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Marital rape not a crime, **Centre tells Supreme Court**

Government says punitive measures in place

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dhe Government Thursday filed an affidavit before the Supreme Court opposing petitions that have called for the criminalisation of marital rape in India.

The affidavit filed by the Union Home Ministry said that in a marriage, there is a continuing expectation to have reasonable sexual access from one's spouse. It clarified that such expectations do not entitle a husband to coerce his wife to have sex against her will. However, it may be excessive

and disproportionate to punish a man under anti-rape laws for such an act, the Centre said. affidavit further highlighted that the parliament has already provided different remedies to protect a married woman's consent within marriage.

In the counter-affidavit filed through advocate AK Sharma, the Union Home Ministry backed the existing Indian rape law that carves out an exception for sexual relations between a husband and wife. The Central Government



which has a direct bearing on society in general. While so, even if 'marital rape' is to be criminalised, it is not up to the Supreme Court to do so, the Centre argued.

"The (issue) cannot be decided without proper consultation with all the stakeholders or taking the views of all the States into consideration ... the act colloquially referred to as 'marital rape' ought to be illegal and criminalised. The Central Government asserts that a woman's consent is not

obliterated by marriage, and its violation should result in penal consequences. However, the consequences of such violations within marriage differ from those outside it, the affidavit stated.

It added that a breach of consent should be punished differently, depending on whether such an act occurs within or outside a marriage. These remedies include laws punishing cruelty to married women (as it was under Section 498A under the Indian Penal Code then), laws punishing acts against the modesty of women, and remedies under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005. The Bench of Chief Justice of

India DY Chandrachud with Iustices IB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra is currently seized of the matter. Marital rape is excluded from the ambit of "rape" by way of Exception 2 to Section 375 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). A similar provision is also present in the newly enacted Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) which replaced the IPC on July 1 this year. In 2022, the

Delhi High Court delivered a split verdict on whether marital rape should be a criminal offence. The matter then reached the Supreme Court in September that year. The sexual aspect is but one of many facets of the relationship between husband and wife, on which the bedrock of their marriage rests ... Given the nature of the marital institution in our socio-legal milieu, if the legislature is of the view that, for preservation of the marital institution, the impugned Exception should be retained, it is submitted that it would not be appropriate for this Hon'ble Court to strike down the Exception," the latest affidavit added.

The counter-affidavit was filed in response to a batch of petitions that have called for the criminalisation of marital rape. The Centre criticised the petitioners' approach of treating the institution of marriage as a private institution, terming this view unidimensional. The case of a married woman and her own husband cannot be treated in the exact same manner as other cases, it said.

West Asia war hits Sensex

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n escalation in the West Asia conflict had a massive impact on the Indian market on Thursday. The Sensex tanked 1,769 points to slide to a three-week low on Thursday as a spiralling triggered selling in oil, banking and auto shares, wiping out Rs 9.78 lakh crore investor money in a single day. The NSE Nifty slumped 546.80

points or 2.12 per cent to 25,250.10 with 48 of its constituents ending lower. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 5,579.35 crore on Tuesday, according to exchange data. Falling for the fourth day, the BSE Sensex tumbled 1,769.19 points or 2.10 per cent to settle at 82,497.10, its lowest closing level since September 11. During the day, it plummeted 1,832.27 points or 2.17 per cent to 82,434.02. As many as 29 Sensex scrips closed in the red while only one stock ended in

From the 30 Sensex firms. Larsen & Toubro, Reliance Industries, Axis Bank, Asian Paints, Tata Motors, Bajaj Finance, Maruti, Bajaj Finsery, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Titan, Adani Ports and HDFC Bank were the major laggards. JSW Steel emerged as the only gainer. A total of 2,881 stocks declined while 1,107 advanced and 88 remained unchanged on the BSE.

the green.

Market capitalisation of BSElisted companies dropped by around Rs 9.78 lakh crore to Rs



in southern Lebanon

BEIRUT: An Israeli airstrike on an apartment in central Beirut killed Hezbollah-affiliated civilian first responders. Israel has been pounding areas of the country where the militant group has a strong presence since late September, but has rarely struck in the heart of the capital. There was no warning

before the strike late Wednesday, which hit an apartment in central Beirut not far from the United Nations headquarters, the prime minister's office and

4,65,07,685.08 crore (USD 5.54 trillion). Continuous foreign fund outflows and rising crude oil prices dented investors' sentiment, analysts said.

'The domestic market took a sharp downturn following Iran's launch of ballistic missiles at Israel, sparking fears of retaliation and escalation in the war," Vinod

they were evacuating wounded people from the south. It said the convoy near the village of Taybeh, which was accompanied by Lebanese troops, targeted Thursday despite coordinating movements with UN peacekeepers.

parliament. Hezbollah's civil

defence unit said seven of its

The Lebanese Red Cross,

meanwhile, said an Israeli

strike wounded four of its

paramedics and killed a

Lebanese army soldier as

members were killed.

Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services said. "New SEBI regulations for the F&O segment have raised concerns about reduced trading volumes in the broader market. Lastly, with attractive valuations in China, FIIs have redirected their funds, adding pressure on Indian stocks," Nair added.

Delhi Police summons Elvish Yadav, Bharti

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI



Delhi Police has s u m m o n e d YouTuber Elvish Bharti Singh and three others in an

alleged app-based scam involving a fraud of Rs 500 crore, an officer said on Thursday.
Police received over 500 complaints

alleging that many social media influencers and YouTubers promoted the HIBOX mobile application on their pages and lured people into investing through the app, the officer added.

The main accused in the scam, Sivaram (30), a resident of Chennai, has been arrested, police said. As per the complaint, social media influencers and YouTubers including Saurav Joshi, Abhishek Malhan, Purav Jha, Elvish Yadav, Bharti Singh, Harsh Limbachiya, Lakshay Choudhary, Adarsh Singh, Amit, and Dilraj Singh Rawat promoted the application and lured people into investing through the app.

Drug mastermind has Congress link, says BJP



STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Tushar Goyal, the mastermind behind Delhi's biggest drug bust worth over Rs 5,640 crore allegedly has Congress connections. Sources in Delhi Police's Special Cell said that he admitted to having held office in the Congress's IT

Later, a war of words broke out between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Congress. The BJP claimed that the kingpin arrested in the case of seizure of drugs worth Rs 5,600 crore is the chairman of the Delhi Youth Congress' RTI cell. It asked if the money was brought in for the October 5 Haryana elections while a claim refuted by the opposition party as baseless. According to sources, Goyal claimed during interrogation that he has been the chairman of the RTI cell of Delhi Pradesh Congress till 2022, Delhi Police sources said. Photos of the accused with many Congress leaders have also

Delhi police special cell has arrested Goyal, the main accused following the erv of more than 500 kg of co and 40 kg of hydroponic marijuana worth over Rs 5,600 crore in a raid conducted in south Delhi on Wednesday. Later, a war of words erupted between

BJP and Congress on this issue. "Drugs worth Rs 5,600 crore have been recovered from Delhi. The main accused in this case is Tushar Goyal, who is the chief of the RTI cell of the Indian Youth Congress," BJP spokesperson and Rajya Sabha MP Sudhanshu Trivedi said addressing a press conference in the national capital on Thursday. Trivedi sought explanation from the

Congress, questioning if the party used drug money in its election campaign and if its association with Goyal extended to business as well. Was there an arrangement between the drug dealers and the Congress that they will be given a free run in Haryana if the party comes to power, he asked, alleging that the neighbouring state of Punjab is already in the grip of drugs.

Revolving door in Haryana, Tanwar back in Congress

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA MAHENDRAGARH (HARYANA)/

high-voltage campaign for a cut throat finish in Haryana for the October 5 Assembly polls evening. The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) suffered a major blow as its senior leader and former Member of Parliament Ashok Tanwar, who was the party's candidate from Sirsa for the Lok Sabha elections a few months ago, rejoined Congress at a rally of Gandhi Rahul Mahendragarh district in

Haryana on Thursday. Interestingly, shortly before joining the grand old party, the former Sirsa MP, who represented it as a Congress member, was campaigning for the BJP candidate in Safidon Assembly constituency. As Rahul Gandhi finished his speech, an announcement was made from the stage asking the audience to wait for a few minutes. To their surprise Tanwar walked on to the stage and greeted Rahul.



BJP leader Ashok Tanwar as the latter joins Congress during a public meeting ahead of Haryana Assembly elections, in Mahendragarh district

Tanwar, a former Haryana Congress president, shook hands with Rahul and greeted senior party leader and former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda.

Tanwar, who was considered close to Rahul and had left the Congress in 2019 following differences with senior party leader former Hooda and in between he had his stint with Trinamool Congress (TMC) as well as Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).

Leading the campaign for BJP Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the Congress stands for the "guarantee of corruption, casteism,

communalism and nepotism". The PM exhorted people to vote for the BJP, saying it is important that they elect a government strengthens India at a time when the entire world is looking at the country with hope and expectations.

In his last speech for the campaign in Haryana, Rahul said his party will not let the "hatred" being spread by the BJP on the basis of religion, language, and caste win and appealed to the people of Haryana to oust the ruling party in the Assembly polls. More than two crore voters are eligible to exercise

their franchise in Haryana for 90 assembly seats. The key parties in fray are BJP, Congress, AAP, Indian National Lok Da-Bahujan Samaj Party (INLD-BSP) and Jannayak Janta Party-Azad Samaj Party.

campaign on the works and performance of the "doubleengine" government, while it targeted the Congress on reservation, corruption, appeasement and dynastic politics, Congress wooed by announcing seven guarantees, including the promises of a legal guarantee for MSP, a caste survey, and Rs 2,000 per month to women, if voted to

power. on the last day of campaigning, Congress's Rahul Gandhi and Bhupinder Singh Hooda, BJP's Yogi Adityanath and Nayab Singh Saini, JJP's Dushyant Chautala and INLD's Abhay Singh Chautala were among the prominent leaders who canvassed for their respective parties. AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal also campaigned in Haryana for his party.



Delhi's traffic needs divine intervention

Navratri begins, and so does road congestion

New roads, fancy flyovers, route expansion but the traffic situation in the national Capital remains horrific. Due to the exponential growth of vehicular population, or

poor traffic management, commuters are spending more time in their vehicles, including both private and public. Traffic comes to a standstill when a 'VIP movement' takes place. Major roads such as those in Lutyens' Zone, Sardar Patel Marg, Dhaula Kuan, RTR, Mathura Road, Tilak Marg, Bahadur Shah Marg, have remained a traffic nightmare for the past three decades. The festive season sees the highest number of traffic jams in the national Capital.

BY RAJESH KUMAR

From Mehrauli-Badarpur road to Vikas Marg and Jhandewalan, Najafgarh to Peeragarhi, commuters in Delhi had harrowing experiences during the peak hours on the first day of the Navratri festival in the national Capital. However, according to frequent road users, this traffic stagnation is a routine affair. Wrecked roads, potholes, breakdown of vehicles, high volume of traffic and poor maintenance of major stretches result in massive jams.

On Thursday, the first day of The Pioneer begins a campaign on the Navratri festivities, heavy the crisis that unfolds on the city traffic exacerbated roads with a deep dive into the congestion on all roads traffic around the temples in the leading to prominent city on the first day of Navratri, and including Durga Puja festivities.

Jhandewalan, Kalkaji, Maa Katyani Devi mandir in the national capital. The situation worsens each year as according to experts, while road size and capacity remains the same, the number of vehicles has

grown exponentially. The vehicle movement was also badly affected on Vikas Marg in the carriageway from Karkari Mor towards Preet Vihar and vice-versa, due to ongoing work being carried out by Delhi Jal Board (DJB) at Preet Vihar Red Light and Najafgarh Road and Old Pankha Road in both the carriageways due to ongoing work being carried out by DJB at Old Pankha Road.

Commuters had a harrowing experience on GTK Road on

both the carriageways from Jahangirpuri to Azadpur flyover as the entire traffic came to standstill for twothree hours due to heavy vehicles movement in

Azadpur Mandi. According to a traffic police advisory, traffic was affected on Maa Anandmai Marg in the carriageway from ESI Hospital towards Govind

Puri due to breakdown of a bus at Crown Plaza Red Light. Traffic was affected on Ring Road in carriageway from DND towards Ashram Chowk due

tanker on Maharani Bagh Flyover. loaded truck near Peeragarhi flyover broke

down which led to massive jam on the Main Outer Ring Road in the carriageway from Madhuban Chowk towards Peeragarhi. Traffic was also affected on

Rohtak Road in the carriageway from Nangloi towards Tikri Border and vice versa due to potholes

and water logging.

There was a traffic jam on the SSN Marg in the carriageway from Satbari towards Mehrauli due to drain work being carried out by civic agency. Commuters were advised to plan their journey accordingly. "Traffic

remained

affected

carriageway from Palam Flyover towards IOC Red light due to breakdown of a bus on Palam flyover.

to breakdown of a water Dwarka Palam Road in the

Kindly plan your journey accordingly. Traffic was affected on Mathura Road in the carriageway from Badarpur towards Sarita Vihar due to breakdown of a truck near Aali Village", traffic police advisory stated. According to traffic police, breakdown of vehicles during peak hours on major roads is also an issue that leads to traffic jams. leading to the Roads

Jhandewalan temple and Shri Adhya Katyayani Shaktipeeth temple witnessed heavy traffic flow on the first day of Navratri festival.

Order barring assembly of five, more persons lifted

STAFF REPORTER **NEW DELHI**

⊣he Delhi Police on Thursday informed the L Supreme Court that an order prohibiting the assembly of five or more persons in the national capital from September 30 to October five has been "withdrawn."

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told this to a bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud when a matter pertaining to the order passed by Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora was mentioned for urgent list-

"Solicitor General says that the order by the Commissioner of Police has been withdrawn," the CJI told senior advocate

mentioned the matter for urgent listing.
The order issued by the police

commissioner prohibited the assembly of five or more persons, carrying of fire-arms, banners, placards etc, pocket-ing or dharnas in any public areas from September 30 to October 5, citing law and order issues, including calls of protests given by several organ-

Guruswamy mentioned the matter before the bench, also comprising Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, and said the order passed by the police commissioner impacts the city right now because of the Dussehra season. She said due to the order,

and the order affects the Durga Puja festivities as well.

'Go to the Delhi High Court," the bench initially said. Mehta informed the court that petitions raising similar issue was scheduled to come up for hearing before the High Court during the day. The CJI told Guruswamy that the senior law officer has stated that the order has been withdrawn. According to a police officer, the old order has ceased on the intervening night of October 2

CrPC) of the Bharatiya Nagarik According to the earlier order Suraksha Sanhita in the disissued from the Delhi Police tricts of New Delhi, North Headquarters, the police com-Delhi and Central Delhi and all missioner had directed to police stations in the jurisdicimpose Section 163 (which tion sharing the borders with was earlier Section 144 of

"The general atmosphere in Delhi is sensitive from a law and order point of view due to various current issues like prevailing communal atmosphere in view of the proposed Waqf Amendment Bill and the issue

area, politically surcharged issue of MCD Standing Committee elections and pending declaration of results of DUSU elections etc," the order had stated.

Further, there will be heavy movement of the VVIPs and dignitaries in the areas of New Delhi and Central District on October 2 on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi," it had said.

The earlier order further stated that the Jammu and Kashmir and Haryana Legislative Assembly elections are underway and, thus, there was a need to have continuous checks on the movement of persons and vehicles from Delhi borders.

the withdrawal of the prohibitory order was a "victory" of the people, especially Hindu At a press conference, AAP

leader and Delhi minister Saurabh Bharadwaj claimed that the order had sparked "outrage" among Hindu devo-tees concerned about Navratri programmes like temple visits, Jagran and religious processions in the coming days. The nine-day Navratri celebrations began on Thursday.

'This is a moment of triumph for the people of Delhi, especially for the Hindu devotees, who were worried about how they would celebrate the festival," said the AAP leader. The minister said that with-

"defeat" of the Lt Governor under whom the Delhi Police

This is an embarrassing defeat for the Lieutenant Governor. The Central government and its lawyers knew that such

absurd orders cannot be imple-

mented in a sovereign, free country," he said. The prohibitory order was challenged in the court by the Kalkaji temple priest and during the hearing, the solicitor general representing the Centre informed that it was revoked,

Bharadwaj said.

He also slammed the BJP and the RSS for not speaking against the order despite claiming to be "defenders of

SC slams Commission for Air quality management

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

 $T^{\text{he Supreme Court on}}_{\text{Thursday slammed the }}$ Commission for Air Quality Management for failing to control incidents of stubble burning in NCR and adjoining areas, and said it has made no effort to implement its direction to prevent such incidents. The top court said the Commission only kept on calling meetings but did not take penal action against the violators. There was no implementation of directions to stop stubble burning at the ground level and the state governments of Punjab and Haryana have done nothing except recovering nominal compensation from the farmers who indulge in stubble burning, the court added.

A three-judge bench of Justices Abhay S Öka, Ahsanuddin Amanullah and Augustine George Masih said the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has not launched a single prosecution against incidents of stubble



burning in the National Capital Region (NCR) and the adjoining areas. The bench said neither Punjab nor Haryana has placed on record any document showing efforts made to comply with the directions issued by the Commission.

"We find from the compliance affidavit filed by the commission that no effort is made by the commission to secure implementation of its own directions. There is a subcommittee (of CAQM) on safeguarding and enforcement. "The last meeting of the sub-committee was held on August

29, 2024 in which there is not even discussion of the implementation of directions.

CAQM sub-committee meetings held on August 29, only five out of 11 members were that the committee did not discuss implementation of direc-

Former bus marshals protest near LG residence demanding reinstatement

STAFF REPORTER ■

 $F^{
m ormer}$ bus marshals staged a protest near the residence of the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi on Thursday, demanding reinstatement of their jobs. The protest was joined by Delhi Cabinet Ministers, including Saurabh Bharadwaj, Imran Hussain, and Mukesh Ahalawat, along with other MLAs of the party.
Police detained some protestors

along with Bharadwaj and other AAP leaders, citing that they had not taken permission for the protest.

Bharadwaj criticised the delay in resolving the matter and said that the marshals should not be treated like a "football" between political parties.

We are here in solidarity with the protestors. We are now waiting for the BJP to come and extend support," he added. The party earlier in the day accused the BJP of taking a Uturn on the reinstatement of former bus marshals in the national capital.

The recent two-day assembly session in Delhi saw a heated discussion between AAP and



the opposition over the termination of bus marshals, with both sides supporting a resolution to restore their jobs.

According to the resolution passed in the Delhi Assembly, all the MLAs of Delhi, both AAP and BJP, were to meet LG on Thursday at 11 am for the reinstatement of bus marshals. However, no such meeting has taken place. AAP accused the LG's office of ignoring their request, with Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj claiming that he had written to the LG but received no response.

"According to the resolution passed in the Delhi Assembly, all the MLAs of Delhi were to meet LG today for the rein-

statement of bus marshals, but neither did LG Sahab give time to meet nor did the BJP MLAs arrive," the party said. BJP and their LG should stop

this "cheap politics" and reinstate Delhi's bus marshals immediately, AAP added. Responding to the accusations. Delhi Assembly Leader of Opposition Vijender Gupta criticised AAP for misleading

Gupta said that when they decided to meet LG on October 3, then why did he not ask for the time?

the public.

"Aam Aadmi Party means fraud party. AAP and Minister Saurabh Bhardwaj themselves chose the date to meet LG Sahab. When the time came, the chief minister, ministers, Aam Aadmi Party MLAs, and all the leaders disappeared," Gupta said.

Last year, LG V.K. Saxena approved a proposal to terminate the services of civil defence volunteers deployed as bus marshals. He also directed the then Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to consider appointing such volunteers in over 10,000 posts of home guards sanctioned by him.

firing incident at luxury car showroom arrested

Mastermind behind

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi police on Thursday arrested the mastermind behind the firing incident at a luxury car showroom in the national capital on September 27.

Police also arrested his accom plice after a brief encounter in outer Delhi.

The arrested individual, Deepak (26), hailing from Rohtak, is an international-level kick-boxing player with a dark side that led him into a life of crime.

The incident, which occurred on the evening of September 27, left both staff and customers terrified as three assailants barged into the showroom, demanding extortion money. "A significant breakthrough has been achieved in this case with the arrest of Deepak, who was the mastermind behind the

We are continuing our efforts to apprehend the remaining suspects and bring them to justice," said Amit Goel, Deputy Commissioner of Police Crime



Event for women working on Sustainable **Development business** held at Miranda



VIBHU JOSHI - NEW DELHI

A two days conclave held in the Delhi University's Miranda House focused on empowering women business owners to forge collaborations, mentorship, and investment opportunities for women entrepreneurs working in waste management, circular economy, climate technology, and environmen-tal, social, and governance (ESG) practices.

UnPollute was a two days Sustainability Conclave, organised by STEP in partnership with Miranda House, women entrepreneurs, students, government leaders, and industry experts.

Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor at the Ministry of Commerce & Industry Arti Bhatnagar highlighted the government's support for women entrepreneurs, citing the Start-up India Seed Fund Scheme, which allocates Rs. Five crore to each incubator for start-ups, including women-led initia-

Women entrepreneurs are driving India's sustainability journey," she said, applauding the platform for amplifying their impact.

Reinu Shah, STEP's Founder, stressed the role of women entrepreneurs in creating jobs

and catalyzing systemic change. Miranda House Principal

Bijayalaxmi Nanda reaffirmed the institution's commitment to nurturing future leaders in environmental sustainability through partnerships like the one with STEP.

'The solutions to climate change will emerge from the knowledge and innovation we foster today."

Keynote speakers, included

to sustainability.

pitching sessions, a Meta-led master class, and concluded

Dust-free Delhi drive: Government agencies removing silt, C&D waste

STAFF REPORTER

ADelhi drive launched in the national capital on the instructions and under the guidance of Lt Governor VK Saxena, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) is making a continued and substantial contribution, removing over 6156.94 metric tons (MT) of silt and C&D waste/ malba from the city since September 24, Raj Niwas said here on Thursday. Giving details of the ongoing effort, officials said MCD's 12 zones collectively had removed 404.65 MT of waste on September 24 and October 2, it was able to remove 6156.94 metric tons (MT) of silt and construction and demolition (C&D) waste. The Shahdara South Zone continued to demonstrate the most significant progress since



September 24 removing a combined total of 1230.76 MT in last 10 days. Keshapuram zone was next and it was also able to remove 1019.67 MT of waste by October two.

The removed silt and C&D waste is being safely transported to designated dumping sites for proper disposal and

removing the silt from various choked drains is in progress and encouraging, the road ahead remains tough.

had in a meeting to review air pollution on September 20 stressed upon preparedness for mitigating it, well in advance. He had asked the MCD, PWD, NDMC, I&FCD and DJB to take up a Dust-free Delhi drive over the next one week / 10 days and asked for the same to be converted into a year-long campaign.

Pollution caused by road dust is one of the two major contributors to air pollution in Delhi, and with the rains having stopped, dried up mud/ silt accumulated on roads is flying high in the environment causing major air pollution.

Gopal Rai launches bio-decomposer spraying drive in farmlands to avoid stubble burning

Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai on Thursday launched a drive of spraying

bio-decomposer solution in farmlands to avoid stubble burning in the national capital aiming to reduce pollution levels during winter. The drive was launched at Palla village of Narela

Assembly constituency. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) said the Delhi government will spray bio de-composer on more than 5,000 acres of farmland to get rid of winter pollution.

To facilitate this, 11 teams have been formed and the initiative will cover all basmati and non-basmati rice fields in

Taking to social media plat-

form X, the AAP said, government to reduce pollution in winter.

@AapKaGopalRai inaugurated the spraying of bio de-composer mixture for decomposing stubble.

