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FAREWELL BHARAT'S RATAN

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

s the nation mourned the passing the legendary industrialist Ratan Naval Tata hundreds and thousands Mumbaikars on Thursday bade an emotional goodbye to the former Chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons, as his mortal remains - wrapped in national tri-colours - were taken on a 12 km final journey from the National Centre for the Performing Arts (NCPA) to Worli crematorium for his last rites.

After solemn prayers and rituals performed as per the Parsi traditions at a brief ceremony, Ratan Tata's body was consigned to a combustion chamber at the Worli electric crematorium, amid full-State honours and a fun salute the Maharashtra accorded by government.

The funeral held at an electric crematorium reflected the changing traditions in the Parsi community members living in Mumbai who in the past would make it a point to consign the remains of their loved ones to the Tower of Silence, or Doongerwadi at Malabar Hill in south Mumbai.

Ratan Tata breathed his last at the Breach Candy Hospital at around 11.30 pm on Wednesday night, following agerelated health conditions, after a week of media speculation about his worsening medical condition. A bachelor all his life, Tata was 86 at the time of his death. Given that he had touched the people from all walks of life across the country, the news of Ratan Tata - who despite having built a Rs 3,800 crore Tata group's business empire remained a humble man till the last day - plunged the nation into a state of mourning, with people grieving his demise and speaking in



glorious terms about his contributions to Indian industry and also nation-

building.
While thousands of people turned out at the NCPA to pay their homage to the legendary industrialist, more than a couple of lakhs of people had either lined up along the 12 km funeral procession route from the NCPA to Worli crematorium or bade adieu from atop the buildings located along the route.

Hours before his funeral, the Maharashtra Cabinet adopted a resolution at a special meeting, recommending to the Centre to confer Bharat Ratna, country's highest civilian award, posthumously to Ratan Tata, who was bestowed with Padma Vibhushan by the Indian government in 2008. As a sign of State mourning, the national Tricolour on government offices in Maharashtra were flown at half-mast on Thursday.

Earlier, after his death on Wednesday night, the veteran industrialist's body was taken from the Breach Candy Hospital to his Colaba residence in south Mumbai.



Jamshedpur mourns its man of steel

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA JAMSHEDPUR

It was not only the more than one lakh workforce of Tata Group of companies, its subsidiaries and ancillaries which mourned Ratan Tata's passing, but a pall of gloom descended in each and every household of the Steel City of Jamshedpur which Tata was so

From spending time on Shop Floor Management of the then TELCO, rechristened as Tata Motors by Ratan Tata himself, for a global



pursuit to make it a point to be part of the famous March 3 Foundation Day (anniversary of JN Tata) celebrations at Jubilee Park near

Sakchi Market, Ratan frequented the lovely city where the Tatas dreamt from making salt to software, tea to trucks and from car to business czar since early 1900s. The city of Jamshedpur is also known as 'Tatanagar', and the fondness of the Tatas for the city made the Jharkhand government declare a day of State Mourning as a mark of respect for industrialist Ratan Tata. As a young trainee, Tata resided in Room No. 11 of the Dealer's Apprentice Hostel at TELCO.

the pioneer _ Tribute____

Goodbye, Mr Tata

who had lost their lives or loved ones did not lose hope $R_{\text{doyen of Indian industry,}}^{\text{atan Naval Tata, the}}$ the inheritor of one of the greatest corporate names in India passed away peacefully on October 9, and was laid to rest on Thursday. Even though he was 86 years old and had been suffering health issues for the past few years, his passing has been mourned across the board. But it is surprising just how much the general public in India has mourned his passing, especially country where capitalists

celebrated. Ratan Tata's contributions philanthropy, his love of dogs including strays, have

still

endeared him to Indians like few others have managed, with the possible exception of his uncle, JRD Tata, whom he succeeded as Chairman of Tata Sons. Following the horrendous 26/11 attacks when the flagship Taj Mahal hotel was desecrated by terrorists, he not only ensured that all employees

NSL 9th AGM Chairman Message

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and he paid compensation to all and he was determined that the hotel rise again to the top, which it has. Ratan Tata is a poster child of post-liberalisation India. Under his leadership, the expansion of Tata group's

ventures began aggressively.
Whether it was the success of Consultancy (TCS) in the Information Technology

space, acquisition of Jaguar Land Rover and Tetley Tea, the global reach of Tata Steel as well as the growth of Tata Motors in the Indian passenger car space starting from the late-1990's with the Tata Indica.

The fact that Indian Hotels, operators of the Taj Group is today India's largest hotel chain is in no small part thanks to his leadership and the fact that he surrounded himself with extremely capable managers.



others during the party's Legislature Party Meeting after Jammu and Kashmir Assembly election result, at the headquarters Nawa e Subha in Srinagar, Thursday

Omar Abdullah elected legislative

Kashmir Tammu and Conference National Thursday set into motion the process of government formation by 'unanimously' electing its Vice President Omar Abdullah as leader of the legislative party. The announcement was made by the senior Abdullah and party chief Dr. Farooq Abdullah.

Addressing the media after the National Conference MLAs met at its headquarters to elect the leader of the legislature party Dr Farooq Abdullah stated that the pre-poll alliance partners (National Conference, Congress, CPI-M, Panthers Party) will meet on Friday to the take government formation process forward.

National Conference (NC) legislators for electing him their leader so that he could stake claim to form the government in Jammu and Kashmir.

that was taken. A meeting of the NC legislature party took place, the legislature party has decided on its leader and I am thankful from the bottom of my heart to the NC legislators that they have reposed their faith in me and given me a chance to stake a claim for government formation," Abdullah told reporters after he was elected the leader of the

legislature party here. the Congress. They have been

significant

Choudhary

Rameshwar Singh - who won the Inderwal, Chhamb,

Surankote, and Bani seats -

"Now our number is 42 plus

the four independent MLAs. After receiving the letter from

the Congress, we will go to the

Raj Bhavan to stake claim to

form the government," Omar

Inside reports suggested that

the National Conference may

go ahead and stake claim for

government formation on

Friday even in the absence of a

letter of support from the

CPI(M) of indulging in

hooliganism after victory in

assembly elections.

Jammu and Kashmir

have backed the NC.

added.

the

four

party leader **MOHIT KANDHARI** ■ JAMMU given a day to decide. Once they give us a letter of support,

I will stake a claim for government formation. another development, independents (all from the Jammu region) expressed their support to the National Conference on Thursday. Pyare Lal Sharma, Satish Sharma, Mohammed Akram, and Dr

Omar Abdullah thanked the

Congress party. In a house of 90 members, NC along with "You are aware of the decision independent candidates has magic numbers in its kitty. Political observers opined Congress has been relegated from a junior partner in the incoming Jammu and Kashmir government to a relative nonentity after four independent MLAs extended support to the National Conference. Meanwhile, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) on Thursday accused the NC and

On the question of the timing of the government formation, Omar said, "Talks are on with or the first time in its fiscal

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

history, Delhi is on the brink of a severe financial crisis in the current fiscal, with its expenditure likely to cross the limit of receipts. Data from the Finance Department show its earnings through non tax revenues, tax revenues may drop to Rs 62 415 cr as against the budgetary estimate of Rs 64142 cr Rafael Nadal bids adiós by the end of fiscal year 2025.)

