will feature 18 tableaux—11 by the Information department and 7 by the Tourism department—depicting scenes from the Ramayana.

Artistes from various states will showcase their unique cul-tures through traditional folk dances such as Faruahi, Bamrasiya, Mayur, Bahrupiya, Awadhi, and Tharu. The event will conclude with a stunning display of fireworks and ran-goli, celebrating the eighth Deepotsav under the Yogi gov-ernment in a city beautifully adorned for the occasion.

Leading the Deepotsav celebra-tions, Chief Minister and Gorakshapeethadhiswar Yogi Adityanath will arrive in Ayodhya by 2:30 pm, landing at Ram Katha Park.

Following his arrival, he will preside over the coronation ceremony of Lord Shri Ram and Sita, with the chief minister, Union ministers, and other dignitaries pulling the ceremo-



nial chariot before the coronation. CM Yogi will also address the public during the event. This year promises to set another remarkable record with the Maha Aarti on the banks of the Saryu River. The evening aarti will feature the chief minister alongside 1,100 batuks, 157 saints, and a grand spectacle of unity, with all batuks dressed in uniform attire.

This gathering itself is a record, with the 15-minute aarti offering a profound spiritual experience. The lighting of over 2.8 million diyas across 55 ghats, including Ram Ki Paidi, will begin as dusk falls.

Volunteers from Avadh University, numbering 30,000, have taken on the responsibility of illuminating Ayodhya, and once lit, a Guinness World Records team will use drones to verify the count, with results expected by 8 pm. A dazzling aerial drone show

will bring Ayodhya's skies to life with 500 drones displaying vibrant visuals of Lord Ram, Lakshman, and Hanuman. The show, using Indian-made drones, will recreate scenes such as Ravana Vadh, Pushpak Viman, Deepotsav, and Ram Darbar Valmiki, along with laser light displays, voiceovers, and music for a captivating experience. Grand fireworks on the Old Saryu Bridge will add to the spectacle.

Union Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat will join CM Yogi at the event. The main stage at Ghat No. 10 will be where the Guinness World Records certificate will be awarded to mark the record-breaking lighting of diyas.

Late in the evening, CM Yogi will also view the Ramlila at Shri Ram Katha Park and will spend the night in Ayodhya, visiting Hanumangarhi and Ramlala in the morning before departing for Gorakhpur.

Mounted police to patrol Mela grounds

Prayagraj (PNS): The Uttar Pradesh government has made extensive arrangements to ensure the safety of devotees and effective crowd manage-ment at Maha Kumbh 2025. Various security forces, including mounted police, have been tasked with maintaining law and order in Prayagraj in the

wake of the mega fair.
During the Maha Kumbh,
mounted police officers will continuously patrol the Mela grounds to ensure a secure vironment. With over 400 million devotees and tourists expected to visit Prayagraj from January 13 to February 26, crowd control measures are essential, especially on peak bathing dates, when millions will gather at the Ganga, Yamuna, and Sangam ghats. The police have developed a comprehensive action plan to handle emergency situations. A senior officer overseeing Maha Kumbh security noted that the mounted police personnel have undergone specialised training across various state police lines.

This year, 180 mounted police officers will be deployed for crowd control, as their elevated positions provide a wider field of vision, allowing them to quickly respond to any suspicious activity by alerting other officers. Horses assigned for Maha Kumbh have even been given distinctive names, such as Maharaja, Chetan, and Bahubali.

Yogi to keep tradition of celebrating Diwali with Vantangiyas intact

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As Vantangiya village Jungle Tikonia Number Three gears up for Diwali, the excitegears up for Diwall, the excitement is palpable. Amidst the Kusmhi forest, the villagers are busy cleaning, painting, and decorating their homes in preparation for the arrival of Minister Yogi Chief Adityanath.

This annual visit has become a cherished tradition, as CM Yogi celebrates Deepotsav alongside the community. For the villagers, this visit embodies both festive joy and a deep connection with the chief minister, turning the event into a time of shared gratitude and anticipation.

The local administration is actively engaged in preparations, while villagers join in with enthusiasm, creating a collective, heartfelt welcome. The chief minister will visit the village on October 31 (Thursday) to celebrate Diwali and announce development projects worth Rs 185 crore for gram panchayats across the district.

During the Deepotsav in Vantangiya village, CM Yogi will inaugurate drinking water projects funded by Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam (Rural) across 42 villages, with a total investment of Rs 150.35 crore. Additionally, he will launch development projects in 32

gram panchayats, implemented at a cost of Rs 34.66 crore from the performance grant. As part of the Diwali celebration, various departments will set up stalls at the event to share information on the gov-ernment's public welfare schemes.

Meanwhile, both the administration and villagers are engaged in extensive preparations for the chief minister's

Yogi has been celebrating Diwali in this village since 2009, starting as an MP, and since becoming chief minister in 2017, he has continued this cherished tradition. This Thursday, he will celebrate Diwali with the Vantangiya community for the eighth consecutive time as chief minister. With Yogi's involvement, the longstanding neglect of the Vantangiyas transformed into fulfilled hopes. As an MP, he advocated for their rights in the Lok Sabha, securing official recognition of their settlement in 2010. Upon becoming chief minister in 2017, he granted Vantangiya villages the status of revenue villages, making them eligible for all government facilities. Since then, he has brought vital resources to these villages, including housing, roads, electricity, water, and schools, while ensuring residents benefit from various

in UP reaches 100-mark

The Uttar Pradesh government has made significant strides in enhancing educational opportunities for underprivileged students. A notable initiative is the establishment of Jai Prakash Narayan Sarvodaya Schools, operated by the Social Welfare and Development Department.

These schools aim to provide quality education to al ing that deserving students receive the support they need. Iai Prakash Narayan Sarvodaya Schools offer high-quality, residential, free education, complete with free hostel accommodation, study materials, and uniforms. This initiative not only improves the future prospects of economically disadvantaged students but also contributes to social stability and prosperity. The number of these schools has recently increased from 94 to 100, reflecting the state's commitment to inclusive and accessible education.

In these schools, 60 per cent of seats are reserved for students from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, 25 per cent for Other Backward Class students, and 15 per cent for General category students. This policy ensures equal access to education for children from economically disadvantaged families across vari-

ous communities. Separate schools are available for boys and girls, fostering a safe and conducive learning environ-ment. Currently, there are 100 Sarvodaya schools across 58 districts, including 31 for girls and 69 for boys.

Residential facilities are also being expanded in 45 of these schools to further support students. The Yogi government's initiatives are transforming the aspirations of underprividoctors and engineers into reality.

Talented girls attending Sarvodaya schools now receive free coaching for NEET and JEE. A dedicated coaching centre in Madihan, Mirzapur district, offers free coaching to 40 meritorious girl students, helping them pursue presti-gious careers. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath emphasises all-round development in education. The government provides not only free education but also essential supplies, including study materials, uniforms, and sports facilities. This comprehensive support aims to empower students academically, physically, and mentally. To ensure high-quality education, a recruitment drive for 570 retired state government teachers is currently underway.

Trained Graduate Teachers (TGTs) for Classes VI to X receive an honorarium of Rs 34,125, while Post-Graduate Teachers (PGTs) for Classes IX and XII earn Rs 35,700.

As a result of these efforts, the number of beneficiary students has increased significantly. From 32,429 students in 2018-19, the figure has risen to over 35,000 in 2024-25.

The state now boasts 100 Sarvodaya schools, with six new schools added recently. The government aims to extend this educational system to benefit as many underprivileged children as possible.

Sarvodaya Vidyalaya serves as a vital means of providing quality education to talented children from underprivileged backgrounds. These residential schools offer a solid platform with free accommodation, meals, and essential educational resources, allowing students to focus on their studies. Looking ahead, the government plans to further expand

the number of Sarvodaya schools, ensuring quality education is accessible in every district, both rural and urban. This inclusive education system is not only enhancing the educational landscape but also contributing significantly to the overall development of the state. By fostering unity and cooperation among students from diverse backgrounds, the government's initiative is a beacon of hope for underprivileged yet talented stu-

Number of Sarvodaya schools BJP, Cong undermining Dalit reservation: Maya

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 $B_{\text{Mayawati on Tuesday}}^{\text{ahujan Samaj Party chief}}_{\text{Mayawati on Tuesday}}$ accused the BJP and the Congress of attempting to alter reservation policies for Dalits in states governed by them, claiming these changes threaten the unity and rights of marginalised communi-

Pradesh chief minister took to social media to express concern over the "new system" of sub-reservation for Dalits implemented by the BJP government in Haryana and the Congress governments in Telangana and Karnataka.

tion of sub-reservation is part of a continued conspiracv to render reservation ineffective and inactive," the BSP chief alleged. She claimed that both the Congress and the Samajwadi

BJP and the Congress are

alike and dubbed them as "casteist" "The active engagement of casteist parties, which oppose reservation and threaten the unity of millions of oppressed and neglected Dalits, proves that the BJP and Congress are two sides of the same coin. Their actions pose a greater

"This hurried implementa-

of marginalised communities.

The four-time former Uttar
Pradesh chief minister took

Marginalised communities a greater threat to society and the Constitution...," Mayawati posted on X in Hindi. Mayawati warned about the "divisive tactics" of the BJP,

Congress and the Samajwadi Party, saying, "We must exercise extreme caution against their divisive intentions and strategies, ensuring that the legacy of Baba Saheb Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar remains strong and not weakened." The Bahujan Samaj Party is neither aligned with the BIPled National Democratic Alliance nor its rival INDIA bloc, which included the

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Govt to revive ancient tradition of inclusivity, dialogue **UP** govt launches app

public welfare schemes.

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Recognising the Maha Kumbh as a vital platform for India's spiritual, cultural, social, and ideological diversity, the Uttar Pradesh government is focusing on reviving the ancient tradition of inclusivity and dialogue through the event.

The focus is on creating a Maha Kumbh that encourages collaborative solutions by engaging all stakeholders. Notably, UNESCO has recog-

nised the Kumbh as an "Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity."

During his visit to Prayagraj on October 6, the chief minister led a dialogue with key groups, including the All India Akhara Parishad, Khak Chowk Vvavastha Samiti, and members of Prayagwal Sabha, at the Ganga Pandal in Parade Ground.

This dialogue series continues

MAHA KUMBH 2025 Kumbh Mela administration. To make the Maha Kumbh

2025 more impactful, the government is undertaking numerous innovative initiatives. This includes hosting the Kumbh Conclave and the Maha Kumbh Tourist Conclave, with continuous outreach efforts by the Tourism department to engage Akharas, saints, and pilgrimage priests. Additional Kumbh Mela Officer Vivek Chaturvedi affirms that the administration constantly communicates with all Akharas, saints, pilgrimage priests, and relevant institutions on organisational aspects to incorporate their insights. SSP, Kumbh, Rajesh Dwivedi

echoes this commitment, noting the historic importance of Akharas in Kumbh events. Through this coordinated through ongoing efforts by the approach, the government faded.

addresses suggestions and concerns, ensuring the event's success and honouring its tradition of unity.

The Maha Kumbh 2025 in Prayagraj brings high expectations from devotees and tourists from India and abroad. In response, the Yogi government aims to ensure the active involvement of both government and non-governmental bodies in administrative planning, execution, and overall efficiency. Previously, only governmental perspectives were considered for organising the Maha Kumbh, but now the government is taking a broader, more inclusive approach. Through this effort, the ancient Kumbh tradition of dialogue and introspection is being revived, breathing new life into

a practice that had gradually

Prayagraj (PNS): In response to the curiosity and eagerness of people nationwide and globally about Maha Kumbh 2025, the Uttar Pradesh government has launched an official app dedicat-

ed to the event. This app aims to provide comprehensive information about the Maha Kumbh, ensuring that users stay informed about various aspects of this significant

religious gathering.
Users will find a wealth of resources on the app, including books and blogs focused on the Maha Kumbh and Kumbh, offering deeper insights into the traditions and importance of the event. The app has been launched by the Mela Authority and is available for download on the Google Play Store, making it accessible for everyone interested in learning more about Maha Kumbh 2025. Prayagraj is one of India's oldest

'Tirthraj' in ancient texts, and is regarded as one of the holiest pilgrimage sites. The city is famous for hosting the annual Magh Mela, the Kumbh Mela every six years, and the Maha Kumbh Mela every 12 years. UNESCO has recognised the Kumbh Mela as an intangible cultural heritage. This year, extensive preparations are underway in Prayagraj for the Maha Kumbh 2025. To help people learn more about the event, the Maha Kumbh Mela 2025 app has been launched. The app offers essential information about Maha Kumbh 2025, details about the Kumbh's histo-

cities, known as 'Prayag' or

Kumbh. It even features reports by major institutions like IIM, providing valuable resources for those interested in researching the Maha Kumbh.

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PM working to fulfil dream of building glorious, powerful India: Dilip Patel

On the birth anniversary of the country's first Home Minister, 'Iron Man' Bharat Ratna Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, a 'Run for Unity' was organised by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers to observe the National Unity Day. On the occasion, a similar rally was also taken out at Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW). Programmes were organised elsewhere also.

The BJP took out its rally from Sardar Patel's statue at Maldahiya which culminated at Bharat Mata Mandir. Sardar Patel's birth anniversary is celebrated on October 31 but due to Diwali festival falling on the same day, the party leadership decided to celebrate National Unity Day on October 29 this year as Prime Minister Narendra Modi had mentioned this in the 115th edition of 'Mann Ki Baat'.

At 7.30 am BJP regional president Dilip Patel, along with other senior leaders first garlanded the statue of Sardar Patel. Addressing the workers at the end of the rally, Dilip Patel said the entire life of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who united more than 560 prince. united more than 560 princely states of India, was full of work done with team spirit is where people get basic facilities



BJP workers taking out 'Run for Unity' in Varanasi on Tuesday

sure to be successful. He said that PM Modi is working to fulfil the dream of building a glorious and powerful India. MLC Hansraj Vishwakarma said the architect of modern India, Sardar Patel dedicated his entire life for national unity. City chief Vidyasagar Rai said Sardar Patel wanted India to be a strong, inclusive, sensitive and vigilant nation. MLA Dr Awadhesh Singh said inspired by Sardar Patel, PM Modi is ready for the all-round development of 140 crore countrymen. Former MP Rajesh truth, honesty and discipline and Sardar Patel believed that always envisioned an India

without any discrimination. MLA Saurabh Srivastava said Sardar Patel's dream was that the poor and villages should be prosperous. MLC Dharmendra Singh said Sardar Patel's entire life was full of truth, honesty and discipline. Zila Panchayat chairperson Poonam Maurya said Sardar Patel's dream was that the farmers of the country should be prosperous. Regional secretary Rakesh Sharma, spokesperson Navratan Rathi, Santosh Solapurkar, Naveen Kapoor and others were also present.

The 'Run for Unity' was also organised in BLW premises to strengthen the spirit of unity.

General Manager SK Srivastava flagged off the run from the Golf Course Gate. The officers, employees, players and members of Railway Protection Force (RPF), St John's Ambulance Brigade, Civil Defence, Bharat Scouts and Guides participated with the message of unity and goodwill and the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'. In Varanasi Division of North

Eastern Railway (NER) Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Vineet Kumar Srivastava led the unity race organised from Officers Club to Akash Ganga. In the front row of the unity race, a squad of divisional sports players was walking with the National Unity banner and a contingent of officers was walking giving the message of national unity. Later, the DRM administered the oath of national unity collectively to the branch officers and employees present.

Besides, in a programme organised in the Collectorate auditorium, District Magistrate S Rajalingam paid tribute to Sardar Patel by garlanding his picture. The DM administered the oath to the officers, employees and others. He said by imbibing the practical aspects of the principles, ideals and conduct of Sardar Patel with sincerity we will pay true trib-

BJP activists take part in 'Run for Unity'

Kanpur (PNS): The BJP activists, led by south city unit president Shivram Singh, took part in the 'Run for Unity' from Martyr Captain Avinash Bhadauria's statue to Patel Chowk on Tuesday. Chief guest



Prakash Pal, president of Bundelkhand area, also took part in the run. Party leaders and activists paid homage to Sardar Patel after garlanding the statue at Patel Chowk. Shivram Singh also offered sweets to party activists. Addressing the gathering, leaders highlighted the ideals of Iron Man Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel who always worked for country's integrity. Hence, his birth anniversary was observed as National Integrity Day, they said. The other party leaders and activists present on the occasion were MLC Arun Pathak, Dr Binar Arya Patel, Prakash Vir Arya, corporator Dr Akhilesh Bajpai, Raghunandan Bhadauria and Sanjay Paswan.

Devotees offer prayers at Annapurna Mandir

Markets attract massive crowds on Dhanteras

Amidst tight security arrangements, thousands of devotees thronged the famous Annapurna Mandir near Dwadasa Jyotirlinga Kashi Vishwanath Mandir for the darshan of golden idol of Maa Annapurna on the auspicious occasion of Dhanteras here on Tuesday. As the temple is located in the red zone of super sensitive Gyanvapi premises, elaborate security arrangements were made and every devotee was only allowed after checking through metal detectors. In order to check the rush of devotees, the adjoining areas were barricaded. Queues of devotees were seen even in Dashashwamedh- Godowlia areas. Dhanteras Parv (festival) will continue for five days. The darshan of the golden idol began after Peethadishwar Shankar Puri offered Shodashopachara puja and

Shodashopachara puja and Mangla aarti.
During the next five days till November 2, people will be able to do darshan of this golden idol daily between 4 am and 11 pm except 12 noon to 12.30 pm when Bhog Aarti is performed. Every year, this golden idol is taken out only once on this auspicious occasion. In on this auspicious occasion. In the afternoon hours there was



Golden idol of Maa Annapurna brought out for darshan in Varanasi on Tuesday.

a heavy rush when Anndhan (coins and lava) was distributed. The Banarasis believe that keeping the coins in the house helps in seeking Maa Annapurna's blessings on their familv.

The reference of this gold idol of Maa Annapurna is seen in Bhishma Purana and other ancient books. Its evidence is available since 1601 AD, which was the time of Mahant Keshav Puri. To maintain law and order, elaborate security arrangements were made and senior district and police officers were camping there to keep watch on the situation. The rush of devotees was also seen in Shri Kashi Vishwanath Dham to offer prayers at the idol of Goddess Annapurna and the same would also continue for five days till Annakoot Mahotsav. The doors of the Annapurna Mandir were opened after the aarti for the devotees to have darshan of the idol of Goddess Annapurna. The temple was decorated with attractive lighting and tableaux. This idol of the Goddess Annapurna was installed at the Shri Kashi Vishwanath Dham three years ago by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath when it was brought back from Canada as the idol was stolen from the city more than 100

Meanwhile, a heavy rush of people was seen in different markets on this auspicious occasion. Despite the prices of gold soaring to an all-time high, it was a field day for jewellery shops. Rush was not only seen at branded jewellery showrooms but also at ornament shops in various markets, especially in Sarafa Mandi. As people purchase metal items on this occasion, a heavy rush was also seen at shops of utensils, automobiles, home appliances, electronic gadgets etc.