"This year, the Delhi government will spray bio de-composer on more than 5,000 acres of farmland to combat pollution during the winter." According to a statement, the Delhi government has ensured a simplified process for availing the facility where the farmers are only required to fill out a form to participate and 841 farmers have already done so Rai highlighted that Delhi gov-ernment has developed a 21point winter action plan to address the rising pollution

BJP workers protest against pothole-ridden roads

STAFF REPORTER **NEW DELHI**

arrying cut-outs of former Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and other AAP leaders, the BJP workers on Thursday staged protests against "pothole-ridden" roads in the city. The protesters kept the cut outs in the potholes and damaged patches of roads at many places across the city, slamming the AAP government through slogan shouting and waving posters. The BJP should stop "spread-

ing misinformation" and focus on positive politics by allowing the Delhi government do its work, the ruling AAP said. Delhi BIP president Virendra Sachdeva took part in the protests at Church Road, Khari Baoli, Mission Road and Railway Station Road in Chandni Chowk area.

"The potholes of Delhi's roads are an evidence of the Aam Aadmi Party government's incompetence and corruption" he charged.



promised repair of all the damaged roads in the city by Diwali. The ministers of the Delhi government are currently visiting different areas of the city identifying damaged sections of the roads. Under the 'Pol-Khol' (expose)

campaign of Delhi BJP, the party MPs, MLAs and senior leaders took to streets at 60 locations across the city, said a party statement. The party leaders and workers

'exposed" the "media events" of

isters of the AAP government in the name of road repair by presenting the "real picture" before people, Sachdeva said. Party MPs Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, Manoj Tiwari, Yogender Chandolia, Kamaljeet Sehrawat and Pravin Khandelwal also staged protests in their constituencies.

Chandolia and Sehrawat alleged that the roads in the rural areas and outer parts of the city were damaged due to

Bidhuri, along with Councillor Seema Pandit and party workers, staged protest in Palam 'The poor condition of Delhi's

roads is because of 10 years of corruption in road maintenance and not due to Monsoon rains this year," Bidhuri charged. Party leader Arvinder Singh Lovely accompanied by Mayur Vihar district president Vijender Dhama protested at Trilokpuri.

From 1993 to 2013, every government worked for the development of Delhi, but the AAP government since 2013 has pushed the city two decades back, Lovely alleged. Pahargani area having numer

ous hotels has become a "nightmare" for the tourists due to the poor civic conditions, including roads, Delhi BJP general secretary Vishnu Mittal said in a protest near Ashram Metro station

The AAP in a statement alleged that the BJP tried to halt work in Delhi by sending Kejriwal to

Pul Bangash Gurdwara riots: Victim's wife deposes against Tytler

during the winter season.

STAFF REPORTER ■ **NEW DELHI**

The wife of a victim in north ■ Delhi's Pul Bangash Gurdwara case related to the 1984 anti-Sikh riots on Thursday deposed before a Delhi court against Congress leader Jagdish Tytler. Special Judge Rakesh Syal

recorded the statement of Lakhwinder Kaur, the wife of Badal Singh who was one of the three men killed by a mob that torched the Gurdwara during the riots. In her statement, Kaur said an

eyewitness told her that Tytler had come to the place of the incident in a vehicle and incited a mob Kaur told the court that she

met Surender Singh Granthi, who worked as a Granthi in the Gurdwara in 2008, who described the incident to her. "Surender Singh told me that he saw the incident from the roof of the Gurdwara.

Sanjiv Singh from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and entrepreneurs like Garima Poonia of Trash Pirate and Manik Thapar of Eco Wise Waste Management emphasized the importance of innovation and rethinking waste management as central The event featured start-up

with an award ceremony recognizing exceptional women founders for their contributions to climate action and three women led start ups received grant of Rs. six lakhs. Pahal Garwa owner of Green Gum, India Recycles owned Renu Pokharna, Kiasha's MTL Pvt Ltd lead by Anisha Shetty received the

Entrance of the official residence of Punjab Rajya Sabha MP Ashok Mittal on Ferozeshah Road is seen where the party convener Arvind Kejriwal will shift after vacating the chief minister's residence, in New Delhi, Thursday, Kejriwal, who resigned as Delhi chief minister last month, will live with his family at Mittal's residence near Mandi House, close to the AAP headquarters at Ravi Shankar Shukla Photo by: RANJAN DIMRI/THE PIONEER

shifting to party MPs

Kejriwal, Sisodia

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AAP national convener and former Delhi chief minister Arvind Keiriwal will move to 5, Ferozeshah Road bungalow of Ashok Mittal, the party's Rajya Sabha MP from Punjab. Kejriwal and his family will thus vacate the CM residence at Civil Lines. Earlier in the day, former deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia shifted to a bungalow on Rajendra Prasad Road. The house is the official residence of AAP Rajya Sabha MP Harbhajan Singh, party leaders said.

"Kejriwal will move into 5, Ferozeshah Road residence of AAP MP from Punjab Ashok Mittal on Friday," AAP leader Saurabh Bharadwaj told reporters at a press conference. Mittal, founder of Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar, was picked by the Aam Aadmi Party as one of its seven Rajva Sabha members in 2022 and was allotted the Ferozeshah Road MP bungalow. While the bungalow will remain allotted to Mittal, Kejriwal and his family will move into it for the time being.

Several party leaders, including MPs, MLAs and councillors, had offered Kejriwal their houses after he decided to leave 6,

official bungalows Civil Lines, where he lived since 2015 as the chief minister. Bharadwaj said

The new accommodation of Kejriwal, where he will move in with his family, is close to the AAP headquarters at Ravi Shankar Shukla Lane. Living in the New Delhi area,

which is also his Assembly con-

stituency, Kejriwal will supervise

AAP's campaign for the upcoming polls in Delhi and other states, party leaders said. The 6, Flagstaff Road house where Kejriwal lived with his family, including his wife, children and elderly parents, was targeted by the BJP as "Sheesh

Party leaders said Sisodia moved with his family from the AB-17 bungalow on Mathura Road that was earlier allotted to him as deputy chief minister of The bungalow was allotted to

the Delhi government minister

and now chief minister, Atishi,

after Sisodia was arrested in the

excise policy case in March

Mahal" over alleged irregulari-

ties in its reconstruction.

Atishi currently lives in her Kalkaji constituency house even after becoming the chief minister while Sisodia and his family were living in the Mathura Road bungalow, they said.

Though there is a specific direction in the order to pros-

ecute wrong doers under section 15 of Environment Protection Act, not a single prosecution has been launched," the bench said. The SC said in one of the present apart from the fact

bio-remediation.

It may be recalled Saxena, who

STAFF REPORTER

C'garh contributing to fight against climate change: CM

STAFF REPORTER

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai said on Thursday that the state is contributing to the

fight against climate change.
Chhattisgarh is expanding its green energy capacity of solar and hydropower and will play a pivotal role in helping India achieve its target of 500 giga watts of renewable energy capacity by 2030, he

He said this while launching the first edition of the Chhattisgarh Green Summit at Science College Ground in Raipur.

Sai, speaking at the inaugural event, said the world was grappling with severe consequences of environmental degradation and climate change.

"This has become a national concern. This year, the country experienced record-breaking heat. In Delhi, temperatures soared



to 52.3 degrees Celsius. Even Dubai, essentially a desert, faced flooding," he said. Sai said his government

has launched several programmes to boost the state's green cover, which already stands at 44 per cent of its geographical area.

He said Chhattisgarh will soon establish the Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve, the state's fourth, after Indravati, Udanti-Sitanadi and Achanakmar.

"The establishment of this tiger reserve will increase the state's forest area and create ecotourism and livelihood opportunities for local communities," Sai said.

The first Chhattisgarh Green Summit 2024 is being held in Raipur on October 3-5 to promote environmental sustainability and integrate Lok traditions into the development discourse.

Organised by the Chhattisgarh Forest and

Climate Change Department, in association with Vibgyor NE Foundation, the summit will feature sessions on the relationship between forests and communities, Indian forestry and ecosystem

Experts will provide insights into ecological restoration and the benefits forests offer to ecosystems, with the goal of building a sustainable model that balances ecological

preservation and community welfare. Various departments have set up stalls at the event site to promote the state's traditional forest wealth, medicinal products and

cultural heritage.
The Chief Minister visited these stalls, inquiring about the products and commending the efforts of artists and artisans.

He was accompanied by Forest and Climate Change Minister Kedar Kashyap.

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Farmers must not be targeted in fight against Naxalism: Tikait

STAFF REPORTER **BIJAPUR**

 $B_{\text{Tikait on Thursday said Naxalism can only}}^{\text{haratiya Kisan Union (BKU) leader Rakesh}}_{\text{Tikait on Thursday said Naxalism can only}}_{\text{be eliminated through ideology and farmers}}$ should not be targeted in the fight against the

Addressing a 'Kisan Mahapanchayat' of the BKU's Bijapur district unit, he said introducing village tourism policy in Naxalite-hit Bastar region will create livelihood for tribals.

"Naxalism is an ideology which can be eliminated only through an ideology. But it is not good to target farmers in the name of ending the menace," he said.

Asserting that all "encounters" must be

investigated, he said villagers bear the brunt from both sides (security forces and Naxalites).

Pointing to migration from Bastar, he asked if land in the region would be given over to industrialists.

"Bastar is very beautiful and tourism should be promoted. Village tourism policy should be introduced to create employment opportunities for villagers. Schools and health centres must be set up in Bastar. Why are people here distressed?" Tikait asked.

He accused the Modi government of



pandering to businessmen and industrialists. During the programme, Tikait submitted to a district official a memorandum addressed to Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai with 27 demands of his outfit.

These include implementation of Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act (PESA) rules in scheduled areas of Bastar and Surguja regions, cancellation of permission for mining activities in biodiversity-rich Hasdeo-Arand forest, fixing MSP for agriculture crops as well as transport subsidy to farmers to sell forest produce in metro cities.

Maoist camp busted after gunfight in Sukma

STAFF REPORTER ■

Security forces on Thursday busted a Maoist camp following a gun battle and seized explosives and other materials in Sukma district in Chhattisgarh.

The fighting took place in the forests of Botelanka, Eranpalli and adjoining villages near the Chintavagu river where Maoists had set up a transit camp, Sukma Additional Superintendent of Police Akash Rao Girepunje said.

of security personnel indiscriminate fire, prompting retaliation by the men in uniform.

Sensing the presence

The intermittent firing lasted for a long time following which the Maoists escaped, leaving behind their belongings.

A huge cache of explosives and items related to Maoists were

Indian Army's artilleries receive warm welcome

Military Outreach Programme on Oct 5-6

STAFF REPORTER

The Indian Army's Bhishma tanks and other artillery units received a warm welcome as they arrived in the Chhattisgarh capital on Thursday to perform an outreach programme at the Science College Ground on October 5-6. Before reaching the venue,

the convoy of tanks and military vehicles paraded through key locations including Telibandha, Marine Drive, the Collectorate, Jaistambh Chowk and Ashram Chowk. The event created

excitement among residents, with many capturing the impressive display on their phone cameras. Under the aegis of Central

Command and Madhya Bharat Area, a two-day armed forces outreach programme is to be held by Chhattisgarh and Odisha Sub Area in concert



with the civil administration. The primary objective is to inspire the youth to join the Army and showcase the Army's capabilities.

The event will witness an array of spectacular displays and thrilling performances, including para jump by special forces commandos and slithering demonstrations, bike

show and equestrian display. Modern weaponry and equipment, including T-90 Bhishma tank, BMP II infantry combat vehicle, Strella 10M army air defence missile system, ZU 23 Gun and 105 MM Light Field Gun of Artillery, will be displayed.

The event will also have mesmerizing performances by military pipe and brass bands from Grenadiers, Signals and Gorkha Training Centres and Khukri dance by cultural troupe from the elite Gorkha

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DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said act) read with rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement)) Rules, 2002 (the said rules). In exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) of the said act read with rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of HHFL has issued demand notice under section 13(2) of the said act, calling upon the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s), to repay the amount mentioned in respective demand notice issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the Borrower & Guarantor to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated here in below. The detail of the Borrower & Guarantor, amount due and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Name of Borrower/ Guarantor/Co-Borrower	Demand Notice issued Date Loan Account No. Amount Due as on Notice Date	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)
Mrs. DHANESHWARI THAKUR (Borrower) Mr. SATYANARAYAN THAKUR (Co Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 20-07-2024 2. CT/CTG/RAPR/A000001361 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 30,59,418/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighteen Only)	
Mr. BAJRANG VAISHNAV (Borrower) Mrs. DEEPIKA VAISHNAV (Co Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 20-07-2024 2. CT/CTG/RAPR/A000000999 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 19,29,395/- (Rupees Ninteen Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Ninty Five Only)	
Mr. RAKESH TIWARI (Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 25-07-2024	All That Part And Parcel of The Property Bearing -

3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 6,21,484/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Four Only)

Mr. DEV CHARAN SAHU (Borrower) 1. Issuance Date - 25-07-2024 2. CT/CTG/RAPR/A00000640 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 14,65,374/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Three

Hundred Seventy Four Only)

1. Issuance Date - 25-07-2024

1. Issuance Date - 13-09-2024

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2. CT/CTG/RAPR/A000001470

1. Issuance Date - 13-09-2024

2. CT/CTG/RAPR/A000000756

1. Issuance Date - 21-09-2024

2. CT/CTG/RAPR/A000001368

1. Issuance Date - 27-09-2024

2. CT/CTG/RAPR/A000000786

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2. CT/CTG/BLPR/A00000285

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2. CT/CTG/RAPR/A000001106

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All That Part and Parcel of The Property Bearing Plot/House Mauja Gram - Gudhyari, Shivanand Nagar Vake Neta Ji Kanhaiya Lal Bajari Ward, Ward No.- 8 P.H.No.-107, Part of Khasra. No.-173/5, R.N.M.-Raipur-1 Tehsil as Distt. -Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India - 492001 Total Area-756 Sq.Mtr.

Plot/House Mauja- Bemetara, Khasra. No.- 1149, New Khasra No.- 1150/77, Ward No.- 19, Ram Mandir Ward,

R.N.M.- Bemetara, Tehsil and Distt.- Bemetara

Boundaries As Per Registered Gram Abadi Patta - East

Kamla Devi, Jagdish, West - Plot No. 72, North - Jagdish

Boundaries As Per Registered Nazariya Naksha Dated

Ram Yadu, North - Gali, South - House of Krishna Pathak

25.10.2023 - East - Road (Gali), West - House of Paras

Chhattisgarh, India - 491335 Total Area - 555 Sq. mtr.

Boundaries As Per Registered Gram Abadi Patta - East-Land Of Soni, West - Road, North - Land Of Ghanshyam Verma, South-Road

All that part and Parcel of The Property Bearing Plot/House

Apartment- Situated At Known as Shanti Enclave, B-302, 3rd 2. CT/CTG/RAPR/A000001382 Floor, Super Biuild-Up Area 815, Mauja Raipura, Ward No.- 68, 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 27,61,330/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Madhav Rao Sapre Ward, P.H.No.-104/57, Khasra. No.- 678/3, 678/4, 680/2 RNM- Raipur, Teh and Distt. - Raipur, Lakhs Sixty One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Only)

South-Gali

Chhattisgarh, India - 492001 Total Area - 815 Sq. Mtr Boundaries As Per Registered Gram Abadi Patta - East A. South - Flat No. 303

Kalchuri Bhawan, West - Passage and Stairs, North - Block No. P. H NO.10 KH NO.140/2, Village SARSITAL Tehsil Lormi District Mungeli Chhattisgarh, India - 495115 Admeasuring

Area1520 Sqft Boundaries As Per Sale Deed - East - Land of Vijay, West Grassland, North - Remaining Land of Maheshi, South - Gali Mauja- Village Loharsi P.H No. 29 R.N.M Bhothli Plot No.

116 Khasra No. 493 Tehsil Lis District Dhamatari (C.G)TotalArea-2084Sq.Ft.or193.71Sq.Mtr Boundaries As Per Sale Deed - East : Land Of Banshi, West: Road & Land Of Roshan, North : Land Of Shyam,

14,03,458/- (Rupees Fourteen Lacs Three Thousand Four Hundred South: Land Of Ramesh Rao 1. Issuance Date - 21-09-2024 Mouja Mugeli Man-2 Vinoba Nagar Ward. 21 PH No. 19 R.I.C & Tehsil Mugeli, Distrcit Mungeli (C.G) Total area 654 2. CT/CTG/BLPR/A00000867 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 6.02.290

Sqft or60.78 Sqmtr Boundaries As Per Sale Deed - East - Land of Naun Sonkar, West - C.C Road, North - House of Ganesh Yadav

South-House of Sunil Yadav All That Part And Parcel of The Property Bearing Plot/House Mauja- Mathpurena, Chandrashekhar Azad Ward, Ward No.- 52, P.H.N.-105/47, Khasra. No.-70/17,

R.N.M.-Raipur-1, Tehsil Lis Distt. -Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 21,04,921/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Four Thousand Nine Twenty India-492001 Total Area - 2031.9 Sqft. Boundaries As Per Sale Deed - East - Road, West - Land

Of Jivan Sonkar, North - Land Of Akila Bano, South - Land Of Amit Singh Gram - Kosammuda P.h.n.-07 Kh.n.-88/01 A Part R.n.m.-

chhura Dist Gariyabandh , Gobranawapara , Chhattisgarh, India - 493996 Admeasuring Area 2152 Sq Ft Boundaries As Per Sale Deed - East - Seller Remaining

Land, West - Pakki Road, North - Seller Remaining Land-SouthGovtLand

Khasra No. 130/180, Situated at Mouja Kota-03, P. H. No. 51, R.I.C. Raipur-3-Kota, Tehsil 85 District Raipur Chhattisgarh , India-492001 Admeasuring Area 1500 SqFt Boundaries As Per Sale Deed - East - Road, West - Land

of Tiwari Ji, North - Land of Chudamani, South Land of seller

Village Bijili P H No 17 R.N.M Rajim Tehsil Rajim Dist. Gariyanband bearing Khasra No part of 442, Distrcit Gariyaband (C.G) Total Area - 2700 Sq. Ft. 3. Total Amount Due - Gariyaband (C.G) Total Area - 2700 Sq. Ft.
Rs.15,89,340/- (Rupees Fifteen Boundaries As Per Sale Deed - East - Gali, West - House

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Mrs. NEEU SAHU (Co Borrower) Six held for loot of ornaments worth Rs 5 Cr

STAFF REPORTER

Chhattisgarh Police on Thursday arrested six persons including a woman over a robbery of gold and silver ornaments valued at Rs 5.18 crore and Rs 7 lakh cash from a jewellery shop in

Balrampur district. Two other

accused are on the run.

Monu Soni alias Raj alias Bookie, his brother and mastermind Sonu Soni alias Anand, Sonu's uncle Arvind, a brother, Monu's lover Anjani Ekka and accomplices Rahul Mehta and Vicky Singh were taken into custody, Balrampur Superintendent of Police Vaibhav Banker said.

The first three hailed from Jharkhand, Ekka resided in

Excise official

suspended

The Chhattisgarh government on Thursday

suspended an excise official in

posted as District Excise

Officer in Mahasamund, was

suspended for negligence and

dereliction of duty, an order

an inspection of liquor shops

in Jhalap and Tumgaon villages following the

complaints of inflated rates of

wines and because the shop

employees were without

Jaiswal will be attached to the

office of Commissioner

During the suspension,

uniform and IDs.

The action was taken after

Mohit Kumar Jaiswal,

Mahasamund district.

Chhattisgarh

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MAHASAMUND



Chandigarh and the other two were from Maharashtra.

They looted 5 kg gold ornaments worth Rs 3.89 crore, 7 kg silver ornaments of Rs 6.65 lakh and Rs 7 lakh in cash in Ramanujganj town

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the police nabbed the first three from Delhi and Ekka from Mohali. The other two

were caught in Aurangbad. The police seized 3.354 kg

of gold and 7 kg of silver ornaments, Rs 5.40 lakh from

motorcycles and two pistols from them. Bookie and his brother

are history sheeters involved in incidents of murder, attempt to murder and robbery in Jharkhand and Bihar.

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MINIMATA BANGO DAM DIVISION NO. 03 MACHADOLI DISTT. KORBA (C.G.)

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IN NIT No.: 11/SAC/2024-25, Machadoh, Dated 20-09-2024 System Tender No. 158797 (1st Call) Whose G.No. is 242502697/9 Dated 25/09/2024 following amendments are made-

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(Excise), Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

Bilaspur (C.G.)

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India rejects USCIRF report as political bias J and K Assembly polls show

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

ndia on Thursday took strong exception to a US Commission International Religious Freedom report claiming worsening religious freedom in the country and said it is a biased organization with a

organization with a political agenda. Giving this stern reaction here, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said "Our views on the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) are well known. It is a biased organisation with a political agenda. It continues to misrepresent facts and peddles a motivated narrative about India. We reject this malicious report, which only serves to discredit USCIRF

We would urge USCIRF to



driven efforts. The USCIRF would also be well advised to productively on addressing human rights issues in the flagged the alleged worsening of religious freedom in India

"Newagency PTI reported from Washington a US federal government commission has flagged the alleged worsening

and called for it to be designated as a "Country of Particular Concern". Authored by senior policy analyst Sema Hasan, the

section on India describes the

disinformation -- including hate speech by government officials -- to incite violent attacks against religious minorities and their places of worship, the US Commission for International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) said in a statement.

use of misinformation and

In its annual report, the USCIRF also recommended that the US Department of State designate India as a "Country of Particular Concern" for engaging in systematic, ongoing and egregious violations of religious freedom. The state department has so far refrained from accepting the recommendations.

This report highlights how, throughout 2024, individuals have been killed, beaten, and lynched by vigilante groups, religious leaders have been arbitrarily arrested, and homes and places of worship

These events constitute particularly severe violations of religious freedom," the

USCIRF said.

Beginning with the previous Manmohan Singh-led Singh-led government, India has consistently denied visas to USCIRF members to visit the country, citing "interference" in its internal affairs, it added. India and several Indian-American groups have in the past accused the USCIRF of biased, unscientific and agenda-driven reporting to malign the country.

"It (the report) further describes changes to and enforcement of India's legal framework to target and disenfranchise religious minorities, including the Citizenship Amendment Act, a uniform civil code, and several state-level conversion and cow slaughter

69.69 per cent turnout: ECI

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Voter turnout of 69.69 per cent has been recorded in third phase of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly polls, with women outnumbering men in casting votes, the Election Commission said Thursday.

Overall, 63.88 per cent turnout has been recorded at polling stations, as against 58.58 per cent in the Lok Sabha polls, the poll panel noted.

In phase-three of the polls on October one, when 40 seats went for voting in the Union Territory, the turnout of male voters was recorded at 69.37 per cent as compared to 70.02 per cent of women, the Election Commission (EC) said. Nearly 44 per cent of voters from the third gender

category came to cast their votes in this phase. Referring to the overall turnout, the

Commission said it stood at 63.88 per cent with male participation recorded at 64.68 per cent. The overall women turnout was recorded at 63.04 per cent and that of the third gender at 38.24 per

The final votes polled will be available post-counting with counting of postal ballots. Postal ballots include postal ballots given to service voters, absentee voters (those above

85 years of age, persons with disabilities, those part of essential services) and voters on election duty, the EC Daily account of such postal

ballots received, as per established guidelines, are given to all candidates, it said.

Modi greets people on Navaratri festival

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

 $P^{\text{rime Minister Narendra}}_{\text{Modi on Thursday greeted}}$ people at the start of the auspicious Navaratri festival. "It is my wish that this sacred festival devoted worshipping shakti is auspicious for everyone," he said in a social media post. The festival is marked by festivities in many parts of the country, while the devout themselves religious practices, including fasting, during the period.

Indian researchers develop road safety sensor prototype PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

A prototype of a road safety sensor that can be implanted at high-risk turning points where accidents are frequent, has been developed by Indian researchers from a new polymer nanocomposite with pressure sensing and energy harvesting properties.