Delhi has historically been a revenue-surplus state and this would be the first instance of a deficit since the reconstitution of the Legislative Assembly in 1993. Notably, data shows a continuous streak of fiscal surplus from the fiscal year 2017-18

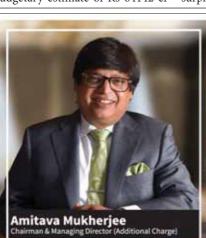
through the projected budget of 2024-25.

As per the data, Revenue expenditure is expected to rise from Rs 60911 cr to Rs 63911 cr. The revenue receipts have consistently been higher than the revenue expenditure starting with a surplus

of Rs 4913.25 crores in 2017-18, which further increased to a significant surplus of Rs 14456.91

crores in 2022-23. Even for the fiscal year 2023-24, a healthy surplus of Rs 6462.29 crores is anticipated. However, the forecast for 2024-25 presents a potential challenge: while the initial Budget Estimates (BE) show a surplus of Rs 3231.19 crores, the possible inclusion of additional demand could lead to a deficit of Rs 1495.48 crores.

Notably, the Arvind Kejriwal government is giving free ride to women in DTC buses, free water up to 20,000 litre per family, free electricity up to 200 units per family, free pilgrimage to senior citizens to the people of Delhi.



Dear Shareholders,

am pleased to address you as the Chairman and Managing Director of your company, NMDC Steel Limited (NSL), as we mark a significant milestone in our journey. NSL stands as a testament to India's industrial prowess, representing a strategic initiative by the Ministry of Steel to augment the nation's steel production capabilities. On August 12, 2023, the company achieved its First Blow-In of the Blast Furnace and within three days, produced Hot Metal on August 15, 2023. NMDC Steel Limited produced its final product - the HR Coil on August 24, 2023, only 9 days after the production of Hot Metal. In the journey ahead, NSL achieved 1 million tonnes of cumulative Hot Metal production in a

record time of 226 days. It has now been a year since that momentous event, and I am proud to announce that as of July 21, 2024, NSL produced 1.5 million tonnes of Hot Metal from its Blast Furnace. On August 11, 2024, the Plant crossed 1 million tonnes of Liquid Steel production and on August 20, 2024, NSL achieved the milestone of 1 million tonnes of HR Coil production within a year of commissioning

The Plant recorded 40 heats, 6967 T Liquid Steel and 6519 T HR Coil production on August 15, 2024, which marks the highest production in a day at

Over the past year, NMDC Steel Limited has made steady progress in ramping up production and stabilizing operations. The Steel Plant's design integrates energy-efficient technologies such as Continuous Casting, Pulverized Coal Injection, Coke Dry Quenching, and Top Recovery Turbine to minimize environmental impact and optimize resource utilization. Our commitment to sustainable development is further reflected in our adoption of a zero liquid discharge system, recycling initiatives, and waste heat recovery options. By focusing on optimizing our processes, enhancing efficiency, and maintaining high safety and quality standards, we have achieved significant improvements across all areas of production, setting new benchmarks and

achieving our initial targets ahead of schedule.



Physical and Financial

The financial year 2023-24 witnessed impressive achievements in terms of physical production for NSL The company achieved production of 4.94 lakh tonnes of Hot Rolled Coil within a span of 7 months considering that NSL commenced commercial operations on August 31, 2023. Sales of Hot Rolled Coils were recorded at an impressive 3.52 lakh tonnes generating total revenue of Rs. 3,049 crores for the company. During the year under review, the company incurred a loss of Rs. 2,201 crores and incurred a capital expenditure of Rs. 1,226 crores.

month, of Hot Metal - 1.7 lakh tonnes; Liquid Steel - 1.3 lakh tonnes; and HR Coll - 1.25 lakh tonnes in August 2024. We have successfully commenced PCI operations on May 24, 2024, and produced LPG-grade steel sheets for the first time, marking our entry into the market for specialty steel products. We have begun taking orders from OEMs and are developing customized grades of specialty steel, including high-strength, low-alloy steel, which has been well-received by our customers. NSL is on the threshold of breaking even

NSL has recorded the highest production, in a single

Currently, we are producing close to 1.25 lakh tonnes of HR Coil, which is marginally below our breakeven point on a month on month basis. On our way forward, we

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plan to ramp up production to 2.1 lakh tonnes of Hot Metal and 1.5 lakh tonnes of HR Coil on a monthly basis, consistently. We are confident that we will reach this target in the third quarter of FY25



Building on a Strong Foundation

As we reflect on the past year, it's clear that commissioning and operating a steel plant is both challenging and rewarding. The experiences and lessons learned have established a strong foundation for our continued success. Moving forward, our focus will be on leveraging these insights to drive further improvements, enhance operational efficiency, and maintain high safety and quality standards.



Corporate Governance

governance, aiming to create long-term value for all stakeholders, including shareholders, customer suppliers, creditors, the Government of India, State Governments, governmental agencies/departments and society at large. The company is committed to guided by the principles of accountability, transparency fairness, and effective stakeholder management.

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Excerpts from the CMD Speech at 9th AGM of

Amitava Mukherjee

Looking Ahead:

As we move forward, we will continue to emphasize on

charting a path forward for NSL, focusing on continuous

stakeholders. We remain dedicated to driving long-term

In conclusion, I would like to extend my gratitude to our

improvement, innovation, and value creation for all

operational excellence, strategic growth, and

sustainability. The Management is committed to

growth while upholding our responsibility to the

dedicated team, MECON and technology partners,

customers for their steady support and confidence in

NMDC Steel Limited. I would also like to acknowledge

the support, cooperation, and guidance received from

Government of India and the State Government o

the Ministry of Steel, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and other departments of the

As we continue on this exciting journey, I am confident that the company will move from strength to strength

shareholders, bankers, lenders, suppliers, and

environment and the communities we serve.

A Path to Sustainable Growth

CMD (Additional Charge)

NMDC Steel Limited

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and scale new heights.

NSL held on September 27, 2024.