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MLA: Job letters are Diwali gifts



MLA Saurabh Srivastava presenting job letter to a youth at Rozgar Mela organised at BLW in Varanasi on Tuesday

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Employment fairs were organised at 40 locations across the country on Tuesday. In one of such employment fairs organised on Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW) campus here on Tuesday, 281 youth of Varanasi region were given appointment letters in various government departments. Under the Rojgar Mela, Prime Minister Narendra Modi provided appointment letters to more than 51,000 youth across the country through video conferencing. With this objective in mind, a Rojgar Mela programme was also organised on the BLW campus in the city. This pro-

Appointment letters given to 281 youth of Varanasi region

gramme organised in collaboration with India Post was inaugurated by Cantt MLA Saurabh Srivastava. On this occasion, the MLA appealed to the youth to work with utmost integrity and honesty. He said that this is a Diwali gift of Modi government to the

Postmaster General (PMG) of Varanasi Region of Indian Postal Department Colonel Vinod said during the appointment letter distribution programme, 281 people have been given appointletters for service in Indian Postal Department, Sashastra Seema Bal, Indian Railways, Food Corporation of India, CRPF and Sir Sundarlal Hospital of Banaras Hindu University (BHU). "This effort is an important initiative towards employment generation and empowerment of youth, he said, adding that on the PM's initiative, such fairs are organised from time to time to provide employment to youth across the country.

UPSIDA poised to create land bank for investors ities to entrepreneurs.



Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Singh distributing Unique ID Letters to entrepreneurs.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

he UP State Industrial ■ Development Authority (UPSI-DA) is poised to create land bank of over 20,000 acres area for investors. Under this, investors will he given the land of closed units to be given the land of closed units to facilitate them to set up their industry leading to state's development. This was stated by the Chief Executive Officer Mayur Maheshwari at the 47th Board Meeting of UPSIDA Headquarters held here on Monday.

Chairing the meeting, Chief Secretary and Commissioner (Infrastructure & Industrial

Development) Manoj Kumar Singh

distributed unique ID letters to six entrepreneurs under the UP Warehousing & Logistic Policy. They included Panchmukhi Hanuman Enterprises, Bareilly, Matorware Pvt Ltd, Unnao, RS Vision Infra Pvt Ltd, Lucknow, Vinavak Infra Solution Pvt Ltd Unnao, Noble Associates, Unnao

and E-space, Unnao. Proposals related to land bank and housing policy among many others were also approved in the Board meeting. On enforcing the UPSIDA's Operating Manual 2024, CEO Mayur Maheshwari said developments. opment of the state will be carried out in consultation with the allottees and entrepreneurs. He said

efforts are on to provide online facil-

PHASED REOPENING OF ROADS PROVIDES **RELIEF TO COMMUTERS**

The Kanpur Metro is committed to minimising disruptions for public during construction. In addition to the Metro work, road improvements are also underway. The GSB layer for road construction has been successfully laid after removing barricades near the KTL building at Chunigani station on Mall Road. The road near BNSD Inter College is being made accessible by compacting the GSB layer with rollers. Furthermore, road construction has been completed along the Baradevi-Naubasta section on Hamirpur Road, extending from pillar No 3 near Baradevi station to pillar No. 158 near Naubasta station for vehicles heading toward Baradevi. The phased reopening of roads by the Metro has significant ly eased traffic flow, providing considerable relief to commuters. With barricades removed near Bada Chauraha, Naveen Market and Nayaganj station, the restoration of road sections is progressing swiftly. In conjunction with these efforts, Kanpur Metro is actively working to reduce dust emissions by employ-ing anti-smog guns and water tankers for regular water sprinkling.

CMO appeals to people to keep distance from firecrackers increase. This smoke affects the

Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr Sandeep Chaudhary said that the poisonous smoke emitted from the fireworks used for a few seconds of explosions and bright lights on Diwali contains many types of dangerous chemical elements, which pollute the environ-ment as well as harm the body. ment as well as harm the body. "The cadmium present in its smoke reduces the amount of oxygen in the lungs. Apart from this, sulphur, copper, barium, lead, aluminum and carbon dioxide etc present in it directly damage the lungs", he said. Therefore, he appealed to the people to keep their distance and stay away from firecreckers. and stay away from firecrackers. "Kids should not be allowed to burn crackers alone and parents should always be with them",he said, adding that the smoke coming out of crackers cannot go very high due to the humid-ity in the atmosphere, due to which it remains around us and causes problems like difficulty in breathing, cough etc.
"Complaints of asthma patients

also increase during the Diwali festival time. When the smoke particles reach the respiratory tract and lungs, the problem of bronchitis and COPD can

skin the most, which can cause allergies, itching, rashes etc. The spark of the cracker can burn the skin. The bright light coming out of the crackers also damages the eyes",he said, adding that this can cause itching and pain in the eyes which can become red and tears can come out. "If the spark enters the eyes, eyesight can also be lost. The loud explosion of crackers also affects the ears. This can also cause problems like low hearing or deafness. Never touch nose, mouth and eyes after fireworks and wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water", Dr Chaudhary suggested.

According to the chief medical officer the hospitals have also been alerted on Diwali that in case of any accident due to fire works, necessary arrangements should be made in advance for taking good care of those reach-ing the hospital.

"Emergency services should also be kept smooth because every year on Diwali there is a possibility of hand burns due to firecrackers and sudden arrival of respiratory patients", said the chief med-

Women not safe in UP, alleges Cong leader

S tate president of Mahila Congress (Eastern Zone) Sahla Ahrari alleged that women are not safe in Uttar Pradesh and to raise the issue, Mahila Congress will fight for women's rights for respect and justice. Addressing a press conference at Congress office at Maidagin here on Tuesday, she said that today the situation of violence and insecurity against women in UP is very frightening.
"Violence against women and heinous crimes

like rape have forced the common man to think about the safety of his sisters and daughters", she said, adding that the saddest thing is that even in Varanasi, which is the parliamentary constituency of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, women are not

"Since last September, the family of a local woman is being subjected to police harass-ment. Her husband and four other party activists have been put in jail. The sections under which they have been put in jail are all bailable, yet the district administration is harassing the woman's family to please the government. Her only crime is that she had opposed the comments by a BJP worker on her social media accounts Facebook, Twitter etc,"the Mahila Congress alleged. She alleged that not only this, the said BJP leader even openly threatened to rape her. "The said woman kept complaining about these comments but seeing no appropriate action being taken, she herself came forward to protect her honour. As a result of this protest, the district administration has registered a case against the woman under various sections and four other people, including her husband, have been put in jail", she said. Sahla Ahrari said the whole matter has come to the notice of Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi and being a woman, the Congressmen are standing with party's worker with full strength and we will stand with her until she gets justice. She threatened that if the district administration does not do justice to the woman, then the Mahila Congress will be forced to take to the streets.

SPSEC organises inter-school Hindi debate competition

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

The Sir Padampat Singhania The Sir Padampar Singulation Education Centre (SPSEC) organised the Shri Govind Hari Singhania Inter-School Hindi Debate Competition on Monday with great enthusiasm. Views flowed with deep insight, careful analysis and a focus on a sustainable future at this event. Considering the annual theme of the school 'Sustainability: Clean and Green Kanpur', the topic of the debate was Green and pollution-free Kanpur is only a daydream. After seeking the divine blessings of Dwarkadheesh Ji, the competition commenced with a cordial welcome of the judges and the participating schools. It was followed by the ceremonial was followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the chief guest, the school principal, and the judges. Principal Bhawna Gupta, warmly welcomed the distinguished guests, followed by the rendition of the welcome song by the school choir.

CDO Deeksha Jain graced the event. The chief guest was presented a token of gratitude and appreciation. Eminent judges Dr Meenakshi Vyas, Professor, Department of Sociology, SN Sen BVPG College, Dr Sadhna Singh, former principal, DGPG College and Dr Nidhi Kashyap, Creation Chayavaddotra and its psychological study and Gold Medal Winner-MS Hindi in 1997 from CSJM University, were present on the occasion. As many as 19 reputed schools like Seth Anand Ram Jaipuria School, Cantt,



The winners of inter-school Hindi debate competition organised at SPSEC on Monday

Delhi Public School (DPS), Azad Nagar, Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay SD Vidyalaya, Dr Virendra Swarup Education Centre, Shyam Nagar, Shree Sanatan Dharm Education Centre participated in the enriching debate. The students for the motion asserted that there have been positive strides towards making Kanpur green and pollution-free. Further, they said the government and local authorities have initiated projects aimed at improving waste management, reducing industrial pollution and increasing green spaces across the city. On the contrary, the contestants opposing the motion said the city continues to grapple with severe air and water contamination. They also mentioned about how industrial emissions, vehicle exhaust and waste mismanagement have made it challenging to achieve a sustainable environment and without collective action and strict enforcement of environmental regulations, the vision of a clean and green Kanpur may remain unfulfilled.

The event was coordinated by Chairperson Sandhya Tiwari, timekeeper, Kirti Awasthi and comperes Dr Akanksha Gaur. The management - Chairperson Manorama Govind Hari Singhania, Vice-Chairman Abhishek Singhania, Vice-Chairperson, Varsha Singhania, and Vice-Chairman and Director Partho P Kar congratulated the school on the successful conduct of the competition. The results of the debate are as follows: Winners' Trophy - Woodbine Gardenia School, Kalyanpur;

Individual Winners (For the Motion): Ritika Singh (first, Woodbine Gardenia School, Kalyanpur); Aparna Singh (second, Omkareshwar Saraswati Vidya Niketan, Kanpur); Aavanya Mehrotra (third, SPSEC, Kanpur). Individual Winners (Against the Motion): Harshit Singh (First, SPSEC, Kanpur); Srishti Gangwar (second, Woodbine Gardenia School, Kalyanpur) and Ishita Pandey (Third, Dr Virendra Swarup Education Centre, Shyam Nagar).

2 killed in separate road accidents

 $T \hbox{wo motorcyclists were killed and} \\ another \hbox{was seriously injured in} \\ \hbox{separate road accidents in Ghatampur}$ police station area on Monday night. The injured was referred to UHM Hospital from the community health centre (CHC). The first incident took centre (CHC). The first incident took place near Faridpur village where Manoj (50) of Bhagaunapur under Chandpur police station, Fatehpur, was fatally knocked down by an unidentified vehicle. The passers-by informed the police and ambulance. However, Manoj died by the time they could reach the spot. Manoj had come to his brother-in-law's house in Deomanpur on the bike. The other accident took place near Nauranga village. Punit Singh (30) of Lalmau, Ranikheda, Unnao, was killed by an unidentified vehicle. Police sent both the bodies for an autopsy. In the third accident which occurred near Syondi village, Abhishek (31) of Sargaon under Sajeti police station was seriously injured after being hit by an unidentified vehicle. He was taken to the CHC from where after the first aid he was referred to UHM hospital. The kin of the deceased and injured had been informed.

Meanwhile a bike-borne farmer was fatally knocked down by a speeding pickup on Kalukheda road under Maurawa police area of Unnao on Tuesday morning. After hitting the farmer, the pickup overturned into a pit. Police sent the body for autopsy and started a probe in the matter.

STATUE DESECRATED: Panic prevailed in Nehurapara village of Ghatampur Kotwali police area when some disgruntled elements desecrated the statue of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar on Tuesday. On getting informaiton about the incident, ADCP Manoj Kumar Pandey along with circle force rushed to the spot. On seeing the damaged statue, villagers staged massive agitation. ADCP said after lodging an FIR a probe was on in the matter. Suspects are being identified and stern penal action will be initiated against them, he said.

Dubey president-elect of ISA UP Chapter

Prof Rajeev Kumar Dubey from the Department of Anaesthesiology, Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University (IMS-BHU) has been appointed president-elect of the Uttar Pradesh Chapter of the Indian Society of Anaesthesiologists (ISA). This responsibility was conferred upon him in the 1st International Conference on Innovation and Technology in Anaesthesiology and

Critical Care and 15th Annual Central Zone Conference of the Indian Society of Anaesthesiologists held at Orchha (Madhya Pradesh) recently.

He will be presiding the office till 16th October 2026. In addition, he will also function as the chief editor of the newsletter published by the society. The society is actively involved in propagating scientific knowledge, training the appearance of the society. training the anaesthesiologists and conducting various academic, cultural and sports events.

Workshop on village/urban health held

Varanasi (PNS): A one-day workshop on village/ urban health, sanitation and nutrition day (VHSND/UHSND) sessions was organised under the chairmanship of CMO Dr Sandeep Chaudhary on Monday. The workshop aimed to train district level trainers on health benefits services like vaccination of pregnant women and children, pre-natal and post-natal care, family planning counselling, nutrition and health related activities, meetings with mothers etc. The CMO informed that the

sessions are being organised at Anganwadi centres where the facilities like vaccination of children and pregnant women, pre-natal and post-natal checkup facilities, family planning counselling etc are being pro-vided. He informed that VHSND/ UHSND session is an outreach activity for provision of maternal and child care including nutrition in which regular Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and Behaviour Change Communication activities are being conducted by trained ANMs for vaccination of pregnant women and children and nutrition related services like weight, length of children and

care during pregnancy. DIO Dr AK Maurya informed that in the VHSND/ UHSND sessions, arrangements have been made to provide all types of services to all the beneficiaries coming to their sessions by ANMs at one place on the same day.

ED conducts raid in money laundering probe against online betting and illegal IPL broadcast

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) said on Tuesday it has undertaken fresh searches in a money laundering case against a website that allegedly indulged in online betting on 2024 Lok Sabha election results apart from an illegal broadcast of IPL cricket matches. The action was taken against people providing technical and financial management support to the website named "Fairplay", which was allegedly involved in illegal activities.

Cash, bank deposits and silver bars worth about Rs 4 crore were seized along with various other "incriminating" documents, digital devices and immovable property-related documents during the raids conducted on October 25 in Mumbai and in Kutch in Gujarat, the ED said in a



statement. The monev laundering case stems from an FIR of the Mumbai police cyber cell that was filed on the complaint of Viacom18 Media Pvt Limited against Fairplay Sport LLC and others for causing a loss of revenue of more than Rs 100

The anti-money laundering probe agency said its probe shows that Krish Laxmichand Shah is the "key person" behind Fairplay and has registered various companies like Play Ventures N.V and Dutch Antilles Management

N.V at Curacao (an island

country in the southern

Sport LLC, Fairplay Management DMCC at Dubai and Play Ventures Holding Limited in Malta for the operations of the website. Fairplay is being "operated" from Dubai, the ED found.
"Incriminating documents seized during the search show purchase of high value immovable and movable

assets in India by the persons involved and this amounts to

more than Rs 100 crore," the

agency said. The ED has thrice earlier conducted raids in this case beginning from June and it had seized or frozen assets worth Rs 117 crore till now, including the latest action. It had earlier said that Fairplay was involved in "illegal broadcasting of cricket/IPL matches and various online betting activities including results of Lok Sabha Elections

PM Modi unviels employement opportunities for youth at 'Rozgar Mela'

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Asserting that it is his government's commitment to providing employment to a maximum number of youngsters, Prime Minister Narendra Modi here said on Tuesday that a system is being created that gives opportunity to every youth and allows them to fulfil their aspirations.

Addressing a 'Rozgar Mela' after distributing appointment letters for government jobs to over 51,000 people, he spoke of his government's efforts to boost the presence of new technologies and modern sectors such as space and semiconductors so that new employment opportunities are

In his video address, Modi said earlier governments lacked in policy and intent, leading to India falling behind the world in rising sectors, including in modern technologies. Old and



outdated technologies used to be brought to the country, he added. "A mindset existed that believed modern technologies cannot develop in our country. This mindset did us a lot of harm," he said, stressing that if industries which generated employment in the modern world did not exist in the country, then creating new employment opportunities would be difficult. "We began work to rid the country of this old mindset of earlier governments," Modi said, adding that policies and decisions of the government

have a direct employment.

The prime minister said it is his government's commitment to give jobs to the maximum number of people and cited the all-around infrastructure works such as the construction of expressways, highways, ports, rail networks and airports underway in the country. Water and gas pipelines are being laid, and schools and universities are being opened, he said, asserting that development works are not only giving facilities to people but also opportunities. Highlighting his government's

efforts to create more employment opportunities, he referred to the Productionlinked Incentives (PLI) scheme to encourage domestic

manufacturing.
A massive investment is taking place, leading to the creation of record opportunities, Modi said.

Over 1.5 lakh startups have been launched on this government's watch, he said, while also pointing to the paid internship programme for youngsters which seeks to induct over one crore youth over the next five years.

India, Modi said, has entered into agreements with 21 countries to facilitate immigration and employment for Indian youths.

He asked government officials to conduct themselves in a way that they are cited as an example the world over.

PM Modi declares this Diwali historic



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 $T^{\text{his Diwali will be historic as}}_{\text{after a 500- year-wait thou-}}$ sands of lamps will be lit in the temple built on the birthplace of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya on the festival, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on

Tuesday. Modi said it would be a Diwali "when our Ram neighbourhood returns home" and this time savouring the wait is over not after 14

years but after 500 years. The prime minister made the remarks after launching

An idol of Ram Lalla was consecrated at the Ayodhya temple in January this year, a landmark event led by Prime Minister Modi who had also given a clarion call to go beyond the grand temple's construction to build the foundation of a "strong, capable and divine" India of

the consecration ceremony on television in their homes and temples. historic

UP CM announces satellite AIIMS centre in Ghaziabad

said on Tuesday a process is afoot to have a satellite centre of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi in

He said this centre would benefit the people of western Uttar Pradesh districts like Meerut, Ghaziabad,

Îndia Ayurveda Conference "Today Uttar Pradesh has two AIIMS (Gorakhpur and that on land given by us, so that the residents of Hapur, Ghaziabad.



Bulandshahr can get the benefit of Delhi AIIMS facilities," an statement quoted Adityanath as saying. "We will work to expand this programme soon," he added.

The chief minister said people above 70 years of age will now get the benefit of the Ayushman scheme, which was launched on Tuesday by Modi.

inaugurated and laid the

health sector projects worth about Rs 12,850 crore on the occasion of 9th Ayurveda Day in New Delhi earlier in the

Apart from health related projects in various states, Modi also inaugurated the expansion of medical services and Jan Aushadhi Kendra at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New

ceremony of ESIC Hospital at Marshall Pitch, Kankarkheda, Meerut, said, "Meerut has

Ganga Expressway is being Ganga Expressway is being built, go for Kumbh bath through this." Modi performed the virtual Bhoomi Pujan of the hospital. On this occasion, the chief minister said Meerut is making its mark in the world

in sports under ODOP (One District-One Product). The state's sports university is being built in Meerut. When the sports university will be ready, it will produce Olympians and new players will be discovered and groomed, he said.

Adityanath said the workers of Meerut will get facilities like the hospitals of Lucknow and Gorakhpur. He also said there were only 17 medical colleges in Uttar Pradesh till

EC dismisses Congress allegations

2017, and after that they have been built or are being built in 64 of the 75 districts in the

The chief minister said an Atal residential school has been built at every commissionerate for the children of workers. In this, work is being done for free study, accommodation and all-round development of the children.

Adityanath said he himself has landed at the airstrip of Meerut because there is potential in Meerut. The biggest international airport will be built in Jewar and Meerut will get its benefit, he added.

The chief minister said this will be the first Diwali after the Pran Pratishtha of Ramlala in Ayodhya. He appealed to the people and said on the arrival of Ramlala, lamps should be lit in your

Rajnath Singh calls for cleanliness drive at Ministry of





PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Defence Minister Rajnath ed the officials in Ministry of Defence to contribute individually towards a few hours of shramdaan every week to maintain cleanliness at the workplace, emphasizing that a cleaner and decluttered workplace leads to enhanced pro-

ductivity. He administered swachhata pledge to officials in South Block and inspected the office premises, including the recently renovated corridor at Gate No. 09 and beautified courtyard.

The defence minister also felicitated the Swachhata Veers whose tireless efforts have been crucial in maintaining hygiene and cleanliness of the South Block premises.

Campaign The conducted with a threepronged approach of general upkeep and cleanliness drive with beautification of building, corridors and courtyards; weeding out of old records, scrapping and disposal of old equipment and furniture; and Clearance and redress of VIP references

and grievances. The Ministry of Defence and its subordinate offices together conducted Swachhata Abhiyan at 3,832 locations/sites across the country.