The prototype may be implanted in the movable ramp and secured to the road just 100 meters before acute and fatal turning points. Thus, any vehicle approaching from the opposite side will see the signal on a screen and be alerted, according to from Department of Science and Technology which has funded the project under INSPIRE

programme.
This prototype works on the principle of piezoelectric effect so it can generate energy that can be stored and used further to power electronic gadgets as well, Developed by the scientists from the Centre for Nano and Soft matter Sciences (CeNS), Bengluru, the novel polymer nanocomposite, from which the prototype has been crafted, has been made of transition dichalcogenide,

Scientists, Ankur Verma, Dr. Arjun Hari Madhu, Dr. Subash Cherumannil Karumuthil synthesised vanadium disulfide (VS2) with a very high surface charge which has the capacity of improving the piezoelectric characteristics of polymers. Polymer nanocomposite films

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Air Marshal S P Dharkar, an accomplished fighter pilot with 3,600 hours of

flying experience, on

of Air Staff on

Vice Chief of Air Staff



concentrations into a wellknown piezoelectric polymer, poly (vinylidene difluoride)

Further they investigated how

the surface charge of nanoparticles will affect the piezoelectric properties of polymer nanocomposite. In addition, a laboratory-scale demonstration of a road

safety sensor and smart door

was established, with the prototype as a pressure

This study demonstrates that PVDF-VŚ2 nanocomposites will provide significant value to flexible, long-term energy

generating and pressure sensing applications. This work was recently published in the Journal of Material Chemistry A and an Indian patent application filed.
This study is part of an

ongoing project "Materials for self powered powered energy generating and pressure sensing devices". Scientists are constantly

trying to develop new materials for self-powered energy generating pressure sensing devices and using them for several applications. Flexible, applications. portable, long-lasting, and wearable sensors and energy harvesting devices can play an essential part in today's artificial intelligence era. Polymers and nanoparticles serve critical roles in today's flexible electronic systems,

Modi to address Kautilya economic conclave in Delhi PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Drime Minister Narendra PModi will address the Kautilya Economic Conclave here on Friday, his office has said. The third edition of the

said. The conclave will focus on themes such as financing green transition, geoeconomic fragmentation and implications for growth, and principles for policy action to preserve resilience.

conclave will be held from

October four to six, the PMO

Both Indian and international scholars are slated to discuss some of the most important issues confronting the Indian economy and economies of the Global South, the PMO



India joins IMDRF as affiliate member, enhancing global collaboration

discussions by the IMDRF

Management Committee (MC) with the senior officers

of CDSCO during the 26th Session of IMDRF held in

September 2024 at Seattle, Washington, USA, the CDSCO has received approval from IMDRF as an

affiliate member of the

Becoming an affiliate member of the IMDRF will

open doors to invaluable opportunities for reliance and

collaboration with regulatory

authorities worldwide, it said.

The membership helps to

harmonise regulatory requirements across the globe, which reduces

complexities for manufacturers and helps safeguard public health by

promoting collaboration, harmonising regulations and

As an affiliate member, India

will participate in IMDRF

open sessions for information

exchange on technical topics

with other regulators, to

discuss the latest medical

device regulatory strategies and trends, provide feedback

on its experience and

perspectives and use IMDRF

documents in part or in

whole as the basis for its

regulatory framework for medical devices, said the

This membership will also

enable Indian medical device

manufacturers to meet the

regulatory requirements of

IMDRF member countries,

thereby strengthening the

"Brand India" in the global

statement.

market, it said.

promoting convergence.

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forum," it said.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

India has become an affiliate member of the International Medical Device Regulators Forum (IMDRF), a development that will open invaluable opportunities for reliance and collaboration with regulatory authorities worldwide while strengthening the "Brand India" in the global market. The Union Health Ministry

said on Thursday, the IMDRF, which was established in 2011, is a group of global medical device regulators whose aim is to speed up the adoption of international medical device regulatory harmonisation convergence.

Its members include national regulatory authorities of the JŠ, Australia, Canada, the European Union, Japan, the UK, Brazil, Russia, China, South Korea, Singapore and World Health Organisation (WHO).

"To achieve global alignment in its medical device regulatory system, enhance the competitiveness of the domestic industry and boost transnational prominence, the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), under the Union Health Ministry, applied for Affiliate Membership in the International Medical Device Regulators Forum (IMDRF) in 2024," the Ministry said in

a statement. "After review of India's application for affiliate membership and meeting Thursday assumed charge as Vice Chief of the Air Staff. He P Singh who became the September 30. Air Marshal Dharkar has flown various types of fighter

jets and trainer aircraft and commanded a MiG-27 He is an experienced qualified flying instructor, fighter strike

leader and instrument rating instructor. Commissioned in the fighter

stream in 1985, he is an alumnus of Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC),



National Defence Academy (NDA), Defence Services Staff College and the US Air College. He has commanded a frontline fighter unit and served as the first Director General of the Defence Space Agency.

Air Marshal Dharkar was serving as the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Air Command prior to taking over as Vice Chief of Air Staff. He has also served

as the assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Training) at the air headquarters.

As the Director General of the Defence Space Agency (DSA), he was responsible for handling all aspects related to setting up of the new organisation.

The DSA would control and oversee all aspects of space exploitation in the military domain by the Indian defence

Air Marshal SP Dharkar appointed Congress demands urgent relief for Bihar flood victims

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

 $E^{\rm xpressing\ concern\ over\ the}_{\rm flood\ situation\ in\ Bihar,}$ Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday demanded that the should expedite the relief and rescue operations. According to the disaster management department, the number of people affected by flood has

reached 14.62 lakh. "The flood situation in Bihar is becoming terrible. Nearly 15 lakh people in 17 districts are affected by the floods and the news of many deaths in the last few days is extremely painful," Kharge said in a social media post in Hindi. The Congress president said the bridges have collapsed



have been destroyed due to the disaster, especially in north Bihar.

"We demand from the Centre and state government that the relief and rescue operations should be expedited so that the victims can get immediate help," Kharge said.

"We thank the Indian Air Force, NDRF and SDRF teams wholeheartedly for the

help they are providing in these difficult circumstances. But we still need all possible help from the state government agencies," he Kharge also urged the Centre

provide victim and help the state government.

The Congress president said the farmers, whose crops have been destroyed should also get compensation. The Congress workers are expected to be ready to serve the victims, he added.

According to the state disaster management department, packets of food and other relief materials are being airdropped by the IAF helicopters in the 17 flood-

Climate change fuels gender-based violence in Bangladesh

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

¬hirty-two-year-old I Srestha, a mother of three from southern Bangladesh, has long relied on agriculture, cultivating rice and vegetables. However, the increasing frequency of floods due to climate change has dramatically impacted her family's livelihood. With no income, Srestha's

husband, Shabbir, became increasingly stressed and frustrated. As months passed without financial relief, Shabbir's mood worsened. He began to lash out at Srestha, blaming her for their situation.

What started as verbal arguments escalated into physical violence. Srestha found herself trapped in a cycle of fear and helplessness, often trying to placate Shabbir to avoid further conflict.

However, Srestha's precarious situation is not an isolated case. She represents many women facing climate change-induced gender-



based violence which is set to aggravate in near future as impacts of global warming intensifies, as per a new analysis published in the PLOS Climate. A first of its kind analysis

based on the data from 156 countries including India between 1993 and 2019 has shown that climate shockssuch as floods, storms, and landslides—are linked to higher rates of intimate partner violence in the two years following such events, particularly in patriarchal societies where violence against women is normalised. The study led by UCL researchers in collaboration with Exeter also shows that violence rates were found to be low in countries having a higher Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

life expectancy: Study PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI

If smoking were cut down to Ljust five per cent of current levels by 2050, men could expect an increase in life expectancy by about one year, while women might see an increase of 0.2 years, a recent study published in The Lancet Public Health has said.

Achieving the five per cent smoking target could prevent 876 million years of life lost due to premature death, highlighting the profound impact of reducing tobacco

The study suggests that banning the sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products could prevent an estimated 1.2 million lung cancer deaths across 185 countries by 2095. Notably, about two-thirds of these preventable deaths would occur in low- and middle-income countries, where younger populations may be more vulnerable to the effects of tobacco.

The researchers analysed the Institute for Health Metrics potential benefits of a and Evaluation (IHME) at the



Reducing smoking could boost

tobacco-free generation policy, which aims to restrict tobacco sales to those born after a specific year. This approach, however, has not yet been fully implemented in any country.

For instance, noted the study, New Zealand had enacted a law to prohibit the sale of tobacco to individuals born on or after January 1, 2009, but this legislation was repealed earlier this year.

regarding preventable deaths were derived from analysing Stein Emil Vollset, a senior the implications of banning author of the study from the tobacco sales on lung cancer mortality among people born between 2006 and 2010.

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to sustain and enhance efforts

to reduce smoking rates

He noted that the potential

for avoiding millions of

premature deaths underscores

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must not lose momentum in efforts to reduce, and ultimately eliminate smoking around the world. Our findings highlight that millions of premature deaths could be avoided by bringing an end to smoking, said Vollset. Commenting on the study's

observation, a representative from Mothers Against Vaping, a united front of concerned mothers combating the escalating vaping crisis asserted that there is a need to highlight health hazards of New-Age Gateway devices like ecigarettes, vapes, and heatnot-burn devices for India to meet its tobacco control goals for the youth.

In fact, the authors of the Lancet study have advocated for not only maintaining existing tobacco control measures but implementing new strategies to address the ongoing risks associated with smoking which are major reasons for many preventable diseases including cancers.

BJP proposes renaming Sealdah station | Indian Army aims to crack terrorists' after Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee

SAUGAR SENGUPTA

There are credible reports that a section of Bengal BJP has started lobbying for rechristening Sealdah Railway Station as Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Railway Station a la Deen Dayal Upadhyay Railway

The proposal to change the name of the country's sixth oldest railway station after Mumbai VT, Howrah, Chennai, Kanpur and Vadodara was given by BJP Rajya Sabha MP Samik Bhattacharya before Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav during his visit to Kolkata on Wednesday.

"But what is in a name?" asked Trinamool Congress' Kunal Ghosh who wondered why the name of only Mukherjee and why not Swami Vivekananda who lived nearby, barely a mile or two away from the Station at Shimla Street should be considered.

"Why the station should not be named after Swami Vivekananda because after returning from his glorious trip to Chicago his ship came to Budge Budge from where he took a train to Sealdah It is from this place where thou-



sands of young people assembled and dragged his cart by hand," Ghosh said.

However according to Bhattacharya, "When lakhs of beaten and uprooted refugees from the erstwhile East Pakistan thronged Sealdah Station post Partition it was Dr Mukherjee who stood by them and their cause I will request the honourable Railway Minister to consider renaming Sealdah Station after Prasad Shyama Mukherjee.

Historically speaking: British architect Walter Glanville in 1869 designed the Sealdah Main Railway Station as it stands today pursuing a Victorian-Gothic form.

Sealdah which has 20 platforms today had only four in 1862 standing out amidst muddy, marshy and potholed

vicinity. It was a part of the East Bengal Railway and then Assam Bengal Railway set up in 1857 for the sake of establishing connectivity with northern and southern Bengal which then comprised a large

province including Bihar,

Odisha and portions of the

present North East. Incidentally there was a tram terminus located just outside Sealdah Station before the year 1978 from where the concept of horse tram carriage started. Historically speaking Sealdah owes its name to Sealdihi or a village infested by jackals.

In fact the station itself was built clearing a huge Pipal tree surrounded with bushes, swamps and marshes and heavily colonized by jackals on two sides of the great Maratha Ditch (a canal) that surrounded the city and where today runs the Upper and Lower Circular Roads more lately called the Acharya Prafulla Chandra (APC) Road and Acharya Jagadish Chandra (AJC) Road. The Maratha Ditch was dug up to prevent Maratha invasions in those days. So historically today's Sealdah Station stands by the Maratha Ditch so to say.

The Maratha Ditch could not however prevent Bengal Nawab Siraj ud Daulah from invading Kolkata in 1756 when he crossed the mighty canal and attacked the British garrison "causing a great loss to the white men's families by bundling about 64 of them including women inside an underground chamber leading to 43 deaths."

Others however, put the figure to 146 captured and 123 dead. Sealdah stood witness to the brief but cruel battle between the Nawab and the British who avenged the cruelty post Battle of Plassey by allowing Siraj to be cut into pieces and ferried about the Murshidabad town on a bullock cart.

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that his ministry was contemplating a Rs 60,000-crore investment schemes in Bengal and was awaiting the cooperation of the

encrypted communication networks

MOHIT KANDHARI

The outgoing General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Srinagar-based 15 Corps, Lieutenant General Rajiv Ghai on Thursday said that the Indian Army is working hard to crack the highly encrypted communication network of the terrorists to dismantle their ecosystem in the

Briefing media persons in Srinagar Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai said, "We are aware that terrorists operating in the valley are using ultra communication networks, which have layers of encryption. While presently it is affording them the secrecy that they want I assure you that work is happening in this direction and soon we will be able to crack that encryption and I am hoping that will further dent their ecosystem and net-

The senior Army officer also claimed that the active number of terrorists in the region has also come down to 80 and no fresh recruitment has taken place in recent months in the

"There are around 80 active terrorists in Kashmir. The figure has gone down. Their number will be further down by midnext year," he said.

He estimated that between 25 and 30 foreign terrorists remain

active, and the army is determined to neutralize them soon. We foiled infiltration attempts by terrorists from across the border. This summer there were fewer attempts of infiltration," he said.

He further stated that successful infiltration attempts were not mostly made in Kashmir but at other places.

Referring to the frequent attacks in Pir Pranjal range, Rajiv Ghai said that there were chances that the terrorists may attempt to take shelter in Kashmir. "Terrorists keep moving as they cannot survive in one place," he said. Sharing his assessment of the

prevailing security scenario Lt Gen Ghai said Kashmir has

troop cut was possible at this juncture, the GoC said: "We are in a consolidation phase and no dilution of counter insurgency and counter terrorism grid is recommended. Both the grids need to be maintained. I defi-nitely won't advocate any dilu-tion to these grids at this stage," the GoC said the GoC said. Earlier, in his opening remarks, the GoC said that during the past year-and-a-half, numerous

attempts counter infiltration steps were taken while simultaneously prosecuting a very robust and successful counterterrorist campaign within Kashmir. "While doing this, we have been very conscious of our responsibility and nationbuilding. So we have maintained our connection with the people of Kashmir," the army officer said.

He said that the region is seeing a new beginning as numerous significant events are taking place besides development.

"This is because of the efforts put in by (Chinar corps) 15 Corps, police, CAPF, police and numerous other security agencies," the GoC said.

While he praised the improving security situation over the last two years, Lt. Gen. Ghai cautioned that maintaining peace remains the primary challenge, and vigilance must be maintained, particularly in counter-terrorism efforts at the LoC and within the valley.

claims on gold smuggling allegations



KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

¬hief Minister Vijayan on Thursday made a quick volte-face from his earlier stance that Malappuram district topped the table in gold flow. Addressing the media after the cabinet meeting on Thursday, the chief minister said that he never blamed Malappuram district or the Muslim community for gold smuggling and hawala cash flow to the State.

But this is in stark contrast to his stance during the 21st September press meet when he had said that out of the 147 kg smuggled gold seized in the State during the last three years, Malappuram accounted for 124.47 kg of yellow metal and Rs 87.22 crore of hawala cash out of Rs 122.5 crore seized during the period. It is widely believed that the

chief minister retracted his statement on smuggled gold and hawala cash under pressure from leaders of a minority community who were offended by his disclosures. The chief minister had also said during the media meeting that the money generated out of smuggling and hawala cash transactions were being pumped into the State for anti-national activ-While Vijayan did not dis-

close the reasons behind the sudden change in his stance, he gave a clean chit to the Chennai based English newspaper for carrying in its column an apology for publishing a statement attributed to him which he said he had not told the journalist who had interviewed him in New Delhi. The said interview which was carried in the 30th September edition of the paper had featured the chief minister's allegation that large scale gold smuggling and hawala cash was taking place in Malappuram district. "I did not tell this reporter anything on this issue. When I was asked about Anvar and gold smuggling, my reply was that I had made it clear in the press meet held on 21st September itself and do not have much time to elaborate further on the topic," said Vijayan who patted the Chennai newspaper for its decision to run a public apol-

Vijayan retracts | CPI(M) demands 12 seats in MVA alliance



T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Ahead of the formalisation of the seat-sharing tie-up among the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) for the Maharashtra Assembly polls, the the MVA leadership to alloits smaller ally -Communist Party of India (Marxist) – has staked claim

for 12 seats. Confirming the development, CPI (M)'s Maharashtra State Committee Dr Uday Narkar said on Thursday: "We have attended a couple of meetings of the MVA....We have asked

cate us 12 seats".

Maharashtra Assembly, the CPI (M) represents one seat-Dahanu (ŠT) in Palghar district, from where its party man Vinod Nikole was elected in the 2019 polls.

Apart from Dahanu (ST) seat, the other Assembly con-stituencies from where the CPI (M) wants to contest areL Vikramgad in Palghar dis-trict, Shahpur in Thane dis-trict, Kalwan, Dindori, Nashik West and Igatpuri in Nashik district, Kinwat in Nanded district, Majagaon in Bead district, Majalgaon in Beed district, Pathari in Parbhani district, Solapur City Central in Solapur district and Akole in Ahmednagar district.

'For the past several years, we have been very active in the constituencies where we would field our candidates. We are part of the INDIA block at the national level. We expect the MVS to allocate the seats we have asked for," Dr Narkar said.

The All India

(AKIS) had in the PAST led several farmers' movements in Maharashtra, while several Left unions are active in urban

The three major constituents of the MVA are Congress, NCP (Sharad Pawar) and the Shiv Sena (UBT). The Samajwadi Party, CPI, CPI (M), Peasants and Workers Party (PWP) are the smaller constituents of the MVA. It is doubtful whether the

MVA will allocate 12 seats. If anything, the MVA may con-sider allocating 3 to 4 four seats to the CPI (M), as against 12 seats demanded by the latter. Because, the MVA's three major constituents will have to accommodate its other small allies like the SP, CPI and PWP.

On their part, the Congress, NCP (SP) and Shiv Sena (UBT) have so far not yet commented on the demand for 12 seats made by the CPI

SC halts Isha Foundation probe

seen a good year so far like last year. "We need a few more

good years to make peace a

permanent feature here. I

believe maintaining this peace-

ful atmosphere is the biggest challenge for the security forces," the GoC 15 Corps said.

Lt Gen Ghai said that there has-

n't been any active recruit-

ment of terrorists this year.

"The numbers were down to a

dozen last year and this year it is next to nil," the GoC said.

He said as far as the terrorist-

initiated incidents in Kashmir,

they are between far and few.

"Some incidents were reported

where soft targets were made

by even an untrained person

using a pistol," the army officer said. To a query whether any

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday stayed the police probe into the alleged illegal confinement of two women at spiritual leader Jaggi Vasudev's Isha Foundation ashram at Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu. Transferring to itself a habeas corpus petition of a man alleging that his two daughters were held captive inside the premises of the Foundation, a bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud directed the Tamil Nadu Police to not take any further action in pursuance of the Madras High Court's direction asking it to inquire into the alleged illegal confinement of the

'You can't let in the Army or the police into an establishment like this," the bench observed during the hearing. The bench, also comprising Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, said the police shall file the status report, as directed by the high court in its September 30 order, before the top court. The top court passed the order after the Isha Foundation approached it challenging Madras High Court's order directing the Coimbatore Police to collect all case details registered against the Foundation and produce them before the court for further consideration. Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for the Foundation, sought a stay of the high court order, and said around 150 police offic

the Foundation's ashram and are probing every corner. The bench, which interacted with the two women in-chambers through video-conferencing, noted they have stated that both of them are residing at the ashram voluntarily and without any coercion. "As regards the presence of police, in pursuance to the order of the High Court, it has been stated by the two individuals that the police left the premises last night, though they were there... In pursuance of the order of the high court," the bench noted. While taking up the habeas corpus petition, the

bench permitted the father of the two women to appear before it through video-conferencing if he wishes to interact with the court in person or through counsel. The court said text of the high court's order indicated that they are presently 42 and 39 years old respectively. The bench noted the two women have stated that they are free to travel outside the ashram, which they had done from time to time and their parents have also visited there to meet them. The court noted it was submitted before it that a similar petition was filed by the mother of the two individual about eight years ago, in which the father had also appeared. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who appeared for the Centre, said the high court should have been "very circumspect". Madras High Court had on September 30 passed an interim order on a habeas corpus petition filed by Dr S Kamaraj.

Bengal doctors divided over protest strategies



SAUGAR SENGUPTA

There seems to have developed differences of opinion among the doctors of Bengal agitating in demand of justice for their woman colleague who was on August 9 raped and murdered inside the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital with the seniors opposing the juniors' decision to resume indefinite "cease work" for the second time within a span of ten days following repeated attacks on their colleagues at various medical college hospitals.

According to the senior doctors the protestors who had been getting full support from the general public should not take recourse to actions that could impede people's interest. "About 35,000 patients come to the five medical colleges in Kolkata alone for treatment most of them have supported our cause throughout the movement so we should also take their plight into consideration particularly during the festive season when many private doctors would go vacationing and the poor patients would be left in lurch," said one of the senior doctors while expressing his views in a general convention of doctors called in RGKMCH on Thursday.

Another senior doctor said

that "we have been by the side of these junior doctors and will continue to support their cause but without imposing our views on them we will just like to advice them that this is not right time to resume cease work impeding the interests of thousands of common people who have been by us all these days we cannot alienate the common man from this movement," said another senior paediatrician.

The doctors who had gone on an indefinite cease work post the RGKMCH incident had resumed duty breaking their 42-days' cease work after Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee assured foolproof security inside hospital premises besides conceding to their demand of removing Kolkata Police Commissioner Vineet Goyal and two directors of Health.

But the Government which had given us assurance on other demands would not fulfill them forcing us to resume

our movement," said Dr

Aniket one of the leaders.

Another doctor, a cardiologist suggested alternative mode of movement saying, "we can think about partial cease work or regular rallies and even dharnas or even go to the districts setting special medical care camps so as to make people aware about the plights of the doctors?

The junior doctors had not presented their views when reports last came in. However some of them said

that they would take the advice of the senior doctors and hold general body meeting of joint platform of junior doctors before taking a final decision.

It is clear that this Government is trying to create a rift between the common people who have supported us and the doctors but we will not fall in its trap if we withdraw our cease work then it will not be because of the government pressure but because of the needs of the people but still we will continue to agitate until attacks on doctors stop and until the Government takes some concrete steps to ensure safety and security inside the hospitals," said Dr Kinjal Nanda one of the agi-

tating doctors.

Bombay HC orders to expedite inquiry into custodial death

T N RAGHUNATHA
MUMBAI

fter the BJP-led MahaYuti Agovernment set up a Commission of Inquiry into the "encounter killing" of Badlapur children sexusal assault case Akshay Shinde, the Bombay High Court on Thursday directed the Magistrate looking into Shinde' death to expedite its inquiry and submit the site of the state of th to it at the next hearing on November 18.

November 18.
Hearing a PIL filed by the father of Shinde on the suspicious circumstances leading to the death of Shinde, a HC bench of Justices Revati Mohite Dere and Prithviraj Chavan asked the Thane Magistrate and the police to collect, preserve and get all the evidence relating to Shinde's death in police custody.

Earlier, Advocate General Birendra Saraf told the court that all relevant documents have been forwarded to the magistrate for inquiry. While asking the Magistrate to

start the inquiry proceedings quickly and submit its report quickly after hearing all parties in the case. "Law requires that when there

is a custodial death, the investigation be conducted by the Magistrate. Let the investigation be conducted. We will wait for the report of the magistrate," the HC bench said. 'The Magistrate should expedite the inquiry and submit its report to the court by November 18.

Akshay Shinde -- key accused in the sensational Badlapur child sexual assault --was shot dead at a point blank range while he was being taken from Badlapur to Thane in a van for investigation in another case. It may be recalled that two nursery girls - aged four and



were sexually abused allegedly by sweeper Shinde when they in the washroom of the kindergarten school run by Adarsh Vidya Prasarak Sanstha (AVPS) on August 13 for using the toilet there. A Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Thane police that investigated the case has filed a charge-sheet in the case before the special Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act court in Kalyan.