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City Cabinet approves 50 per cent hike in MLA-LAD Fund

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

¬he Delhi Cabinet on Thursday approved a 50 per cent hike in MLA-LAD Fund with each MLA's local area development fund increased from Rs. 10 crores to Rs. 15 crores per year. Announcing the increase in the

funds at a press conference, Chief Minister Atishi positioned Delhi as the state with the highest MLA Fund allocation in the country. "Today, the Delhi Cabinet has made a significant decision by increasing the MLA Fund from Rs 10 crores per year to Rs 15 crores per year. No other state in the country provides such a large MLA Fund as Delhi," she

Highlighting comparisons with other states, she noted that Gujarat allocates Rs 1.5 crores per MLA constituency, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka provide Rs 2 crores, Maharashtra, Kerala, and Rajasthan allocate only Rs 5 crores.

"Now, Delhi will provide Rs 15 crores per year, not only the highest in the country but also three times more than most states. For the past ten years, under the leadership of Arvind Kejriwal, the Delhi government has been working for the people of Delhi—whether they live in slums unauthorized live in slums, unauthorized colonies, or big bungalows. In the coming years, the Delhi government will continue to work for the people of Delhi,"



Delhi Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj stated, "Today, there was an important meeting of the Delhi government's Cabinet at the Delhi Secretariat, where a major decision was made regarding the MLA-LAD Fund. The MLA-LAD Fund is a very important fund in a democracy through which local residents can get small or large development works done through their MLA."

In light of the damage caused by this year's heavy rains, he

"This year Delhi has experienced a lot of rain, which has caused damage to the roads, caused damage to the roads, parks, walkways, and walls. MLAs have been regularly bringing these issues to our attention, and the increased MLA Fund will enable them to quickly provide relief without waiting for long departmental

helpline number and sought

action against the culprit. The

information shared by the complainant immediately got

verified on ground through a

discreet enquiry by the Vigilance Unit's team, which

prima facie confirmed the

genuineness of her grievances,"

Accordingly, a police team, along-with public witness, laid

a trap in coordination with the

complainant. "The alleged

police personnel had directed

the complainant to deliver the

first instalment of the

demanded bribe money (the sum of money arranged by the complainant till that time), as a designated place in the local area," he said, adding that the

An FIR under the relevant sec-

tions of Prevention of

Corruption Act and Bhartiya

Nyaya Sanhita has been registered at Police Station Vigilance. "The arrested accused Constable has been

produced before the Special

Court, Rouse Avenue Courts,

and has been sent to judicial

custody," the officer stated.

team nabbed him.

another police officer said.

the announcement by Chief Minister Atishi to increase the

and the assembly's tenure is nothing but a deception. Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva stated,

annual MLA fund in the last

moments of the government

This increase in MLA funds is less likely to be spent on solving local problems and development, and is more likely to be misused on the ruling MLAs' commission minting, as well as being misused by con-

tractors and officials." Leader of Opposition in the Assembly Vijender Gupta added the government should ensure that only development work is carried out within this time frame using the additional MLA funds. "Additionally, there should be complete audit supervision of all MLA fund expenditures made within the final 100 days," he said.

DU sets sights on range of initiatives | DU-St Stephens college including launching own satellite Only allowing e-vehicles, free lunch some of other initiatives

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi University has T set its sight on a range of ambitious initiatives, including launching its own satellite, implementing a policy to allow only electric vehicles on the campus and introducing a free lunch scheme for the students.

These plans are part of the varsity's long-term goals mapped in its Institutional Development Plan (IDP) 2024 -- a perspective plan document which charts out the broad goals and objective the Delhi University (DU) wishes to achieve over a period of

According to the set goals, the university aims to establish a DU satellite system that could play a major role in scientific research, telecommunications, GPS navigation as well as remote education.

However, if financial limitations arise, the DU may consider hiring services from organizations like the ISRO to make this plan a reality, the document states.

In addition, the DU is eyeing environmental sustainability with plans to introduce a zero-emission target by restricting fossil fuel vehicles on the campus. The university hopes to phase in electric vehicles starting with tric vehicles, starting with areas like Chhatra Marg, to create a cleaner and greener environment for the students and staff.



The modalities of these projects and feasibility of their implementation will be decided as and when they are considered for rolling out.

Another major initiative the DU plans to introduce is a working lunch scheme for underprivileged students, offering free meals in the university cafeteria in exchange for work.

The canteens will follow strict food safety standards and could collaborate with selfhelp groups for food procurement to support local communities, the IDP envi-

Alongside these plans, the DU is looking at creating a "University Haat", on lines of the universities abroad, to set up a commercial shopping area where products developed by the university's student-led start-ups can be showcased and put up for

The university's massive pop ulation of nearly six lakh people presents a unique market opportunity, the docu-The university's other long-

term vision includes devel oping a 'University Alumni Angel Network' where successful alumni can provide mentorship and financial support to student-led start-ups, offer reverse internships where students hire industry professionals and establish the special Chair for multi-national companies, which can promote research at the university in their interest.

Institutional Development Plan has been tabled for consideration before the Academic Council members, who held a meeting on Thursday.

tussle: VC constitutes committee to hold talks

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Amid a tussle between the Delhi University and its affiliate St Stephen's College, Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh has constituted a committee to hold talks with the college administration.

A three-member panel of the Academic Council members Academic Council members will communicate with college principal John Varghese over alleged discard of the university rules by the college administration, said an official state-

The Delhi University (DU) and St Stephen's have been at loggerheads for long over policy implementation disputes. Recently, the two were at the center of a controversy after the college denied to admit 12 students over its sanctioned seat limit under the DU's newly introduced single girl child quota. Several students under the unreserved category were also refused admission disregarding the DU's extra allocations formula adopted for optimal filling of seats.

After a legal battle, some of these students were admitted by the college following the Delhi High Court's order. In an Academic Council meeting held on Thursday, the vicechancellor constituted a committee, which includes Professor Harendra Nath Tiwari, Alok Pandey and Maya John. They will communicate with the college principal for resolution on the issue, the statement said.



Development Plan (IDP) 2024 and Strategic Plan -- two key perspective plan documents of the university which charts out its short term and long term plans for future were approved and passed amid objections by a section of the

professors. However, the vice-chancellor has constituted a committee to review the IDP draft and asked to make revisions based on the raised objections after which it is slated to be tabled before the Executive Council members, the highest decision making body of the university, in their meeting on October 14, the statement said.

A proposal on revisions made in a general elective paper titled 'Delhi Through Ages: Making of its Early Modern History' was also passed in the meeting. The revision includes replacing the text Purana Qila with 'Indraprastha-Hastinapur' and removal of a text by histo-rian Irfan Habib from the suggested readings, according to the Academic Council mem-

Vigilance department arrests constable for accepting bribe



The Delhi Police's Vigilance department arrested a constable of Vasant Kunj (South) police station for demanding and accepting a bribe.