The overarching thrust of the Campaign has been on gainful utilization of available resources and generation of revenue from disposal of scrap.
Keeping with this spirit,

obsolete office equipment/IT equipment organizations

condemned and revenue was generated by way of their disposal during the Campaign. More than 2.81 Lakh square

feet of space has been freed vallabhbhai Patel with a two-year-long pan India for better reviewed. 169 public grievances on CPGRAMS and 45 MP/VIP references 2026 to honour his have been addressed during

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath emerged as a big infrastructure. Expressway, Rapid Rail have been found. state.

development projects worth nearly Rs 12,850 crore and extending his government's flagship health insurance scheme Ayushman Bharat to all senior citizens aged 70 vears and above.

the next 1,000 years.

Lakhs of people had watched moment.

Ghaziabad.

Bulandshahr and Hapur. Adityanath said this as he participated in the ninth All chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi through virtual medium from Meerut. Raebareli). We have requested AIIMS Delhi to build a satellite centre in Ghaziabad

prime The minister

official

Along with this programme, Adityanath, while addressing the foundation stone laying

EAM urges military leadership to adapt to evolving geopolitical threats

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday urged the military leadership to be prepared to adapt to rapidly evolving geopolitical threats and opportunities.

He also emphasised that a more "whole-of-government" approach is needed to effectively advance national

security. He said this in his address at the closing day of the second phase of the Army Commanders' Conference 2024 that witnessed the Army's senior Indian leadership deliberating on critical strategic issues affecting both border security and the hinterland.

The conference happened at a time when troop disengagement at the two friction points at Demchok and Depsang Plains in eastern Ladakh is in its "final stages", following a key agreement firmed up between India and China.

Jaishankar's address was themed -- 'Global and Geopolitcal Intricacies: Opportunities for India and

from



Chief General Armv Upendra Dwivedi shared the address the Army Commanders Conference in Delhi today.

Discussed the intricacies of current geopolitics, as well as its challenges, possibilities and opportunities. Urged that a more 'whole of

the Government' approach is needed to effectively advance national security." The Ministry of Defence later conference, saying it reaffirmed the Indian Army's

leadership the senior "resolved to accelerate dais with the Union minister.
In a social media post,
Jaishankar wrote, "Pleased to contribute to various national endeavours.

Emphasising a forward-looking approach, the Indian Army remains fully dedicated to preparing for present and emerging challenges, ensuring a progressive, resilient, and future-ready force aligned with India's strategic interests, it said.

The external affairs minister issued a statement on the underscored the intricate global and geopolitical dynamics that impact India unwavering commitment to and highlighted the country's readiness and adaptability, as expectations from the armed forces and the preparedness required to address the challenges of the current world order", it said.

He spoke of the Indian Army remaining vigilant, and "urged the leadership to be prepared to adapt to rapidly evolving geopolitical threats and opportunities and emphasised the importance technological

advancements and the lessons drawn from ongoing global conflicts in shaping India's strategic posture". Over the last two days, the Indian Army's senior hierarchy engaged in indiscussions depth operational

oniet of Defence Staff(CDS)General Anil Chauhan administrative issues. Chauhan has addressed the gathering, reflecting on the recent success of the Joint Commanders' Conference in Lucknow.

Reviewing the current security situation, General Chauhan stressed the importance of jointness and the roadmap for enhanced integration across domains, which is critical for future effective warfare and operations.

on Haryana poll irregularities

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The Election Commission on Tuesday rejected allegations levelled by the Congress over irregularities in the just-held Haryana assembly polls, saying the party was raising "the smoke of a generic doubt" about the credibility of an entire electoral outcome like it did in the past. The poll panel has also warned the grand old party, asking it to refrain from "baseless allegations" election after election. The poll panel said that "once again", it was compelled to note that with "no evidence whatsoever" of any statutory electoral step being compromised, the Congress has "once again raised the smoke of a generic doubt" about the credibility of an entire electoral outcome "exactly in a similar manner as it has done in recent past".
"This is least expected of a national political party. The Commission appreciates the criticality of the considered views of political parties in sustaining and strengthening electoral democracy in the country and assures that it remain committed



towards timely grievance

redressal. At the same time, the Commission sincerely urges INC to take firm and concrete steps, matching with the party's long and illustrious standing, to amend their afore stated approach and in doing so set an example for emulation by one and all to responsibly conduct themselves at sensitive electoral stages so as to avoid possibilities of precipitation of public unrest and chaos," the EC said in its order. The Congress had made several complaints to the EC, including allegations of a slowdown in the vote counting process on October 8, the day results of the Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir elections were declared. The Congress had

also sought clarification on display of 99% battery status on the control units (CU) of

electronic voting machines (EVM), during counting in some polling stations of 26 assembly constituencies. The Commission said "It is needless to remind that such frivolous and unfounded doubts have the potential of creating turbulence when crucial steps like polling and

counting are in live play, a time when both public and

political parties' anxiousness peaking. communications carrying baseless allegations were often widely publicized by INC even before receipt of any formal letter in the ECI and mostly coinciding with peak of electoral cycle i.e., near to or on poll day or counting day".

Run for unity marks tribute to Indian unifier: Amit Shah fully developed nation by

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Expectations

Armed Forces'.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Tuesday efforts were made to erase and undermine Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's enormous contribution to the country and he was deprived of Bharat Ratna for a long time.

Flagging off 'Run for Unity' here ahead of the birth anniversary of Patel, the minister said it was due to the foresightedness and acumen of the country's first home minister that over 550 princely states were merged with the Union of India and the country became united. He said it was because of Sardar Patel that the Lakshadweep



Junagarh, Hyderabad and all Shah said while addressing other princely states were merged with India.

"But there were efforts to erase and undermine the Prime Minister Narendra enormous contribution of Sardar Patel to the country.

participants at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium.

Modi installed the tallest statue of Patel in Kevadia, He was also deprived of honoured him in a befitting Islands, Bharat Ratna for a long time," manner and has kept his memory alive, he said. Modi inaugurated Patel's 182-

metre statue - Statue of Unity at Kevadia in Gujarat in 2018. He laid the foundation stone for the project in 2013 when he was the Gujarat chief minister.

Shah said Sardar Patel's vision, ideas and message in every field have been given a concrete shape by Prime Minister Modi.

Sardar Patel was bestowed with Bharat Ratna -- the country's highest civilian award -- posthumously in 1991, 41 years after his death in 1950. Shah said the people of the

country are now united and

have dedicated themselves to

fulfilling the prime minister's dream of turning India into a

forth before all countrymen the pledge to build a fully developed India by 2047, which would be at the top of

"The prime minister has put

the ladder in every field in the world," he said. He said now India stands before the world as a flourishing, developing and strong nation.

The home minister said India stands strong before the world on the path of becoming the leader in every field, and its foundation was laid by Sardar Patel. "The great ideas of Sardar Patel will definitely become a guiding light for the young generation of the

take a pledge to strengthen the unity of India through the 'Run for Unity' and to realise the dream of a fully developed India by 2047. The home minister said the

'Run for Unity' is normally organised on October 31, the birth anniversary of Patel. But this year, it was organised two days ahead as Deepawali is falling on that day, he said. "Today is Dhanteras and we are organising the run on this auspicious occasion," the home minister said.

The Modi government has been observing October 31 as 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' or National Unity Day since 2014 to foster and reinforce its dedication to preserving country," he said. and strengthening the unity, Shah called upon citizens to integrity and security of the

Patel was born on October 31, 1875, at Nadiad in Gujarat. As India's first home minister and deputy prime minister, Patel is credited for the merger of over 550 princely states into the Union of India. Various

Last week, Shah announced vear-long nationwide programme from 2024 to

programmes, Sardar Patel's recalling contribution to unifying India, are being organised as part of the National Unity

monumental contribution to the Campaign.

Day celebrations.

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Delhi water woes

Political blame game erupts as toxic ammonia levels in Yamuna spark crisis and residents are supplied with unpotable water

s images of a frothy Yamuna flooded the media, Delhiites were shocked and alarmed. Pollution levels in the river have soared beyond what anyone could have imagined. This has disrupted the Delhi water supply and Delhiites are forced to consume polluted water. Delhi is in the grips of a severe water crisis as elevated ammonia levels in the Yamuna River disrupt water supply across the capital. With water treatment plants at Sonia Vihar and Bhagirathi struggling to manage the contamination, residents face widespread shortages. The AAP and BJP have engaged in a heated blame game, with the AAP accusing the BJP-led Haryana government of neglecting pollution controls upstream, while the BJP criticizes Delhi's administration for failing to bolster treatment facilities. As political tensions rise, Delhiites are left hoping for swift, actionable solutions to restore their water supply. The ammonia levels in the Yamuna have surged to nearly 0.9 parts per million (ppm), far exceeding the safe limit of 0.5 ppm



required for effective treatment. This spike is severely affecting the functionality of the Sonia Vihar and Bhagirathi water treatment plants (WTPs), which play a pivotal role in providing clean water to the city. When the Upper Ganga Canal-Delhi's primary source of clean water—is closed for annual maintenance, as it was from October 12 to 31, the city becomes increasingly reliant on the Yamuna, compounding the water scarcity problem. Amid mounting public dissatisfaction, the political sparring has escalated.

The AAP has blamed the BJP-led Haryana government, accusing it of being 'hostile' towards Delhi's interests by failing to curb the industrial waste enter-

ing the Yamuna. AAP officials claim that Haryana's callous attitude has left Delhi residents without a reliable water supply, with no proactive steps being taken to control the pollutants entering the river. On the other hand, the BJP's Delhi unit responded by holding AAP accountable for the water crisis, criticising the Kejriwal administration for what they call "mismanagement." They say that the AAP government has failed in two major areas: maintaining operational sewage treatment plants and equipping existing WTPs, such as those at Sonia Vihar and Dwarka, with the capacity to handle ammonia contamination. Indeed it is a classic case of passing the buck and Delhi has had enough of it. Rather than blaming each other both Delhi and Haryana government would do well to mitigate this disaster. The Yamuna water is coming from Haryana so no two opinions about where the source of contamination is but AAP should have managed the situaiton well as it new well in advance that Uppar Ganga Canal would be closed for the maintenance till October 31. Right now water remains the biggest concern for Delhi. Yamuna is no better than a drain. Apart from being visually appalling it is a health hazard and the water being supplied is not fit for bathing let alone drinking. But is anybody listening?



A Vendor sell flowers ahead of the Diwali festival, at the Ghazinur flower market in Delhi

A mirage of progress on the LAC



The path to restoring the status quo appears fraught, with divergent interpretations between the two countries clouding any clear progress

he 21st October Agreement to disengage from Demchok and Depsang and resume patrolling as in April 2020, is being hailed as a breakthrough. It's not quite that: now Indian soldiers have to inform the Chinese of the timetable for patrolling and grazing. The government has called this disengagement as a pathway to return to conditions on the ground that existed in April 2020. It is also hoped this will lead to the disengagement of troops deployed in buffer zones, de-escalation, de-induction and return to status quo ante(RSQA) in April 2020. This is wishful thinking. COAS, Gen Dwivedi has expressed fear that the Chinese may encroach into buffer zones, so low is the trust factor.

He has called the latest disengagement a 'low hanging fruit'. But the government has given the impression as if RSQA is around the corner. Far from it.From day one after the intrusions had taken place government has covered LAC in a smokescreen: making unilateral statements and blocking debate in parliament as it would undermine troop morale. But PM Modi's famous statement after Galwan that no one came in and no one is in, took the cake. The government has banned former COAS Gen Naravane's book Four Stars of Destiny as it removes some of the smoke screen. India has its interpretation of the 21st October Agreement and China its own. There were no joint statements after the Agreement and Modi-Xi Jinping bilateral on 24 October.

The Chinese readout of the 21st October Agreement and the bilateral are different from India's like chalk from cheese. In the Agreement, the Chinese say: "two sides have reached a solution to relevant issues which has been evaluated positively. In the next step China will work with India to implement above solution". There is no mention of RSOA April 2020, and no details of "the solution" and "relevant issues". Similarly, on the bilateral which was scheduled for 45 minutes (more than half the time is taken up in translation) Indian readout mentions "complete disengage-



For Čhina border talks and bilateral relations are separate issues. For India normalcy on the border is linked to bilateral relations. Positions are poles apart. As there is no road map to RSQA with timelines, one will never know the progress three the Disengagement, De-escalation and De-induction. Chinese will engage in endless military and diplomatic talks, making India the supplicant. We will continue to grope in the dark as we have for the last five years about the situation along the

der agreement.

For example, no one knew about the establishment of a Buffer Zone on Kailash Heights after we foolishly vacated it till Ladakhi graziers revealed that the Rezangla Memorial and other manmade forms had been obliterated. The loss of patrolling and grazing rights was revealed at a police conference where an



LAST TIME

VERIFICATION OF THE STATUS OF THE GALWAN POST RESULTED IN A HORRIFIC MEDIEVAL CLASH WHICH LED QUESTION OF NEW PROTOCOLS/ AGREEMENTS. WILL TROOPS BE ARMED AND HAVE **AMMUNITION** IN THEIR

CHARGERS?

ITBP officer mentioned losing 26 of 65 patrolling sites. The government has said frequently Chinese had amassed troops in violation of border protocols and "attempted to alter status quo". They have altered it. True, there is a difference in the perception of LAC; there is no mutually recognised LAC but an Indian and Chinese perception of it. One precaution above all is paramount. Go by Chinese deeds, not their words, and verify

before trust Last time verification of the status of the Galwan post resulted in a horrific medieval clash which led to the question of new protocols/agreements. Will troops be armed and have ammunition in their chargers? Former NSA Shivshankar Menon had suggested that a new modus vivendi is required for restoring trust as the one agreed between Rajiv Gandhi and Deng Xiao Peng after the Sumdorongchu imbroglio that took ten years to resolve but compared to intrusions in East Ladakh it was a single point intrusion.

ment China calls the 'solution' deterrence. Far from it. and India's 'RSOA'. It must share it with Parliament as any agreement on full disengagement must not create a 2017 Doklam-like situation where the Chinese hoodwinked India and Bhutan and established full control over the *personal*)

plateau- with fortifications, infrastructure and dual-use villages- which leads to the Siliguri corridor.

India has gone cold over its treaty commitment with Bhutan even as Thimphu was on its way to clinching a Doklam package deal with China which would have been a big strategic setback for Our non-strategic economists must be cautious about Chinese FDI contrary to what the Chief Economic Advisor has suggested - a carte blanche inflow of FDI. It must be verified case by case as per Press Note 3. Ban on Chinese apps must stay and Chinese 5G, 6G, Huawei and ZTE blocked. The trade deficit with China has rocketed to USD 105bn which is more than India's defence budget of 2025-26. What India has achieved on the LAC is just a baby step in the restoration of RSQA in April 2020. Chinese have oblige $\bar{\rm d}$ in disengaging from Demchok and Depsang friction points because these pre-date the April 2020 intrusions. Let India not be under any illu-The government has a fair sion that it has overpowered idea of the framework agree- Chinese coercion through

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The forgotten legacy of Odisha's unsung iron lady



MAJUMDAR

Pallavi Rebbapragada unveils Nandini Satpathy's profound journey of resilience and lasting impact in her book 'Nandini Satpathy, The Iron Lady of Orissa'

Jomen have played a critical and active role in shaping the political future of India. But unless they have risen to positions of power, most of them have remained unsung and forgotten. It is then a paradox that Nandini Satpathy, one such spunky politician who governed her state of Odisha as its first woman chief minister and never lost an election as a member of the legislative assembly, faded out of not just public memory but also found little or no mention in many official records of her time in office.

Why is so little known about Satpathy, the astute politician who legislated several groundbreaking state land reforms and was a passionate conservationist, poet and author? Despite being a Rajya Sabha member and minister of Information and Broadcasting in former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's cabinet, why was her legacy largely confined to her family and friends? Was she deliberately isolated because she dared to oppose the imposition of the Emergency despite being a trusted friend and

close aide of Indira Gandhi? Did this step sound the death knell for Satpathy's association with Indira Gandhi?

Answers to these questions can be found in Pallavi Rebbapragada's researched book on the second woman to become chief minister of a state in India. 'Nandini Satpathy, The Iron Lady of Orissa, Rebbapragada, a journalist and public policy consultant, chronicles the story of a girl who first defied odds to be born and then, went on to show not just Cuttack, the city where she was born, but also her state and the country that her birth would one day herald new beginnings. The first time she made her presence publicly known was when she did the unthinkable by pulling down the Union Jack flag atop her Ravenshaw college and hoisting the national flag. Satpathy, then just 15, showed invoking her right against no remorse even though she was imprisoned by the British police for this act of defiance. It was also to be a turning point in her personal life. It was in jail that she met

activist Dévendra Satpathy whom she later married. While she accomplished several milestones during her stint in office including the setting up of the Free Bangla Radio as I&B minister in Indira Gandhi's first government during Bangladesh's struggle for independence, her contribution when out of power is no less significant.Except perhaps for students of law, not many

know about her case. Dani, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Vigilance, led to a historic 1978 Supreme Court judgment that expanded the scope of the right against selfincrimination and provided guidelines for police interrogation, ensuring individuals provide evidence against themselves at any stage. This came about when

Satpathy, then former Chief

self-incrimination under Article 20(3) of the Constitution when she was called for police interrogation in connection with a corruption case. The police contended that her refusal to answer questions constituted an offence under Section 179 of the Indian Penal Code. The case reached the Supreme

Court and paved the way for reaffirmation of the Right to Silence as a fundamental right, protecting individuals from being compelled to answer incriminating questions during police interrogation and the Right to Legal Assistance allowing individuals to consult with a legal practitioner before answering any questions during police interrogation, promoting fair treatment and safeguarding against coercive practices. Importantly, the judgment continues to remain a key reference today for ensuring the protection of individual could not be compelled to rights during the investigative

(The writer is a social activist and freelance writer; views are personal)

THE MENACE OF DIGITAL ARREST

Madam —The PM Narendra Modi has chooser a most relevant topic in his latest episode of "Mann ki baat" programme to alert the people against the menace of digital arrest. While the digital age has brought about incredible convenience, it has also given rise to a new class of cybercriminals who use technology to trick innocent people. One of the most dangerous scam is the "Digital Arrest." It is a type of sophisticated cyber fraud where cybercriminals impersonate law enforcement officials or other authorities. Criminals play into the victims' fear by threatening them with imminent arrest, legal consequences, or public humiliation if they don't cooperate with a series of urgent demands. Fraudsters behind digital arrests are masters of psychological manipulation. They understand that fear and urgency are powerful motivators that can cloud judgment and lead people to act against their best interests. By creating a fabricated sense of crisis, they pressure victims into making hasty decisions without the chance for rational thought or verification. Hence, digital arrests are a stark reminder of the need for constant vigilance in the digital world. By understanding the tactics, staying informed, and taking precautions, we can drastically reduce our vulnerability. Additionally, spreading awareness and collective action are vital in the fight to dismantle the global networks behind these devastating scams.

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HATHRAS ADULTERATION SCAM

Madam — The Hathras adulteration scandal has put forward critical concerns over food safety to the vanguard. In a recent raid, authorities captured large proportions of adulterated ghee that was being sold as top-quality product. Analysts found out that the supposed "ghee" was excessively diluted with poor-quality oils and some other substances, making it undoubtedly hazardous to consumers's

Who cares about Delhi air pollution?

propos news item, "AAP, BJP spar over plunging air quality", published on Oct. 28, this is my response. Like every year, the national capital is under the spell of air pollution at the start of winter this year. The air quality of Delhi and cities in the National Capital Region (NCR) has reached the

malpractices.