The incident caused a major public uproar in the state and always as other parts of the state. The Opposition MVA comprising Congress, Uddhav Thackeray-headed Shiv Sena (UBT) and Sharad Pawar-led NCP (SP) - had demanded a judicial probe into the suspicious circumstances leading to the accused Shinde's death in a police can

Directing the prosecution to collect strong forensic evidence in the case, the HC asked the prosecution if the police had collected forensic evidence from the body of the deceased. "Every firearm has a peculiar pattern and the residue it leaves is also different. The residue left on the deceased's head where he was shot, his hands when he opened fire from the police's pistol needs to be collected, preserved and analysed forensically, "the HC bench said "Dead body is the most silent

and honest witness,.. There is a need to collect and preserve all evidence. Bullets were fired from two different firearms in the incident. Empty shells found were of two different arms. The firing pin of every gun is different. This can be a conclusive proof which firing arm will have which firing pin," the HC bench aid.

We want to see a report showing this conclusively," the HC bench said, while wanting to know from the police State CID police who are investigating the case if the bullet had pierced through the accused. Advocate General Saraf replied in the affirmative.

Expressing its displeasure over the failure to recover a bottle of water that was given to the accused when he asked for water in the vehicle. "The police's case is that the handcuffs of the accused were removed after he asked for

water after which he forcibly snatched the pistol of one of the police officers and opened fire. "It (bottle) is an important piece of evidence," the bench said. Seeking the medical report of

the police officer who sustained injury in the firing opened by the deceased accused, the HC bench said: 'The police officer who sustained gunshot injury...Has he been examined properly? Was there any residue or blacken-

ing at the spot? We need to see that. Was there an entry and exit wound on the thigh of the police officer who got hurt?'

At a hearing held on September 25, a HC bench of Justice Revati Mohite Dere and Prithviraj Chavan had questioned the version put out by the police Shinde was shot by the police in self defence. Justice Chavan said "it is hard to believe" that a man of slight build as Akshay Shinde could be overpowered by the four policemen when he turned violent and pulled the slide back on a 9 mm pistol for firing which "requires

firing which strength".

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The caste contest

Haryana elections will be a tight contest. The BJP-JJP alliance breakup and Congress rebels have added uncertainty to it

s Haryana heads to the polls on October 5, 2024, the political landscape is marked by intense competition and shifting alliances. This election holds importance as the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which had formed a government in 2019 with the support of Dushyant Chautala's Jannayak Janata Party (JJP), is now contesting alone. The breakup of the BJP-JJP alliance has left the BJP in a precarious position, governing as a minority until the upcoming elections. The ruling party, which is contesting without its former ally, the JJP, is focusing on its development agenda, highlighting its work on infrastructure, education and women's safety. However, the party faces challenges, especially in rural areas, where discontent over issues like agricultural reforms remains strong. The Congress is positioning itself as the main alternative to the BJP. Led by Bhupinder Singh Hooda, the party is banking on strong support in rural areas, especially among Jat voters and hopes to capitalise on dissatisfaction with the BJP government. Dushyant

> Chautala is attempting to redefine his party's narrative, distancing himself from the BJP's policies and advocating for farmer-friendly reforms.

Another unpredictable player is Aam Aadmi Party which is contesting in Haryana with renewed vigour. AAP is aiming to replicate its success in neighbouring Punjab. The party is focusing on issues such as healthcare, education and anti-corruption measures, appealing primarily to urban voters. A strong contender of yesteryears, Indian National Lok DaL (INLD) led by Abhay Singh Chautala has joined hands with Bahujan Samaj Party. But the agrarian sector remains a pivotal issue in Haryana, especially after the farmers'

protests against the now-repealed agricultural laws. Farmers' resentment towards the government has not entirely subsided, and the opposition parties, particularly Congress and JJP, are using this to mobilise rural voters. Besides, Haryana has one of the highest unemployment rates in India. Both the BJP and Congress have promised to address the issue, with the BJP touting its industrial initiatives and the Congress proposing new employment schemes. But all said and done, it is the caste politics which decides who rules the State. The traditional Jat-non-Jat divide continues to shape Haryana's political landscape. The BJP, which has traditionally garnered support from non-Jat communities, faces the challenge of consolidating this base while the JJP and Congress focus on winning over Jat voters. Caste dynamics have always been a significant factor in Haryana's political landscape, deeply influencing voter behaviour and electoral outcomes. Jats, who make up approximately 25-30 per cent of Haryana's population, are the state's most politically influential caste group. The Congress, under Hooda, is attempting to bridge the gap between Jats and non-Jats by emphasising its rural-urban development plans but is plagued by rebels. The outcome of the elections will be favourable to the party which manages the complex caste matrix of the state well.



man makes red handprints on a wall as part of a tradition on the first day of the 'Navratri' festival, in Ahmedabad

BJP strives hard to imbibe 'integral humanism'



As the BJP marks Deendayal Upadhyaya's 108th birth anniversary, it faces the challenge of aligning his "Integral Humanism" ideals with modern governance

n the occasion of the 108th birth anniversary of Deendáyal Upadhyaya, founding figure of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh and the proponent of "Integral Humanism," the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) finds itself reflecting on how closely it has adhered to his visionary ideals. Upadhyaya's philosophy focused on a holistic approach to human well-being, emphasising decentralisation, indigenous culture, self-reliance, and ethical governance. Though the BJP has embraced these principles rhetorically, transforming them into practical realities remains a formidable challenge.

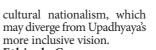
Economic Ideals vs Modern Policies: Deendayal Upadhyaya's vision of economic self-reliance and decentralisation stands in contrast to India's current globalised and capital-driven economic policies, particularly those introduced since the liberalisation reforms of the 1990s.

Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the BJP has focused on economic growth through increased foreign direct investment (FDI), free-market reforms, and privatisation. Critics argue that this approach clashes with Upadhyaya's idea of a self-reliant economy, which emphasises supporting rural and local industries, creating jobs at the grassroots level, and minimising dependence on foreign capital.

Balancing Indigenous Culture

and Globalisation: Deendayal Upadhyaya advocated for the preservation and promotion of India's indigenous culture, even as the nation embraced modern advancements. Striking this balance has been a delicate task for the BJP. On one hand, the party emphasises cultural pride, nationalism, and traditional values, promoting initiatives like Ayurveda and yoga on the global stage. On the other hand, India's integration into the global economy, alongside the rise of modern lifestyle trends and technology, risks alluting the deeper cultural roots Upadhyaya sought

The BJP has been critiqued for Antyodaya - Uplifting the



Ethical Governance vs Corruption: A key tenet of Upadhyaya's philosophy was the need for ethical governance, marked by integrity, honesty, and service to the people.

While BJP leaders, including Modi, have presented themselves as champions of clean governance, the party has faced allegations of corruption, crony capitalism, and favouritism toward large corporations. Such accusations, particularly regarding land acquisition policies and privatisation, have cast doubt on the party's commitment to Upadhyaya's ethical standards. Inclusive Society Polarisation

Upadhyaya's vision of an inclusive society focused on addressing the needs of all communities, ensuring harmony across social and religious divides. However, the BJP has often been criticised for promoting divisive politics, particularly along religious lines. Reconciling Hindutvadriven politics with the ideals of inclusion and social harmony remains a central challenge for the BJP as it seeks to bridge the gap between rhetoric and reality

veering toward an exclusionary Last Person: One of



UNDER PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI, THE BJP HAS FOCUSED ON **ECONOMIC** GROWTH

THROUGH **INCREASED** FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (FDI), FREE-MARKET REFORMS, AND PRIVATISATION. THIS APPROACH **CLASHES WITH UPADHYAYA'S** IDEA OF A SELF-RELIANT ECONOMY Upadhyaya's most important principles, Antyodaya, focuses on uplifting the most marginalised in society. The BJP has made significant strides in this area through its welfare schemes such as the PM Ujjwala Yojana (providing LPG to rural households), the PM Awas Yojana (affordable housing), and the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (improving sanitation).

The BJP has adopted this principle through various campaigns, such as the global celebration of Yoga Day, the promotion of Indian languages, and the reassertion of India's historical achievements.

Political Decentralisation A core aspect of Upadhyaya's

philosophy was decentralising power, ensuring governance was closer to the people. The BJP's emphasis on cooperative federalism and policies such as GST and the creation of NITI Aayog are steps in this direction. Moreover, the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system and the Jan Dhan Yojana have empowered citizens by reducing middlemen and ensuring that subsidies and welfare benefits reach the people directly. Self-Reliance through Atmanirbhar Bharat; The Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India) initiative, a better India. launched during the COVID-19 pandemic, resonates with strategic affairs columnist based

reliance. The promotion of local manufacturing, domestic industries, and efforts to reduce dependence on foreign goods align with his philosophy. The "Make in India" initiative, a key aspect of this vision, has made strides in boosting domestic production and job creation. However, the globalised nature of modern economics makes it challenging to fully realize a self-reliant economy.

Striving toward Upadhyaya's **Vision:** As the ruling party, the BJP's journey in adopting and implementing Deendayal Upadhyaya's ideals has been a mixture of successes and challenges. While considerable progress has been made in promoting nationalism, selfreliance, and Antyodaya, the party faces significant hurdles in achieving true economic decentralisation, upholding ethical governance, and fostering social harmony.

The complexities of modern governance, global economic integration, and political strategies often pull the BJP away from Upadhyaya's pure vision. However, the ideals of Integral Humanism remain a guiding light, challenging the party to strike a balance between philosophical ideals and contemporary realities in their pursuit of

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THE EDITOR

Online gaming industry needs regulation and govt support



A balanced, collaborative approach between the government and the online gaming industry is essential for responsible and sustainable growth

dhe online gaming industry in India is experiencing rapid growth but is often misinterpreted as being synonymous with gambling. This misconception fuels concerns about problem gambling and social harm, leading to a negative narrative surrounding the sector. In reality, much of the harm stems from illegal offshore betting and gambling platforms, which further exacerbate this misrepresen-

Every industry influences society in various ways, and it is the responsibility of regulatory frameworks to strike a balance— supporting legitimate enterprises while effectively curbing illegal activities. Conflating online gaming with gambling risks undermining an industry that is growing at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 15.68 per cent on a base of USD 3.49 billion. This sector contributes significantly to job creation and tax revenues in India. With 83 per cent of the world's gamers, India boasts 568 million users and registered over 9.5 billion gaming app downloads in ment challenges cannot be an not only help clear the nega-2023. Real Money Games excuse for inaction, as the tive perceptions but also sup-



alone contributed 60 per cent of their revenues to the Indian exchequer in FY 2023-24. Misunderstanding the online gaming industry as gambling could jeopardize its potential for economic growth and its contributions to national development.

Regulators must prioritise cracking down on offshore and illegal businesses and apps that operate in violation of Indian law. Measures such as whitelisting legitimate platforms, and initiating legal actions against those facilitating illegal activities are crucial. Steps like freezing the bank accounts of operators and intermediaries, and working with financial institutions to block transactions tied to illegal gambling, are urgently needed. Practical enforcerisks are significant. A coordinated effort involving the Ministry of Finance, Information Technology, Home Affairs, and Consumer Affairs is essential, with each department playing a critical role in enforcement and raising public awareness about the legal implications of sup-

porting illegal operations. Without robust enforcement and heightened awareness, illegal gambling platforms will not only make Indian citizens vulnerable to gambling addiction but also siphon their hard-earned money into criminal networks. The profits from illegal gambling often fund organised crime, money laundering, and terrorism, with global examples linking gambling profits to drug trafficking and terrorist financing. This not only destabilises local economies but poses a serious threat to national security. As the government takes strict action against illegal gambling, it must also work closely with the legitimate gaming industry to differentiate between legal online gaming and illegal gambling. Such a partnership would

port the industry's growth. This collaboration could further enhance the crackdown on illegal gambling through combined awareness campaigns and enforcement efforts.Finally, the government and the gaming industry must work together to dévelop a responsible gaming framework.

This should include selfexclusion tools, age verification systems, game time monitoring, and partnerships with mental health experts. By promoting responsible gaming, the industry can ensure ethical practices, protect consumers from addiction, and foster a sustainable, well-regulated gaming ecosystem in India. A balanced approach that differentiates legitimate online gaming from illegal gambling, alongside stronger enforcement measures, is vital for the sustainable growth of online gaming industry. With govt and industry collaboration, responsible gaming practices can be promoted, ensuring the sector's positive contributions to economic growth and job creation.

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DECLINE OF GANDHIAN IDEALS Madam — Since the Mahatma was an

epitome of confidence and possessed an international mindset, he didn't treat the hymns of the Scottish gem "Abide with me" as threat enough to get blown off his feat! Rather, he allowed the window of his mind to let in the breeze of all possible cultures around the globe, including the evergreen Henry Francis Lyte classic. It is indeed a matter of utmost disgrace to notice the closure of minds in the country of Mahatma Gandhi-the epitome of liberal values and humanitarian thoughts with an all-embracing

Not to forget Gandhi's cardinal call: "Recall the face of the weakest man whom you may have seen and ask yourself if the step you contemplate is going to be of any use to him. Will he gain anything from it? Will it restore him to control over his own life and destiny? Will it lead to 'swaraj' for the hungry and spiritually starving millions?" Do the faces of any weak man get recalled today amidst the zealous trumpet of India being 'Viswaguru' (fast marching towards the status of "world's third largest economy") being beaten like a maniac! When none other than the Gandhians find themselves cornered and marginalised in the very state and den of Mahatma Gandhi itself (Sabarmati Ashram, Gujarat), rest assured about the fate of his values, ethics and humanitarian thoughts in the rest of the country!

Kajal Chatterjee | Kolkata

FLOODS HITS BIHAR

Madam— The rain in Nepal is wreaking havoc in Bihar. While 170 people have died in Nepal due to continuous heavy rains, floods and landslides, the terrible form of flooding is being seen in Bihar. In view of the flood, all 56 gates of Birpur Vairaj of the Kosi River and all 36 gates of Balmiki Nagar Vairaj of the Gandak River have been opened.

India's triumph in Kanpur



eam India creates Test history on October 1. Kudos to Team India for defeating Bangladesh by 7 wickets on the fifth day

of Kanpur Test and winning the Test series by is repeated every year. Bihar floods are writing the story of new misery and devastation every year; it is a serious humanitarian crisis. But no permanent solution has been found so far. How

long will people continue to bear this

pain? People are losing their homes,

land, and loved ones. How many more lives will be lost, and how many more dreams will be shattered? However, Bihar CM Nitish Kumar said that full attention is being paid to the flood at every level. All kinds of relief and rescue operations are being arranged. To stop this, the government should make immediate arrangements on a war footing. For which a permanent solution is needed so that this disaster is not faced in the

Anshu Bharti | Begusarai

KARNATAKA LAND SCANDAL

Madam - Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife, BM Parvathi, said she would return the 14 plots she received in This is not a disaster. It is a tragedy that exchange for her undeveloped land.

2-0. Team India has set a record of never losing to Bangladesh so far and has created a record on home ground by achieving a thrilling victory in the 18th series. With this extremely brilliant and powerful performance of Team India, India has reached the top position in the ICC World Test Championship table

Yashasvi Jaiswal scored his second half-century with great skill and scored 51 runs to win the title of 'Player of the Match'. Bangladesh's so-called opening batsman Shadman Islam and former captain Mushfigur Rahim were forced to kneel in front of Indian bowlers. India's next match with Bangladesh will be in the 3 T20 match series from October 6. It is hoped that Team India will be successful in maintaining its magical status.

Yugal Kishore Sharma | Faridabad

However, the return policy, seen as Siddaramiah flipping, might actually be counter-productive. The Muda case pertains to allegations that compensatory sites were allotted to BM Parvathi in an upmarket area in Mysuru that had a higher property value as compared to the location of her land that had been "acquired" by the authority.

Siddaramaiah, BM Parvathi, Mallikarjuna Swamy, and one Devaraju were named in an FIR registered by the Mysuru-based Lokayukta police on September 27. This came after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) initiated a probe against her, Siddaramiah, and her brother, Mallikarjuna Swamy, in what has now become popular as the Muda scam. Parvathi, the wife of Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, has returned 14 plots of land to Muda. Thus, Siddaramaiah shot himself in the foot for gaining more wealth using power pol-

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REBALANCING THE GLOBAL ORDER

The escalating missile strikes between Israel and Iran threaten regional stability in West Asia



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

he escalating situation in India's extended neighbourhood is threatening internal security for the region. The recent elimination of several top Hezbollah commanders, especially the killing of its top leader Hassan Nasrallah, by Israel, and Iranian missiles raining on Israeli territory is likely to widen the crisis in West Asia. PM Modi realised the sensitivity of the situation and immediately made a phone call to their Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu. Indian PM's message to Israel was "the crucial need for preventing regional escalation and the safe release of all hostages, terrorism has no place in any form and manifestation and India stands ready to support early restoration of peace and stability." Last month on the sidelines of the Summit of Future in New York, the PM met the President of Palestine Mahmoud Abbas. A press statement released after the meeting read "The Prime Minister reiterated India's time-tested principled position on the Israel-Palestine issue, and called for ceasefire, release of hostages and return to the path of dialogue and diplomacy. He stressed that only a two State solution will deliver enduring peace and stability in the region. Recalling that India was one of the first countries to recognise Palestine, he conveyed India's continued support to Palestine membership of the UN." Even as the Indian PM was holding bilateral with several global leaders in the US, the newly appointed head of the interim government of Bangladesh Muhammad Yunus was getting a much-needed pat on his back from Western leaders. Yunus during his US trip met the US President Joe Biden, former President Bill Clinton, US Secretary of State, Canadian PM, President of the European Union, heads of the World



Bank and ADB. He topped it up by having an unusually warm meeting with Pakistan's PM, where he expressed the desire to deepen their bilateral ties and revive the regional body SAARC. For India, these ties could potentially lead Pakistan and China to use this newfound bonhomie with Bangladesh to push its subversive agenda against India. Almost on cue External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in his remarks at the Asia Society Policy Institute in New York spoke on rebalancing the global order. He said "Rebalancing a global order which started with 51 founding members of the United Nations, which has quadrupled in the last eight decades, where you not only have more independent countries in the world, but the economic, political and even demographic weight of individual members of the global order has shifted, shifted to a point where many of us believe that today we are actu-

The minister carefully brought multipolarity and plurilateralism in same address while trying to define the evolving global order. He said "Today, we are looking really at a global landscape which is much more regional, which is, as I said, much more characterised by countries who have their strong interests and which have the ability to pursue that interest. And so a lot of what we see in terms of the world is really how does the politics of convergence of the world is really how does the politics of convergence play out. And a third word which would occur to me is 'plurilateralism'. It's a very ugly word, but it in a sense describes a world beyond bilateral relations but which are short of multilateral. That where countries form combinations based on these convergences and overlaps that I've talked about. And you have really this phenomenon of groups of countries coming together for often a limited agenda, sometimes in an agreed theatre to pursue their interests." The recent global events and India's measured stance on several of these reflect what the EAM spoke about in New York, and a rebalance is underway. (The writer is a policy analyst; views are personal)

How global powers exploit democratic ideals VK BAHUGUNA

From the overthrow of governments to the double standards in addressing terrorism, democracy has been reduced to a fashionable tool of manipulation by global superpowers



ne of the remarkable characteristics of the modern era is reflected in the progress of democracy, and the rise of nation-states. The modern era in the real sense started after the end of the Second World War with the establishment of the United Nations (UN) on October 25, 1945 at the end of the San Francisco conference which was attended by 50 countries and the UN Charter was adopted. The United Nations is the global diplomatic and political platform for ensuring international peace, progress and security. The democratic form of governance, freedom, equality and dignity of humanity is the cornerstone of the modern era. Ín this regard, world leaders like Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King played a very vital role in ending colonial rule in Asia, Africa and other such

Since then world leaders swear by the power of the masses in democracy and the rule of the elected leaders. The UN Security Council assumes the role of overseeing the peace and security of the world, especially the five Veto yielding countries China, Britain, France, Russia and the United States yield enormous clout in the Security Council. However, the Veto power in practice and particularly is used by these powers for thwarting any issue if one of them does not like it due to their geo-political interests and international

More than 80 years after the establishment of the UN, the world is still in the grip of intense conflicts and the noble objectives of the UN for ensuring world peace and security are lost in the realpolitik of big powers which smacks of hypocrisy and inherent bias. There are several examples of the derailing of the true democratic edifice of the world's governments, especially in third-world countries by the United States and Western powers. A recent example is dethroning of Sheikh Hasina Wazed's government in Bangladesh a classical example of hypocrisy by America and its allies.

Similarly, in dealing with terrorism the white race has double standards. I can kill



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my terrorist anywhere in the world like America did to Osama Bin Laden and Khalistani terrorists and protagonists are provided with a platform to bash up India recently when the American President and Bill Clinton former President hosted and hailed Muhammad Yunus as a savour of democracy and human rights a few weeks ago with the promise of full support. Mr Yunus heads the puppet interim Government of Bangladesh as Chief Advisor. The world is asking America the lone super power is it permissible to oust a government by engineering well-orchestrated violent agitation. When the Indian Prime Minister was in the USA last month the Khalistani leaders were hosted by the white house. Every such thing is done in the name of democracy.

If this is allowed at the international level then any government can be ousted by the frustrated opposition in league with foreign pow-ers. Is it, not neo-colonialism being practised under the nose of the United Nations itself? Though the Hasina government might have committed some blunders after all, it was an elected government and the world should not support such illegal seizure of power by students origin wellplanned violent agitations. United States, China and the Western block have been supporting such regimes routinely in African countries and Pakistan and Bangladesh for the past several decades.

The anger against such hypocrisy of world leaders is growing and if the modern era has to survive the third world war which in any case is undergoing a different pattern in Europe and the West Asia, the people have to junk this system of the United Nations which is becoming a talking machine, a burden on

geo-political undemocratic stance of powerful countries making a mockery of the lofty UN Charter. The democracy Western leaders in UN practice can aptly be termed as 'Fashionable Democracy'. This fashionable democracy is a

tool to perpetuate and support all kind of undemocratic regimes that comes to power in the name of democracy, human rights and liberty. These lofty goals are being pooh-poohed by the powerful countries. There are talks about deep states interfering in the affairs of the countries to upset the ruling regimes that do not fall in line. In this regard, the non-state actors play a significant role though the national governments may not be promoting it directly but in the name of democracy, many outsiders do influence the govern-

The Indo-US relations built steadily after the end of the cold war during the last 25 years are a shining example of two democratic gov-ernments ensuring a global alliance of strategic importance to thwart the attempts of Chinese ambitions to browbeat other countries in the Asia-Pacific region. But the Cold War psychology of the white house is still promoting countries inimical to democratic values in the Indian sub-continent especially Pakistan which is ruled by the Army with a proxy govern-

This may derail the India-USA strategic relationship. Even Sheikh Hasina opined that her government was toppled after she refused to part with San Martin Island to the United States. China instead of supporting India, with which it has cultural affinity as well as trade interests, supports and aids Pakistan and has been fomenting trouble in the North-East and Ladakh for a long time with its resources and sub-serving the expansionist vision and is a poten-

tial threat to world peace.

Thus, it is a clear indication that the geopolitics of the world needs a serious rethink. If one analysis the sequence of events over the past 80 years or so the main reason for such behaviour of powerful countries is due to the patently undemocratic nature of assigning the Veto power to winners of the Second World War.

As for democracy, I would appropriately call it fashionable democracy to fool the people around the world in the name of democracy and liberty and this disease is also spreading in most of the countries all over the world including India where democracy has given way to Dynastic Democracy. The state of present day democracies was aptly forecasted by Socrates the ancient Greek Philosopher who said more than 2000 years ago that 'Democracies would elect Demagogues'. India is a glaring example of such leaders in states wno pander to this and skilfully use democracies to perpetuate their family interests in power games and practising vote bank

The Father of Athenian democracy was Cleistheneswho lived from 570 BC to 508 BC and who as Chief Magistrate successfully imposed democracy in the Athens assembly against the nobles hence is appropriately called as Father of World Democracy must be weeping in his grave seeing how democracy is being run by the world leaders and thus people of the modern era in the 21st Century. Is it, not food for thought for all of us who believe in true democracy because there is no alternative to true democracy like the ancient Indian panchayats system? At least India should reform from within and then lead the rest of the world.