According to the police on Thursday, they nabbed the alleged constable, who has been identified as Amit, redhanded while he was accepting a bribe. A senior police official said, "The Vigilance Unit of Delhi Police while acting on a complaint filed by a citizen over the vigilance helpline no. 1064, arrested a police personnel posted in Police Station Vasant Kunj (South), for demanding a bribe of Rs.50,000/- and accepting a part amount."

He added that on Wednesday, a call was received from the complainant wherein she informed the helpline staff that a local area's beat staff demanded a bribe from her upon initiating civil construction work in the Rangpuri Pahadi area for allowing continuation of the construction

"Aggrieved by the unjust and

AAP shares photo of CM Atishi signing files at her Kalkaji residence



¬he Aam Aadmi Party The Aaiii Aaiiii . . . , (AAP) on Thursday shared images showing Delhi Chief Minister Atishi signing files at her Kalkaji residence surrounded by packed cartons of her belongings, a day after the party claimed she was made to "forcibly vacate" the 6, Flagstaff Road bungalow in the national capital. Posting the images on X, AAP lashed out at the BJP, saying it can-not take away Atishi's commitment to work for the peo-ple of Delhi. Later, Atishi accused the BJP of attempting to encroach upon the "CM's residence" at 6, Flagstaff Road in the Civil Lines area. Atishi at a press conference said the BJP was frustrated as it was not able to defeat the AAP in elections and was thus resorting to desperate measures. The BJP responded by saying that the AAP was indulging in a "drama" and playing "victim card" over the property to

gain sympathy. Responding to the pictures, BJP MLA and

Leader of Opposition in Delhi

Assembly Vijender Gupta said Atishi already had a bungalow in her name on Mathura Road and termed the party's complaints as mere antics. "She is trying to Play the 'victim card' to gain public sympathy like her predecessor and AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal. Atishi has a bungalow allotted in her name on Mathura Road which was earlier used by Sheila Dikshit for 10 years as Delhi Chief Minister. Also, Atishi can work from her full-fledged office at Delhi secretariat but she was mak-

secretariat but she was making a futile attempt by playing the victim card posing with empty boxes," he said.
Gupta asked the AAP leader the need to occupy the Chief Minister residence despite having an official residence at AB-17, Mathura road which was allotted to her as a minister. "Why Atishi, despite having such a beautiful and luxurious official residence at AB-17 and a lavishly renovated Chief Minister office vated Chief Minister office worth crores, still wanted to illegally occupy the 'Sheesh Mahal' at 6 Flagstaff Road,

Kejriwal's residence?" he

questioned. Āttacking Atishi over the social media posts showing her work around boxes, Gupta asked, "Despite having a splendid residence and office, Atishi, who staged a drama by sitting amidst empty boxes at her personal residence, is trying to fool whom? Why does she not want to work from her official residence and office?"

Accusing the BJP, Atishi said the BJP is in tension because they haven't been able to defeat us at the polls. "They couldn't even secure doubledigit seats in the assembly, digit seats in the assembly, and their 'Operation Lotus' to break our party also failed. Even jailing our leaders didn't work," she said. Atishi said the AAP was not in politics for cars and bungalows. "If the BJP gets peace by encroaching on the CM house, they are welcome to it. Our party isn't in politics for

Our party isn't in politics for bungalows or cars. If necessary, AAP ministers and MLAs are ready to work from the streets," she said.

Olympians honoured at LSR college

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Olympians Manu Bhaker and Maheshwari Chauhan were on Thursday honoured by their alma mater, Lady Shri Ram College(LSR)for Women, for their "exceptional performance" at the 2024 Paris Olympics. The Delhi University college organised a special ceremony to celebrate their achievements and their contribution to Indian sports.

Bhaker, who completed her Political Science (Hons) degree from LSR, made history by becoming the first Indian female shooter to win an Olympic medal and the first Indian athlete to win two medals in a single Olympics.
Chauhan, who graduated in Philosophy (Hons), also made the country proud as the first Indian

woman skeet shooter to compete in the Olympics, narrowly missing out on a bronze



Rhythm Sangwan, a current third-year student at LSR and a shooter, was to be honoured for her performance in the Paris Olympics, where she finished 10th in a team event and 15th in an individual air pistol event. However, she could not make it.

The college also honoured Jaspal Rana, who is

Minor boy raped by neighbour

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Aminor boy was allegedly raped by a neighbor who used to show him adult pictures in Delhi's Bindapur area.

According to the police on Thursday, a complaint was received on Wednesday night about sexual assault with a child. The accused, who is a resident of Bihar, was residing nearby to the family of the victim child and is currently absconding, according to police sources.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Dwarka) Ankit Singh Police (Dwarka) Ankit Singh said, "A PCR call was received at Bindapur police station at around 9:29 pm about sexual assault with a child. On this police reached and met mother of the child."

He added that during police

He added that during police enquiry, it transpired that victim has been sexually assaulted by one neighbour who has run away from the rented house. "Victim was taken to Deen Dayal Upadhyay (DDU) hospital for medical examina-



tion where he was medically examined with A/H/O sexual and physical assault," Singh stated, adding that the mother said that her son was having problem in rectum while going to bathroom.

The statement of mother was recorded in the case where she stated that her son had problem in rectum while going to bathroom and later revealed that one neighbor who was staying on rent in same building sexually assaulted him and used to show him porn pictures on mobile. A case under section six of

Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and 351(2) (Criminal intimidation) of Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS) has been registered. "Sincere efforts are being taken to nab the accused and further investigation is ongoing," the DCP stated.

A police source said that it is still unclear if the accused was

Work with coordination for upcoming local body polls: SEC

Chhattisgarh's State Election Commissioner (SEC) Ajay Singh on Thursday told officials to work with coordination for conducting the upcoming local body elections in the state. This is necessary to avert the possibility of any mess during the polls, he

Singh said this at a meeting convened at its office to review preparations for the local body elections.

He also emphasized the importance of completing processes delimitation and reservation work within the



stipulated time frames.

Principal Secretary Panchayat and Rural Development Niharika Barik provided details about the delimitation and reservation work.

Singh emphasized the need to ensure the accuracy of the voter lists.

The Commissioner said each stage of the electoral process would be regularly reviewed, and corrective measures would be promptly taken whenever

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Labourer dies in accident in Bhilai Steel Plant



STAFF REPORTER

 $A^{
m 33-year-old}$ contract labourer was killed in an accident at the Bhilai Steel Plant in Durg district in Chhattisgarh.

The accident took place

around 11 am at the Steel Melting department. The Bhilai plant is the flagship unit of the Steel Authority of India (SAIL).

Two cranes collided with each other resulting in a stopper of one of them

Two cranes collided with each other resulting in a stopper of one of them falling on Basant Kurre, who died on the spot.

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The labourer had a helmet on but that too was damaged.