The incident raised alarm about the commonness of such practices, especialwith essential ingredients like ghee, which holds a lot of nutritional value in Indian households. This scandal is a portentous event and a wake-up call for stricter regulations, increased food examination, and heightened public awareness to corroborate safety in the food sector. Neha Tomar | Ujjain

Madam — M S Dhoni very often in his post match presentations used to emphasize 'the importance of following the process right'. As the saying goes 'all that starts well ends well. In the Bangalore when the sky is over cast after having lost the first day's play in a rain affected pitch which was visibly moist, Rohit opting to bat after winning the toss was more than a gamble and without application of mind.Here the absence of experienced Ravi Shastri or a mentor like personality health. This exposed a prevalent racket Rahul Dravid was felt. The score of 46 all where traders were profiting by doing out was a morale sagging innings and los-

poor and very poor categories. The cause of Delhi's severe air pollution is primarily due to geographical and local factors. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), because of the calm winds, the polluted gases, smoke, and dust particles spread in the local environment are not spreading to distant places and are polluting the local air. Adding to the woes, Delhi's toxic air is caused by vehicles and industrial emissions. Stopping trucks from plying within Delhi city limits between 6 AM and 6 PM, doing construction activities with proper draping, enforcing a total ban on bursting fire-crackers, and moving brick kilns outside Delhi are some of the means by which the local government can fix the air-pollution problem.

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

ing the first test despite scoring 400 plus runs in the second innings was because of the fact that the team never recovered

from the first innings shock. In the Pune test again a fourth spinner, in the place of a second pace bowler, an Axar Patel who can bowl flattish deliveries like Santnerwould have made much difference and Axar can also score some useful runs when the chips are down. When the opponents strategies go wrong to capitalize on such wrongs an intelligent captain Tom Latham cleverly used the opportunity to their advantage. The lackadaisical approach of skipper Rohit to the game, lack of application to the task of the Indian top order batting, not sticking to the basics in the guise of trying innovations by the think tank under the leadership of Gautam Ghambir are all causes for the team India's failure. Hopefully the team will learn from their mistakes before it is too late!! Gopalaswamy J | Chennai

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MERGE YOURSELF IN LIGHT OF LIGHTS

This Diwali, light a lamp of love, blast a chain of sorrow and shoot a rocket of prosperity and happiness



RAJYOGI BRAHMA KUMAR NIKUNJ JI

he biggest and the brightest of all the festivals celebrated across India as well as the whole world is about to arrive and fill our lives with joy and happiness. Yes! We all know that's none other than "Diwall" or as we say "Deepawali" in India. Such is the magic of this festival that throughout the 4-day cele-

brations, illuminates the whole nation with its brilliance, and dazzles all with its joy. Though each of the four days during Diwali is separated by a different tradition, what remains true and constant is the celebration of life, its enjoyment and goodness. We all know that as per the Hindu calendar,

Diwali is celebrated on the darkest night of the month of Kartik. That is why it is also considered an occasion of victory of light over darkness or good over evil. Kartik month is the 8th lunar month of the Hindu calendar.

This month is considered the holiest of all the months in the Hindu calendar. Kartik Snaan (Bath) is given a lot of importance by Hindus wherein it is customary for people to go to the holy rivers or oceans because it is a general belief that your sins or bad karmas are washed away or forgiven when you perform this ritual, but all these are only symbolic. However, Kartik means change or transformation from the old to the new.

It is the last festival in the year that is celebrated as the conquest



of the virtues over the vices by 'bathing in the ocean of knowledge' i.e. 'Gyaan Ganga' to cleanse the soul of all the impurities accumulated in the dark ages. It is thus a unique process to change a man (Nar) from ordinary to an elevated perfect man or deity called " Narayan".

Going by history, the festival of Diwali can be traced back to ancient India, when it was probably an important harvest festival. However, various legends are pointing to the origin of Diwali or 'Deepawali.' Some believe it to be the celebration of the marriage of Shri Lakshmi with Lord Vishnu. Whereas in Bengal the festival is dedicated to the worship of Mother Kali, the goddess of strength. Lord Ganesha, the elephant-headed God, the symbol of auspiciousness and wisdom, is also worshipped in most Hindu homes today. In Jainism, Deepawali has an added significance to the great event of Lord Mahavira attaining the eternal bliss of nirvana.

Diwali also commemorates the return of Lord Rama along with Sita Ji and Lakshman Ji from his fourteen-year-long exile and vanquishing the demon-king Ravana. In joyous celebration of the return of their king, the people of Ayodhya, the Capital of Lord Rama, illuminated the kingdom with earthen diyas (oil lamps) and burst

Each day of Diwali has its tale, legend and myth to tell, but one should not forget the fact that behind each of these legends, myths and stories lies the significance of the victory of good over evil; and it is with each Deepawali and the lights that illuminate our homes and hearts, that this simple truth finds new reason and hope. So, this Diwali, merge yourself into the light of lights who is Supreme of all and enlighten yourself from within.

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The web of conspiracy theories and the US election



Conspiracy theories have captivated society for centuries, spinning intriguing narratives that challenge our sense of truth—and the recent US elections are no exception



n every era, conspiracy theories have captivated the public imagination, creating a whirlwind of suspicions, accusations, and intrigue. Today, with the American presidential election in the rearriest mirror, the air is thick with rearview mirror, the air is thick with conspiracy theories, some rooted in historical patterns and others fueled by recent global events.

From ancient prophesies to modern

speculations, these narratives show how deeply conspiratorial thinking is woven into society, even influencing one of the most powerful democracies in the world. During the COVID-19 pandemic, a wave of theorem different di pandennic, a wave of theories dominated headlines, each offering a different perspective on the virus's origin and spread. For example, when former U.S. President Donald Trump labelled COVID-19 the "Wuhan virus," he fanned the flames of speculation that the virus was the result of Chinese bioengineering. Simultaneously, however, a counter-narrative gained traction, suggesting that the virus was an American creation, designed and disseminated as part of an alleged biological warfare program.

Even within the conspiracy community, viewpoints diverged: was COVID-19 a lab-born pathogen or a consequence of environmental manipulation? A particularly unique theory even claimed the virus spread through the electromagnetic signals of 5G towers, resulting in people burning down cell towers in the United Kingdom. The COVID-19 narrative was far from alone in raising eyebrows. Conspiracy theorists link current fears to past events-from the HIV/AIDS epidemic to natural disasters. Some hold that HIV was an engineered product of the U.S. military's biological weapons division, first tested on prisoners in the 1970s before it spread outside govern-

ment control. Others go back further in history, believing that HIV stemmed from scientific mutations, a theory allegedly supported by Russian virologists who argue that HIV was a modified form of the VISNA virus, created in a laboratory setting. Nobel laureate Wangari Maathai also claimed in 2004 that

AIDS was no accident, attributing its origin to American laborato-

Natural disasters, too, have not escaped the lens of conspiratorial imagination. In the wake of the catastrophic 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, rumours spread that U.S. military tests were to blame. The claim was that sophisticated nuclear weapons testing off the coast of Indonesia could manipulate the weather and disrupt seisulate the weather and disrupt seismic activity. Alongside such theories, another narrative has taken shape, labelled the "Thucydides Trap"—a concept rooted in the belief that rising powers, such as China, often seek to destabilize dominant powers, exemplified by the release of COVID-19 as an alleged bio-weapon against the alleged bio-weapon against the United States. Conversely, some assert that COVID-19 was a means for the U.S. to undermine China, spurring a dramatic escalation of mutual suspicion. Even the 9/11 attacks are rich ground for conspiracy theories. There are over four million articles online dissecting and speculating on every aspect of the attack, including claims of prior U.S. knowledge and deliberate inaction. Such theories propose that the tragedy served as a pretext for increased American military involvement in the Middle East, bolstering the economic interests of defence industries.

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In such an environment, it is hardly surprising that suspicion surrounds recent American presidential elections. Election season in the United States has always been a prime opportunity for conspiracy theories, with the latest election being no exception. In this context, Nostradamus, the French astrologer and reputed seer of the 16th century reappears in the collective imagination. Nostradamus is often cited as having "predicted" world events, from the rise of Hitler to the terror of 9/11. As American political dynamics shift, believers inter-

prophecies to suit contemporary issues, citing his supposed fore-sight about Trump's ascension and even a second term. Such theories proliferate because they tap into pre-existing beliefs, adding layers of mystery to the already intricate political landscape. One particularly respected figure in the American election-prediction community is historian Allan Lichtman. Dubbed the "Election Nostradamus," Lichtman has accurately forecasted the outcomes of multiple presidential

elections over the past few Although Lichtman's predictions are based on a well-formulated system, his track record and the nickname he's acquired seem to lend credence to the idea that prophecy and foresight have a place even in the most rational domains. Lichtman's projections of a Democratic victory fueled hope among Biden and Harris
supporters, while some conspirthat lose the faith of their citizens acy theorists proposed that the "powers that be" were covertly steering the election outcome to align with Lichtman's track record. In the age of social media and instantaneous communication, conspiracy theories spread

The adage, "A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes," aptly describes how quickly misinformation can take hold. The rise of the internet has only amplified this effect, granting conspiracy theories a global plat-

Notably, the Flat Earth Society has found new life online, continuing to challenge the scientifically accepted fact that the Earth is round. The society's followers persist in their belief, interpreting satellite imagery and NASA's findings as government propaganda. Similarly, speculation surrounds the historic 1969 moon landing. Despite NASA's documentation

pret Nostradamus' cryptic and evidence, sceptics argue that the moon landing was an elaborate hoax staged to one-up the Soviet Union in the Cold War space race. Believers insist that the televised moonwalks were filmed on Earth, attributing the iconic image of Neil Armstrong to

American propaganda efforts.
The moon landing controversy may be one of the most persistent conspiracy theories, as it continues to captivate audiences more than 50 years later.

As much as conspiracy theories focus on the United States, they are not exclusive to any single nation. Still, America's global influence and extensive media presence make it especially susceptible to scrutiny. Government mistrust underpins many of these theories, exemplified by the Roman historian Tacitus, who posited that the actions of untrustworthy rulers breed public suspicion.

tend to fuel the fires of conspiracy, using public confusion as a tool to maintain control. In the current political climate, where truth is elusive and media narratives frequently conflict, conspiracy theories are likely to thrive. They emerge not only from a need to question authority but also from an inherent fascination with the unknown.

For every piece of verified information, there is a counter-theory that rejects it, and conspiracy theories transform historical and current events into captivating narratives for believers and scep-

As American democracy continues to face these claims, it's clear that conspiracy theories are not going away any time soon. Rather, they will evolve, adapting to each new event and generation with the same intensity that has fueled them for centuries.

(The writer is an associate professor; views are personal)

Bootstrapped startups: The resilient path to sustainable growth

By starting small and reinvesting profits, bootstrapped startups prioritise sustainable growth and operational agility over rapid scaling

ntrepreneurship is a dream journey for many ■young minds full of innovative ideas and pioneering thoughts. And many times, they are left to fend for themselves. Before the world believes in their ideas, entrepreneurs have to believe in themselves and their ideas first. For their entrepreneurial ventures to see the light of the day, entrepreneurs, therefore, first turn towards themselves and become their investors. This idea is known as bootstrapping, which is the process of developing a business with limited resources, without the financial and managerial support of an investor, more particularly an angel investor. So, in this case, the entrepreneur starts his business with little or no money, all the while



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ploughing back the funds generated by customer-driven business into the operations to achieve growth. A bootstrapped startup is characterized by full control of the founder over the business without the pressures of outside investors.

This provides the founder with elbow room to be flexible and agile in decision-making. The challenge to sustain the startup brings out creativity and resourcefulness in problem-solving. Combined with lean operations and focus on revenue generation, the founder manages to survive and thrive which leads to high founder satisfaction, selfreliance and long-term sustainable growth. Although it is difficult to

dampen the spirit of entrepreneurship, the statistics sure leave us disheartened. According to an article in Harvard Business Review by Prof. Tom Eisenmann, nearly 63 per cent of startups never end up with a positive return. By another metric, only 15 per cent of startups ever see through their first round of funding. So, in situations where the survival of startups is difficult, being bootstrapped

can make it even harder. While bootstrapping provides entrepreneurs with increased financial independence and control, there can be several disadvantages. Liquidity crunch is one of the major disadvantages of a bootstrapped enterprise. A steady flow of funds is essential for any operation and all the more important for a start-A bootstrapped company has

to generate enough profits to cover the daily operational expenses and more often than not, because of lack of financial cushion, it is difficult to withstand sudden economic crises, disruptions, and market downturns. Secondly, it is difficult for bootstrapped companies to attract and hire talented employees with limited budgets. Additionally, in such



situations, founders end up multi-tasking even though they may lack specialized skills in some of the key function areas of a business, like production, sales and marketing, new business development, and daily operations, which may affect long-term growth prospects.

So, are bootstrapped companies less valuable than funded companies? This is a quintessential question. Well, to answer this, let's try to see what is value. For starters, a company is valuable if, irrespective of its size, can develop a product or service and generate rev-

By doing so, over some time, the revenue base starts helping the company to grow organically and lo behold, it manages to cross the 'valley of death'. So, a company that can grow with its revenues and survive and sustain on a long-term basis is far more valuable than a funded company that can show growth metrics only on the backing of funding received, which may be short-lived, if it is unable to generate revenuebacked growth quickly. Therefore, in a start-up world where 9 out of 10 startups fail, bootstrapped startups have a greater chance of survival as they are 55 per cent more likely to establish positive cash flows within the first three years of operations and generate a sustainable revenue

This makes their failure rate 47 per cent lower than VC-funded startups. What one cannot ignore is the fact the value of a bootstrapped startup also comes from the intangible qualities of the founder like determination, passion, grit, resourcefulness and agility. These qualities are the mainstay of any bootstrapped start-up that navigates it through the uncertain world of entrepreneurship. They are like the secret ingredients for the success of a bootstrapped startup - a battle between the wit and creativity of a founder versus

the deep pockets of a VC. By focusing on customer acquisition and revenue generation, bootstrapped startups demonstrate their qualities of innovation, resourcefulness, flexibility and agility, in navigating the uncertain world of entrepreneurship. By keeping themselves lean and using costeffective strategies, bootstrapped startups facilitate higher profit margins that in turn lead to long-term sustainable growth.

In a startup world that is fix-ated with high growth fancy ideas and flamboyant entrepreneurs, bootstrapped startups stand out as beacons of efficiency, proving that some-times slow and steady truly does win the race.

(The writer is a financilal analyst; views are personal)

ABVP started disrupting the UGBM. They heckled JNUSU

President Dhananjay, Vice President Avijit Ghosh, and

Joint Secretary Mohammad

Sajid, as well as other students

who came to share their views. They also directed casteist slurs

at Dhananjay, calling him 'neech'," the statement said.

According to the JNUSU, ABVP

members also threatened Sajid, saying "tumko bhi Najeeb bana

denge", a reference to the disap-

pearance of Najeeb Ahmed (a student of JNU who went miss-

ing from his hostel in 2016). JNUSU President Dhananjay

said, "Ever since a Dalit student has become the president of JNUSU, ABVP and RSS are

worried. Yesterday I was

abused with casteist slurs, called 'neech' (lowly). They

think they will get away by

doing this, but it won't happen!

I have come to the university to

study while fighting Manuism

Didi appeals for communal accord during festivals

Bengal Chief Mamata
Banerjee has appealed to the people to maintain communal harmony during the festive seasons which has made Kolkata what it is --- the City of Joy.

Even as she went about inaugurating Kali Puja pandals across the city the Chief Minister told the gatherings to "celebrate Kali Puja and Diwali to promote mutual harmony and friendship and not to trig-ger riots." "There are people who use festivals to pursue their political interests ... there are others who take pleasure in criticising others ... I have no problem if you criticise me but please don't do anything that brings Kolkata and Bangla Maa (Mother Bengal) to disrepute," the Chief Minister said.

"I will ask people to enjoy the festival of lights but not indulge in communal tension or riots ... that is not what our Bengal is known for ... we live together ... we live in harmony and peace ... please do not indulge in any mischief or communal riot," Baneriee said.

In an apparent bid to woo a section of people who do not



speak Bengali as their mother tongue Banerjee said that her State makes no discrimination between citizens on the basis of caste, creed religion and embraces people of all hues with open arms.

"In Bengal people live together in harmony ... there is no quarrel ... everyone has equal rights ... I ask everyone of you who live here to make Bengal your own ... I assure you that you will get everything that you deserve in Bengal ... it is only in Bengal where no discrimination is made on food habits ... no one will as you as to what you eat ... whether you are a vegetarian or you are a nonvegetarian ... this is the same ideological foundation that our forefathers had lived with and strived for ... without Bengal there would not have been freedom struggle or there sance in India ... so we must respect the ethos of that Bengal," Banerjee said.

Banerjee's appeal came a day after BJP leader and cine star Mithun Chakrabarty --- during his speech in his party's meeting on membership drive --advocated a tit for tat for those "who would try to throw the 30 percent population of Musrshidabad district in the

regarding a serious breach of the model code of conduct by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, which took place during waters of Bhagirathi River." He was speaking in reference to a statement made by Trinamool Congress MLA Humayun the inauguration event of the integrated check post, passenger terminal and Maitri Dwar Kabir during general elections. He had then said that the men at Petrapole in North 24 Parganas," The TMC wrote to of his community constituted 70 percent of the population of the ECI seeking its "appropri-Murshidabad and it would ate directions/orders to staketake no time for him to throw the BJP supporters in the holders concerned to further waters of Bhagirathi (Ganga) if restrain Shah and the BJP leaders from violating the MCC guidelines ahead of the byethey committed any mischief. Bengal Opposition Leader Suvendu Adhikari too asked his Shah had during inauguration party's supporters to remain of an passenger-cum-goods terminal at the land port on the united or else they would be chopped off like the members of the minority community in Bangladesh. "Agar Bantoge to India-Bangladesh border

appealed to the people for bringing a "parivartan (change)" in 2026 Assembly elections He said that Bengal was in tur-

against Shattaf, who is also

wanted for multiple cases across

the State involving forgery and

In an official communication

addressed to Interpol, the Pune Superintendent of Police (SP)

stated with subject, "Request

regarding Provisional arrest of

fugitive Hussain Mehboob

Khokhawala alias Hussain

Mohammed Shattaf. We are for-

the use of fake documents. .

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Minister Amit Shah from mak-

going to November 13 by-elections.

"We seek your urgent attention

violation: TMC to ECI निर्वाचन सदन $T^{\text{he Trinamool Congress has}}_{\text{appealed to the Election}}$ NIRVACHAN SADAN Commission of India to take action against and restrain BJP भारत निर्वाचन आयोग leader and Union Home **ELECTION COMMISSION** ing political statements during official events in areas that were

> moil and the main reason of that disturbance was transborder infiltration. So "if you want to bring back a lasting peace in Bengal you will have to stop trans-border infiltration which cannot take place without a political change ... and in order to do so you will have to bring about a parivartan (change) in Bengal."

Act against Shah for MCC

Referring to his statements in Petropole --- which falls in North 24 Parganas district where two Assembly constituencies of Haroa and Naihati were going to by-polls --- the TMC said, "the politically charged remarks – calling for a 'parivartan' in 2026 – were in no way connected to the event in question."

As Shah "violated the directives" he should be served with "show-cause" notice, the TMC

The BJP hit back saying that the Home Minister had not made his comments within the area of any poll-bound constituency. "The TMC is trying to create controversy because they

They are gradually losing grounds beneath their feat," a State BJP leader said.

Six seats of Bengal going to bypolls are Sitai, Madarihat in Cooch Behar and Jalpaiguri districts of North Bengal, Haroa, Naihati in North 24 Parganas, Taldangra in Bankura and Medinipur in West Midnapore districts.