(The writer is a former civil servant; views are personal)

One Nation, One Ration: Revolutionising food security with 24/7 grain ATMs

These grain ATMs are a major step in India's fight against hunger. Biometric authentication and Aadhaar-linked portability ensures streamlined distribution

ince June 1, 2020, under the Modi administration, the 'One Nation, One Ration Card' system has been implemented across India, marking the beginning of a revolutionary scheme. Its purpose is to provide food grains to the poor, particularly those who migrate from one state to another, through a single

ration card. Initially, the system was launched in two clusters comprising four states (Andhra Pradesh-Telangana and Maharashtra-Gujarat). Even then, work was underway on inter-state ration card portability in other states. The government claimed that the common people would benefit most

this



Previously, ration cards were issued by the government to provide food grains and other rations to the poor at subsidised rates. However, when workers moved to another state, they often lost access to these benefits, particularly in more developed

states like Gujarat. With this new system, that issue is resolved, adding another significant chapter

Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution, Nimuben Bambhaniya, recently inaugurated Gujarat's first grain ATM in Bhavnagar, facilitating 24/7 ration distribution under the Central Government's Public Distribution System (PDS). The grain ATM, called Annapoorti, was the Karchaliapara area of Bhavnagar city to free the poor from India's outdated, bureaucratic ration distribution system. According to Minister Bambhaniya, the grain ATM represents a global success story.
She expressed pride in the Annapoorti scheme, a glob-

ing corruption. After the One Nation, One Ration Card' system, the biggest beneficiaries of grain ATMs will be migrant laborers and disadvantaged communities who live outside their home states for extended periods or are unable to scheme. to this revolutionary initia- ally awarded solution devel- reach grain shops. For

oped in India, which is set to be operational in multiple states. Based on a year-long program, the Annapoorti technology, developed by WFP India, is an important step toward improving food security and ensuring that people receive their rations efficiently and accurately. The new system allows people to obtain their ration from any PDS shop, reducing dependence on shop owners and minimis-

instance, if someone from

els to Delhi or Mumbai for work, they will be able to easily access ration from PDS shops or ATMs in those

The 2011 census reported that about 4.1 crore people had migrated to other states for work. The Aadhaar numbers of family members on over 85 per cent of the country's ration cards are registered, enabling them to use

the ATM system. India runs one of the world's largest food-based safety nets, providing subsidised grains to around 813 million people every month through a network of over 500,000

fair price shops (FPS). This initiative is key to the partnership with the United Nations World Food Bihar or Uttar Pradesh trav- Programme to enhance food

security. ATMs will be installed across the state, offering 24/7 access to food grains under the National Food Security Act. The Annapurna Yojana allows anyone with a valid PDS ration card, regardless of their state or union territory, to access their entitlements. The ATM can deliver up to 50 kg of grain in just five minutes, reducing wait-

ing time by 70 percent. Once biometric authentication with an Aadhaar card is complete, users will have continuous access to their entire ration. The modular design of the ATM allows for easy assembly based on the available space. Additionally, Annapoorti is energy-efficient and can be connected

to solar panels for automat-

The grain ATM is designed to distribute wheat and rice and includes a tank with a capacity to hold 2,500 kg of

cial release.

grains, according to an offi-

Officials explained that indi-

viduals covered under the National Food Security Act can visit the grain ATM at any time, punch in their ration card, authenticate their identity using the fingerprint scanner, and collect their monthly ration. However, there is speculation that the grain ATM in Bhavnagar could also be used to attract migrant voters in the upcoming assem-

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bly elections.

at least 50 people: Witnesses

boat carrying scores of pas-Asengers capsized on Lake Kivu in eastern Congo on Thursday, killing at least 50 people, witnesses told The Associated Press.

It was not immediately clear exactly how many people were on board or how many perished but witnesses said they saw rescue services recover at least 50 bodies from the water. They said 10 people survived and were taken to the local hospital

The boat, overloaded with passengers, sank while trying to dock just metres (vards) away from the port of Kituku, the wit nesses said. It was going from Minova in South Kivu province to Goma, in North Kivu province.

Local authorities said that the rescue efforts continued and the death toll remained unknown for the moment. In February, the majority of the 50 passengers aboard a wooden boat were presumed dead after

the vessel capsized on Lake Kivu. "This boat was carrying about a hundred people when it had the capacity for about thirty passengers," the governor of the province of South Kivu Jean-Jacques Purusi told a local radio station following the acci-

It was the latest deadly boat accident in the central African country, where overcrowding on vessels is often to blame. Maritime regulations also are often not followed.

Congolese officials have often warned against overloading and vowed to punish those violating safety measures for water transportation. But in remote areas where most passengers come from, many are unable to afford public transport for the few available roads.

In June, an overloaded boat sank near the capital of Kinshasa and 80 passengers lost their lives. In January, 22 people died on Lake Maî-Ndombe and in April 2023, six were killed and 64 went miss-

Witnesses said the boat that capsized on Thursday was visibly overcrowded.

"I was at the port of Kituku when I saw the boat arriving from Minova, full of passen-gers," Francine Munyi told the AP. "It started to lose its balance and sank into the lake. Some people threw themselves into the water.

"Many died, and few were saved," she added. "I couldn't help them because I don't know how to swim."

The victims' families and Goma residents gathered at the port of Kituku, accusing authorities of negligence in the face of growing insecurity in the

Since the fighting between the armed forces and the M23 rebels made the road between the cities of Goma and Minova impassable, forcing the closure of the passage to trucks transporting food, many traders have resorted to maritime transport on Lake Kivu. It's an

alternative considered safer than road traffic, which is threatened by insecurity. But according to Elia Asumani, a shipping agent who works on this line, the situation has become dangerous: "We are afraid," he told the AP. "This shipwreck was predictable." Bienfait Sematumba, 27, said he

"They are all dead. I am alone now," he said, sobbing. "If the authorities had ended the war, this shipwreck would never have happened." The survivors, about 10 of

lost four family members.

them, were taken to Kyeshero hospital for treatment. One of them, Neema Chimanga, said she was still in shock.
"We saw the boat start to fill

with water halfway," she recounted to the AP. "The door of the boat opened, and we tried to close it. But the water was already coming in, and the boat tilted." "I threw myself into the water and started swimming," she said. "I don't know how I got out of the water.

Boat capsizes in Congo, killing New NATO chief visits Ukraine in his first trip since taking office

New NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte visited Ukraine on Thursday in his first official trip since taking office and pledging the alliance's continued support for Kyiv in its war with Russia

Rutte met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv as air raid sirens twice went off in the Ukrainian cap-The new head of NATO vowed

when he took office on Tuesday to help shore up Western support for Ukraine, which has been fighting Russia's full-scale invasion since February 2022 and has for most of this year been on the defensive due to a relentless Russian army push in the country's eastern regions. Rutte expressed confidence that he can work with whomever is elected president of the United States, the alliance's most powerful member, in November. That could be a key moment for Ukraine's effort to ensure continuing Western support.

with Rutte elements of Ukraine's so-called victory plan, ahead of NATO meeting at the Ramstein Air Base in Germany next week. The gathering draws together defence leaders from the 50-plus partner nations who regularly meet to coordinate weapons aid for the war. The two also discussed the battlefield situation and the specific needs of Ukrainian military units. Zelenskyy reiterated that Ukraine needs more armaments, including long-

Asked whether the war in the Middle East will affect the timeline he had envisioned for the victory plan, Zelenskyy noted that the US and Britain say Iran has supplied missiles and drones to Russia for use against Ukraine.

range weapons it has long

requested.

He also appealed for Western countries to scrap restrictions on Ukraine's use of Westernsupplied long-range weapons to strike deep inside Russia. "Of course, we want Ukraine to not

be forgotten. But the best way not to forget about Ukraine is to provide the appropriate weapons and the necessary permissions," Zelenskyy said. And to help shoot down...the same Iranian missiles or drones, just as they are shot down over Israel, to shoot them down in the same way over Ukraine." Rutte reiterated the alliance's unwavering support for Ukraine, insisting that "Ukraine is closer to NATO than ever before".

He said recent steps taken by NATO "build a bridge to NATO membership" for Ukraine, including 40 billion euros (\$44 billion) of funding assistance, bilateral security agreements between allies, and the formation of a new NATO command to coordinate assistance and training. Rutte arrived after a Russian glide bomb struck a five-story apartment block in Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, injuring at least 12 people, including a 3-year-old girl, local officials said Thursday.

The bomb hit between the third and fourth floors of the building on Wednesday night, igniting a fire, Kharkiv regional Governor Oleh Syniehubov said. Firefighters searched for survivors through smoke and

The city of Kharkiv, around 30 km (18 miles) from the Russian border, has been a frequent target of aerial attacks throughout the war against Russia that is now deep into its third year. Increasingly common in the war, glide bombs have terrorised civilians and bludgeoned the Ukrainian army's front-line defences. Ukraine has no effective countermeasure for glide bombs, which are launched from Russian aircraft inside Russia. They were a key weapon in Russia's capture of the tactically significant town of Vuhledar on Wednesday, as Russian forces wreak destruction on the eastern Donetsk region and force weary Ukrainian troops to withdraw from obliterated towns and vil-

12 hurt as Russian bomb hits Ukrainian apartment

A Russian glide bomb struck a five-story apartment block in Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, injuring at least 12 people including a 3-year-old girl, local officials said Thursday. The bomb hit between the third and fourth floors of the building on Wednesday night, igniting blazes, Kharkiv regional Gov. Oleh Syniehubov said. Firefighters searched for survivors through smoke and rub-

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Rescue workers clear the rubble inside a building damaged by a Russian airstrike in Kharkiv, Ukraine, Thursday.

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Zelensky recently held talks with officials in the United States in an effort to ensure further Western military support. Russia has had the battlefield initiative since late last year, when a Ukrainian counteroffensive petered out. Ukraine is grappling with a critical manpower problem on the front line and is straining to hold back Russia's grinding assaults.

Though Russia's battlefield gains have been incremental, its steady forward movement is adding up as the Ukrainians are pushed backward and yield ground. Both sides have kept up regular cross-border aerial attacks, usually at night.

Ukraine's air force said Thursday that 78 out of 105 Shahed drones launched by Russia overnight were destroyed on Thursday as 15 regions of the country came under attack. The Russian military, meanwhile, intercepted Ukrainian drones overnight, according to a statement by the Defense Ministry in Moscow.

The drones were destroyed over four Russian regions on the border with Ukraine -Belgorod, Bryansk, Kursk and Voronezh, it said.

mass upheaval. The upsurge

Votes against party lines can be counted, rules Pak's top court

PTI ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's Supreme Court ruled Thursday that the votes cast by lawmakers in parliament against their party directions can be counted, in a major relief to the government seeking support for a constitutional amendment to tweak laws related to the judiciary. The apex court's previous rul ing had stated that the votes of parliamentarians who deviated from their party's directives were to be disregarded and not counted. The Supreme Court Bar Association had filed a review petition against the apex court's verdict related to the defection clause under Article 63-A of the Constitution.

Hearing the plea, a five-member bench led by Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa announced the unanimous verdict and approved the review petition with the top judge saying the detailed verdict would be issued later.

The bench comprising Chief Justice Isa and justices Naeem Akhtar Afghan, Aminuddin Khan, Jamal Khan Mandokhail and Mazhar Alam Khan Miankhel issued the verdict fter hearing the petition that the bench had started on Monday.

The court in its May 17, 2022 verdict had said that the votes of the lawmakers would not be counted but after granting of review petition, the vote would be counted but the person going against the party line would lose his seat.

The 2022 verdict was given in response to the presidential case filed by then-President Arif Alvi. It was then a 3-2 split decision, with then-chief justice Umar Ata Bandial, Justice Ijazul Ahsan and Justice Munib Akhtar being the majority verdict authors. The development comes as the government is struggling to get support for its planned constitutional amendment to tweak laws related to the top judiciary.

Imran Khan's party claims over 700 supporters held ahead of protests Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) had sealed Lahore (PTI): Over 700 sup-

porters of the jailed former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan were arrested from different parts of Punjab province on Thursday, a day before a major showdown in Islamabad by his party for the independence of the judiciary, release of the party founder and against rising inflation.

"Do or die — October 4th is the battle cry! No more waiting, no more silence. This is the final stand at D Chowk (Islamabad), where the brave gather and the weak fall behind.

We are unstoppable, unbreakable, and ready to fight for the soul of this nation. Either we win or we perish trying," Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) said soon after the arrests started. It said the Punjab police arrested over 700 its workers and leaders in different districts including Bahawa Faisalabad, Mianwali Bahawalpur, Jhangh following its announcement to hold protests on Friday demanding independence of the judiciary, release of party founder Imran Khan and

against rising inflation. Punjab's provincial government had adopted similar measures to prevent PTI's Jalsa the power show – at Lahore last

month. Khan, 71, has been in jail since his arrest on August 5, 2023. Facing dozens of cases, he has been convicted in a few of them. His party has been staging protests demanding his release and claiming that the government should adhere to the constitution and the independence of the judiciary. PTI's central information secretary Sheikh Waqas Akram said the government led by

the Red Zone in Islamabad and was taking similar measures in other cities to stop PTI workers from holding protests and public meetings. PTI's call for protests has pan-

icked the government which is why it is sealing the cities," he

The Punjab police have deployed heavy contingents of police and put in place containers at the entry and exit points of all cities to stop the protesters' movement, he said. "The selected districts were turned into no-go areas for the residents of Punjab and those inside the cities were not

allowed to go out." Punjab's provincial government on Thursday also imposed Section 144 in Lahore banning all kinds of political assemblies, gatherings, rallies

and protests. Vednesday despite the restrictions, party workers including women, took to the streets, managed to cross hurdles and survived tear-gas shelling to stage rallies in different cities, the PTI said.

Chief minister Maryam Nawaz, daughter of Khan's arch rival Nawaz Sharif, said political activity is allowed in the province but not terrorism by the PTI. "We will deal with such elements with iron hands," she said. Khan's party held three major political events, including a rally each in Islamabad and Lahore, and a protest in Rawalpindi. The party had called for protests in Mianwali, Bahawalpur and Faisalabad on Wednesday, which would be followed by a power show at D-Chowk in Islamabad on Friday.

Amid reshuffle, B'desh recalls envoy from India

PTI DHAKA

 $B^{\text{angladesh's interim government has recalled five}}$ envoys, including its high commissioner in New Delhi, as it carried out a second phase of reshuffle in the diplomatic service alongside the domestic administration, an official said

Case Details

ICICI Bank Ltd Vs GULFISHA CS (COMM) 4395/21

Auction Date : 4-November 2024

The interim government led by Professor Muhammad Yunus as the Chief Adviser has asked Bangladesh's envoys in India, Brussels, Canberra, Lisbon, and the Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York to return immediately said on Thursday, preferring and report to the foreign min-anonymity. Bangladesh High

Asset Details

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istry here as part of the latest reshuffle. "The recalling of the envoys is part of a government decision under which our High Commissioner to India. Mustafizur Rahman, has been asked to return to the foreign ministry in Dhaka," an official

other allotmént done by the builder.

Commissioner in London Sadia Muna Tasneem was asked to return to Dhaka four days ago

The foreign service witnessed a major change in late August, weeks after the ouster of the then prime minister Sheikh Hasina's regime on August 5 after a massive student-led

For ICICI Bank Limited

installed the Nobel Laureate's interim administration on August 8. Dhaka, at that time. ordered its ambassadors to the United States, Russia, Germany, Japan, the United Arab Emirates & Saudi Arabia and the High Commissioner to the Maldives to return home.

> In the matter of M/s Mihurisha Global Marketing Pvt. Ltd

M/s Anil Bhutani Products Notice to: Respondent

hereas the above noted case is listed before Sol Arbitrator Smt. Kamalakshi Singh Chauhan, The Delhi International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), Delhi

High Court, S-Block, New Delhi on 09,10,2024 at 2p.m. Since despite the service, no one has appeared and represented the Respondent (M/s Anil Bhutani) on date fixed i.e. 23.09.2024 onsequently the Ld. Arbitrator has directed th Consequently, the Ld. Arbitrator has directed the Claimant (M/s Mihurisha Global Marketing Pvt. Ltd.) to serve the respondent through publication as a precautionary measure before proceeding ExParte against Respondent.

In pursuance to and compliance with the order dated 23.09.2024, we hereby serve upon you the present notice to appear either in person or through your Authorized Representative before the Ld. Arbitrator, DNI in expiriced metrics on 20.13.03044.

Arbitrator, DIAC in captioned matter on 09.10.2024 at 2p.m. Please note, in case no one appears on the aid date, time and venue before the Ld. Sole orbitrator, the matter will be heard and determined

x-Parte Inyour absence. Smt. Kamlakshi Singh Chauhan (Sole Arbitrator) The Delhi International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) Delhi High Court, S-Block, New Delhi Tel: D11-23386492

PUBLIC NOTICE

(In case of chain title deed is lost/misplaced)
NOTICE is hereby given that one Vinay Jugran is towner of the property situated at Flat No. 1-13, "sa Flat", on 11th Floor, area measuring 133.457 S Mirs., in Tower- J, built on Plot No. GH-07/ "GULSHAN VIVANTE" situated at Sector 13 Flair, on 1th Floor, area measuring 133.457 Sq. Mrs., in Tower- J. built on Plot No. GH-07A, "GULSHAN VIVANTE" situated at Sector 137, Noida, Distl. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. (hereinafter reterred to 'said property') vide Transfer Cum Gift Deed dated 24.05.2024 as doc. no. 3474 executed by Sh. Bipul Jugran in favour of Smt. Vinny Jugran in respect of said flat Vinay Jugran in respect of said flat Ninay Jugran in respect of said flat Smy of Transfer Deed of aforementioned Flat to Mr. Tuhin Goswami and Mrs. Sanchita Goswami who have agreed to create mortgage in respect of said property in favour of mybour clients (DFC FliSRT Bank Limited (the Bank) (Branch Address-2nd Floor, Express building, 9-10 Bahadur Shanzafar Marg, Nev Delih 1110022). According to the said Mortgagors/Borrowers, Original documents namely (1) Allotment Letter dated 07.02.2015 issued by Mrs Gulshan Homz Pvt. Ltd. in favour of Sh. Gaurav Singh & Smt. Vandana Bhati in respect of said flat. (2) Possession Letter dated 29.03.2016 issued by Mrs Gulshan Homz Pvt. Ltd. in flavour of Sh. Gaurav Singh & Smt. Vandana Bhati in respect of said flat. (3) Sub Lease Deed executed on 25.03.2016 by N/OIDA & Mrs Gulshan Homz Pvt. Ltd. through its authorized Signatory Sh. Birnay Bhushan Mallik in favour of Sh. Gaurav Singh & Smt. Vandana Bhati in respect of said flat and same was duly Registered with Sub Registrar I Noida as Doc No. 4715 in Book No. 1 vol No. 5552 on page 201-226 on date 29.03.2016 (4) Transfer Memorandum dated 01.11.2018 issued by N/OIDA in favour of Sh. Gaurav Singh & Gaurav Singh & Smt. Vandana Charla in sepect of said property, inerinather referred to as "Original Documents") have been lost/misplaced and not traceable. If the aforesaid Original Documents, found by any person, the same shall be handed over at the address mentioned herein below. Further, if any pe

claim, of such person shall be considered to ha

ciam, or such person shall be considered to been waived and or abandoned. Any objection raised after the completion of the 7 days shall not binding upon the said property or my Client. Place: Noida. Dated this 03rd Oct. day of 2024 Sdr- Law Veritas North, Office No. 11, 1st Floo Building No. A-44/A, Sector-16, Noida, Uttar

Singapore court jails Indian-origin ex-minister for 12 months

PTI SINGAPORE

Singapore's Indian-origin former transport minister S Iswaran has been sentenced to 12 months jail on Thursday by the High Court for obtaining gifts worth about SGD 403,300 over seven years, from two businessmen he considered his friends. The 62-year-old pleaded guilty to four charges relating to receiving gifts and one blocking justice on September 24, the first day of trial proceedings, cutting short what was set to be a protracted trial with 56 prosecution witnesses.

In sentencing, Justice Vincent Hoong said he had considered submissions on sentence from both prosecution and defence but was "ultimately unable to agree with both the positions taken". In his sentencing remarks, Justice Hoong emphasised that trust and confidence in public institutions are the bedrock of effective governance.

The judge added that the former minister abused the position to accept gifts worth about SGD 403,300 (USD313,200).

He said, "This can all too easily be undermined by a public servant who falls below standards of integrity and accountability." The judge said it was significant that Iswaran had innocent, and believed he would be acquitted. Thus, I have difficulty believing that he was remorseful," The Straits Times quoted the Judge as saying. As Justice Hoong addressed the court, Iswaran looked down and took notes. The judge added, "The higher the office held by the offender as a public servant, the higher his level of culpability." He said such individuals set the tone of public

false. "In a letter to the Prime Minister,

Iswaran said he rejected the charges and was

servants in conducting themselves with high standards of integrity, and they must avoid any perception that they are susceptible to influence to financial benefits. Iswaran's lead lawyer Davinder Singh had

argued for no more than eight weeks' jail, while Deputy Attorney-General Tai Wei Shyong sought a jail term of six to seven months. "I'm of the view it is appropriate to impose a sen-

tence in excess of both parties' positions," said Justice Hoong, adding that taking the submission of either prosecution or defence would result in a "manifestly inadequate sentence". Justice Hoong noted certain aggravating factors such as the total duration of Iswaran's offending, the high office he occupied and the over-

all harm to public interest as well as trust in pubmade public statements rejecting the charges as

THE KANGRA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

APPENDIX IV [See rule 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

SALE NOTICE

The under mentioned Assets will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of dues as per court orders, ir the following cases:-

Venue: Godara Yard, Khewat No:166/1, Near Atul Kataria Chock, Behind Gyan Devi School, Sec-17, Sukhrali, Gurugram Contact Person- Rohit Shrivastava (8657476284)/ Vijay Sharma (9372730494)

Terms of Sale

The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participant/s are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with regard to the said asset and

Successfully approved bidder shall have to deposit sale amount within 5 day: from the approval date by the way of pay order/demand draft/RTGS/NEFT.

The intending bidders may visit at ICICI Bank Ltd, Plot No 23, Shal Tower, Nev Rohtak Road,Karol Bagh,Delhi for details and inspection of the sai

other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids

The undersigned being the Authorised officer of "The Kangra Co-operative Bank Ltd.", Head office at, C-29,Community Centre, Pankha Road, Janak Puri, New Delhi - 110058, having its registered office at 1916, Chuna Mandi, Pahar Ganj, New Delhi-110055, under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule [3] of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Bank had issued a demand notice on dated 27-05-2023 calling upon the borrower Sh. Ganesh Gupta S/o. Sh. Kumar Pal Gupta R/o. RZ-82, Gali No.1, Main Sagarpur New Delhi-110046 and calling upon the Mortgagorisuretes namely. Smt. Sneh Lata, Wio. Sh.Kumar Pal Gupta, Rio. RZ-82, Gali No.1,Main Sagarpur, New Delhi-110046, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.22,32.2984 (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Eight Only), together with further interest, penal interest and other charges as are applicable to this Loan account from time to time, from the date of the notice till the date of payment, with in 60 days from the date of receipt of the notice

The above mentioned borrower, mortgagor & surety having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, mortgagor, surety and the public in general that the Bank has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described here in below in exercise of powers conferred under sub-section (4) of section 13 of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with rule [8] of The Security Interest (Enforcement Rules, 2002, on this 27" day of September 2024.