Four Maoists surrender in Sukma

STAFF REPORTER ■

Four Maoists, one of them carrying a reward of Rs 2 lakh on his head, on Thursday surrendered to security forces in Sukma district in Chhattisgarh.

The four were Midiyam Bhima, Sodi Munna alias Manoj, Muchaki Deva and Sula Muchaki alias Kawasi, Sukma Additional Superintendent of Police Akash Rao Girepunje said.

Midiyam, who carried a bounty of Rs 2 lakh, was a member of Platoon Number 4 of the outlawed Maoist outfit.

They were involved in attacking police parties, planting spikes and bombs to target security personnel and pasting anti-government

Govt educates people on gender discrimination



STAFF REPORTER MANENDRAGARH

 \mathbf{I}^{n} a bid to prevent female foeticide, authorities in Chhattisgarh's Manendragarh-ChirmiriBharatpur district on Wednesday visited Durga Pandals and educated

people about gender

discrimination and the importance of women's

government is conducting 10-day awareness campaign as part of the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" initiative. It aims to highlight the importance of providing more opportunities to girls and to raise awareness about the inequalities and challenges

It will conclude on the International Girl Child Day on October 11.

Along with this, authorities are urging people to promote the education of girls for a brighter future.

They said that along

with worshipping Goddess Durga, it is necessary to instil a sense of respect and security towards

Two held with 257 kg cannabis



STAFF REPORTER SUKMA

hhattisgarh Police on Chnattisgain 101162 Thursday seized 257.83 kg of cannabis valued at Rs 25.78 lakh and arrested two persons here for transporting it to Maharashtra from Odisha.

Sunil Ramjiyavan (25) and Parkale Karan Parasram (29), both from Maharashtra, were taken into custody, Sukma Additional Superintendent of Police Akash Rao Girepunje

The police intercepted a car at the Kerlapal checkpost on the National Highway 30 following

The contraband was packed in 67 plastic gunny bags and hidden inside the trunk of the

JASH PURETM

Chhattisgarh to host national golf championship from Oct 24-26

STAFF REPORTER **RAIPUR**

Chhattisgarh will host the National Golf Championship from October 24 to 26, Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain announced on Thursday.

He said this at the inauguration of the National Golf Championship 'Pre-Launch' organized by the Golf Federation of India at the Golf Court located at Mayfair resort in Nava Raipur.

The main aim of hosting the event was to promote tourism in Chhattisgarh and to showcase the greenery in Nava Raipur, Jain said.

Speaking on this occasion, he said a team from Chhattisgarh will also be selected for the golf



championship. This will increase people's interest in golf along with other sports. Teams from 20 states will

participate in the event organized by the National Golf Federation of India, he

Ancient Indian culture is a guiding light for global mental health issues

World Mental Health Day

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As our world rapidly advances in technology and comfort, mental health issues are mounting at double speed. The WHO reports that over 370 million people are currently experiencing mental disorders. Among these, depression stands out as the most widespread condition in today's society, affecting an estimated 280 million individuals worldwide.

This suggests that despite significant medical advancements, there is a dearth of effective treatments and solutions, both from healthcare providers and the myriad of resources available online.

There is a profound dialogue on this subject in the ancient Indian epic of Ramayana, between Lord Ram and his spiritual teacher Maharshi Vashisht, where we learn about the connection between the mind and physical health.

During a tour of his kingdom, Lord Ram observed that many of his citizens were suffering from various diseases. Deeply moved by their plight, he sought answers from his guru.

Maharishi Vashisht offered an insightful explanation, revealing that the root cause of these ailments lies in the mind. He explained that when we cultivate toxic thoughts, they disturb the peace of our being. This mental disturbance affects the pranic shakti, or vital energy, within us. When this vital energy is disrupted, it manifests as physical afflictions in the body.

Vashisht emphasised that many diseases cannot be resolved simply through medication, as their origins are much deeper. This perspective aligns with modern medical science, which increasingly recognises the importance of holistic health—a concept that ancient scriptures have highlighted for thousands of years. It is clear that our mental state significantly impacts our physical well-being.

All mental afflictions—the greatest foes within us-can become our greatest allies when properly channelled.

As an ardent student of Ancient Vedic Psychology, I believe that the

Vedas systematically and logically explain the origins and development of these mental afflictions. It also offers techniques for purifying the mind and addressing everyday challenges by enhancing our thought processes.

The Vedic texts identify emotions such as anger, envy, greed, and desire as 'manas rog' (mental illnesses). These afflictions impact all of us as long as we exist in the realm of Maya (ignorance/illusion). The challenge lies in our frequent inability to recognise these mental afflictions. While we acknowledge our feelings of anger and envy, we often fail to see them as indicators of a diseased state. Instead, we dismiss them as mere aspects of human nature or natural tendencies. Consequently, since we remain unaware of their detrimental effects on our overall health and well-being, we neglect to address them.

The internal struggle is never easy, yet it is the most crucial battle

we face in life. "Manah ev manushyanam Karanam bandha-mokshavo"

(The mind is the cause of bondage and liberation for humans.)

This quote reminds us of the power of the mind. It can either hold us captive in negative patterns and limitations or become the key to our liberation and spiritual growth. By understanding and harnessing the power of the mind, we can free ourselves from suffering and discover inner freedom.

Yoga and mental health In the ancient scriptures, we have a saying: "Yogah Chitta-vritti-

(Yoga is the cessation of the fluctuations of the mind.)

This quote highlights the essence of yoga as a practice that aims to still the restless mind. When the mind is calm and focused, we can experience union with our true selves and the divine. Through yoga and meditation, we learn to quiet the mind's incessant chatter and connect with a state of inner peace. As a senior advocate of the Supreme Court of India and a legal practitioner, I have occasionally dealt with the new

Mental Health Care Act of 2017. It is a progressive welfare measure enacted by the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi which equates mental illness with any other physical illness and guarantees medical treatment and

medical insurance up to Rs 5 lakh. So, how can we improve mental wellness?

The multitude of thoughts we experience, which evoke different emotions, is largely shaped by our attachments. These attachments can be influenced by our values. For example, if financial success is prioritised in one's value system, thoughts about money will dominate. If physical appearance holds significant importance, the focus may shift to fashion and beauty. Similarly, if one believes that drugs are the key to happiness, then their life may revolve around achieving that fleeting euphoria.

But where do these values come from?

By tracing back our values, we can see that they originate from the beliefs we adopt. When our values are distorted, our efforts to improve our lives will yield incorrect outcomes

How can we adjust our value

It begins with acquiring the right knowledge. Proper knowledge cultivates strong beliefs. These beliefs are powerful and shape both our subconscious and conscious minds, ultimately directing the quality of our lives.