Two BJP leaders turn rebels, file

Clash erupts between Left outfits and ABVP at JNU meet in Delhi

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clash erupted between stu-Adents from the Left outfits and the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) early Tuesday during a University Governing Body Meeting (UGBM) at the Jawaharlal Nehru University over alleged derogatory remarks against Lord Ram.

The JNU Students' Union (JNUSU) alleged that the ABVP members hurled casteist

ABVP members hurled casteist slurs at office-bearers of JNUSU. The meeting was convened by the JNUSU to discuss their participation in the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) elections a body established to address sexual harassment complaints

The JNUSU has long been opposing the setting up of ICC in place of Gender Sensitization Committee Against Sexual Harassment (GSCASH) which was scrapped by the varsity in 2017. In a statement on Tuesday, the JNUSU alleged that ABVP members disrupted the proceedings of the UGBM by forcibly occupying the stage, and heckled and threatened its members. "As habitual offenders, the

and casteism in the society. And I will fight your casteist ideology till my last breath." The meeting, which lasted until 2:30 am, had to be adjourned due to the chaos. Meanwhile, the ABVP accused the Left students' outfits of

making derogatory remarks

against Lord Ram.

Sixteen days, **510** hoax threats, three arrests

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Meanwhile, in the wake of a significant rise in airline threat calls recently, the Investigation Agency (NIA) has intensified its security efforts across the nation. To address these growing threats, the NIA's cyber wing has launched a comprehensive analysis of these foreign threat calls. This investigation is focused on discerning the motives behind these calls and assessing their authenticity. Against the backdrop of a spate of hoax bomb threats to airlines, the IT Ministry has asked social media platforms to observe due diligence obligations and promptly remove or disable access to misinformation within the strict timelines prescribed under IT rules. Also, the civil viation ministry is looking to take legislative actions to tackle the menace of the hoax bomb threats to airlines. On Sunday, Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu said the Centre is mulling

steps to ban perpetrators, who

resort to hoax bomb threats,

Cops request Interpol to issue RCN against fugitive accused of killing merchant navy officer

Katoge ... ek rahoge to nek

rahoge (divided we stand slain

... in unity is our wellbeing)"

he told in the party meeting.

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Maharashtra Police has requested Interpol to issue a Red Corner Notice (RCN) and arrest against Hussain Shattaf, a fugitive accused of using forged documents to flee the country after allegedly murdering Captain Manmohan Singh Virdi, a merchant navy officer, in Lonavala, Maharashtra. Virdi was killed in Lonavala on May

Official sources said following the Bombay High Court's order, the police have written to India's Interpol wing, managed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), to expedite the RCN



warding the Interpol reference with all the necessary details for further action. It is requested to communicate with UAE authorities for the next steps". The authorities are hopeful that this move will facilitate Shattaf's swift arrest and extradition to

nominations as independents from Mumbai T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

n a major setback to the rul-Ling BJP, two of its leaders from Mumbai, including its former MP and two-time MLA Gopal Shetty, rebelled against the party and filed their nominations as Independents to contest the State Assembly polls scheduled for November

Seventy-year-old Shetty filed his nomination as an independent from Borivali in north Mumbai, after the BJP denied him ticket to contest the polls and nominated an "outsider" Sanjay Upadhyay, who is

presently the Secretary for BJP Maharashtra, as its candidate. In another jolt to the BJP, its former corporator Atul Shah turned a rebel and filed nomination as an independent candidate from Mumbadevi Assembly constituency after the party decided to allot the seat to its ally, the Shiv Sena

(Eknath Shinde). Tuesday was the last day for filing nominations for the State Assembly polls.

Significantly enough, the Shinde Sena has fielded Shaina NC, a senior BJP functionary till some days ago, from Mumbadevi constituency

against Amin Patel of the Congress. Shaina switched over to the Shinde Sena after chief minister Eknath Shinde offered her a ticket to contest the polls from his party's quota.

Talking to media after filing

nomination as an Independent,

Shetty --who was incidentally the former president of the BJP's Mumbai unit president said that he did not aspire for a ticket, but was upset over an 'outsider" being given the tick-

"The issue is not about me not getting a ticket. I did not ask for a ticket. But party workers suggested my name...One of the local Borivali workers should get a ticket," Shetty

Expressing his disappointment

over his being denied a BJP ticket, Atul Shah said: "I have been representing the Mumbadevi seat for the last several years now. Now, the ticket has been given to someone else.. This is not a musical chair. This is an election...The leadership should also know that if it is their mistake, there is still time to change it. We are loyalists of the party, we also make mistakes; mistakes can also be made by

the leadership.

NCB busts a 'Breaking

Army is the Boss...

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want to also emphasise that the Indian Army is a professional force and no disrespect to the mortal remains of the slain terrorist has been carried out. The encounter also led to the to Army officials, will be enemy position.

essential for securing the area. During Operation ASAN, He clarified the hardened Phantom, a Belgian Malinois vehicles were used to close in dog, from the Indian Army's made supreme sacrifice. Phantom, born on May 25, 2020, joined the Army in August 2022 and was part of the team pursuing the terrorists in the Sunderbani sector. He was recovery of war-like stores killed while helping security from the site, which, according forces advance toward the

Honouring Phantom's role, the White Knight Corps posted a heartfelt tribute on social media platform X. "We salute the sup me sacrifice of our true hero-a valiant Indian Army Dog, Phantom," the Corps posted. "As our troops were closing in on the trapped terrorists, Phantom drew enemy fire, sustaining fatal injuries. His courage, loyalty, and dedication will never be forgotten," the Army added.

Ghaziabad court turns battlefield as...

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They vandalised the police post at the court complex and sat on a protest outside the court. The lawyers shouted slogans against the judge. Meanwhile, the judges have stopped their work in protest against the misconduct. After the incident, all the

judges stopped working in the and run for cover.

court and the Bar Association called for a meeting. In July groups of lawyers caused chaos at Delhi's Tis Hazari court complex. Videos quickly surfaced showing some lawyers firing what looked like country-made pistols, with at least five to six rounds being shot, causing people to panic

Bad' plot, Tihar... From page 1

The lab was located in Kasana Industrial Area of district Gautam Budh Nagar. The two, according to the officer, were instrumental in establishing the illegal factory, procuring chemicals required for manufacturing methamphetamine from

importing the machinery. During a preliminary enquiry, it was revealed that a Delhi-based businessman, found at the factory during the raid, along with the Tihar

warden, "instrumental" establishing the illegal factory, procuring chemicals required for the drugs from various sources and importing the machinery, Singh said. As per the statement, chemicals like Acetone, Sodium Hydroxide, Methylene Chloride, Premium grade Ethanol, Toluene, Red phosphorus, Ethyl Acetate etc and imported machinery for manufacturing was also

found. The agency initially received a tip-off about the illegal laboratory being established in the national capital region (NCR) for the production of synthetic drugs like meth for export to other countries as well as consumption in India. Members of the Mexican cartel De Jalisco Nueva Generacion were also said to be involved.

Singh said: "Acting on information that a laboratory had been established in NCŔ of Delhi for production of synthetic drugs for

methamphetamine export to other countries as well as consumption in India, in which members of Mexican CJNG drug cartel (Cartel De Jalisco Nueva Generación), are also involved, NCB conducted search operation in a factory in Kasana Industrial Area, Gautam Budh Nagar district October 25, 2024 and found about kg Methamphetamine in solid and liquid forms. Chemicals like Acetone, Sodium during chemical processing.

Hydroxide, Methylene Chloride, Premium grade phosphorus, Ethyl Acetate etc and imported machinery for manufacturing were also found. The Delhi Police's special cell also participated in the operation as the drug network had footprints across several places in NCR of Delhi."

The businessman had previously been arrested by Department of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) in an NDPS case and had been lodged in Tihar Jail where he came in contact with the Jail warden who became his accomplice, the statement revealed. According to the website of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) of the United States, Cartel De Jalisco Nueva Generación is one of the five most dangerous transnational criminal

organisations in the world. It is responsible for trafficking tons methamphetamine, fentanyl-laced heroin into the United States.

The agency claims to have busted at least five clandestine labs this year so far in Gandhinagar and Amreli in Gujarat, Jodhpur and Sirohi in Rajasthan and Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

In the Bhopal case, a joint operation was undertaken by the NCB and the Gujarat ATS at the Bagroda industrial estate and about 907 kg of mephedrone and 7,000 kg of some other chemicals, along with machinery, were seized.

The NCB believes that considering the low cost of production of synthetic drugs like methamphetamine and mephedrone, the drug mafia is "increasingly shifting" to setting up such clandestine labs in industrial areas so that local law enforcement agencies are not alerted by the routine transportation of material and machinery, waste generated from laboratories and toxic fumes coming out of chimneys

Disengagement process almost...

from flying.

The sources have said that patrolling will begin at these once disengagement that began last week is completed and both sides will move their respective troops and temporary dismantle structures. Eventually, they added, the areas and be moved back to pre-April 2020 level. The patrolling will be done by

personnel and structures to be dismantled

include temporary sheds and tents, a source said. The process follows the agreement firmed up between the two countries on patrolling and disengagement of troops along the LAC in eastern Ladakh, major breakthrough to end the over

four-year standoff. The ties between the two countries had Asian patrolling status is expected to nosedived following a fierce clash in the Galwan Valley in June 2020 that marked the most serious military conflict between the two sides in

Misri on October 21 had said here that the agreement was finalised following negotiations over the past several weeks and that it would lead to a resolution of the issues that arose in 2020. On October 23, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and China President Xi Jinping endorsed the agreement on patrolling and disengagement along the LAC in eastern Ladakh during their bilateral meeting on the sidelines of

the BRICS Summit in Kazan

Noida man arrested for...

The Mumbai police have so far arrested 15 persons from different parts of the country for Baba Siddique's murder which took place as it did in the run-up to the State

Assembly polls, Salman Khan and his father Salim Khan have received multiple threats from the members of the gang run by incarcerated gangster

Lawrence Bishnoi It may be recalled that the Mumbai Police had some days

vegetable seller Jamshedpur, over a threat message received by Mumbai traffic police's WhatsApp helpline. Through his WhatsApp message, Shaikh Musin had demanded a Rs 5 crore ransom.

Simultaneously, the police had arrested one Sukha alias Sukhbir Balbir Singh, the key accused in the case involving the conspiracy to kill Slman Khan. Sukha was arrested from Panipat in Haryana by a visiting team of Panvel police, ago arrested Shaikh Hussain was produced before a court at

was among the several persons arrested in connection with the shoot-out that took place near actor Salman Khan's residence. It may be recalled that on April 14, 2024, two unidentified motorcycleborne miscreants, who were covering their faces with helmets, had opened four rounds of fire outside his Bandra (west) residence "Galaxy Apartment" in northwest Mumbai in the early hours of Sunday, before

speeding away immediately

after the shoot-out.

Over 150 injured in fireworks accident at Kerala...

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The firecrackers were burst in the temple premises without any legal permission, and the accident happened due to its careless handling and negligence by the accused, police said. Eight people were were taken into custody, a senior police officer said.

Though police earlier said were who burst firecrackers. The occurred incident hundreds of people, including women and children, had gathered to have a glimpse of

the shrine. Theyyam is a centuries-old ritualistic performance held at temples and 'kavus' (sacred firecrackers fell on the rest of

groves) in the Malabar (north Kerala) region of Kerala. The District Collector said on Tuesday that those who were seriously injured had 80 per

He further said that according to a preliminary probe, the fireworks storage facility and booked, and four of them the place where the crackers were being burst were close by. "The safety precautions not taken. The that all those booked are requirement of maintaining a temple committee members, minimum distance of 100 they later clarified that one meters between the two was among them is a local man not followed. No permission was taken either for storage of

fireworks," he added. As per the latest official update, of the total 21 people admitted to the intensive care the Theyyam performance at units, seven are under ventilator support, and one person is critically ill. Eyewitnesses said sparks from

the stocks stored nearby, leading to an explosion that scared away the people. The building also suffered serious damage. Its walls and roof were found broken down. Mobile phone footage, broadcast by television channels, showed hapless people getting scattered and running in panic after a thundering explosion and a ball of fire happened on one of the premises of the shrine. Over 154 people sustained serious and minor injuries in the accident, and at least 102 persons were seeking treatment in various hospitals in Kasaragod, Kannur, and Kozhikode districts and in Mangalore in neighbouring Karnataka, authorities said. Mobile phone footage broadcast by television channels showed the severity of the accident and the

distress of the helpless crowd gathered at the village temple. In the footage, a large crowd could be seen gathered on one side of the temple, with a Theyyam artist, dressed in ritualistic red performing amidst them.

A burst was heard, and a ball of fire and billowing smoke appeared on the other side of the shrine, an eyewitness recalled. People, including women and children, were seen scattering, running around, and urging others to move away. Many survivors said they were yet to recover from the shock and said they still had no clarity on what happened at midnight.

watching were Theyyam... Suddenly we heard a huge sound of explosion and fire at some distance. Luckily, we could move to a safer place," a

young man told TV channels on Tuesday. Everything was over within seconds. Several people suffered injuries in the stampede after the tragedy, said another eyewitness. Another man recounted the

presence of a huge crowd near the shed where the crackers were stored. "A large number of people were present near the shed. It was really difficult for them to run away to safety explosion the when happened," he said.

A spark from a cracker burst might have fallen into the shed and ignited the heaps of crackers stored there, an elderly person said. A young man, who suffered minor injuries, said those who burst the firecrackers ignored the repeated warnings by people not to bust them near the shed. Lok Sabha member Raj Mohan Unnithan said about 1,500

people participated in the temple ritual last night. "Over 10,000 people were expected to take part in the continuing rituals at the temple on Tuesday. If the accident happened today, what would have been its gravity?," he told TV channels.

Unnithan also blamed temple committee members and the police for the display of fireworks and accused them of not taking any mandatory checks on the fireworks stock and explosives used in it. Meanwhile, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Tuesday said she was disturbed by the news of the firecracker accident.

The Congress leader, in a post on social media platform 'X', said that her thoughts and prayers were with those injured in the incident and their families.

Israel passes laws to restrict work of UN agency that is lifeline for Gaza

raeli lawmakers passed two laws on Monday that could threaten the work of the main UN agency providing aid to people in Gaza by barring it from operating on Israeli soil, severing ties with it and labelling it a terror organisa-

The laws, which do not immediately take effect, signal a new low for a long-troubled relationship between Israel and the UN Israel's international allies said they were deeply worried about their potential impact on Palestinians as the Gaza war's humanitarian toll worsens.

Under the first law, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, or UNRWA, would be banned from conducting "any activity" or providing any service inside Israel. The second law would sever Israel's diplomatic ties

with the agency.

The laws risk collapsing the already fragile process for distributing aid in Gaza at a moment when Israel is under increased US pressure to ramp up aid. UNRWA's chief called them "a dangerous precedent".

Israel has alleged that some of UNRWA's thousands of staff members participated in the Hamas attacks last year that sparked the war in Gaza. It also has said hundreds of UNRWA staff have militant ties and that it has found Hamas military assets in or under the agency's facilities.

The agency fired nine employees after an investigation but denied it knowingly aids armed groups and said it acts quickly to purge any suspected militants from its ranks. Some of Israel's allegations prompted major international donors to cut funding to the agency, although some of it has been restored.

Israel has at times during the war raided or attacked UNRWA schools or other facilities, saying militants were operating there. UNRWA savs more than 200 of its employees have been killed during the war.

"The law that we passed now is not just another bill. It is a call for justice and a wake up call," said lawmaker Boaz Bismuth, who co-sponsored one of the bills. "UNRWA is not an aid agency for refugees. It is an aid

The head of UNRWA, Philippe Lazzarini, said the new laws

were part of an "ongoing campaign to discredit UNRWA". These bills will only deepen the suffering of Palestinians, especially in Gaza," he said on the social platform X.

The first vote passed 92-10 and followed a fiery debate between supporters of the law and its opponents, mostly members of Arab parliamentary parties. The second law was approved

An English language account on X for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel was ready to work with international partners to ensure it "continues to facilitate humanitarian aid to civilians in

The post did not say how, and it was not clear how the flow of aid would be affected once these bills take effect.

Together, the laws would effectively sever ties with the UN agency, strip it of legal immunities and restrict its ability to support Palestinians in east Jerusalem and the West Bank. The legislation does not protions to oversee its work.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said UNRWA would be prevented from doing UN General Assembly-mandated work if the laws are implemented. "There is no alternative to UNRWA," he said in a statement issued Monday night. Guterres called on Israel "to act consistently with its obliga-tions" under the UN Charter

and international law, as well as the privileges and immunities of the United Nations. "National legislation cannot alter those obligations," Guterres stressed in a state-

International allies of Israel's have opposed the move: The changes could be a serious blow to Palestinians in Gaza. More than 1.9 million Palestinians are displaced from their homes, and Gaza faces widespread shortages of food, water and medicine.

International aid groups and a handful of Israel's Western allies, including the US, have

voiced strong opposition.
US State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller,

speaking to reporters in Washington before the votes, said the administration was "deeply concerned" by the legislation. "There's nobody that can replace them right now in the middle of the crisis," he said. UNRWA provides education, health care and other basic services to millions of

Palestinian refugees across the region, including in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. The laws would go into effect 60 to 90 days after Israel's Foreign Ministry notifies the UN, according to the spokesperson of lawmaker Dan

of one of the laws. Death toll in Gaza surpasses 43,000 as Israeli raids continue: The death toll from more than a year of fighting has passed 43,000, officials in Gaza reported on Monday.

Illouz, one of the co-sponsors

The Palestinian Health Ministry's count does not distinguish between civilians and combatants but says more than half of the dead are women and children.

The rising death toll comes as Israel refocuses its offensive on Gaza's hard-hit north, including on a hospital from where the military says militants were operating. Israeli forces raided Kamal

Adwan Hospital on Friday. An Israeli military official, speaking on Monday on condition of anonymity in keeping with regulations, said there was heavy fighting around the hospital, though not inside it, and that weapons were found inside the facility. The military said Monday the raid had ended. Israel has raided several hospitals in Gaza over the course of the yearlong war, saying Hamas and other militants use them for military purposes. Palestinian medical officials deny those allegations and accuse the military of recklessly endangering civilians.

The Israeli military said it detained 100 suspected Hamas militants in the latest raid. The Israeli official said medical staff were detained and searched because some of the militants had disguised themselves as medics.

World Health Organisation accused Israel of detaining 44 male hospital staff. It was not immediately ancy in the figures. Palestinian medical officials said the hospital, which was treating some 200 patients, was heavily damaged in the raid.

The Israeli military has called on Palestinians to evacuate northern Gaza, where it has been waging a large offensive for more than three weeks. The official said the operation in the northern Gaza city of Jabaliya would last "several more

The UN said earlier this month at least 400,000 people are in northern Gaza, an area that was an early target of Israel's retaliatory war. Hunger there is rampant as the amount of humanitarian aid reaching the north has plummeted over the past month. The Israel-Hamas

war began after militants from Hamas and other groups stormed into Israel, killing some 1,200 people — mostly civilians — and abducting 250 others. The war has roiled the Middle East, setting off fighting between Israel and Hezbollah as well as between Israel and Iran, archenemies

who had long kept their conflict a shadow war but are now engaging in open fighting. International mediators

renew efforts for a Gaza cease**fire:** After collapsing in late summer, international mediators were trying to jump-start cease-fire efforts between Israel and Hamas. Israel said it would continue discussions on a halt in fighting after the head of the Mossad agency, David Barnea, returned from a meeting in Qatar with the head of the ČIA, David Burns, and the Qatari prime minister.