The borrower, mortgagor & surety in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the mortgaged property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of "The Kangra Co-operative Bank Ltd.", for an amount of Rs. 22,32,298/- together with further interest, penal interest and other charges as are applicable to this Loan account from time to time from the date of notice till the date of realization together with all the costs incurred by the Bank in

The borrower, mortgagor & surety attention is also been invited towards provisions of Sub-Section (8 of Section 13 of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, in respect of time available, to redeem the below mentioned mortgage

The property under All that part and parcel of the BUILTUP ENTIRE FIRST FLOOR AREA consideration is entire MEASURING 24 SQ.YDS., AND ENTIRE SECOND FLOOR AREA built-up First Floor and MEASURING 24 SQ. YDS. WITH ALL THE ROOF/TERRACE RIGHTS. ENTIRE Second Floor FORMING PART OF PROPERTY NO.RZ-82, ON PLOT NO.82, OUT OF with roof rights/ KHASRA NO.21/24, SITUATED IN REVENUE ESTATE OF VILLAGE area DABRI, DELHI STATE DELHI, ABADI KNOWN AS WEST SAGARPUR NEW DELHI-110046. Falling Under the Registration of Sub-Registra IX. New Delhi/ Delhi.

> (HARISH SHARMA) **AUTHORISED OFFICER** THE KANGRA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD. HEAD OFFICE AT, C-29, COMMUNITY CENTRE PANKHA ROAD, JANAKPURI, NEW DELHI-58.



THE KANGRA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited Plot
No-23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak
Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005
PUBLIC NOTICE:
Builder Carol Late:

This is to bring to your notice that ANKUR TYAGI/ SHWETA TYAGI (borrower/s) has availed Home loan facility vide facility agreement number LBNOD00003078610 located at FLAT NO 1123, 11TH FLOOR FERRARA MAHAGUN MEZZARIA SIENA, PLOT NO GH-01/A SECTOR

78 GAUTAM RUDDHA NAGAR NOIDA- 201301 The borrower/s has failed to pay the contractual amount to the builder as per the terms an conditions of the agreement.

The Bank had informed the same to the borrower through letter dated

June 02, 2021, informing that MAHAGUN INDIA PVT LTD. has cancelled the allotment of the above mentioned property. You are therefore

requested to resolve this matter with the builder within 7 days from the

date of this publication.

Please take further notice that post cancellation of the allotment of the

said property ICICI Bank shall not be bound and/or responsible for an

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EAST: HOUSE OF OTHERS, WEST: HOUSE OF OTHERS, NORTH: NALA ROAD, SOUTH (HARISH SHARMA) **AUTHORISED OFFICER**

THE KANGRA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD HEAD OFFICE AT, C-29, COMMUNITY CENTRE, PANKHA ROAD, JANAKPURI, NEW DELHI-58.

Prosecutors lay out new evidence | Kamala Harris surveys Hurricane in Trump election case

AP WASHINGTON

Donald Trump laid the groundwork to try to overturn the 2020 election even before he lost, knowingly pushed false claims of voter fraud and "resorted to crimes" in his failed bid to cling to power, according to a newly unsealed court filing from prosecutors that lays out fresh details from the landmark criminal case against the former president.

The filing from special counsel Jack Smith's team offers the most comprehensive view to date of what prosecutors intend to prove if the case charging Trump with conspiring to overturn the election reaches trial.

Though a months-long congressional investigation and the indictment itself have chronicled in stark detail Trump's efforts to undo the election, the new filing cites previously unknown accounts offered by Trump's closest aides to paint a portrait of an "increasingly desperate" president who while losing his grip on the White House "used deceit to target every stage of the electoral process'

So what?" the filing quotes Trump as telling an aide after being alerted that his vice-pres-



ident, Mike Pence, was in potential danger after a crowd of violent supporters stormed the US Capitol on January 6, 2021.

"The details don't matter," Trump said, when told by an advisor that a lawyer who was mounting his legal challenges wouldn't be able to prove the false allegations in court, the filing states.

The filing was submitted, initially under seal, following a Supreme Court opinion that conferred broad immunity on former presidents for official acts they take in office, narrowing the scope of the prosecution charging Trump with conspiring to overturn the results of the election he lost to Democrat Joe

The purpose of the brief is to con-

vince US District Judge Tanya Chutkan that the offences charged in the indictment are private, rather than official, acts and can therefore remain part of the indictment as the case moves forward. Chutkan permitted a redacted version to be made pub-

"Although the defendant was the incumbent president during the charged conspiracies, his scheme was fundamentally a private one," Smith's team wrote, adding, "When the defendant lost the 2020 presidential election, he resorted to crimes to try to stay in office.

Trump campaign spokesman Steven Cheung called the brief "falsehood-ridden" and "unconstitutional" and repeated oftstated allegations that Smith and Democrats were "hell-bent on weaponising the Justice Department in an attempt to cling to power."

"The release of the falsehood-ridden, Unconstitutional J6 brief immediately following Tim Walz's disastrous debate performance is another obvious attempt by the Harris-Biden regime to American undermine Democracy and interfere in this

The filing includes details of

conversations between Trump and Pence, including a private lunch the two had on November 12, 2020, in which Pence "reiterated a face-saving option" for Trump, telling him, "don't concede but recognise the process is over," according to prosecutors. In another private lunch days later, Pence urged Trump to accept the results of the election

"I don't know, 2024 is so far off," Trump told him, according to the filing.
But Trump "disregarded" Pence

and run again in 2024.

"in the same way he disregarded dozens of court decisions that unanimously rejected his and his allies' legal claims, and that he disregarded officials in the targeted states — including those in his own party - who stated publicly that he had lost and that his specific fraud allegations were false," prosecutors wrote.

Trump's "steady stream of disinformation" in the weeks after the election culminated in his speech at the Ellipse on the morning of January 6, 2021, in which Trump "used these lies to inflame and motivate the large and angry crowd of his supporters to march to the Capitol and disrupt the certification proceeding", prosecutors wrote.

Helene devastation in Georgia

Augusta (AP): Vice-President Kamala Harris handed out meals, embraced a shaken family and surveyed Hurricane Helene's "extraordinary" path of destruction through Georgia on Wednesday as she left the campaign trail to pledge federal help and personally take in scenes of toppled trees, damaged homes and lives upended.

She visited Augusta, where power lines stretched along the sidewalk and utility poles lay cracked and broken. The vice-president spoke from a lectern erected in front of a house with a fallen tree teetering on its roof, acknowledging those who had died in the disaster while also trying to project a tone of unity and hope for communities now facing long and expensive rebuilds.

Harris and President Joe Biden, who visited the Carolinas on Wednesday, were seeking to demonstrate commitment and competence in helping devastated communities after Republican former president Donald Trump's false claims about their administration's response.

Harris said she wanted to "personally take a look at the devastation, which is extraordinary". She expressed admiration for how "people are coming together. People are helping perfect strangers".

The Democratic presidential nominee said that shows "the vast majority of us have so much more in common than what separates us", an echo of a line she frequently uses on the campaign trail.

Before delivering her remarks, Harris could be seen embracing and huddling with a family of five grappling with the storm's aftermath. "We are here for the long haul," she said. Harris also toured a Red Cross relief centre and received a briefing from local officials, praising those working to "meet the needs of people who must be seen and must be heard". I am now listening," she said.

Brittany Smith, an Augusta resident, walked away from the distribution centre with Styrofoam boxes of food and some fruit cups, beaming that she got a photo with the vicepresident. She said there's a hole in her roof and she had to send her kids elsewhere to live because it wasn't safe.

Harris' visit, she said, "made it better" despite the hardship. Smith said she was encouraged that Harris travelled to the town instead of just appearing on television. "She's a person. She's not just a voice." About 200 miles north in the Carolinas, Biden was also surveying the storm's aftermath. With many of the area's roads inaccessible, he flew by helicopter over toppled trees, twisted metal and towering piles of debris in the normaly tourist-friendly downtown of Asheville. From the air, Biden saw flooded roads, piles of shredded lumber and displaced sandbags, emergency trucks and downed power lines. In one area, homes were partly underwater, and it was hard to distinguish between lake and land. Visits to disaster zones are a familiar responsibility for Biden, who has frequently been called on to survey damage and comfort victims after tornadoes, wildfires and tropical storms. But this was Harris' first visit to a disaster area as vice-president.

Because of the destruction where Biden was on Wednesday, he was unable to walk around and personally comfort people as Harris did in Georgia

Biden wore a vest and boots and, before his air tour, he hugged and grabbed the hand of Asheville Mayor Esther Manheimer, who was at the airport in Greenville, South Carolina, to meet him. The mayor, with visible emotion, said they could not close down the area's

Biden will be back in the region Thursday to visit Florida and Georgia, and Harris plans her own North Carolina trip in coming days - as Helene's aftermath continues to pose a political and humanitarian test for the administration.

one operable road for Biden's motorcade.

Before leaving Washington, Biden made a point of mentioning how an ongoing dock-workers strike could make getting supplies to hard-hit areas more difficult.

"Natural disasters are incredibly consequential. The last thing we need on top of that is a man-made disaster that's going on at the ports," he said. "We're getting pushback already, we're hearing from the folks regionally that they're having trouble getting product that they need because of the port strike? Harris is being especially watched as her bid for the White House enters its closing stretch, and Helene's path included the battleground states of Georgia and North

The vice-president last visited scenes of natural disasters as a California senator, including when she went to Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria in 2017 and when she walked through charred wreckage in Paradise, California, after the camp fire in 2018.

PUBLIC NOTICE

M/s MMR SAHA INFRASTRUCTURE PRIVATE LIMITED has been granted

Environmental Clearance (EC)

regarding Revision & Expansion of Mix

land use project at Plot No. E-1, Sector

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Nagar, Uttar Pradesh on 03.09.2024.

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UK hands over Chagos Islands to Mauritius, holds on to military base

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m he}$ UK on Thursday announced a "historic" agreement that will see Britain hand over sovereignty of the remote Chagos Islands in the Indian Ocean to Mauritius while it retains the joint UK-US military base on Diego Garcia. The British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) status of the disputed archipelago, made up of around 60 islands, has been in contention for many years and negotiations over its future began under the previous Conservative Party government in 2022. Under the agreement announced this week, the tropical atoll of Diego Garcia which the West says plays a crucial role in the region's stability and international security – will remain under UK and US jurisdiction for at least the next 99 years. "This government inherited a situation where the longterm, secure operation of the Diego Garcia military base was with contested sovereignty and ongoing legal challenges," said UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy.

PUBLIC NOTICE General Public is hereby informed that I

"Today's agreement secures this

Anand Prakash Gupta, S/o Late Badri Prasa Gupta, R/o B 1/75, Paschim Vihar, Delhi 110063, not residing with daughter-in-lay (Smt. Shiveta Gupta), grandson (Master Dhanesh Gupta) and my Son Sandeer Gupta, have severed all my relations wit them due to the bad conduct and bad habits of daughter-in-law (Smt. Shiveta Gupta) grandson (Master Dhanesh Gupta). I have disowned and debarred my said So Sandeep and his family from all my movabl and immovable properties. They have n right, title and interest in my any self-acquired properties or ancestral properties or even otherwise.

Anand Prakash Gupta

PUBLIC NOTICE Industrial PLOT bearing NO. F-123 measuring 2000 sq mtrs situate e-l, RIICO Industrial Area, Bhiwad area measuring 2000 sq mtrs situated Phase-I, RIICO Industrial Area, Bhiwadi Dist-Alwar, Rajasthan ("The Said Property") Notice is hereby given to the general public including Banks, Financial Institutions, etc. that, as informed by our clients, M/s Tasha Exports (P) Ltd., they are the sole and absolute owner of the said property vide Sale Deed dated 05.07.2021 executed by M/s Cap Cab (India) Ltd., in their favour. The said sale deed is registered as Document No. 202103111103165 (SR-Bhiwadi). In this connection, our clients have further informed us that the following original documents namely (1) Lease Agreement dated 28.01,1997,executed by RIICO in favour GITCO Automotive (I) (P) Ltd., (2) Site Map & original endorsement letter from RIICO for merger of RIITCO Automotive (I) (F) Ltd., (3) Site Map & original endorsement letter from RIICO for merger of RIITCO Automotive (I) (F) Ltd., (3) Site Map & original endorsement letter from RIICO formerger of RIITCO Automotive India Private Ltd., with Cap Cab India Ltd., Bhiwadi, forming part of the chain documents and hereinafter called the "said documents" have been lodged with Delhi Police Crims and hereinafter called the said documents has been lodged with Delhi Police Crims to the LR No. 508114/2/2014 (24.07.2021. Now our clients intend to mortgage the said proverly with IDFC FIRST Bank Limited. For availing load documents

f the aforesaid original said documents on any of them are/is found or have/has bee ound by any person, the same may b eturned and delivered to the undersigned a e address mentioned herein below urther, if any person, body, institution i ving any claim and/or objection in respe of the said property, he/she/they may raise his/her/ their objection/s, in writing, will documentary evidence, by Registered AD Post, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 07 days of oublication of this notice. Otherwise, after the property of the see the second service of the proxpiry of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice, no objection shall be acceptable and the said property shall be nortgaged by our clients in favour of IDFC TRST Bank Limited, and no objection shall e acceptable against such mortgage

Se acceptance against sustrinungage. Seneral Public may also take note that any feal or transaction done by anybody on the pasis of the said documents or any of them shall be illegal and not binding on our clients The person doing so shall be liable to be prosecuted under the law. HIVKANT ARORA, ADVOCATE OR M/S INTELLECTIVE LAW OFFICES I-74, LOWER GROUND FLOOR, DEFENCE COLONY, NEW DELHI-110024

vital military base for the future. It will strengthen our role in safeguarding global security, shut down any possibility of the Indian Ocean being used as a dangerous illegal migration route to the UK, as well as guaranteeing our long-term relationship with Mauritius, a close Commonwealth partner," he

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) said the pact struck with Mauritius demonstrates Britain's commitment to safe-guarding global security and averting threats to peace and prosperity in the Indian Ocean and wider Indo-Pacific. It will see Mauritius assume sovereignty over the islands, with the UK authorised to exercise the sovereign rights of Mauritius on Diego Garcia.

PUBLIC NOTICE PA, ATS & Will dated 16.12.1994, executed Mr. Surender Kumar, and same to be finance SMFG India Credit Company Limited meral public hereby informed that if anyboo

or any kind of dispute kindly inform the medersigned in writing on the below mentioned didress within 07 days of the present.

Mrs. Prason Lata & Rahul Raj Pathak, Advocate (Mrs. Prason Lata & Rahul Raj Pathak, Advocate (Pil, Journey Pond Plaz, Vaibhay Khand, Indirapuram, Clazziabul (Pil, Janaii: sgassociatespliogemaik.om, Pil: 2011/1276, 10214440300)

has any charge/interest/title in the said proper

kind of dispute kindly inform

PUBLIC NOTICE General public is hereby informed that Mrs. Sulikha Jindal W/o Mr. Sanjeav Kumar Jindal is the owner of the Entire Freehold Built up Property bearing Nat 4240/2, area measuring 120 Sq. Vds., i.e. 100.33 Sq. Mirs., built on oil Ptor No. 35, stituate in the area of village Chowkri Mubarkabad, Abadi known as Budh Nagar, Jai Mata Market, Tri Nagar, Delhi-110035, by virtue of Sale Deed dated 26. Dr. 2023, regol, at Doc. No. 12222. The abovesaid property is to be financed & mortgaged with my clientie. Axis Finance Limited and She is the absolute owner of the property. one is the assolute owner of the property.

I any person(s) have any objection(s) or claim in this irroperty, then contact the undersigned withi? days from date of this notice on below address, failing which, it will be assumed that there are notaims or issues in respect of the aforesaid property.

E- AUCTION NOTICE

olic is hereby informed that my client Sm W/o Sh. Ashok Kumar Shama R/o GF n Nagar Gali Post Office Wali, Shahdara 2, and her Husband have severed all thei

Informed that my client MRS. PREM CHHABRA wife of Mr. Pawan Kumar Chhabra, R/o 9A, SFS Flats, B-Block, E.O.K., N.D.-65 has debarred and his wife Mrs. Charu Chhabra and (2) Mr. Anshul Chhabra & his Wife Mrs. Payal Maggo and their children from her all types of properties, bank

Dated 4-10-2024 Ch. 83. A. K. Sen Block. 9810002003

all his rights and entitlements from his properties since 16-09-2024.

liable/responsible for any kind of act, deeds, transaction of any nature done by the **Mohd Saquib** with anyone and they shall be personally liable for any kind of

Enroll No.D-8627/2019

bearing No. XIX/148, situated at Elias Gani Dava Basti, Old Bohtak Boad, Delhi vide Belease Deed Dt. 30.08.2024 executed by Mrs. Usha Goyal and Mr Vivek Agarwal, Now Mr. Sanjay Kumar Agarwal is the undisputed owner of the said property

period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client.

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

(Fire Affected/Damaged Tracked Excavator - Make - JCB-JS-205-SC) for disposal, strictly on "As Is Where Is" basis Damaged Tracked Excavator - Make-JCB-JS-205 SC belonging to M/S Hari Dutt. Salvage of the above materials can be inspected at Village Mirzapur, BPTP, Faridabad, Haryana, betwee 04/10/24 to 11/10/24, after taking prio appointment from Mr. Manoj Nagar 9873370804. E-Auction to be held on 12/10/24 For E-Auction forms, Contact **Mr. Neeraj Sadar** at Mob.: 8434340000 **E-Auction Insights Private**

Enclave, Near Gurudwara Sahit Tehsil and District Patiala mail to us : info@eauctionbharat.cor

Last date for submission of E-auction form is 11/10/24 before 05.00 PM



NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Palika Kendra : Sansad Marg **Electric Establishment-1, Personnel Department**

VACANCY CIRCULAR

The New Delhi Municipal Council proposes to fill up 02 posts of Superintending Engineer (Electric) in the pay level 13 of Rs. 123100 - 215900 under 7th CPC pay matrix on deputation basis. The eligibility criteria and other terms and conditions for the post may be downloaded from NDMC website i.e. https://www.ndmc.gov.in/vacancy_new.aspx.

The last date of receipt of applications completed in all respect is 31.10.2024 (Thursday).

Director (Personnel - II)

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS' EMPOWERMENT OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (AGRIL.), SOUTHERN ZONE, BRAHMAPUR, RITE CAMPUS, RANGEILUNDA, GANJAM No. 1055 //SE (Agril.) Date. 26.09.24

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) e-procurement notice

Bid identification number / Tender call notice no - SE (A) S/Z-03/2024-25

The Superintending Engineer (Agril.), Southern Zone, Brahmapur who has been authorized as the procuring officer for the projects of Southern Zone, Brahmapur is directed to invite percentage rate bid on behalf of the Governor of Odisha for the Civil construction works under Southern Zone. The costs of the project is around 133.00 & 56.00 Lakhs (Excluding GST & LC) respectively. Bid document consisting of detailed tender call notice, the schedule of quantities and the set of terms and conditions of the contract and other necessary documents can be downloaded from https://tendersodisha.gov.in from 04.10.2024 at 11:00 hours to 18.10.2024 at 17:30 hours. The bid will be opened on 21.10.2024 at 11:30 hours onwards in the O/o Superintending Engineer (Agril.), Southern Zone, Brahmapur, RITE Campus, Rangeilunda. All other details regarding term and conditions, corrigendum from time to time if any, DTCN etc. can be seen and downloaded from https://tendersodisha.gov.in. Superintending Engineer (Agril.)

कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम, खण्डवा (म.प्र.)

टाउन हॉल एम.जी. रोड, खण्डवा (म.प्र.) पिन कोड - 450001, टैलीफोन/फैक्स नं. 0733-2223523, Email ID-<u>cmokh</u> क्रमांक/यांत्रिकी प्रकोष्ठ/या.प्रं./ई-टेण्डरिंग/2024/239,240 खण्डवा, दिनांक 01.10.2024

-:: द्वितीय ई-निविदा विज्ञप्ति ::-पोर्टल के माध्यम से निविदा निर्धारित पपत्र में ऑक्ट्रार्टन आपंत्रित की जानी है।

क्रं.	टेण्डर आईडी	कार्य का नाम	अनुमानित लागत (लाख में)	धरोहर राशि	निविदा प्रपत्र की राशि	विक्रेता/निर्माता की श्रेणी	कार्य पूण की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.		SUPPLY OF GARBAGE TIPPER 3.5 CUM ON VEHICLE CHASIS BS-VI ON ASHOK LEYLAND MAHINDRATATA OR ANY OTHER EQUIVALENT MAKE FOUR WHEELER WITH RTO INSURANCE & INCLUDING SOUND SYSTEM (28 No.)	168.00 Lakhs	84,000/-	10,000/-	प्रतिष्ठित निर्माता/कंपनी अधिकृत डीलर	०१ माह
2.	_373538_1	SUPPLY OF GARBAGE TIPPER 2.2 CUM ON VEHICLE CHASIS BS VI ELECTRIC Vehicle (EV) ON ASHOK LEYLAND MAHINDRA/TATA OR ANY OTHER EQUIVALET MAKE FOUR WHEELER WITH RTO INSURANCE & INCLUDING SOUND SYSTEM (28 No.)	168.00 Lakhs	84,000/-	10,000/-	प्रतिष्ठित निर्माता/कंपनी अधिकृत डीलर	०१ माह

निविदा ऑनलाईन क्रय एवं प्रस्तुत करने की अंतिम तिथि निविदा खोलने की दिनांक

16.10.2024 (सायं 5.30 बजे तक) 18.10.2024 (सायं 10.30 बजे तक)

निविदा संबंधी समस्त जानकारी वेबसाईट http://www.mptenders.gov.in पर देखी जा सकती है। ई-निविदा में यदि किसी भी प्रकार का संशोधन किया जाता है, तो वह समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित नहीं किया जावेगा।

नगर पालिक निगम, खण्डवा

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, निर्माण शाखा, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल संसाधन विकास एवं निर्माण निगम, चम्पावत

पत्रांक - 1178/निविदा/109

पिन-262523 फोन : कार्यालय : 05965-230044 E-mail: executivechampawat@gmail.com

अल्पकालीन निविदा नोटिस

अध्यक्ष उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल संसाधन विकास एवं निर्माण निगम की ओर से अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्यो हेतु निर्दिष्ट श्रेणी में **उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम/ उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान** में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से मृहरबन्द निविदाय दिनांक 18.10.2024 को अपरान्ह 1.00 बजे तक आमन्त्रित की जाती हैं, जो उसी दिन 2.00 बजे अपरान्ह कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, निर्माण शाखा, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम, चम्पावत में उपस्थित निविदा–दाताओं या उनके मनोनीत प्रतिनिधि के समक्ष अधिशासी अभियन्ता द्वारा या अधिकृत प्रतिनिधि के द्वारा खोली जायेंगी। निविदा प्रपत्र किसी भी कार्य दिवस में प्रातः 10.00 बजे से सायं 5.00 बजे तक प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं।

क्र0 सं0	कार्य का विवरण	कार्यक्रम का नाम	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य	घरोहर धनराशि	निविदा विक्रय की अन्तिम तिथि	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	पंजीकृत श्रेणी
1	कउनौली (रेट्रो) पेयजल योजना (पुनरीक्षित) के अन्तर्गत श्रोत कार्य, गुरुत्व प्रणाली, जलाशय, वितरण प्रणाली तथा तत्सम्बन्धी कार्य।	जल जीवन मिशन	1500.00+ 18% GST	30,000.00	17.10.2024	1.5 माह	"डी" एवं उच्चतर
2	कांडा (रेट्रो) पेयजल योजना (पुनरीक्षित) के अन्तर्गत श्रोत कार्य, गुरूत्व प्रणाली, वितरण प्रणाली तथा तत्सम्बन्धी कार्य।	जल जीवन मिशन	2000.00+ 18% GST	48,000.00	17.10.2024	2 माह	"डी" एवं उच्यतर
3	ढकना बडोला (रेट्रो) पेयजल योजना (पुनरीक्षित) के अन्तर्गत श्रोत कार्य, वितरण प्रणाली तथा तत्सम्बन्धी कार्य।	जल जीवन मिशन	500.00+ 18% GST	10,000.00	17.10.2024	1 माह	''डी'' एवं उच्चतर

के नोटिस बोर्ड में देखी जा सकती हैं।

अधिशासी अभियन्ता

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given on behalf of VINAY Notice is hereby given on behalf of VINAY MODI/who is/are owner of Plot No. 28, having area measuring 50 Sq. Yds., out of Khasra No. 654, situated at Pal Vihar colony at village Dharoti Khurd Pargana Loni Tehsil & District Ghaziabad, (U.P.),; purchased the same from Mamta Sharma vide Sale Deed

elow, about his objections, within **7 days** fr oday, failing which it shall be presumed t ne said property is free from all type environmental clearance along with the conditions to be complied with is available on the website of the SEIAA Encumbrances, lien etc. Lucem Legal Lt Plot No.136, (Basement) Uday Par New Delhi-110049,Contact # 011-400463 i.e. http://www.seiaaup.in. New Okhla Industrial Development Authority



E-Tenders are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on NOIDA Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com &

changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

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27/S.M.(JAL)-I/E.T./2024-25, Water Chlorination (Two Year Operation, Running and Maintenance of Chlorination Plant at UGR-20/62, 22/62, UGR-63, UGR-119, UGR-151 and UGR Bahlolpur), Noida. Cost Rs. 96.05 Lacs

http://etender.up.nic.in. Please ensure to see these websites for any

- 24/S.M.(JAL)-I/E.T./2024-25, M/o W/s (Two Year Cleaning of OHT/UGR in Sector-8, 11, 12, 15 and 15A) Noida. Cost Rs. 32.53 Lacs
- 3. 17/S.M.(JAL)-I/E.T./2023-24, D/o Village (Two year Repairing, Raising, P/F Manhole Cover frame and Cleaning of sewer line Hazratpur, Wazidpur), Noida. Cost Rs. 69.49 Lacs
- 32/S.M.(Jal)-II/E.T./2024-25, Strengthening of W/s (Special repair of OHT Sector-70) Noida, Cost Rs. 77,89 Lacs.
- 33/S.M.(Jal)-II/E.T./2024-25, Sewerage and W/s of Sector-136 & 137 (P/L Water line Sector-136 to UGR-90), Noida, Cost Rs. 94.44 Lacs.
- 34/S.M.(Jal)-II/E.T./2024-25, Vill. Dev. (P/L of Water and Sewer Line for Village- Yakubpur), Noida. (Balance Work). Cost Rs. 59.88 Lacs. 35/S.M.(Jal)-II/E.T./2024-25, M/o W/s Labour/Operation (Running
- (For Two Years), Cost Rs. 52.22 Lacs. 8. 37/S.M.(Jal)-II/E.T./2024-25, M/o W/s (S/F of line shaft for TWs in network Sector-70, 71, 72, 73, 107, 90, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140 and 140A), Noida. (For Two Years). Cost Rs. 99.84 Lacs.