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AIIMS-R's Dr Madhavi excels in national singing competition

STAFF REPORTER RAIPUR

Dr. Madhavi Madkey, Assistant Professor of Microbiology at AIIMS Raipur, has won the Duet Singing Competition at Voice of Doctors (VOD) Season 2, a prestigious national-level singing contest for doctors. Out of 7,000 doctors from across India who participated, Dr. Madkey stood out in duet

categories. In the preliminary online rounds, she secured the position of 1st runner-up in singing Chhattisgarh.

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BJP set for swearing-in Haryana post Dussehra

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The swearing-in of the new BJP government in Haryana is likely to take place after Dussehra and factors like caste and region equations may be considered while deciding the cabinet. A BJP leader from the state said the swearing-in ceremony of the new govern-

ment is likely to take place after Dussehra festival, which falls on October 12. Harvana can have a maximum of 14 ministers, including the chief minister. BJP now has nine MLAs from the Dalit community, eight with Punjabi origins, seven Brahmins, and six each from the Jats and the Yadavs. The party now also has Gurjars, Rajputs, Vaishyas, and an OBC leader. Eight out of 10 ministers in the outgoing Saini cabinet faced defeat in the Haryana assembly polls. The two who won are Mahipal Dhanda and Mool Chand Sharma from Panipat Rural and Ballabhgarh seats respectively. Both Dhanda, who comes from the Jat community, and Sharma, a



senior leader and a Brahmin among the ministerial probables in the government, sources

Nayab Singh Saini had met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other senior BJP leaders in Delhi on Wednesday ahead of his likely swearing-in as the head of the new dispensation in the state following the party's win in assembly polls.On Thursday, Saini also met Union minister and the BJP's election in-charge for managed to win just two

Dharmendra Haryana, Pradhan, in the national capital.

The BJP had indicated during the elections that Saini, who replaced Manohar Lal Khattar as chief minister in March and hails from the Other Backward Classes, will be its choice for the top post if it

The party ended up with its best-ever haul of 48 seats, 11 more than the Congress. The JJP and the AAP were decimated and the INLD

seats.The BJP, which pulled off a hat-trick of wins by bucking anti-incumbency, managed to make significant inroads into the Dalit seats and Jat strongholds and continued its dominance in the Ahirwal belt.Out of 17 Scheduled Caste (SC) seats in Haryana, the BJP won eight assembly constituencies. Among the leaders from the Dalit community who could

be in reckoning for the ministerial berths include senior leader Krishan Lal Panwar, who won from Israna seat and Krishan Kumar.Panwar, a Rajya Sabha member, had fought the assembly elections.Former MLA Krishan Kumar, who won from Narwana, could also be the ministerial choice. In the Ahirwal belt in south Haryana, the party won ten of the eleven seats. Most of the candidates in this belt are believed to be close to Union Minister and Gurgaon MP, Rao Inderjit Singh.Rao's daughter Arti Singh Rao, who won from Ateli seat, is also in

reckoning for a ministerial

who won from Narnaul and senior leader Rao Narbir Singh, who won from Badshahpur, are also in the race, sources said.Among other women faces in addition to Arti, senior leader Kiran Choudhry's daughter Shruti, a former MP, who won from Tosham assembly seat, Shakti Rani Sharma, who won from Kalka, are also in the race. While all the three

independents who won have declared that they will support the new government once it is formed, among them Hisar MLA Savitri Jindal's name has not been ruled out from the ministerial race, sources said.

Among others in contention include BJP leaders Anil Vij (Ambala Cantt), Shyam Singh Rana (Radaur), Jagmohan Anand (Karnal), Harvinder Kalyan (Gharaunda), Krishan Lal Middha (Jind), Arvind Kumar Sharma (Gohana), Vipul Goel (Faridabad) Nikhil Madaan (Sonipat) and Ghanshyam (Yamunanagar). Devender

Attri, who won from Uchana berth. Om Prakash Yadav, Kalan, is also a probable.

Aviation pioneer Ratan Tata's legacy lives on

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI/ MUMBAI

An architect by qualification and an aviator by passion, Ratan Tata embarked on his heavenly journey more than two-and-a-half years after lossmaking Air India fly back to the Tata hangar.

Tata, 86, breathed his last on the night of October 9, little over a month before the completion of the Air India-Vistara merger that will also see Singapore Airlines snapping up 25.1 per cent stake in Air India.

He flew planes and fighter aircraft but his longing for Tatas to pilot Air India again remained a dream till January 2022. For years, many headwinds came the way in the group's efforts to come back into the aviation space through Air India.

Finally, the aviation efforts took wings, first with AirAsia India and the second with Vistara, a joint venture with Singapore Áirlines.

AirAsia India which changed its name to AIX Connect and got merged with Air India Express on October 1 this year first took to the skies in 2014 as a joint venture with Malaysia's AirAsia Berhad. The budget airline later was wholly-owned by the Tata Group.

Vistara started flying in January 2015 as a full-service

'The Tata Group welcomes Air India's new customers and is excited to work together to make Air India the airline of choice in terms of passenger comfort and service," Ratan Tata said in a message days after completing the acquisition of the airline on January 27, 2022. Set up by JRD Tata in 1932,

Tata Airlines was later nationalised and the name was also changed to Air India. Over the years, Ratan Tata's longing to bring back Air India under the stewardship of Tata Group remained a dream.

Back in 1994, Tata Group and Singapore Airlines made efforts to set up a joint venture airline in India. Six years later, they again tried to enter the country's aviation market, this time by teaming up to acquire stakes in Air India.

However, the two attempts did not take-off. Finally, the

took to the Indian skies in January 2015. And in November 2022, Tata Group announced the merger of Vistara with Air India. Singapore Airlines CEO Goh

Choon Phong, who described Tata as a cherished partner and a dear friend, said Tata played a pivotal role in setting up Vistara over a decade ago, laying the foundation for a strong and enduring relationship between Tata Sons and Singapore Airlines. According to Vistara CEO Vinod Kannan, the aviation vertical was especially close to

Tata's heart. In the words of Remi Maillard, President & Managing Director at Airbus India & South Asia, Tata's passion for aviation is well known and his zeal and vision for the revival of Air India as part of the Tata family will continue to inspire. While paying tributes to Tata, InterGlobe Enterprises Group Managing Director Rahul Bhatia on Thursday said IndiGo will, ever so modestly, walk alongside Air India to secure India's rightful seat at

the centre stage of global

RSS to hold national executive meeting in Mathura

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Senior RSS functionaries will deliberate on a range of contemporary issues and chalk out future plans during a twoday national executive meeting of the organisation scheduled to begin in Uttar Pradesh's Mathura on October 25. The meeting in Parkham

village near the temple town will also discuss the "organisational goals" that has to be achieved by next year when the RSS completes 100 years of its foundation, according to a statement uploaded by the organisation on its website on Thursday.