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi has suggested a two-day cease-fire in exchange for the release of four hostages. Israel appeared responsive to the idea.

One Israeli official said Israel was discussing the proposal both internally and with Egyptian officials. A second official said Netanyahu expressed enthusiasm for the proposal in a meeting with his Likud party on Monday. Both officials spoke on condi-

tion of anonymity because they were not authorised to discuss internal deliberations.

Satellite photos show Israeli strike hit Iran Revolutionary Guard missile base

 \mathbf{I} srael's attack on Iran likely damaged a base run by the paramilitary Revolutionary Guard that builds ballistic missiles and launches rockets as part of its own space programme, satellite images analysed by The Associated Press on Tuesday showed.

The damage at the base in Shahroud raises new questions about Israel's attack early Saturday, particularly as it took place in an area previously unacknowledged by Tehran and involved the Guard, a powerful force within Iran's theocracy that so far has remained silent about any possible damage it suffered from the assault.

Iran only has identified Israeli attacks as taking place in Ilam, programme.

provinces — not in rural Semnan province where the base is located.

It also potentially further restrains the Guard's ability to manufacture the solid-fuel ballistic missiles it needs to stockpile as a deterrent against Israel. Tehran long has relied on that arsenal as it cannot purchase the advanced Western weapons that Israel and Tehran's Gulf Arab neighbours have armed themselves with over the years, particularly from the United

Satellite photos earlier analysed by the AP of two military bases near Tehran also targeted by Israel shows sites there Iran uses in its ballistic missile manufacturing have been destroyed, further squeezing its

'We don't know if Iranian production has been crippled as some people are saying or just damaged," said Fabian Hinz, a missile expert and research fellow at the International Institute for Strategic Studies who studies Iran. "We've seen enough imagery to show there's an impact."

Iran's mission to the United Nations did not immediately respond to a request for comment, nor did the Israeli mili-

Images show major building at Shahroud base destroyed: High-resolution satellite images from Planet Labs PBC taken for and analysed by the AP showed the damage at the Guard's Shahroud Space Centre in Semnan, some 370 kilometres northeast of the Iranian capital, Tehran. Semnan also hosts the Imam Khomeini Space Centre, which is used by Iran's civilian space programme. The images showed a central, major building at the Shahroud Space Centre had been destroyed, the shadow of its

ing. Vehicles could be seen gathered around the site, likely from offi-cials inspecting the damage, with more cars than normal parked at the site's main gate

still-standing frame seen in the image taken Tuesday morn-

Three small buildings just to the south of the main structure also appeared to be damaged. Iran has been constructing new buildings at the base in recent months. Another hangar to the northeast of the main building also appeared to have been damaged.

Israeli strike in northern Gaza kills 60: Hezbollah announces new leader

AP DEIR AL-BALAH (GAZA STRIP)

An Israeli strike on a five-story building where displaced Palestinians were sheltering in the northern Gaza Strip killed at least 60 people early Tuesday, more than half of them women and children, Gaza's Health Ministry said. In a separate development, Lebanon's militant group Hezbollah said it has chosen

Sheikh Naim Kassem to succeed longtime leader Hassan Nasrallah, who was killed in an Israeli airstrike last month. Hezbollah vowed to continue with Nasrallah's policies "until victory is achieved." Israel also faced backlash from aid groups after its parliament passed legislation that could

severely restrict the ability of

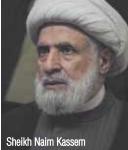
the UN agency for Palestinian

refugees to operate in the

Palestinian territories.

The agency, known as UNRWA, is the largest aid provider in Gaza. Israel has long accused it of militant ties, allegations denied by the A spokesperson for the UN

children's agency said the decision "means that a new way has been found to kill children." Hezbollah's new leader has vowed to keep fighting Israel: Hezbollah said in a statement that its decision-making Shura Council elected Kassem, who had been Nasrallah's deputy leader for over three decades, as the new secretary-general. Kassem, 71, a founding member of the militant group estab-lished following Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon, had been serving as acting leader. He has given several televised speeches vowing that Hezbollah will fight on despite a string of set-



backs. Hezbollah began firing rockets into Israel, drawing retaliation, after Hamas' surprise attack out of Gaza on October 7, 2023, triggered the war there. Iran, which backs both groups, has also directly traded fire with Israel, in April and then again this month. The tensions with Hezbollah boiled over in September, as Israel unleashed a wave of heavy airstrikes and killed Nasrallah and most of his senior commanders. Israel launched a ground invasion into Lebanon at the start of October. Hezbollah fired dozens of rockets into northern Israel on Tuesday, killing at least one person in the north-ern city of Maalot-Tarshiha, authorities said.

Strike in northern Gaza comes as Israel wages a major operation there: Even as attention has shifted to Lebanon and Iran in recent weeks, Israel has continued to wage a large operation in northern Gaza and to carry out airstrikes across the territory.

Dr Marwan al-Hams, director of the field hospitals' depart-ment at the Gaza Health Ministry, announced the toll from Tuesday's strike in the northern town of Beit Lahiya at

Petition seeking ban on Awami League withdrawn

PTI DHAKA

Awrit petition filed in a high court in Bangladesh seeking a ban on ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League and several other parties was withdrawn on Tuesday. Leaders of the anti-discrimina-

tion students' movement, which led to the ouster of Hasina's 15year regime on August 5, on Monday in a petition in Dhaka High Court sought the court's directions to prevent the Awami League and 10 other parties from conducting political activ-

ities in the country. Court officials and lawyers said three top leaders or coordinators of the movement — Sarjis Alam, Hasnat Abdullah and Hasibul Islam — decided not to proceed with the petition that also questioned the past three general elec-tions in 2014, 2018 and 2024 which installed Hasina-led Awami League to power.

The elections were staged amid allegations of massive vote manipulation or boycott by the main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) led by ed an apology from the petitionformer prime minister Begum

The CPB said they might have Khaleda Zia and several other been mentioned out of a misunderstanding, and the Jatiya Party (Ershad) said they would address parties. The movement leaders. however, preferred not to prothe matter through legal means. The right-wing LDP and leftceed with the second writ either that questioned the legitimacy of these three parliamentary elecwing CPB were harsh critics of tions. The two writs, listed by a the Awami League regime and two-member high court bench for hearing on Tuesday, were did not take part in the elections. The BNP, which has appeared as the major political force in withdrawn as the proceedings began in the morning. The peti-Bangladesh politics following Hasina's ouster, however, said tioners' lawyers informed the they opposed a ban on any bench that their clients would not proceed with the writs. political party for inclusiveness Alongside Awami League, the in elections. Meanwhile, the interwrit petition was filed against im government on Monday evening said it had yet not Jatiya Party (Ershad), Jatiya Party (Manju), Ganatantri Party, Jatiya decided upon banning any polit-Samajtantrik Dal, Bikalpa Dhara ical party. Bangladesh, Bangladesh Tarikat

"The government only has banned Bangladesh Chhatra League (pro-Awami League student organisation). It did not decide at this point to ban any other political party," a spokesman from the Bangladesh interim government's media wing said in a briefing.

Boat carrying migrants capsizes off Libyan coast

Aboat carrying 13 Egyptian migrants to Europe has cap-sized off Libya's coast, killing all on board except for one person, local authorities and a Libyan group said Tuesday. Al-Abreen, a group that provides humanitarian assistance to migrants in Libya, said on Facebook that the boat capsized 60 kilometers east of the city of Tobruk on Monday evening.

One migrant survived, according to the group, which said the bodies were recovered and brought to shore.

The Directorate for Combating Illegal Migration in Tobruk also confirmed the incident. In recent years, the North African

nation has become the dominant transit point for migrants fleeing war and poverty in Africa and the Middle East.

Last month, a migrant boat carrying 32 people capsized off the Libyan coast due to engine failure, leaving one person dead and 22 others missing, according to Libyan authorities.

US President Biden hosts Diwali celebration at White House

PTI WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden on Monday hosted a Diwali celebration at the White House that was attended by more than 600 eminent Indian Americans, including Congressmen, officials, and corporate executives, from across the country.
"As President, I've been hon-

oured to host the biggest Diwali receptions ever at the White House. To me, it means a great deal. As Senator, Vice President, and President; South Asian Americans have been key members of my staff. From Kamala to Dr. Murthy to so many of you here today, I'm proud that I kept my commitment to have an administration that looks like America," Biden said in a standing-only packed East Room of the White House.

Vice President Kamala Harris and First Lady Dr Jill Biden could not attend the event as they are on the campaign trail. Biden's remarks were preceded

by Vice Admiral Vivek H. American community has Murthy, US Surgeon General; enriched every part of Sunita Williams, Retired Navy American life. "That's the truth. Officer and NASA Astronaut who sent a recorded video message from the International Space Station and Shrusti Amula, Indian-American Youth Activist who introduced the

president. In late November 2016, a dark cloud formed from hate and hostility toward immigrants, including South Asian Americans. We hear once again in 2024. It was then that Jill and I hosted the first Diwali reception and it was at the Vice President's residence. An Irish Catholic President, Vice President at the time, opened our home for holiday celebrations by Hindus, Buddhists, Jainists, Sikhs, and more. How America reminds us all of our power to be the light, all of us," he said.

Biden, who lit the formal diva in the Blue Room of the White House, said the South Asian

That is among the fastest-growing, most engaged communities in the country you are now," he said.

"On this day in America, we think about that journey of light. Early in our nation's founding, A generation before diya, in the shadow of suspicion, now in a time Diwali is celebrated openly and proudly here in the White House. We also know today we face an inflection point," he said.

One of those rare moments that only come once every several generations, where the decisions we make today will determine the future to come for decades, literally. Every generation has been called to move us forward, to be the nation we say we are. But only once in every few generations, we are reminded not to take the idea of America for granted, because it's never guaranteed. That moment is now,

Biden said. "American democracy has never been easy. In a country as diverse as ours, we debate, we dissent as we forge a path forward through compromise and consensus. But the key is we never lose sight of how we got here and why. For me, 50 years of public service comes with the clarity of confidence in America. We're a nation with a heart, a soul that draws from old

and new," he said. "In America, everything runs deep, especially the courage to serve and protect, to heal and to bear witness, to immigrate, to dare to dream. With my presidency, I've tried to chan-nel that American spirit by bringing to bear all my experiences and wisdom gained from it, and to get us through one of the most difficult periods in our nation's recent history, and to be a bridge between generations, like in memory and imagination,

After India, Brazil will also not join China's BRI

In a major setback to China's BRI, Brazil has decided against joining Beijing's multibillion-dollar initiative becoming the second country after India in the BRICS bloc not to endorse the mega project.

Brazil, headed by President Lula da Silva, will not join the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and instead seek alternative ways to collaborate with Chinese investors, Celso Amorim, special presidential adviser for international affairs,

said on Monday. Brazil wants to "take the relationship with China to a new level, without having to sign an accession contract", he told Brazilian newspaper O Globo. "We are not entering into a treaty," Amorim said, explaining that Brazil does not want to take Chinese infrastructure and trade projects as "an insurance policy".

According to Amorim, the aim is to use some of the Belt and Road framework to find "synergy" between Brazilian infrastructure projects and the investment funds associated with the initiative, without necessarily formally joining the group, the Hong Kongbased South China Morning Post quoted him as saying.
The Chinese "call it the belt [and road] ... and they can give whatever names they want, but what matters is that there are projects that Brazil has

Federation, Communist Party of

Bangladesh (CPB), Liberal Democratic Party (LDP),

Communist Party of Bangladesh

(Marxist-Leninist) (Barua), and

Workers Party of Bangladesh.

In response to their inclusion in

the petition, the LDP demand-

Beijing]", Amorim said. The decision contradicts China's plans to make Brazil's joining of the initiative a centrepiece of Chinese President Xi Jinping's state visit to Brasilia on November 20, the Post

defined as a priority and that

may or may not be accepted [by

reported. Officials from Brazil's economy and foreign affairs ministries recently voiced opposition to

the idea, it said.

The prevailing opinion in Brazil was that joining China's flagship infrastructure project would not only fail to bring any tangible benefits for Brazil in the short term but could also make relations with a potential Trump administration more difficult. Last week, Amorim and the president's chief of staff Rui Costa travelled to Beijing to discuss the initiative. According to sources, they returned "unconvinced and unimpressed" by China's offers, the Post reported.

Lula did not attend this month's BRICS summit at Kazan due to an injury and his close associate and former Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff currently heads the Shanghai-BRICS based Development Bank (NDB). BRICS originally consisted of Brazil, Russia, India, China

and South Africa. Egypt,

Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia,

and the United Arab Emirates have been admitted as new members. Brazil will be the second member of the BRICS after India not to endorse the BRI. India was the first country to voice reservations and stood steadfast in its opposition to BRI, a pet project of Chinese President Xi Jinping to further the global influence of China with investments to build infrastructure projects.

India has protested against China for building the USD 60 China-Pakistan billion Economic Corridor (CPEC), stated to be the flagship project of the BRI through the Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK) in violation of its sovereignty.

India is also vocal about its criticism of BRI projects stating they should be based on universally recognised international norms, good governance, and the rule of law and follow principles of openness, transparency and financial sustain-

China subsequently faced criticism that the BRI projects in smaller countries like Sri Lanka, especially for its take-over of the Hambantota for a 99-year lease as a debt swap turned out to be debt traps resulting in a deep financial crisis in both smaller countries. Indian diplomats here point out that besides staying away from three annual high-profile meetings of the BRI in Beijing in the past few years, India continued to voice its opposition to it both in the BRICS and Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, (SCO). US Trade Representative Katherine Tai recently urged Brazil to view the proposal to join BRI through an "objective lens" and "risk management".

The Chinese embassy in Brasilia called her remarks "irresponsible" and "disrespect-ful". China's state-run Global

Times in an editorial on Monday termed Tai's comments against BRI as "steeped in the spectre of "Monroe Doctrine".

"Brazil does not need others to dictate who to cooperate with or what kind of partnerships to conduct, and the normal economic and trade cooperation between China and Latin American countries should not be subject to scrutiny from third countries," it said.

"Currently, the US is attempting to build a "small yard, high fence" against China in Brazil and other Latin American countries", it said. "The cooperation between China and Brazil not only aligns with the interests of both countries but also meets the need for the Global South to build a more just and equitable international economic order. This trend is something that Washington cannot stop,'

Germany recalls envoy from Iran

ermany protested to Iran on Tuesday over the execution of Iranian German prison-er Jamshid Sharmahd, who lived in the US and was kidnapped in Dubai in 2020 by Iranian security forces, and recalled its ambassador to Berlin for consultations.

The Foreign Ministry wrote on the social network X that Iran's charge d'affaires in Berlin was summoned to hear "our sharp protest" against Tehran's action and added that it reserves the right to take "further measures". It didn't elaborate.

At the same time, German Ambassador Markus Potzel "protested in the strongest terms against the murder of Jamshid Sharmahd" to the Iranian foreign minister, it

said. German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock then recalled him to Berlin for consultations.

Sharmahd, 69, was put to death in Iran on Monday on terrorism charges, the country's judi-ciary said. That followed a 2023 trial that Germany, the US and international rights groups dismissed as a sham.

He was one of several Iranian dissidents abroad in recent vears either tricked or kidnapped back to Iran as Tehran began lashing out after the collapse of its 2015 nuclear deal with world powers including Germany. Iran accused Sharmahd, who lived in Glendora, California, of planning a 2008 attack on a mosque that killed 14 people — including five women and a child.

Looking forward to advancing EU-India FTA talks: Pedro Sánchez

Spanish President Pedro Sánchez on Tuesday said he looks forward to advancing EU-India FTA negotiations, highlighting the "enormous" potential for a stronger relationship between India and the 27-nation European Union bloc, including Spain. The European Union (EU)-India proposed a free trade agreement (FTA) aimed at further boosting bilateral trade and investments between the two regions. The two sides are negotiating FTA, investment protection treaty

and agreement on geographical indications (GIs)."The potential for a stronger relationship between India and the European Union (including Spain) is enormous. Spain is one of the largest economies in the world and has invested USD 4.2

markets grow in size and

diversity," Sánchez observed while addressing the CII Spain India Business Summit in Mumbai, a statement issued by the industry body said. This is Spanish President Sánchez's first visit to India.

"We have a lot to offer to India with our experience in solar billion in India... We look and wind power. Our forward to advancing expertise can help India reach negotiations on a European its goal of 500 gigawatts of Union-India free trade renewable energy by 2030. We agreement. This will help our are committed to partnering with India to boost its energy

security and green transition. By combining innovation with Spanish India's potential, we can make a big impact on the global economy the environment, President Sánchez said.

.He expressed willingness on part of Spanish engineering firms in terms of sharing their expertise in creating efficient and sustainable transport systems. During the summit, Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road

Transport and Highways of India, said, "Our Prime Minister's dream is to make India carbon neutral by 2070. Whether it's fossil fuel or energy, green energy and green mobility are now priorities. I am pleased that many technologies are available in Spain that have great potential in India.

Joint ventures can reduce increase costs and competitiveness in the global

Renault Nissan Automotive's Tamil Nadu plant produces over 45 lakh units

The manufacturing facility of automaker Renault Nissan Automotive India Pvt Ltd in Tamil Nadu has reached a milestone of producing over 45 lakh powertrain units since commencing operation in 2010, the company said.
The 600 acre facility at
Oragadam near here,
caters to domestic and
overseas market requirements for Renault and Nissan.

Since the start of production, the factory produces Renault and Nissan brand of cars with over 2.75 million cars being produced till date, while the plant has produced seven different type of engines and three varieties of gearboxes.

The milestone of producing over 4.5 million powertrain units at the factory includes 2.83 million engines and 1.67 million gearboxes, the company said in a statement on Tuesday.



world." Nissan Automotive India Pvt Ltd managing director Keerthi Prakash also produced more than 1.60 lakh units of "electric said."Looking to the future, as part of the USD 600 million investment announced by the Renault Nissan alliance, we are reducer readying our infrastructure to produce

vehicle reducer components" for exports.
"The production of 4.5 million powertrain units is a very important milestone for RNAIPL. In addition to powering the cars produced at our Chennai plant, we have also exported powertrain units and components to other countries around

the casting shop, machining them to perfect dimensions at the Renault machining shop and assembling them at the Assembly shop.
The plant has the capacity

to produce engines with ranges from 800 cc to 1500 cc. It also houses facilities required for the engines and gearboxes for our new models," he added. The facility also produces various engine parts, such as cylinder head, cylinder block at manufacturing gearboxes including gear and shaft machining, clutch house machining and gear heat treatment, the statement added.



No shortage of crude oil in world: Hardeep Singh Puri

PTI ■ CHANDIGARH

Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Tuesday said there is no shortage of crude oil in the world and enough refining capacity in the country to the domestic meet requirements.

Referring to geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, the minister said it was his personal assessment that amount of crude, which was things will calm down, noting that it is in everybody's interest not to allow

"There is no shortage of crude oil in the world," said Puri while replying to a question on the sidelines of an event regarding 'Rozgar Mela' here. "Prior to all these developments, the total



produced in the world, was close to 105 million barrels a day. OPEC+, a group of exaggeration to take place producing countries, because everyone suffers. voluntarily cut about 5 countries,

million barrels (a day). "If you talk to them, they will say they do not deal with prices but if you limit the quantity which comes into the market, then you are obviously affecting prices. It insurance cost, cost of freight,

came down to 97 (million

barrels)," he said. "Then you have geopolitical tensions. What happens in geopolitical tension in a particular area, oil takes a different route so cost of freight goes up, cost of insurance goes up," he said. "How do you calculate the prices of oil? International price of crude, you add

refiners' margin and dealers' margin.
"And in all that we are still

amongst the lowest prices of petrol and diesel in the world. Why? Because on two occasions the Prime Minister in November 2021 and May 2022, we reduced the central excise duty," he said. Further, he said, "Today there

is no shortage of oil and even today after all these geopolitical tensions, Iran, Israel, etc, prices of oil should be around 72-73 dollars a barrel. The market is factoring these things in." He added that there is also no shortage of refining capacity

"We have about 270 million metric tonnes per annum and are already raising it to 310. "There is enough crude available in the market, there is enough refining capacity

and we have a very good distributors network. We have a very good arrangement with them. So there is no apprehension there," the minister said.