14/S.M.(Jal)-III/E.T./2024-25, D/o Village (P/F FRC Cover Frame &

& Operation of UGR and TWs for network sector-70 and 73), Noida.

- Cleaning of Sewer line Manhole by Portable Re-cycler Jetting cum Suction Machine De-Silter equipment in Village-Shahpur, Sultanpur & Raypur), Noida. (AMC for Two Year) Cost. Rs. 88.08 Lacs 10. 21/S.M.(Jal)-III/E.T./2024-25. D/o Village (Annual R/o PVC water
- lines & R/o Sluice Valve, Reflex Valve at different places in Network Village-Nayagaon, Illabans, Nagla Charandas, Kakrala, Sapera Basti & Bhuda), Noida. (For Two Years). Cost Rs. 66.97 Lacs

11. 22/S.M.(Jal)-III/E.T/2024-25, D/o Village (Water line repair, repairing Sluice Valve, Reflex Valve, Repairing of Chamber etc. related Work in Village-Chamber etc. work in Village-Barolla & Raypur) Noida. (AMC for Two Years) Cost. Rs. 79.59 Lacs

Which can be uploaded by date: 17.10.2024 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date: - 18.10.2024

1. 21/S.M.(JAL)-I/E.T./2024-25, M/o W/s (Two Years Maintenance &

- R/o V.T Motor and Allied Electrical work in Network Sector-119 and 120, 151 to 154), Noida, Cost Rs. 39,99 Lacs 03/S.M.(Jal)-III/E.T./2024-25, D/o Village (P/Laying Sewer/Water
- line in Village-Jhatta) Noida. Cost Rs. 64.32 Lacs 07/S.M.(Jal)-III/E.T./2024-25, M/o W/s (Annual Repairing of PVC
- Water line in Sector- 83, 84, 85 & Hosiery Complex) Noida. (For Two Years). Cost. Rs. 69.72 Lacs 08/S.M.(Jal)-III/E.T./2024-25, M/o W/s (Annual Repairing of PVC
- Water line in Sector-46, 47 & 48) Noida. (For. Two Years). Cost. Rs. 54.15 Lacs 5. 09/S.M.(Jal)-III/E.T./2024-25, D/o Village (Annual raising, repairing & cleaning of Sewer Manholes in Village-Nagla Charandas,
- (For Two Years). Cost. Rs. 66.57 Lacs 6. 13/S.M.(Jal)-III/E.T./2024-25, M/o Sewerage (Annual Two Years Maintenance of Non clog Submersible at SPS-92) Noida. Cost.

Kakrala, Bhuda, Sapera Basti, Illabans & Nayagaon), Noida.

Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date:- 11.10.2024 at 11.00 AM. General Manager (Jal)

Which can be uploaded by date: 10.10.2024 upto 5.00 PM.

CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

Raghav Tiwari, Advocat Ch. 830, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi - 11000 urts, New Delhi - 110001 Mob.: +91-8076188328 कार्यालय नगर निगम, देहरादन

पत्रांक:-54/भूमि-2024-25 सार्वजनिक निविदा सूचना

आमंत्रित की जाती है:-(1). घन्टाघर में मुख्य डाक घर के सामने पटेल पार्क के आगे-80 वाहन पार्किंग टू व्हीलर

- पार्क के आगे राजपुर रोड पर-80 टू व्हीलर तथा 35 फोर व्हीलर
- (4). आनन्दम् स्वीट्स से यूटेन्सिल स्टोर तक, राजपुर रोड– 40 फोर व्हीलर (5). वन विभाग के गेट से वर्ल्ड ट्रेड सेन्टर तक राजपुर रोड। वर्ड टॉवर सेन्टर
- (6). स्कॉलर होम गेट से आई०सी०आई०सी०आई० बैंक तक राजपुर रोड-80 फोर व्हीलर (7). पैसेफिक हिल्स के आगे मसूरी डाईवर्जन पर मसूरी रोड पर 50 फोर

नगर आयुक्त, नगर निगम, देहरादून

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hesne will be less as the same.
Rajender Soni, Advocate,
1/222, Shri Ram Nagar,
GT Road, Shahdara, Delhi-32

accounts, movable and/or immovable properties. In Future, If any one deals with him/them my client shall not be liable and responsible for the same.

My client Mr. Jahangir Alam S/o. Julfan R/o. H.No.A-124, 4th floor, Abul Fazal Enclave Part-II, Shaheen Bagh, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025 and Tasmeem Bano W/o. Jahangir Alam have DISOWNED their son Mohd. Saquib from

They have also **Disowned** from any rights, title, interest which occurs in succession from his parents and other family members shall not be

awyers Old Chamber Block, Supreme Court, New Delhi **PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Sanjay Kumar Agarwal had acquired First Floor without roof rights area measuring 90 sq. yrds., Built on property

Any person / firm / institution / company having any nheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance nowscever or otherwise is hereby required to infilmate n writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at low mentioned address. After expiration of notice

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

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Samsung workers protest continues to 4th week | Government launches internship programme for youth

Workers of Samsung India Electronics Ltd on Wednesday observed a token fast near the factory in Chennai on Wednesday, as part of intensifying their ongoing protest w entered the fourth week. which

communist Party of India (Marxist) led Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) which is spearheading the protest by the employees said they would be meeting the Director of Factories in a day or two, alleging that the Korean electronics giant has roped in temporary workers to work in the shop floors in view of the strike.

About 1,100 employees of Samsung India Electronics Ltd are on strike since September 9 pressing for various demands including wage revision and better conditions. While several rounds of talks held in the presence of the Labour Department and company



officials failed. another tripartite meeting has been planned for next week, said CITU leaders.

We are observing a token fast today. We want the state government to come forward and resolve the issue fast. Our most important demand is to recognise the Samsung India Workers Union by the labour department at the earliest. "The temporary labourers are not trained like regular employees and this attitude by the management is not acceptable. We will file a complaint with the Director of Factories in a day or two, said the trade union leaders. Samsung's Chennai unit produces consumer durables at the factory including airconditioners, refrigerators and television sets. Recently, Union Labour Minister

the Tamil government urging to resolve the issue amicably. On Tuesday, the CITU members staged a protest in some districts as part of extending their support to the Samsung India workers

They were detained by the police and were released Samsung India recently said

scores of agitating workers have returned to work soon after it issued a show-cause notice. "The management has already indicated that all the issues can be resolved by discussions and has made various harmonious attempts to resolve differences and for your report to duty," Samsung had said. Due to the strike, Samsung India said the impact on the plant operations was minimal and added that the welfare of the employees is of top priority and would engage with them to address any grievances they may have.

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The government on Thursday rolled out the internship programme that will provide financial assistance of Rs 60,000 per annum to 1 crore youth over a period of five years.

In 2024-25, the total cost of the pilot project will be around Rs 800 crore and will look to provide internship to 1.25 lakh candidates during this fiscal, government sources said on Thursday.

Announced in the Union Budget 2024, the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme in Top Companies will also provide insurance coverage to the interns.

will scheme implemented through an online portal developed by corporate ministry.

Subject to certain conditions, youth aged between 21 and 24 years will be eligible for the scheme, the sources said.

The internship programme will commence on December

The other company/ bank/ financial institution can participate in the scheme with the approval of the ministry, which will take into consideration factors like sectors and areas underrepresented by the top 500 companies.

The interns will be provided a financial assistance of Rs 5,000 per month and out of

the total amount, Rs 4,500 will be disbursed by the government and Rs 500 will be paid by the company from its CSR funds.

Also, a one time grant of Rs 6,000 for incidentals will be disbursed by the ministry to each intern, upon joining the place of internship. Expenses associated with the

training of interns under the scheme will be borne by the company from its CSR funds. Insurance coverage will be

provided to each individual intern under insurance schemes of the Union government, PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and PM

Suraksha Bima Yojana. The premium amount in this regard will be offered by the government. As part of the eligibility criteria, sources said, candidates enrolled in online/ distance learning programmes are eligible to

Candidates who have passed High School, Higher Secondary School, possess a certificate from an ITI, hold a diploma from a Polytechnic Institute, or are graduates with degrees such as BA, B.Sc, B.Com, BCA, BBA, B.Pharma, etc. Are eligible, sources said. Companies will have a dedicated dashboard on the portal where they can post internship opportunities, detailing location, nature, required qualifications, and

any facilities provided.





Kia launches two new MPV

ia India today launched the second-generation of their Kia Carnival Multi-Person Vehicle (MPV) and the EV9 electric MPV for Rs

respectively. The Carnival sold 14,500 units in its first generation and Kia expects the new vehicles to help it climb into the luxury segment

SEBI lowers InvIT trading lot to ₹ 25 lakh



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Markets regulator Sebi has drastically reduced the trading lot size of privately infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs) to Rs 25 lakh in a bid to boost investors' participation and increase liquidity of such investment vehicles. The current trading lot for

secondary market trading for privately placed InvITs is set at Rs 1 crore. Further, if the InvIT invests at least 80 per cent of its asset value in completed and revenuegenerating assets, then the trading lot is Rs 2 crore. 'Trading lot for the purpose

of trading of units on the designated stock exchange shall be Rs 25 lakh," Sebi said

in its notification dated September 26. The move came into effect the same day. The move will help increase the liquidity of privately placed InvIT units by permitting a broader base of investors to participate in the market and diversification of investment

portfolios. În separate notifications, Sebi has amended its rules on infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs) and real estate investment trusts (REITs) to reduce compliance burden and facilitate ease of doing

Under this, Sebi has fixed the timeline for undertaking distributions to unitholders by the REIT and InvIT to five working days from the date of declaration. The move is expected to bring efficiency to the distribution process and will aid in making funds available to investors within a relatively shorter period of

The markets regulator has allowed REITs and InvITs to call a unitholders' meeting after giving shorter notice (less than 21 days) if consent is granted by writing or in electronic mode. In case of an annual meeting,

consent by at least 95 per cent of unit holders will be needed and in case of any other meeting, consent by a majority of unit holders will



Mahindra Thar ROXX sees 1.76 lakh bookings in 60 minutes

PNS NEW DELHI

Mahindra which in September overtook Tata Motors for the third position in India's passenger vehicle market and came extremely close dethroning Hyundai from second position today claimed that their new Thar

ROXX SUV has bookings of 1,76,218 units in the first 60 minutes. The Mahindra Thar ROXX

which is the five door variant of the very popular Thar off-road SUV was launched on August 14 and prices start at Rs 12.99 lakh going up to Rs 22.49 lakh for the fully-

Goyal seeks US investments for Indian manufacturing



PTI NEW DELHI

Tommerce and Industry ✓Minister Piyush Goyal has held a series of meetings with US business leaders in New York to seek investments in India.

He met Chief Operating Officer of BlackRock Robert Goldstein, Chairman and CEO of Systems Technology Group Anup Popat, CEO of Tillman Holdings Sanjiv Ahuja, chief executive officer of C4V Shailesh Upreti, and Janus Henderson Investors CEO Ali Dibadj. During the meetings, Goyal discussed

collaboration to position India as a global manufacturing hub and invited the investors to increase their commercial and trade footprints in India, the commerce ministry said. In another meeting, the minister emphasised the government's commitment to improving ease of doing business, infrastructure development, (intellectual property rights) reforms, and prioritising manufacturing sectors through appropriate

incentive schemes.

opportunities

Coal production jumps 32 per cent in FY24-25

The coal production from captive and captive commercial coal blocks rose by 32 per cent to 79.72 Million Tonne (MT) in the April-September period of the ongoing fiscal. The coal output from both

captive and commercial coal

blocks was 60.52 MT in the first half of the previous fiscal. The coal dispatch rose by 34 per cent year-over-year, from 65.37 MT in H1 of FY'24 to 87.86 MT in H1 of FY'25. There has been "a significant rise in coal production and dispatch from both captive and commercial coal blocks during the first half of FY 2024-25, from April 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024, compared to the same period

The coal production in September rose by 32 per cent to 13.74 MT from 10.40 MT. Likewise, dispatch in the month of September has

last year," the coal ministry

said in a statement.



grown by 47 per cent year-over-year, from 9.68 MT in FY'24 to 14.27 MT in FY'25. The coal ministry said that it applauds the efforts of all stakeholders, including coal companies and industry partners, for their invaluable

support. The ministry, it said, is dedicated to helping all coal block allottees navigate challenges and optimise their operations

Its primary objective is to significantly increase coal production, ensuring a steady and reliable supply to meet the country's growing energy demands.

collaborative Through initiatives and focused assistance, the ministry aims enhance efficiency, sustainability, and output across the coal sector.

Tata Power-DDL conducts

Extensive Safety Awareness Drive

BPCL signs pact for green fuel ecosystem at Mumbai port

State-owned BPCL has inked an initial pact with Mumbai Port Authority and Mumbai (MPSF) for setting up a green fuel ecosystem at the port.

The MoU is a pivotal step towards driving India's transition to cleaner energy solutions.

By focusing on green fuel innovations, this initiative aims to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to the country's climate change goals, a BPCL statement said.

Additionally, the pact outlines an exploration into the conversion of diesel-powered vessels to cleaner fuel alternatives, further enhancing the port's green infrastructure and reducing its carbon footprint, it said.

The agreement was formalised during the launch of the Cruise Bharat Mission by Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal at Mumbai Port earlier this week, according to BPCL. As part of the initiative, the two partners will jointly set up

Mumbai Port, promoting green energy adoption for port users and the general public, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) said. "This MoU is consistent with BPCL's plans towards a sustainable tomorrow alongside our own aspiration to achieve net zero emissions in Scope 1 and Scope 2 by 2040. Enabling sustainable energy solutions like LNG and EV for the maritime

sector is part of our endeavour to demonstrate social responsibility and partnering for sustainable growth with that of the communities we serve." said G Krishna Kumar, Managing Chairman Director, BPCL.

The agreement also includes provisions for waste management, as BPCL and

Bharat EV charging stations at MPSF will work on systems

for source segregation, storage, and handling of recyclable and non-recyclable solid waste at Mumbai Port, it said, adding this initiative promotes socially responsible practices, ensuring a cleaner more sustainable and operational environment. 'Our partnership with MbPA is a testament to BPCL's strategic vision of advancing the sustainable fuels business By leveraging LNG and green energy infrastructure, we aim

to reshape the future of maritime operations. This collaboration reflects our commitment to driving innovation in fuel solutions that not only reduce carbon emissions but also create long-term value for the

environment and the industry," said Rahul Tandon, Business Head (I&C), BPCL.

Ashok Leyland, Nidec tie up to develop e-drive motors for commercial vehicles

PTI MUMBAI

ommercial vehicle maker CAshok Leyland Thursday said it has entered into a partnership with Japanese firm Nidec for developing e-drive motors for commercial vehicles. Under the multi-pronged

collaboration, the two partners will work to establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Electric Drive Units (EDUs), which will focus on developing motor technologies and power electronics systems for EVs, along with innovations in gear-shifting mechanisms, Ashok Leyland said in a

statement. "This collaboration allows us

to co-develop, innovative edrive motors specifically designed for the unique demands India's commercial vehicle market, while significantly advancing our electric mobility capabilities," said Shenu Agarwal, Managing Director and CEO at Ashok Leyland.

The collaboration will also involve joint research and development efforts, with both companies contributing to skilling, lab infrastructure, and defining novel, differentiated motor technologies for the EV portfolio of Ashok Leyland and its subsidiary Switch Mobility, the company said. Ashok Levland further said it

will continue to source motors



from Nidec for its existing EV lineup, while collaborating on research and development for future electric solutions.

"Our investment strategy and motor technology are well complemented by Ashok Leyland, who understand the precise and specific demands of the commercial vehicle market," said Michael Briggs, President at Nidec Motion &

The announcement comes days after the government launched the Prime Minister E-Drive Scheme with an outlay of Rs 10,900 crore for faster adoption of electric vehicles, setting up of charging infrastructure and development of manufacturing ecosystem in the country. The scheme has come into effect from October

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Tata Powe Distribution Power Limited organised an extensive safety drive for its consumers and field staff to reduce the chances of electricity-related incidents.

Under this drive, more than Lakh installations including plain cement and concrete (PCC) poles, street lights, stay wires, towers, rail poles, fencing of sub stations, feeder & service pillars, PWD Poles, MCD Poles, ATMs & lights installed in parks were checked for any unsafe situation / hazard and rectifications thereof.

Tata Power-DDL is dedicated to supporting Ramleela, Durga Puja, and other festive

events by providing temporary connections within 24 hours. While the discom is committed to offering tatkal connections during the festive season, the safety of people in mass gatherings remains of utmost priority.

Tata Power-DDL's operations and maintenance teams would remain on high alert to handle any safety-related issues that may arise during this time. Additionally, consumers are advised to take due precautions with their wiring and avoid any loose connections, as these can lead

to accidents. It is also crucial to install an ELCB (Earth Leakage Circuit Breaker)/RCCB to protect both people and equipment from electrical shocks.

INBRIEF

GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY RELEASES SCHEDULE

AMRITSAR: The online examination form submission and fee payments for December 2024 exams of Law FYIP/TYP, B.Ed., B.A.-B.Ed., B.Sc.-B.Ed, B.Com-B.Ed and B.Ed-M.Ed Sem-1 for Regular students through online portal

GNDU NSS UNIT ORGANISES WORKSHOP ON E-WASTE MANAGEMENT

AMRITSAR: The NSS unit of Guru Nanak Dev University, successfully organized a comprehensive E-waste management drive under the banner of "Swacchta Hi Sewa." The initiative aimed to raise awareness about the pressing issue of electronic waste



ZONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL OF "GCA ZONE" KICKS OFF

AMRITSAR: The three-day Zonal Youth Festival of "GCA Zone" of Guru Nanak Dev University began here today with great enthusiasm and energy, marked by an impressive inauguration ceremony presided over by S. Charanjit Singh Sohal, IPS SSP Amritsar (Rural). The festival will be concluded on October 5.



As we observe World Animal Day 2024, we embrace the theme, "The World is Their Home Too" This day serves as a powerful reminder that animals share our planet and deserve our care and protection. Let's come together to ensure that every creature feels safe and loved in the world we all inhabit, says SAKSHI PRIYA

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Animal Day, we are reminded a simple yet profound truth: animals share our world and in many ways, they reflect the best parts of ourselves. As we go about our lives, it's easy to forget the loyalty, grace and beauty that animals bring to this planet. Whether it's the silent strength of a tiger in the wild or the trusting eyes of a stray dog, animals have a way of touching our hearts. As the author Anthony Douglas Williams once said, "We have more to learn from animals than animals have to learn from us." Their unconditional love, resilience and ability to live

October 4th, World Animal Day, is a time to highlight the pressing issues that animals face across the globe. The theme for this year, "The World is Their Home Too," is a powerful call for all of us to recognise the rights of animals, whether they are roaming freely in the wilderness or wandering the streets as strays. This day is a chance to reflect on how we treat the creatures that share our planet and to realise that they, too, deserve safety, respect and love.

harmoniously with nature offer us

lessons in compassion, humility and

From the majestic Royal Bengal Tiger to the critically endangered Indian Rhinoceros, the wildlife in India is under constant threat.

Habitat destruction, poaching and human-wildlife conflict have left these species teetering on the edge of survival. The tiger, once a symbol of untamed power, now roams in small, fragmented patches of forest. The Indian Rhinoceros, whose numbers were once decimated by hunting, faces the constant pressure of habitat loss and illegal poaching for its horn. Similarly, the Asiatic Lion, which now has a population of approximately 600 individuals confined to the Gir Forest, faces an uncertain future in its last remaining natural habitat. This small population survives in a limited area, making them vulnerable to catastrophic events like disease outbreaks or forest fires, which could wipe them out forever. These creatures, emblematic of India's natural heritage, are not merely animals, they are vital parts of ecosystems that sustain life,

including our own. Yet, it's not only the rare and exotic species that require our attention. Animals that live closer to us, whether they are stray dogs, cattle, or even birds, also face significant challenges. Stray dogs, in particular, bear the brunt of urban neglect. But beyond the dogs, there are countless other animals like cows left to fend for themselves on the streets, often injured or malnourished. Birds, too.

BOOKS TO CELEBRATE WORLD ANIMAL DAY

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THE WORLD

The Gopi Diaries is a charming series for children by Sudha Murty, published by Harper Children's. The series follows Gopi, a lovable pup. In Coming Home, Gopi is adopted by a loving family and quickly learns about his new world. In Finding Love, he grows stronger and cheekier, facing new challenges and meeting exciting dog companions. Finally, in Growing Up, Gopi matures and welcomes a new friend, Nova, into his life.

Warrior Queens of Ranthambore by *Manish Kalani*, is a unique coffee table book that captures the journey of five generations of tigresses in Ranthambore National Park. Featuring over 500 photographs taken over eight years, wildlife

photographer Manish Kalani tells the story of the legendary tigress Machhli and her descendants, highlighting their beauty, strength and emotional bonds. The book emphasises the importance of tiger conservation and serves as a significant addition to wildlife literature in India

Mountain Mammals of the World by M.K. Ranjitsinh, published by *Penguin Ebury Press*, is a definitive guide that explores the larger mammals inhabiting mountainous regions globally. The book features

detailed profiles of approximately 62 species and 78 subspecies, highlighting their behaviour, ecology and conservation status. This work serves as an essential resource for understanding these majestic animals within their breathtaking mountain habitats.