"This year, the meeting of the Akhil Bharatiya Karyakari Mandal of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) is going to be held on 25 and 26 October in Parkham village



province of western Uttar Pradesh," RSS national media and communications incharge Sunil Ambekar said in the statement.

All the heads of the RSS' 46 provincial units, general secretaries and 'pracharaks' are expected to attend the

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, general secretary Dattatereva Hosabale, all joint general secretaries and other members of the national executive will be present at the meeting, he added. Ahead of the national executive meeting, Bhagwat will deliver his annual speech on the occasion of

Vijayadashami Reshimbaug ground in Nagpur on Saturday.

There will be a detailed discussion in the meeting on the plans for follow-up of the important issues (to be) mentioned in the speech of the Sarsanghchalak ji (RSS chief) on the occasion of Vijayadashami," Ambekar

The national executive at its meeting will also discuss "contemporary issues" in the country, he added.

CJI advocates judicial independence and transparency at Bhutan forum

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Tudges are supposed to act in a manner that is "unencumbered" by popular morality while deciding constitutional and legal questions, Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud has said.

The CJI on Wednesday was speaking at the Bhutan Distinguished Speakers' Forum, a part of the Jigme Singye Wangchuck Lecture Series, on the subject of 'Judicial legitimacy through accessibility, transparency and technology: the Indian experience. He also spoke on the credibility of judiciary and "institutional trust" bestowed in courts.

The 50th CJI said institutional trust in courts and their credibility was the very basis of a thriving constitutional order and the courts did not directly to adjudicate the fairness of decision-making sits rather hold resources as trustees of

Public trust is central to the credibility of the judicial branch which is otherwise insulated from public opinion in its operations as it must be. The Indian Supreme Court prides itself in being the people's court," the CJI said. Judiciary on several occasions

questioned the distributional fairness of state largesse such as contracts and natural resources by other wings of the government, he added. He further opined that though

as public functionaries, courts were vested with the responsibility to give effect to equity, these judicial bodies were not directly in charge of the manner in which resources were to be distributed. mandate enjoyed by their "It does, however, fall upon us decisions. "In fact populist were to be distributed.

that distribution, should it be questioned," added the CJI. Distinguishing between the role of the political executive

and the judiciary, he emphasised that at the level of the trial courts, judicial officers were trained to apply the letter and the spirit of the law with clinical detachment from the popularity of their decisions.

"Judges are supposed to act in a manner that is unencumbered by popular morality when deciding Constitutional or questions," he said.

According to the CJI, it was in that sense that neither the appointment, nor the continuity of judges was determined by the popular

uncomfortably on the sinewy shoulders judicial independence," he said. Highlighting the importance

transparency, Chandrachud said sunlight was not only the best disinfectant but also begets public trust and helps keep the house in order and serves as an internal check on the functioning of the courts across the country. that "It ensures

institutions are bettermanaged and use their resources effectively," he said, adding that measures such as live-streaming of court proceedings have helped foster internal efficiency, accountability institutional stability.

He also referred to the concept of Public Interest

Litigation jurisdiction in India and said it became a unique part of the nation's constitutional order, which was co-opted by several other jurisdictions.

"Substantive outcomes are only a part of the courts' accountability.

Judicial institutions are assessed by the people based on substantive metrics such as consistency of outcomes and adherence to constitutional values of equity, fairness and justice," he said. Pointing out that not only judicial decisions but also the roads leading up to them, must be transparent, navigable by everyone with or without a legal education and must be broad enough to accommodate everyone, the CJI said India has been using technology to counter barriers to accessibility to the courts.

Bollywood mourns industrialist Ratan Tata's demise

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI/ HYDERABAD

mitabh Bachchan, Salman Akhan, Priyanka Chopra personalities who mourned the death of Tata Group's chairman emeritus and legendary industrialist Ratan Tata.

Telugu film personalities, Chiranjeevi, Mahesh Babu, Junior NTR and others on Thursday mourned the demise of veteran industrialist Ratan Tata, hailing his philanthropy and contributions to the country's industrial progress. Bachchan called Tata's death the end of an era. The megastar, who along with Bipasha Basu and John Abraham, had worked in the 2004 film "Aetbaar" produced by Tata.

"Just came to learn of the passing of Shri Ratan Tata .. Was working very late .. An era has ended .. A most respected , humble yet visionary leader of immense foresight and resolve . Spent

remembered the industrialist for his simplicity and empathy.In a social media post, Salman said he was "deeply saddened" by Tata's passing.

"Goodbye to The Titan... Fly high like you loved... And oh how you taught us to love," Kareena Kapoor Khan wrote alongside a picture of a younger Tata, who held licenses to fly both jets and helicopters, sitting in a fighter

Ajay Devgn, who was one of the first film stars to pay condolence, said the world mourns the loss of a visionary. "Ratan Tata's legacy will forever inspire generations. His contributions to India beyond

immeasurable. We are deeply grateful. Rest in peace, Sir," he wrote on the microblogging time

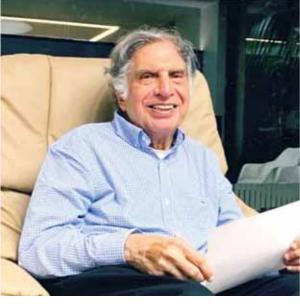
some wonderful moments Priyanka said Tata touched with him, during several the lives of millions through Campaigns we were involved his kindness. Alia Bhatt said in together .My prayers," Tata taught multiple taught multiple Jonas, and SS Rajamouli were Bachchan said in a social generations "what it is to

> Diljit, who is currently on the European leg of his 'Dil-Luminati Tour', paid homage to the entrepreneur at his concert in Dusseldorf,

> "It was important to mention his name here because his life was all about hard work. I never read anywhere that he spoke ill of anyone.

> He did hard work and charity, and that's what life is To be helpful to people. He lived an unblemished life," said the singer-actor, in a video posted by his team on social media.

Legends are born, and they live forever, said Rajamouli. "It's hard to imagine a day without using a TATA product. Ratan Tata's legacy is woven into everyday life. If anyone will stand the test of alongside the



Panchabhootas, it's him," the filmmaker said.

Akshay Kumar said he was "heartbroken" to hear about Tata's demise. "The world Tata's demise. bids farewell to a man who built more than just an empire... His legacy of kindness, innovation, and leadership will continue to inspire generations. Rest in peace, a true legend. Om Shanti," he wrote on X.

Dharmendra said his dream of meeting Tata remained unfulfilled. "A humble king, who after his workers like his own children. Sir, you will always be remembered with great love and respect," the veteran star said in a social media post.

once hosted Tata on her talk Rendezvous With Simi Garewal, penned a heartfelt note for him. "They say you have gone. It's too hard to bear your loss too hard Farewell my friend," she wrote. Veteran actor and TMC MP

Shatrughan Sinha called Tata

a 'Bharat Ratna' in true sense.