"If you are asking me a question that what will happen in the Middle East, three months from now and six months from now. It is my personal assessment that things will calm down.

It is in everybody's interest not to allow exaggeration to take place because everyone suffers."If oil supplies get disrupted, freight rate goes up, insurance rate goes up and I am hoping that it does not happen," he added.
Puri said new oil is coming

into the market. "Brazil is getting another 4,00,000 barrels a day. The US is likely to bring more oil to the market," he said.

Government asks manufacturers to cut price of three anti-cancer drugs

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

vehicle

The government has asked the companies to reduce prices of three anti-cancer drugs to pass on the benefit of customs duty exemption and GST reduction to the consumers.

In line with the government's commitment to ensure the availability of drugs at affordable prices, the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Pricing Authority (NPPA) has issued an office memorandum directing the concerned manufacturers to reduce the MRP on three anti-cancer drugs, Trastuzumab, Osimertinib Durvalumab.

This is in pursuance to the announcement made in the Union Budget for the year



2024-25 exempting these three anti-cancer medicines from customs duty, the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers said in a statement. The Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, issued a notification dated July 23, this year reducing the customs duty to nil on the three drugs. "Accordingly, there should be a reduction in MRP of these drugs in the market and benefits of reduced taxes and duties should be passed on to the consumers," the ministry

Hence, NPPA has directed all the manufacturers of abovementioned drugs to reduce their MRP, it added. The manufacturers

required to issue a price list or supplementary price list to the dealers, state drugs controllers and government indicating changes and to submit information regarding price changes to NPPA, the changes to ministry said.

While presenting the Union Budget for 2024-25 in the Lok Sabha, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed to cut customs duties on Trastuzumab. Osimertinib and Durvalumab

IRF seeks reduction of GST on helmets to zero per cent

PTI NEW DELHI

Welcoming the government's campaign against the use of substandard helmets, the International Road Federation (IRF) on Tuesday demanded reduction nationwide of GST on the protective gear to 0 per cent from the present 18 per cent.

To enhance road safety and protect consumers from substandard helmets, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs but also demands reduction (MCA) has written to district of GST on helmets to zero per collectors (DCs) and district cent from the present 18 per magistrates (DMs) to launch a cent as India accounts for



campaign targeting manufacturers and retailers who sell noncompliant helmets for twowheeler riders.

"IRF welcomes the campaign against substandard helmets

about 11 per cent of road accident deaths worldwide," IRF President Emeritus K K Kapila said in a statement. Kapila added that helmet usage in India has been found to be low and it has been noticed that most twowheeler riders fall in the economically weaker and lower income groups and prefer to purchase helmets that are cheaper and inferior in quality.

Currently, the applicable rate of GST on helmets -- a lifesaving protective gear -- is 18

Tata Power, IndusInd Bank partner to provide finance for solar projects

PTI NEW DELHI

in India.

Tata Power Renewable Energy Ltd has partnered with IndusInd Bank to offer financing options to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) for solar installations.

This alliance will provide MSEs with collateral-free solar financing, by offering loans ranging from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 2 crore, Tata Power Renewable Energy said in a statement on Tuesday.

These loans, contingent on the bank's credit approval, require a 20 per cent margin and come with competitive interest rates, offering terms of up to 7 years, the company

Deepesh Nanda, CEO & MD,



Tata Power Renewable Energy said, "Through a partnership with IndusInd Bank, we are facilitating easy financing opportunities for MSEs (Micro and Small opportunities for MSEs (Micro and Small Enterprises) to adopt solar energy, which will not only help them reduce operational costs but also actively contribute to the green energy transition.

ltra-luxury real estate market gains momentum

PNS NEW DELHI

The ultra-luxury real estate segment in Delhi-NCR has been experiencing remarkable growth, driven by rising demand from affluent buyers seeking exclusive, high-end properties in prime locations. With areas like Golf Course Road, South Delhi, and Noida Expressway emerging as preferred destinations. developers are increasingly focusing on projects that offer premium amenities, innovative architecture, and unparalleled privacy. KREEVA, the luxury real

estate arm of Kanodia Group,

has announced an ambitious expansion plan aimed at transforming the Delhi-NCR real estate landscape. Over the next 12-18 months, KREEVA will launch three ultra-luxury projects in prime NCR locations, aiming to generate an estimated revenue of INR 4000-6000 crore. The projects, featuring high-rise developments with state-of-the-art amenities, cater to

affluent buyers and set new standards for luxury living. The five-year expansion strategy includes acquiring prime land across Golf Course Road, Southern Peripheral Road, South Delhi, and the

Noida Expressway. Targeting high-end clientele, KREEVA plans to launch at least one flagship project each year, with a commitment to innovation, exclusivity, and sustainability. Dr. Gautam Kanodia, Founder of KREEVA and Kanodia Group, stated, "We see immense potential in the evolving luxury market. Our projects will redefine luxury living through design excellence and sustainable practices." KREEVA CEO Mayank Jain added, "Our goal is to deliver projects that exceed market expectations, reinforcing KREI position in the segment."

Significant growth opportunity for renewable energy sector in India

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $T^{\text{here is significant growth}}_{\text{ opportunity }} \quad \text{for } \\ \text{renewable energy sector in}$ India, as the country's growing energy demand along rapid with industrialization needs all resources energy, of including solar and wind, according to an international sustainable development

agency in Vienna.
The Indian government has shown both a deep as well as a continued commitment to renewable energy, said Kanika Chawla, Director and Chief of Staff at 'Sustainable Energy For All' (SEforALL).

Speaking to PTI on the sidelines of Singapore very kWh of RE generates International Energy Week held in October 21-25, Chawla said there is more manufacturing (renewable methods). Singapore there times as many jobs compared to thermal. India is also exploring geothermal options in

performance-linked incentives for



security and reduces import that the offshore exploration dependence. that the offshore exploration underway for wind energy, Tamil Nadu.

energy) happening within India which also improves and Ladakh, she said, adding dependence. underway for wind energy, and the large-scale options are available in Gujarat and

and as such calls for reducing the cost of renewable energy

Solar prices have been reduced significantly over the last decade, making it the cheapest renewable produced compared to anywhere in the

Given the country's appetite for electricity, every kind of fuel is needed. And for that reason, wind has the scope to be a good mix in the national energy basket, highlighted

However, India will have to manufacturing. All this is She noted that India remains learn from the global subsea

projects and technologies for such transmission methods. She noted priorities set by

the Green Hydrogen Mission and efforts that are underway, such partnerships with international companies and technological transfer arrangements.

India is also working on nuclear energy and has nuclear plants for power. But the challenge here is the long-lead time taken to build and critical-commissioning of a nuclear plant with safety and security concerns.
Comparatively, solar projects have a record of being implemented within 18-24 months.

Presenting the latest update on power sector at the Singapore conference, Harish Dudani, member Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, said "In just a short span, from FY 2015-16 to FY 2023-24, there has been an expansion in solar and wind power from 40 GW to 143 GW.

"This tremendous growth highlights India's capability to scale up renewable capacity at an unprecedented capacity at an unprecedented pace, positioning the country as one of the global leaders in energy transition," she said. India has taken a pledge to achieve about 50 per cent cumulative electric power installed capacity from noninstalled capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030 at COP 26 Glasgow.

For Green Transition, India has set an ambitious target of 500 GW of variable renewable energy capacity by 2030.

They announced a Net Zero target year of 2070. statement.

I-T department notifies range for transfer pricing cases

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The income tax department has notified the tolerance range for variation between arm's length price and transfer pricing for international and specified domestic transactions for Assessment Year 2024-25.

The range has been retained at the same level as last year's -- one per cent for "wholesale trading" and three per cent for all other taxpayers, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said.

The term 'wholesale trading' will be defined as an international transaction or specified domestic transaction of trading in goods subject to certain conditions.

The notification of tolerance range shall provide certainty to taxpayers and reduce the risk perception associated with the pricing of a transaction in transfer pricing," the CBDT said in a

INBRIEF

POWERGRID EMBARKS VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK

GURUGRAM: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a Maharatna PSU under Ministry of Power, Government of India, kickstarted Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW) 2024 through a walkathon led by Shri R. K. Tyagi, CMD



D-ZONE YOUTH FESTIVAL FROM OCTOBER 29



AMRITSAR: The D-Zone (Kapurthala, Nawanshar) District Colleges) Youth Festival of Guru Nanak Dev University will be held from October 29 to 30, 2024. Prof. Preet Mohinder Singh Bedi, Dean Student's Welfare said that a 500 student-artists from various colleges will participate in 36 items of this festival.

CELESTIAL CARNIVAL ORGANIZED AT GNDU

AMRITSAR: The long-awaited Celestial Carnival, organized by the Department of Social Sciences of Guru Nanak Dev University at Asia House. The atmosphere was electric with the enthusiasm of both students and faculty, their energies reverberating through the venue and heralding the festive season.



SPANIARDS RODRI, BONMATÍ WIN BALLON D'OR AWARD

panish midfielders Rodri and Aitana Bonmatí won the men's and women's Ballon d'Or award for the world's best soccer player.
The 28-year-old Rodri on

Monday won the prestigious award for the first time after helping Manchester City win the Premier League and being a key player in Spain's European Championship triumph. He succeeded eight-time winner Lionel Messi of Argentina.

Rodri put his hands over his face when his name was read out by former winner George

"Incredible night for me," said Rodri, who is out for the season after injuring his ACL last month and arrived on crutches to the ceremony. "One of my key things is I always try to improve every

game."
The 26-year-old Bonmatí retained her award after helping Barcelona win the Spanish league, the Spanish

cup and the Champions League. Bonmatí joined Barca teammate Alexia Putellas in winning two titles since the women's trophy was first awarded in 2018. She beat her teammates Caroline Graham Hansen of Norway and Salma Paralluelo of Spain as Barcelona completed a 1-2-3. "It's a pleasure to be here again," said Bonmatí, who received the award from Oscar winner Natalie Portman.

'Thanks to my teammates and the clubs who make me a better football player every

Vinícius Júnior was among the four men's finalists with his Real Madrid teammates Jude Bellingham and Dani Carvaial. But no one from Madrid attended the gala in central Paris, even though Carlo Ancelotti won the coach of the year award.

Vinícius had been seen as one of the favourites for the award until making the decision not to travel to Paris for the ceremony. The decision was made by Madrid, according to

Vinícius and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak about the player's whereabouts publicly.

Vinícius finished second in the voting, with Bellingham third. Neither Messi nor Cristiano Ronaldo - winners of the prestigious individual award a combined 13 times - were in the running for this year's prize - the first time that's happened since 2003. While Rodri is not a

flamboyant player or a prolific scorer like Messi and Ronaldo, he had a huge influence on City's team with his ability to protect the defense and distribute passes cleanly from the back.

"I try to be a leader and try to improve every day from the best," Rodri said.

City looked unbeatable at times with him in the side, while his excellent technical ability enabled him to slot smoothly into the quick-passing style made so effective



by Spain at Euro 2024. Bonmatí scored 19 goals for the second straight season for Barca and this year has netted five in five games for Spain, taking her international tally

The Ballon d'Or was created by France Football magazine and has been awarded since 1956 for the men, and since 2018 for the women. It is voted for by journalists from the top 100 countries in the FIFA rankings.

rankings.
Each journalist, one per country, selects 10 players in ranked order, with points attributed to each position. The winner is the player who receives the most points. Unlike FIFA's awards for the best players each year, fans aren't part of the voting

YAMAL'S TROPHY AND OTHER AWARDS: On a good night for Spain and Barca players, teen prodigy Lamine Yamal - the youngest-ever scorer at a European Championship - won the Kopa award for best Under-21 player

women's team award. Real Madrid was voted the best men's team.

Former PSG forward Kylian Mbappé and Bayern Munich striker Harry Kane shared the Gerd Mueller award for most club and country goals last season with 52. Mbappé joined Madrid during the off-season. Argentina's penalty-saving specialist Emiliano Martínez retained the Lev Yashin award

for best goalkeeper. Ancelotti and Olympicwinning coach Emma Hayes won the Johan Cruyff award for best men's and women's

Spain forward Jenni Hermoso, who has fought sexism in Spanish soccer after she was kissed on the lips at last year's Women's World Cup final by former federation president Luis Rubiales, collected the Socrates award humanitarian work.

A special award was given by France Football to the wife and son of late Germany great Franz Beckenbauer.

Disappointed to miss out on final, but happy to win bronze: Jr hockey team skipper

Indian junior men's hockey team captain Amir Ali admitted that they were disappointed after failing to qualify for the final of the Sultan of Johor Cup but said a after conceding goals and bronze medal was much better than returning home empty
matches too," said the member

India beat New Zealand in a the Sultan of Johor Cup in tense shoot-out in the thirdfourth place classification match to clinch the bronze medal in the junior tournament at Johor Bahru, Malaysia last Saturday.

"We were very disappointed after missing out on the final due to goal difference. But as a team, we decided, there was no point looking back at what we could have done better. We decided to focus on the bronze-medal match and told ourselves that we can't go back home empty handed," Ali said after returning here.

India remained on top of the points table throughout the tournament with strong performances against Japan (4-2), Great Britain (6-4), Malaysia (4-2), and New Zealand (3-3). But the 0-4 loss against eventual winners Australia cost them dearly as they missed out on a spot in the final to Great Britain by one-goal difference.

It was the legendary goalkeeper PR Sreejesh's first assignment as coach of the Indian junior men's team.

"At least 12 players in the team were playing a big tournament for the first time. They had earlier played the Test series earlier played the Test series have learnt a lot from but they were new to a tournament setup. Sree bhai Manpreet," he said.

(Sreeiesh) is the best mentor we could have had," Ali said. "He constantly spoke to us about enjoying the matches and we played without taking any pressure. This was largely why we bounced back even of the Indian team that won

"He would talk to us about going step by step in the match and even during half-time breaks, when we would be behind in scoreline, he would tell us how we can go about without being under pressure. It was only that match against Australia where we lost by a huge goal margin that cost us

Back to business at SAI, Bengaluru, the Indian junior team has now set its focus on winning the Junior Asia Cup title, a qualifying tournament for next year's FIH Junior World Cup.

The Junior Asia Cup begins on November 26 in Muscat, Oman.

We are back in the camp and have begun our preparations for the Junior Asia Cup. The next few months are crucial for us as we prepare for the Junior World Cup on home soil," Ali said.

"Being in the same campus as the senior team helps us a lot. Even for me personally, the experience I gained playing with the senior team has helped in guiding the newcomers in the junior side. I

Bopanna-Ebden pair clinches spot in ATP Finals



Tsitsipas overcomes stomach

problem to win Paris opener

Juncheng 7-6(6) 7-6(6).

Dutchman Tallon Griekspoor

also advanced with a 6-3 6-4

win over Luciano Darderi -

setting up a second-round meeting with third-seeded Alexander Zverev - and

Tomas Martin Etcheverry of Argentina beat Zhang

6-3

Etcheverry will next face

Among those progressing Monday were also Francisco Cerundolo of Argentina,

Zhizhen

Grigor Dimitrov.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Premier doubles player Rohan Bopanna and his Australian partner Matthew Ebden have clinched a spot in the prestigious season-ending ATP Finals, marking the Indian's fourth appearance in the tournament.

The Indo-Aussie duo secured their place

Stefanos Tsitsipas overcame an upset stomach to beat

6-3 6-3 in the first round of

the Paris Masters and stay in

contention for a spot at the

Tsitsipas has reached the Paris

semifinals in the last two

years and needs another deep run to have a chance of

qualifying for the ATP finals tournament for the top eight

players in Turin next month.

But he said his stomach

problem created a "second battle" in addition to his

"I couldn't even pump myself

up at the beginning of the match, because when

match, because when something is bothering you that much, it takes your entire concentration and focus," Tsitsipas said. American Tommy Paul's hopes of qualifying for Turin ended with a 6-3 7-5 loss to French yeteran Adrian Mannarino.

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Earlier, local favourite Hugo

Humbert needed more than

two hours to beat the 35th-

ranked Brandon Nakashima

Humbert, who saved two

break points in the decider, extended his unbeaten record

against Nakashima to 3-0. He

will next take on another American player, Marcos Giron, who defeated Shang

6-3 4-6 6-4.

opponent on Monday.

season-ending ATP finals.

after Nathaniel Lammons and Jackson Withrow were eliminated at the Rolex Paris Masters, finalising the 2024 field. Joining Bopanna and Ebden in Turin's elite line-up will be Wesley Koolhof/Nikola Mektic, Kevin Krawietz/Tim Puetz, Harri Heliovaara/ Henry Patten, Marcelo Arevalo/Mate Pavic, Marcel Granollers/Horacio Zeballos, Simone

Bolelli/Andrea Vavassori, and Max Purcell/ Jordan Thompson. The ATP Finals, set for November 10-17 at

the Inalpi Arena, feature only the top eight

the Inalpi Arena, feature only the top eight doubles teams globally.

Bopanna and Ebden launched their season with a bang, winning the Australian Open as the Indian became the oldest man at 43 years, 331 days to become a world No 1. Bopanna and Ebden later added a Miami Open title to their resume. They also reached the final in Adelaide and the comi final at Peand Carena. and the semi-finals at Roland Garros. This marks their second consecutive year

qualifying for the ATP Finals; in 2023, they reached the semi-finals in Turin before being defeated by Granollers and

For Bopanna, this event holds special significance as he eyes his maiden ATP Finals title.

Previously, he finished as the finalist in 2012 with Mahesh Bhupathi and again in 2015 alongside Florin Mergea.

Bopanna's ATP Finals journey began in



Top-ranked Jannik Sinner pulls out of Paris Masters citing "a virus'

AP ■ PARIS

Top-seeded Jannik Sinner has pulled out of the Paris

Masters, citing a virus.
The Italian player, who is guaranteed to finish the year as No. 1, said in a message relayed by organizers that he is unable to play this week.

"I came very early here to prepare then I fell sick, I'm having a virus at the moment, which is going to pass the next two-three days, so body-wise I'm not ready to compete," Sinner said.

Sinner is the second highprofile player to pull out of the final Masters 1000 event of the year following seven-time champion Novak Djokovic. Sinner earlier this month beat Diokovic in straight sets to win the Shanghai Masters, giving the Italian his tour-leading seventh title of the season.

Sinner became the first man to win more than six titles in a season since Andy Murray won nine in 2016.

Sinner's victory came after he lost the final of the China Open in Beijing to Carlos Alcaraz and amid an ongoing doping case.



Mohun Bagan face resurgent Hyderabad FC in ISL

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

Mohun Bagan Super Giant would be wary of a resurgent Hyderabad FC when the two sides face each other in their Indian Super League here on Wednesday.

Hyderabad FC enter the match on the back of a resounding 4-0 win over Mohammedan Sporting in Kolkata that ended their seven-match winless

With that set aside, the team will now be hoping to get backto-back three points under their belt, having last achieved this feat in a run of five matches from December 2022 to February 2023. Sustained success has been a

concerning cause for the team, but recent signs have indicated that they have overcome those troubles to really come on their own and perform at par with their potential.

Hyderabad FC put on a marvellous goal-scoring show Mohammedan against Sporting, converting four of their 11 attempted shots into goal.