Wildlife Chronicles by Adit Jain (Publisher: Rupa) is a travelogue and guide to India's national parks and wildlife sanctuaries The book showcases the country's diverse landscapes and wildlife, featuring travel tips, must-see places, and captivating photographs. Jain's personal anecdotes aim to inspire interest in conservation while

> providing practical advice for travellers. Wildlife India @ 50: Saving the Wild, Securing the Future by Manoj Misra (Publisher: Rupa) commemorates 50 years of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. The book chronicles India's wildlife conservation journey, reflecting on successes and missed opportunities

through contributions from various experts. With a focus on the impact of colonial hunting practices and the need for wildlife legislation, it highlights the progress made and the challenges ahead in protecting India's biodiversity.

struggle as cities expand, with sparrows and other species losing their nesting grounds due to rapid urbanisation. Even marine life along India's coasts is impacted by pollution and overfishing, with turtles, dolphins, and many fish species facing increasingly hostile

environments. One of the most critical actions we can take for all animals is to reconsider how we interact with them. Whether it's making sustainable choices that protect natural habitats or supporting animal shelters and rehabilitation centres, we each have a role to play. Conservation efforts like Project Tiger, Project Elephant and initiatives to protect the Great Indian Bustard are crucial but they need greater public backing. Beyond government initiatives, we as individuals can contribute by supporting wildlife sanctuaries, participating in reforestation efforts and making more conscious decisions that minimise harm to

animal habitats. For animals closer to home, adopting stray dogs, cats or even cows from shelters is one of the most compassionate things we can do. These animals, often ignored, deserve a second chance at life.

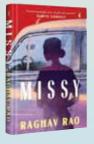
Rather than purchasing pets, dopting from shelters not only saves lives but helps reduce the suffering caused by overpopulation. We must also push for stronger laws against animal cruelty and promote humane population control measures for stray animals, such as spay and neuter programmes.

On this day, let's broaden our perspective. Let's not just think about the wild animals in distant forests or the pets in our homes. Let's consider all the creatures that make up our world: the birds, the cattle, the marine life and the strays and how each one plays a vital role in the delicate balance of life on Earth. Every action we take, no matter how small, contributes to creating a better world for them.

As we observe World Animal Day, let's remember that the answer for stray animals begins with a simple yet profound action: adopt, don't shop. Every stray dog on the street is a potential companion, waiting for a family. By adopting a stray, you give an animal a second chance at life and the warmth of a loving home. This small act not only transforms their lives but also enriches yours with unique love and companionship. Every life saved reflects our compassion for these deserving souls. The world is their home too and together, we can ensure that every animal feels safe, loved, and valued.

By KALKI, TRANSLATED By GOWRI RAMNARAYAN (PRICE: ₹799, PAGES: 544) Penguin Random House

In *First Flood*, the first installment of Ponniyin Selvan, *Kalki* delves into the political intrigue of tenth-century Tamil Nadu. As Emperor Sundara Chozha lies unwell in Tanjavur fort, a sinister plot unfolds to dethrone Crown Prince Aditta Karikalan. Entrusted with a critical message, Vallavaraiyan Vandiyatevan faces perilous challenges as he navigates betrayal and ambition. Beautifully translated by Gowri Ramnarayan, this timeless tale of loyalty and intrigue captivates readers with its rich storytelling and complex characters.



Missy By RAGHAV RAO (Price: ₹699, Pages: 312) Vintage Books

n Missy, Raghav Rao follows Savi, a gifted young woman from St. Ursula's Convent in Madras, who dreams of escape. After a night of trauma forces her and her lover, Ananda, to flee to America under new identities, Savi transforms into Missy, a pillar of the South Asian community in Chicago. As she raises her two daughters, Mansi and Shilpa, the arrival of Varun, a charming doctor, threatens to unravel her carefully built life. This extraordinary debut delves into themes of identity, love, and the inescapable nature of the past, showcasing a woman's resilience and courage

Hindus and the Modern Struggles of Religious Persecution

Anand Ranganathan's book, Hindus in Hindu Rashtra, offers a scathing analysis of the plight of Hindus in modern India, drawing parallels to historical persecution and raising crucial questions about religious dynamics in the country.

BY KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

Sufferance is the badge of our tribe," Shylock, the Jewish money lender, says in the Shakespearean play "The Merchant of Venice," Had Shylock been around now, he would certainly have added Hindus too as the victims of hatred and cruelty perpetrated by the Abrahamic religions. History, as well as modern times, substantiate what Shakespeare made Shylock say in this path-breaking play.

In October 2023, the dreaded Hamas organisation let loose one of the most barbaric attacks ever reported in history on the innocent Jewish residents of the Gaza Strip, kidnapping more than 300 of them and subjecting them to vicious torture. The Hamas terrorists were celebrating in style as their colleagues recounted how they raped young girls in front of their parents and tore them apart, a la Nirbhaya incident that shook India in 2012.

It was only when Israel retaliated (like any other nation would) in a bid to release their brethren from the torturing cells of Hamas, that liberals, secularists pseudo-intellectuals came out extending their open-hearted support to Hamas. The Israeli Defence Force was portrayed as the aggressor while the Hamas terrorists were seen as angels in the eyes of these paid intellectuals.

The history of the Jewish people is packed with stories of persecution faced by them and their struggles for survival. No other community, other than Hindus, has faced the kind of cruelty to which the Jewish were subjected by their tormentors. To lambast Israel and eulogise the Arabs as well as Palestinians became the measure of one's intellectual dexterity.

This is what the Hindus in India face now. Though 80 per cent of the Indian population are Hindus, they face the

same kind of torment and cruelty at the hands of the minorities. In the land of the Sanatana Dharma, the aggressors claim ownership of more than 70 per cent of the land. A cleric was heard claiming the other day that Antilia, the 27-storey personal residence of Mukesh Ambani in Bombay and valued at \$4.6 billion, has been constructed on Waqf land. It is for Mukesh Ambani to give clarification to this claim, while the day is not far off when the same people are likely to come forward claiming that Rashtrapati Bhavan as well as 7 Lok Kalyan Marg belong to them.

Forget about these things. The Hindus have become eighth-class citizens and victims of State-sanctioned apartheid in their own country, according to Dr Anand Ranganathan, scientist, author and political critic who works in the Communist citadel Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU for short). Dr Ranganathan speaks and writes with conviction and articulation. True to his profession as a genetic engineer and biotechnologist, Dr Ranganathan has found out the basic reasons behind the plight of the Hindus in the country, and he has made it unambiguously clear with his latest book Hindus in Hindu Rashtra, published by BluOne Ink. The book of 128 pages is a power-packed punch from this frail professor, which the rivals would not be able to counter. The author has made his intention clear from the word go. "To those who claim we are now living in a totalitarian Hindu Rashtra, one must ask: What kind of a Hindu Rashtra is this where a billionstrong Hindus have been, through our parliament, courts, education system and our Constitution, reduced to not just second-class but rather, eighth-class citizens? What kind of a Hindu Rashtra is this where Durga Puja and Garba celebrations are stoned with impunity,

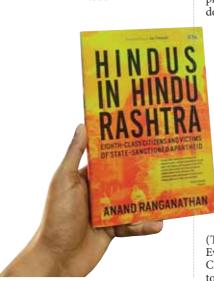
where a sitting Prime Minister claims

minorities have the first right to



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resources?" Even as I write about the book, TV channels scroll news headlines about Ganapati statue immersions in Karnataka and Maharashtra being stoned by a group of

The Marxist-Mullah-Congress axis held State-wide protest rallies in Kerala to express solidarity with the terrorists and extremists of Hamas and Hezbollah. A TV channel and newspaper owned by Jamaat-e-Islami laments 24x7 that there is no freedom of expression and religion in India since 2014. The channel beams anti-India news round the clock, forcing the viewers to complain to the ministries of home and information and broadcasting about the hidden agenda behind the channel and the newspaper. The Supreme Court comes to the help of the channel by blasting the Centre for its high-handedness. This is the kind of privilege enjoyed by the minority communities in India, only in India. A Hindu cannot be blamed for feeling compelled to convert to Islam, but what prevents most of the Sanatanis from doing so is the severe pain it may cause

in the process. Dr Ranganathan, I feel, is lenient in his words. He explains through eight chapters the state of abyss the Hindus find themselves in. The powers that be, whether it is the Congress, BJP, or the motley crowd of the Third Front, do not have any answer for the questions posed by him in the opening chapter, "State Control of Hindu Temples". In Kerala, from where I hail, the most coveted post for which politicians who fail to make it to the assembly or parliament vie with each other is for the post of the chairman of

Devaswom Boards (Travancore, Kochi, and Malabar). Even rationalists and atheists in the CPI(M), CPI, and RSP turn believers to occupy the chairmanship and to swindle the hundis (treasure boxes in which the devotees make offerings to

the presiding deities). "The Hindus have no right to question the injustice meted out to them in the form of adding pig fat to laddus, a divine offering to God. If you dare to question the act, the Lordships would come down on you like an avalanche with the claim that 'Secularism is in danger'." The term secularism has become the most nauseating one in India, as a jurist was heard asking the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh to keep quiet over the affair with the Tirupati laddu. To those who do not care about the ground realities facing the Hindus, we have to ask, "What happened to the Veda Patasalas and Gurukulas, which were the landmarks along the banks of Krishna, Godavari, Kaveri, Ganga, Yamuna, and Brahmaputra?" It is an unpardonable sin in the Hindu country to ask the questions posed by the likes of Anand Ranganathan, R Vaidyanathan, Rajiv Malhotra, Sandeep Balakrishna and of course Arun Shourie.

India may be the only country in the world that keeps its citizens from the real history (the XI volumes of the History and Culture of the Indian People edited by that wonderful historian Prof R C Majumdar). It is a "crime" in this country to pinpoint the directives given by the one and only Prophet that the idolaters only are unclean (Surah 9, ayat 5) and the disbelievers are an open enemy to you (Surah 4:101) (Quotes from The Calcutta Quran Petition authored by Sita Ram Goel). If the Hindus fail to take note of the observations by Anand Ranganathan, they are doomed to be Pappus and village idiots. In this era of religious hegemony, scholars like Ranganathan, Vaidyanathan, and Rajiv Malhotra are beacons of hope. Please do not miss out on what they speak

INDIA NEED TOP GUNS FIRING IN UNISON AGAINST NEW ZEALAND

stellar effort by senior stars would be mandatory when India take on New Zealand in their opening Group A match of the women's T20 World Cup here on Friday, aiming for a strong start in their quest to wipe off the memories of past near-misses.

Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur, who in all likelihood, will be appearing in her last T20 World Cup, has been witness to several near misses and disappointing moments from close quarters, including India's capitulation to Australia in the final at Melbourne in 2020.

As a has been in the past, this Indian line-up is rich in talent and, arguably, only Australia have a similarly well-oiled unit.

But the reigning champions have six titles in their cabinet, and India's is still dust-laden.

So, what pegs India back in global events? It seems more a case of mental fragility at clutch moments, and the Women in Blue tried to address that during a preparatory camp at the NCA (National Cricket Academy) with a few counselling sessions.

But such external measures can only be of limited help in big tournaments, as it boils down entirely to flawless execution of strategies on a given day.

In that context, India will not get a

better opponent than New Zealand, which is not a fancied side like its Trans-Tasman neighbour. But the two-time runners-up are as tough

A victory against them could well be counted as a sign of being in fine shape — tactically and mentally and that's a pre-requisite for India in a group that also has Australia, Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

To start with, India will require heavy contributions from their top guns the 35-year-old Harmanpreet, Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues, Shafali Verma and Deepti Sharma.

them, Shafali Among Mandhana have been in excellent touch, making runs in their last international outing in the Asia Cup in Sri Lanka in July even though India lost to the hosts in the final. In fact, Mandhana's last five T20I innings include three fifties.

But Harmanpreet and Shafali have been a tad underwhelming and the duo finding range is imperative for India's charge at the top and middle

It is critical to India's chances as the pitches in the UAE, going through a harsh heat wave, might not be a treasure trove of runs, particularly deep into the tournament.

However, the expected weariness of the track, in one way, will cater to India's strengths in the bowling department — spin.



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India have exceptional variety in that department. The attack will be marshalled by off-spinners Deepti spinner Radha Yadav.

But the Kiwis have a good blend of experienced and young players, who can lift them above such

Their talismanic skipper Sophie Devine, experienced all-rounder Suzie Bates along with veteran pacers Lea Tahuhu and Leigh Kasperek form the crux of this New

Zealand side.

Add the exciting young all-rounder Amelia Kerr to the mix, and they have the wherewithal to spring a surprise or two in this tournament. But beyond them, the Kiwis are a bit green behind the ears and that could be their Achilles Heel.

TEAMS:

India: Harmanpreet Kaur (c), Smriti Mandhana, Shafali Verma, Sharma, Iemimah Deepti Rodrigues, Richa Ghosh, Yastika Bhatia (subject to fitness), Pooja Vastrakar, Arundhati Reddy, Renuka Singh Thakur, Dayalan Hemalatha, Asha Sobhana, Radha Yadav, Shreyanka Patil (subject to fitness), Sajana Sajeevan

Travelling reserves: Uma Chetry (wk), Tanuja Kanwer, Saima Thakor.

New Zealand: Sophie Devine (c), Suzie Bates, Eden Carson, Izzy Gaze, Maddy Green, Brooke Halliday, Fran Jonas, Leigh Kasperek, Melie Kerr, Jess Kerr, Rosemary Mair, Molly Penfold, Georgia Plimmer, Hannah Rowe,



Biggest challenges for India in Women's T20 WC will be Australia, SL: Harbhajan

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's World Cup-winning spinner Harbhajan Singh said the Harmanpreet Kaur-led side will face a tough challenge from Australia and Sri Lanka in the ICC Women's T20

The global showpiece gets underway in the UAE from Thursday, and India are placed in Group A alongside Australia, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and New Zealand.

"I think India needs to be very careful when playing against Australia. Looking at this group, India has Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. But one match that I think will be a little tough is the India-Australia match, Harbhajan told Star Sports.

"Australia is a good team, even though these matches are being played in Dubai, on subcontinent pitches that might not suit them as much as their home conditions. But Australia, no matter where they play, are hard to beat. So, Harbhajan's fears were not entirely misplaced as the Australia have beaten India 23

warned India of another potential hazard on its way -Sri Lanka.

seven of them.

The Islanders had recently trumped India in the Asia Cup with Chamari Athapaththu and Harshitha Samarawickrama producing

match-winning efforts. "Sri Lanka, too, after their recent series win against India, will be confident when they play against India. So, that will

also be a good contest." But Harbhajan had little doubts that India have the skill sets to land their maiden ICC

'Team India will be the team to beat in this tournament. They have both experience and youth. Harman (captain Harmanpreet Kaur) is in good

the biggest challenge for India may be Australia," he said. form, Smriti (Mandhana) is in good form, and Deepti good form, and Deepti (Sharma) is an unbelievable spinner.

"They are a very capable team times in 32 T20Is with the and have been playing very 'Women in Blue' winning good cricket. The unit looks solid. If India plays good will win this tournament," he noted.

The off-spinner, who has 711 international wickets, also advised the Indians to take it one match at a time, without succumbing to the bigmoment pressure.

You have to try to give your best and not take pressure. At this stage, the only thing that matters is to know yourself, and play as a unit. Results will

"Don't think about the big picture; just take small steps with each match and focus on the process. I hope if they follow these things, our team will perform very well," he added

India open their campiagn against new Zealand on Friday.

Khushi seals dramatic bronze, takes India's tally to 15 at ISSF Jr Worlds

PTI ■ LIMA (PERU)

Thushi secured a hard-K fought bronze in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions at the ISSF Junior World Championship here, dramatically qualifying for the final before rallying to claim the third spot.

Her medal on Wednesday took India's tally to 15, including 10 gold, one silver, and four bronze medals, keeping the country at the top of the standings. The youngster shot 447.3 in

the final to finish behind Caroline Lund of Norway who won silver with 458.3. Caroline's compatriot Synnoeve Berg won gold with

However, Khushi's path to the podium was far from easy. She narrowly made it to the medal round, rallying brilliantly in the final standing position in qualifying to clinch the

seventh spot with a score of It got so tight that there were

four others on the same score. However, Khushi and Italian Anna Schiavon clinched the final two qualifying spots, scoring 29 inner-10 shots, while two Swiss athletes — Alexa Tela and Emely Jaeggi

managed 27. Khushi finished ahead of Anna on countback.

In the eight-woman final, Khushi was fourth at the end

of the first two positions -Kneeling and Prone. A strong finish in the

Standing position allowed her to pip Norwegian Pernille Nor-Woll after the 40th shot to move up to third. Synnoeve and Caroline were

having their own battle for top-two throughout the 45shot final.

Khushi wobbled again on the 41st shot with 9.1 which put her back down to fifth, but a brilliant 10.7 in the 42nd and

10.4 in 43rd ensured the bronze. In the team competition in

junior women's 3P, the trio of Sakshi Padekar, Melvina Joel Gladson and Prachi Gaekwad, finished fifth with a tally of 1757. Anoushka Thakur also shot

585 in qualification, but 26 hits in the inner-10 ring meant she ended 11th. Sakshi, Melvina and Prachi

finished 24th, 32nd and 41st

Weight management is athlete's responsibility: Mary Kom situation demands. If the sports

No stranger to the physical toll of weight management during a competition, six-time world champion boxer M C Mary Kom Thursday waded into the debate surrounding wrestler Vinesh Phogat's Olympic heartbreak for being 100gm over, saying that to be within the prescribed limit is an individual responsibility.

The 42-year-old mother of four, who is only woman bover with Olympic medal (a bronze in London, 2012), was in the city to promote Utkarsh Small Finance Bank, which named her as its brand ambassador. Speaking for the first time on Phogat,

who was disqualified on the day of her 50kg finals in the Paris Games for being marginally over the prescribed limit, Mary Kom said weight management is an athlete's responsibility.

"I felt so disappointed in the sense that I have also done the same (weight management) for the last so many years. Weight is important, that is my responsibility. I cannot blame anyone, she said.

"I do not want to say this in her case. I am saying this in my case only. If I do not cut the weight properly then how will I play? I am there to win a medal and that is what I think," she continued.

Mary Kom, in the past, has spoken about her weight cut routines and how difficult the process can be. The Manipuri started out as a pin-weight (46kg) category boxer before settling for the flyweight (51kg) division in her amateur career.

Phogat, who was being seen as gold medal contender in Paris, skipped meals and fluids, worked out an entire night and also cut her hair to be within the requisite category but the effort fell She challenged her disqualification,

calling the rules inhumane, but her appeal was rejected by the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The wrestler retired to join politics after the heartbreak and is contesting the Haryana assembly elections on a Congress ticket.

WANT TO DISCUSS INDIAN BOXING WITH SPORTS MINISTER: Mary Kom was also quizzed about India's boxing campaign in Paris and she was still perplexed by how poor the performance was. She said she wants to have a meeting with the national federation and sports minister Mansukh Mandaviya to understand "what is lacking" and clear her "doubts". The Indian boxing contingent, which

included two reigning world champions in Nikhat Zareen and Lovlina Borgohain, cut a sorry figure



in the Games and failed to win even one medal.

We know what the result was, it was so, so bad. I want to know what is lacking," said the Manipuri, who became the first Indian woman boxer with an Olympic medal when she bronze in the 2012 London Games. One of the most successful athletes in

the history of Indian sports, Mary Kom felt the boxers got all the logistical support they needed but she does have some "doubts" regarding how their training was managed by the Boxing Federation of India. "I will meet the boxers too if the minister has the knowledge (about the issues) I want to discuss that also," she

Refusing to share her exact concerns, Mary Kom said she would rather discuss them in the meeting with Mandaviya and BFI brass.

'The federation has provided all the coaches. But I have a few doubts as well. But what is the point in saying them now, the Olympics are done. Jow there is no point in saving all that. but I want to discuss it with them in the meeting," said the former Rajya Sabha MP.

"(The) sports minister is doing whatever he can do from his side, infrastructure, facilities or whatever (other) needs are there. But how did the federation handle the training? Was it done systematically or not? What happened exactly, I do not know," she wondered.

"If I do not meet them and not discuss, how will I know about them?" Mary reiterated that she wants to

participate in professional boxing "I have not retired yet but I want to compete. I am trying to get opportunities, waiting for my chance to fight pro. I just want to come back." "I can continue for another three-four years, that is my will. I have the passion and hunger. I want to continue," she

Lionel Messi, Inter Miami win MLS Supporters Shield with 3-2 win at Crew

AP ■ COLUMBUS (OHIO)

ionel Messi and Inter Lionel Miessi und Miami have another trophy, along with home-field advantage throughout the Major League Soccer playoffs. Messi scored twice in the final minutes of the first half, goalie Drake Callender stopped a penalty kick in the 84th minute and Inter Miami beat the defending MLS Cup champion Columbus Crew 3-2 on Wednesday, wrapping up the Supporters Shield given annually to the team with the best regular-season record.

It was Messi's 46th major trophy won for club or country, extending his record for the most by any men's soccer player in history. And it is the second he has won with Inter Miami, this Supporters Shield being added to the Leagues Cup trophy the Herons claimed shortly after Messi joined the club in 2023.

"We knew this was a group that could fight for this," Messi said.

Luis Suarez also scored for Inter Miami, which will open a best-of-three first-round playoff series in the final weekend of October. If the team wins that series, it would have the right to host every match it plays the rest of the an Eastern Conference semifinal (scheduled for Nov. 23 or 24), the East final (Nov. 30 or Dec. 1) and the MLS Cup final on "We have a nice opportunity

to go down in history ... And now we think about what is coming," Messi told Apple TV after the match. "We have a great advantage in that we play all the games at home, which was what we were looking for. I think that we are very, very strong at home." Also still within reach for

Inter Miami: the best MLS regular-season mark ever. Wednesday's win pushed Inter Miami's record to 20-4-8 this season, giving it 68 points. If the club wins its final two matches - Saturday at Toronto and Oct. 19 at home against New England -



it would finish with 74 points. New England has the single points record, finishing with 73 in 2021.

Messi opened the scoring in the 45th minute, taking a long pass from Jordi Alba - his longtime teammate at Barcelona, the club with which Messi won 35 of his trophies - and splitting two defenders before somehow getting the ball past Columbus goalkeeper Patrick

And about five minutes into

Schulte for a 1-0 lead.

first-half stoppage time, Messi struck again on a free kick from about 30 yards out. Schulte seemed fooled, and Messi squeezed the ball between the goalie and the near post for a 2-0 lead. "Dominant," Inter Miami coach Gerardo "Tata" Gerardo coach

Martino said. Diego Rossi scored in the first minute of the second half for Columbus to cut the lead in half, but it didn't take long for Inter Miami to restore the two-goal cushion. Almost immediately atter after upended by one of his own defenders and Suarez sent a header into an empty net for a 3-1 edge.

Juan "Cucho" Hernández's

the 61st

penalty kick in the 61st minute got Columbus within 3-2. But once again, the momentum didn't last for long. Rudy Camacho was sent off for his second vellow card in the 63rd minute, meaning the Crew had to play with 10 men the rest of the way.

Didn't matter. Columbus still created some big chances down the stretch.

A deflected ball in the 76th minute got across the box and onto the right foot of Mohamed Farsi - but his shot was blocked by Callender, who was perfectly positioned to protect the lead. Then came more drama,

when Inter Miami was called for its second handball inside the box — an automatic penalty kick — of the second half. Hernández picked the left side of the net, but Callender made the save look almost easy That save helped finish what Messi started. It was the fifth two-goal game

of the MLS season for Messi, who now has 17 goals in 17 league matches this season.

He's missed 15 of Inter badly injured ankle - an Miami's MLS matches in 2024, either because of commitments to Argentina's national team or the twomonth absence that he needed to recover from a

injury that happened during his nation's run to the Copa America title in July. Inter Miami, in MLS play this season, is now 10-1-6 with Messi in the lineup.

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