The Mariners, on the other hand, have been overcoming Hyderabad FC consistently in the recent past, losing only once in their previous seven matches against the side.

The defending ISL champions have won four times and drawn twice in the period, keeping a clean sheet in six encounters. The Mariners beat Hyderabad FC in both their fixtures last season. However, a revived home team setup might present a tougher challenge to the Kolkata-based team.

Mohun Bagan Super Giant have netted six times from setpieces in the current campaign

— the highest amongst all
teams. Three of these goals have come from corners, showing that the Hyderabad FC backline will have to be extra cautious in their defensive play from such situations. The Mariners' skill in creating

effective attacks from open plays and set-pieces shows their unique strength when playing cohesively.
The two sides have played 12

games in the ISL, with Hyderabad FC winning twice. Mohun Bagan have been triumphant on five occasions, whereas five games have resulted in a draw Hyderabad FC head coach

Thangboi Singto has praised his players for following his strategies to perfection. He has appreciated individuals for understanding their roles well and hopes that the trend continues in the coming games

"During the game against Mohammedan SC, I had told the team that what we did in the first 20-25 minutes against Jamshedpur FC is what we should take forward. They did that very well," Singto said.

"Individual roles have been understood, from the forward line to the midfield. One part is understanding and the other is implementing it, and they did the latter very well."

Mohun Bagan head coach Jose Molina highlighted a key area that he wants his team to improve upon. He wants them to defend collectively.

"We will improve our defence when we will improve our attack. And it's not only about defending players and attacking players but for me, it's the whole team working together. 11 players defending and attacking together and that is what we have been watching the last (few) matches," Molina

The statistics that show how badly Manchester United struggled under Erik ten Hag

7-6(6).

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Thompson.

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France and Australian Jordan

Defending champion Novak Djokovic is skipping the tournament this year. Jannik Sinner, who is guaranteed to

finish the year at the No. 1 spot in the ATP rankings, is

the top-seeded player in Paris. Sinner, Carlos Alcaraz, Zverev

and Daniil Medvedev have

already secured their spot at the ATP finals from November 10-17.

AP ■ MANCHESTER (ENGLAND)

Manchester United, the record 20-time English champion, is searching for a sixth permanent manager since Alex Ferguson's retirement in 2013 following the

firing of Erik ten Hag. Here are the statistics that show how low things got at United under Ten Hag - and what his successor will need to improve on:

WORST START: The break for international matches this month offered a chance to assess each Premier League team's start to the season, and it didn't make good reading for United.

After seven games, United had collected eight points - its fewest in the Premier League era (since 1992) by that stage of a season and its lowest tally since the team had

seven points from seven games in the 1989-90 season. Ten Hag's team was in 14th place in the 20-team top division at that point. With a win and a loss since then, United remains in 14th - already 12 points off first-place Manchester City.

WORST FINISH: Last season, Ten Hag led United to its worst finish eighth place - in the Premier League era. United had to go back to that 1989-90 season for a lower finish, and that was 13th place under Alex Ferguson in the year he reportedly came close to losing his job.

EUROPEAN FAILURÉ: It didn't get any better in Europe for Ten Hag. United finished in last place in its Champions League group last season even though it contained outsiders like FC Copenhagen and

Galatasaray. United conceded 15 goals in that

group, the most goals it has ever conceded in a single Champions League group stage. It was also a record for an English club.

This season, United has drawn each

of its three games in the revamped Europa League, against FC Twente. Porto and Fenerbahce - leaving the team in 21st place in the 36-team league, sandwiched between

Viktoria Plzen and Elfsborg.

WHERE ARE THE GOALS?: "Attack, attack, attack" is the chant that has often been heard swirling around Old Trafford down the years, but goals were hard to come by under Ten Hag.
With eight goals from its opening nine games, United is currently the

third-lowest scorer in the Premier League, with only Crystal Palace and Southampton having fewer. Last season, United was tied for



ninth place in the list of top scorers in the Premier League with 57 goals. Since the start of the 2023-24 LATE GOALS: According to Opta, seven of Ten Hag's 27 losses came via a winner in the 90th minute or season, United has a goal difference of minus 4, having scored 65 goals and conceded 69.

POROUS DEFENCE: United conceded 58 goals in the league last season - its most in the Premier League era - and there are more stats to highlight Ten Hag's inability to bring defensive shape to his team. Since Ten Hag's arrival midway through 2022, United conceded three goals in a game on 24 occasions - more than any manager

since Ferguson's retirement.

According to Opta, the Premier

League's stats supplier, United has faced 1,739 shots in their 128 games under Erik ten Hag. Man City has faced 717 fewer shots despite playing six more games in that time. more than 90 years.

seven of Ten Hag's 27 losses came via a winner in the 90th minute or later. The last of those came in what proved to be Ten Hag's final game in charge when Jarrod Bowen converted a penalty in the second minute of stoppage time to earn West Ham United a 2-1 victory. EMBARRASSING LOSS: Ten Hag's tenure got off to a dreadful

start with back-to-back losses to Brighton and Brentford in the Premier League in the 2022-23 season. The 4-0 loss at Brentford was

arguably the worst under Ten Hag until United arrived at Anfield for a match against its fiercest rival, Liverpool, last season. United lost 7-0 for its heaviest defeat to Liverpool and its worst competitive defeat in

Maxwell reveals Kohli blocked him on Instagram for mocking his shoulder injury

ustralian all-rounder Glenn Maxwell has A Glenn Maxwell has revealed that Virat Kohli had blocked him on Instagram after he mocked the Instagram after he mocked the Indian batting maestro following his shoulder injury during the 2017 Border-Gavaskar Trophy.
Kohli and Maxwell were not the best of friends until the

Australian joined IPL franchise Royal Challengers Bengaluru in 2021 for a whopping Rs 14.25 crore.
Maxwell said that he tried to

follow Kohli on Instagram, only to discover that he had been blocked by the former India captain.

"When I knew I was going to RCB, Virat was the first guy to message me and welcome me to the team. When I turned up for the pre-IPL training camp, we obviously got chatting and



spent a fair bit of time training together as you do," Maxwell said during the Willow Talk podcast on LiSTNR Sport.

"So, I go to his social media (to) follow him. Didn't even think about it before that. Never really crossed my mind.

I was like, 'I can't find him'. "I'm sure he's on social media somewhere, so I didn't think anything of it. Not really that maybe he wasn't savvy with Instagram.

"Didn't really understand why he wasn't coming up, and then, someone mentioned that 'He might have blocked you. That is the only way you're not able to find him.' I was like, 'Surely

During the 2017 Test series in India, Kohli suffered a shoulder injury while fielding during the Ranchi match. Later during the Test, Maxwell imitated Kohli by clutching his right shoulder.

Kohli, who missed the subsequent Dharamsala Test due to injury, did not like it. "I went and asked him 'Have

you blocked me on Instagram?' And, he was like, 'Yeah, probably. It was when you mocked me during that Test match. I think I got the sh*** and decided to block you," Maxwell continued.
"I was like "I" was like, 'Yeah, that's fair

ended up unblocking me, and we became great friends after

'WE'VE HAD QUITE A FUNNY RELATIONSHIP': Since then, the two have settled their differences, working together at RCB.

"It was a nice little story to have as a little side note, but we've had quite a funny relationship leading up to playing the IPL together. Sharing that dressing room and sharing experiences, becoming parents, I suppose, around the same time," Maxwell said.

"From the days we were both young and brash and going hard at each other on the field. We were in the front and centre of all that as well, sort of being the orchestrator like 'Maxi, get into his face. Say some words to him and get the young guy to do the hard work." he added.



Harshit Rana to join Indian squad in Mumbai ahead of third Test

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Rookie pacer Harshit Rana Will join the Indian squad ahead of the third Test against New Zealand in Mumbai after starring in Delhi's first outright win of the ongoing Ranji Trophy season.

Rana, who was already among the reserves, was released for Delhi's match against Assam before the second Test in Pune that India lost by 113 runs to concede an unassailable 0-2 lead in the series. This was the team's first loss in a Test rubber at home in 12 years.

Rana will join the Indian squad in Mumbai on Wednesday, two days before the match gets underway at the Wankhede Stadium. But it remains unclear if his presence in the dressing room will be as a reserve or as a member.

The 22-year-old has been picked in the main squad for the five Tests in Australia beginning November 22 in Perth.

"Harshit will join the team tomorrow," said a BCCI source. With Indian management carefully monitoring the pacers

workload ahead

Australia tour, there is a possibility that spearhead Jasprit Bumrah is rested from the third Test, raising the possibility of Rana's debut.

Rana had taken a five-wicket haul against Assam in the first innings and followed it up with two wickets in the second essay. Delhi won the game by 10 wickets.

Delhi head coach Sarandeep Singh said Rana is ready for the grind of Test cricket.

"He is ready to play Test cricket. He is a positive guy, he knows what he is doing. He is ready for the highest level," Sarandeep, a former BCCI selector, told PTI. "He bowled his heart out for

Delhi, he is always looking for wickets and is handy all rounder. He is like a horse, can bowl long spells. I hope he does really well in Australia," he added.

Rana bowled 19.3 overs in the first innings for his five wicket haul against Assam before taking two wickets in 11 overs in the second. His 59 in the first innings helped Delhi take the first innings lead.

Rana had also impressed in two games he played in the Duleep Trophy last month.

Deepti Sharma reaches career-high second spot in ICC ODI bowlers rankings

India off-spinner Deepti Sharma has been rewarded for her excellent recent form as she moved up two places to reach career-high second spot in the latest ICC women's ODI rankings for bowlers on Tuesday.

On the back of some strong performances in the recent seven places to 18th) making ICC Women's T20 World Cup in the UAE, Deepti has been one of India's best players through the opening two matches of her side's ongoing white-ball series against New Zealand at home.

Deepti has three wickets from while Deepti (up one place to wo matches against the White Ferns at a miserly economy rate of 3.42.

It has seen Deepti gain two places to move to second on the table, and the senior India spinner has closed in on

outside the top 10, with the New Zealand trio of Lea Tahuhu (up three places to 12th), Amelie Kerr (up one

spot to 13th) and Sophie Devine (up nine rungs to equal 30th) building on their recent success at the T20 World Cup. Devine (up three rungs to eighth) and Kerr (up one spot to 11th) also gain some ground on the latest list for ODI batters, with compatriots Suzie Bates (up two spots to equal 15th) and Maddy Green (up gains following some decent scores against India.

Right-hander Rodrigues (up three rungs to equal 30th) is the big winner on the ODI batter rankings from an India perspective, third) and Devine (up two spots to seventh) both make some ground on the latest list

for ODI all-rounders. There is also some joy for a pair of Zimbabwe players, with Chipo Mugeri-Tiring Mugeri-Tiripano England tweaker and No.1 ranked ODI bowler Sophie Ecclestone.

There is also some movement

Chipo Mugeri-Thipano gaining 21 spots to move to 28th on the batter rankings and teammate Josephine Nkomo improving 13 places to move to 32nd on the list for ODI bowlers after some impressive efforts in their recent series against the USA.

Paine says he doesn't regret sledging Ashwin in 2020-21 Sydney Test

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Senior batter Kane Williamson will miss the

third Test against India at

Mumbai to ensure full

recovery from a groin injury

ahead of the home series

versus England, starting from

Williamson did not play in the

first two Tests against India,

which the Kiwis won to take an

unassailable 2-0 lead in the

It also ended India's 18-series

winning streak at home dating back to 2012.

The final Test of the rubber will

be played at the Wankhede

"Kane continues to show good

signs, but isn't quite ready to jump on a plane and join us,"

Stadium from November 1.

three-match series.

Kane

NZ head coach Gary Stead said

in a media release.

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m ormer}$ Australia captain and wicketkeeper batter Tim Paine doesn't regret sledging Ravichandran Ashwin during the third Test of the 2020-21 Border-Gavaskar Trophy, saying he did it to unsettle the India off-spinner, who was "annoying" him by getting his wicket

After losing the series opener at Adelaide, India defied all odds to clinch the series 2-1. Ashwin played a vital role in drawing the third Test in Sydney, batting for 42.4 overs with an aching back alongside Hanuma Vihari.

After failing to break Ashwin's resolve with the bat, Paine started poking the Indian



from behind the stumps. "I can't wait to get you to the Gabba, Ash, I'll tell you what, woohoo," Paine said ahead of an over from off-spinner Nathan Lyon.

But Paine does not regret it. No, I don't because to this day Ashwin didn't play in that (Brisbane) Test match. I wasn't talking to the Indians, I was talking

to him. I said we cannot wait to get you to the Gabba. "...Because he was annoying us, fair to say. He is a fantastic cricketer. He was getting me out all the time and that was annoying me as well," Paine said in a podcast of 'thegradecricketer'. Ashwin too replied in kind to Paine,

saying: "Just like we wanna get you to India. That will be your last series."

Paine said the sledge was aimed at the Indian spinner. "But no, that was purely directed straight at him and he pulled out of that Test match because of back spasm." "Did I had a great game in that match? No, but I fronted up. Actually day one of the Test match he (Ashwin) was jogging laps. Those back spasms couldn't have been that

NZ batter Kane Williamson to miss third Test against India The first Test between New Zealand and England will be played at Christchurch. The England series is still a month away so taking the

The series defeat against the Black Caps has pruned India's hopes of qualifying for next year's World Test years World lest Championship (WTC) final despite still holding on to the top spot with 62.82 percentage

cautious approach now will

ensure he is ready for the first

Test in Christchurch," Stead

Now, they need to win the third Test against the Kiwis, and also ensure a series victory over Australia in the five-

"While things are looking promising, we think the best course of action is for him to stay in New Zealand and focus on the final part of his rehabilitation so he'll be good to go for England," Stead match rubber starting next



Aussie wicketkeeper batter Matthew Wade retires, moves to coaching role

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Matthew Wade, a T20 World Cup winner in 2021, on Tuesday retired from international cricket, and will now start working in a coaching role in Australia's white-ball set-up. Wade, a wicketkeeper batter, will join Australia's coaching

staff under Andre Borovec for the upcoming T20I series against Pakistan, and the Tasmanian will also be with the group for the ODI series starting at Melbourne next week.

The 36-year-old has played 36 Tests, 97 ODIs and 92 T20Is in a career that spanned across 13 vears, and his last appearance for the national team was in this year's T20 Word Cup. However, Wade will continue

to play domestic cricket for for the next two seasons.

likely over at the end of the last T20 World Cup. My international retirement and coaching have been a constant conversation with George (Bailey)

(McDonald) over the past six months," Wade said in a statement released by Cricket Australia.

"Coaching has been on my radar over the last few years and thankfully some great opportunities have come my way, for which I am very grateful and excited," he added.

left-handed batter The thanked CA and teammates for the support throughout his career.

"As my international career closes, I want to thank all of my Australian teammates, staff and coaches. I enjoyed the ride as challenging as it can be at international level," Wade said. "Without good people around me I would have never got as much out of myself as I did," he added.

Cricket Australia CEO Nick Hockley

said: "Congratulations to Matthew on what has been a wonderful international career during which his skill and versatility has made him an outstanding performer across all formats. "I'm delighted he will add to his massive contribution by coaching the next generation of stars.

Rizwan was initially reluctant but later accepted Pak whiteball captaincy: Source



PTI ■ LAHORE

Pakistan's new white-ball Muhammad Rizwan, after initial reluctance. has agreed to the PCB's new selection policy and will not have any voting right in the short-listing of touring squads or the playing eleven, according to a source in the board.

"After discussions with the (Pakistan Cricket) Board chairman, Mohsin Naqvi, and senior selector, Aaqib Javed, Riwan agreed to the new system where his input in the selection process would be strictly advisory," a source said. Pakistan's white-ball head coach, Gary Kirsten, resigned on Monday as he did not agree to be a part of the selection process in an advisory capacity. He also had some other issues with the PCB.

The source said that Rizwan had been assured by the PCB and Aaqib that he would be consulted in finalising teams but the final decision would rest with the five selectors.

"Under the new policy, the selection committee is now responsible for selecting touring squads and the playing eleven," the source said.

The new regime was introduced by the PCB after Pakistan suffered a massive defeat against England in the first Test in Multan earlier this month. Following the innings defeat, new selectors Aaqib, Azhar Ali and Aleem Dar were added to the committee and they were given sweeping powers to select the teams without the consent of the

captain or head coach. The PCB is also sending national selector Asad Shafiq with the team to Australia for the white-ball matches to select the playing eleven after speaking with the other selectors in Pakistan.

After Sumit's ton on day three, pacers power Delhi to 10-wicket win over Assam

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Sumit Mathur's batting heroics coupled with pacers brilliant performance powered Delhi to a comprehensive 10-wicket win over Assam in their Ranji Trophy Group A match to notch up their first victory of the season here on Tuesday. Courtesy left-handed batter Mathur's

112 off 230 balls, Delhi posted 454 in reply to Assam's first innings total of 330, and reduced the visitors to 44 for 3 in their second essay on Monday. On the fourth and final day, Assam

were bowled out for 182 in 42 overs with the Delhi pacers doing their job to perfection. The pacers accounted for eight Assam batters in their second innings at the Arun Jaitley Stadium. Just after the start of the day, Assam lost three quick wickets for the addition of a

mere one run. Sibsankar Roy (4),

Bhargav Dutta (0) and captain Denish Das (1), who retired hurt on Monday but came back to bat on Tuesday, were dismissed in the space of eight balls. Number 7 batter Sumit Ghadigaonkar (76 not out off 96 balls) made a spirited late-order resistance but his colleagues

out of partners in the end. Delhi Pacer Harshit Rana, who has been named in the Indian squad for the

did not give him company and he ran



marquee Test tour of Australia starting next month, took another wicket on Tuesday to add to the one on Monday

for innings figure of 2/61. His pace colleagues Siddhant Sharma (3/24) and Money Grewal (3/50) grabbed three wickets apiece to rattle Assam in the second innings. Offspinner Jonty Sidhu (1/0) also got one

wicket, while the other was run-out. Assam added 138 runs for the loss of seven wickets on Tuesday and faced 27

Set a target of 59 runs, Delhi openers Sanat Sangwan (34 not out) and Gagan Vats (25 not out) knocked off the required runs in 16.1 overs without losing any wicket.

Delhi made 62/0 in 16.1 overs in their second innings to collect seven points. Assam did not get any point.

Delhi are in third place with 11 points in Group D, having drawn their earlier

two matches. On Monday, all-rounder Mathur, ignored in the first two games, showed

his prowess with a patient century to put Delhi in sight of an outright victory against Assam.

BRIEF SCORES:

IN DELHI: Assam 330 and 182 all out in 42 overs (Sumit Ghadigaonkar 76 not out; Siddhant Sharma 3/24, Money Grewal 3/50, Harshit Rana 2/61). Delhi 454 and 62/0 in 16.1 overs (Sanat Sangwan 34 not out; Gagan Vats 25 not out). Delhi won by 10 wickets. Points: Delhi 7, Assam 0.

IN COIMBATORE: Chattisgarh 500. Tamil Nadu 259 and (f/o) 264/4 in 76 overs (Vijay Shankar 106 not out, Narayan Jagadeesan 60; Ajay Mandal 2/49). Match drawn.

Points: Chhattisgarh 3, Tamil Nadu 0. IN JAMSHEDPUR: Jharkhand 202 and 130 all out in 50.3 overs (Sharandeep Singh 64, Virat Singh 30; Nishunk Birla 3/17, Raj Bawa 3/22, Vishu Kashyap 3/46). **Chandigarh** 290 and 45/0 in 3.3 overs. Chandigarh won by 10 wickets.

Tasmania and Big Bash League for Hobart Hurricanes at least "I was fully aware my international days were most

and Andrew

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