"Finest human being, business philanthropist tycoon our very own #RatanTata is no more. His contributions society/nation are enormous. Thoughts & prayers are with the family & friends in their hour of grief for their irreplaceable & irreparable loss. Rest in eternal peace (sic)" Sinha wrote.

Ranveer Singh shared a blackand-white photo of Tata with an infinity emoticon. For Kamal Haasan, he was a "personal hero".

"A national treasure whose contributions in nation-building shall forever be etched in the story of modern not in material wealth but in his ethics, integrity, humility and patriotism," he wrote. The "Indian 2" star recalled

meeting Tata in the aftermath of the 2008 Mumbai attacks while he was staying at the iconic Taj Hotel.

"In that moment of national crisis, the titan stood tall and became the embodiment of the Indian spirit, to rebuild and emerge stronger as a nation."

Actor and fellow Parsi Boman Irani praised Tata for his contributions to the country, ranging industry, from philanthropy, elegance, humanity and his angel like devotion to animals.

"What an honourable human being. Rest in peace Sir," said Sushmita Sen. "Deeply saddened by the tragic news of Shri Ratan Tata. He upheld the

values of integrity, grace, dignity through everything he did and was truly an icon and Taj of India. RIP Sir, you have touched so many lives," wrote actor Anushka Sharma.

Telugu film personalities, ncluding Chiranjeevi, including Mahesh Babu, Junior NTR mourned the demise of veteran industrialist, hailing philanthropy and contributions to the country's industrial progress.

Ratan Tata's demise is a sad day for all Indians. For generations together, there is not a single Indian whose life has not been touched by his services one way or the other,

Chiranjeevi said. "One of the visionaries our country has ever seen, a truly legendary industrialist, a philanthropist extraordinaire and a human being par excellence, Shri Ratan Tata's contributions not only built the Illustrious TATA brand into a global powerhouse but stupendously contributed to

our Nation building," he said.

CDSCO scrutinises social media influencers promoting misleading medical content

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Social media influencers and telehealth companies engaged in promoting false and misleading medical prescriptions or medicines on online platforms beware! They are under the scrutiny of India's top drug regulator, the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) aiming to protect consumers from false claims that promise quick fixes, ensuring that accurate and safe medical information

prevails. We are taking appropriate actions against such deceptive medical contents" Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI), CDSCO Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi said, though he did not share the



which action has been taken

The DCGI was talking to reporters on the sidelines of the CII Pharma and Life summit here Sciences

Consumer activists have been raising concerns about the potential risks posed by influencers and telehealth companies that disseminate deceptive medical content for

commercial gain on social media. This can place consumers at risk of severe and lasting side effects, underscoring the need for vigilance in monitoring such promotions, they say.

To another query, Raghuvanshi said that manufacturers of around 45 medicines have been ordered to recall their products for not meeting quality norms, while action has been initiated to book the makers of five

spurious drugs. Every month, he said the CDSCO samples and tests about more than 2,000 samples from the market, and out of that, "some 40-50, of them fail in one or the other parameter, which could be very minor parameters, also not of any health risk and we

put those details on our portal." The Drug and Cosmetics Act, has all the provisions to take care of the issue related to fake medicine and spurious drugs, he said. Last month, more than 50 drugs, including antacids and paracetamol, were listed in CDSCO's monthly list of substandard medicines sold in India. Department

Pharmaceuticals, Secretary Arunish Chawla talked about the measures being taken for drug development in India and said that as many as 16 blockbuster molecules targeted for a wide range of therapeutic areas, including cancer, diabetes, HIV and tuberculosis, are in the pipeline to be produced in

NHRC seeks explanation from Delhi authorities over fatal drain incidents PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The National Human Rights

L Commission (NHRC) has raised concerns over five fatal incidents involving open drains in the national capital reported over the past four months, including the recent death of a five-year-old boy in Alipur. Other cases involved 32-year-old man in Bhajanpura, a seven-year-old boy in Ashok Vihar, and fatalities in Ghazipur and Burari. Taking serious view in the

matter highlighting gross by negligence authorities the Apex human rights body on Thursday said that it has issued notices to the Delhi Government, the city police chief, the DDA and the MCD over reports NHRC said. that a five-year-old boy died allegedly after falling into an open drain in Alipur area of



The NHRC has observed the apparent negligence of the contents of the news report about death of the boy last week and noted that the contractor, who worked there, had reportedly left the drain open at various places without placing any warning signs, the statement by the

This case and similar incidents in the recent past, if true, raise a serious issue of northwest Delhi on October violation of the human rights of the victims due to

civic authorities, said the rights body. It is indeed very concerning

that such incidents indicating negligence by the public authorities continue to happen in the national capital. Many human lives were reported lost due to drowning and electrocution in Delhi of which it had taken suo motu cognisance and asked the authorities to be vigilant, the rights panel

Accordingly, "it has issued notices to the chief secretary, government of Delhi, the commissioner of Delhi Police, the vice-chairman of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and the commissioner of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), seeking a detailed report within four weeks," the statement said. The report is expected to include the status of the FIRs in all such cases, action taken against officials responsible, and compensation, if any, paid to the next of kin of the

deceased. The Commission would also like to know about the steps taken or proposed by the authorities to stop recurrence of such incidents, the statement said. The NHRC emphasised the need for accountability and improved safety measures to prevent such tragedies in the

Congress marginalised in UP as alliance with SP teeters

The Samajwadi Party's (SP) recent decision to field six candidates for the upcoming by-elections in Uttar Pradesh, without consulting Congress, has cast a shadow on the INDIA alliance's stability, particularly in the state.

This move highlights the growing friction between SP and Congress, sparking concerns over Congress's diminishing role in the alliance and its potential marginal ization în Uttar Pradesh's political landscape. The timing couldnot be worse

for Congress, which has been struggling to regain ground after a disappointing performance in the Haryana elections. Political observers argue that this setback has further weakened Congress's bargaining power within the INDIA bloc, especially in states dominated by powerful regional parties like SP. The unilateral decision by SP hints

within the alliance and Congress's shrinking clout in crucial decision-making processes

Political commentator Manoj Bhadra expressed concern over SP's announcement. "By declaring candidates without consulting Congress, SP has signaled a shift in its strategy. The Congress-SP alliance, which showed some success in past elections, seems to be

unraveling."
He said that the two parties had previously collaborated effectively, stalling the BJP's advance in UP. However, the latest development shows SP distancing itself from Congress, possibly questioning the party's relevance in the

A senior SP leader, speaking anonymously, highlighted Congress's eroding voter base and urged the party to reassess its rigid approach to seat-sharing. "Congress needs to be realistic. Their recent defeat in Haryana shows a



clear decline. If they continue with their stubborn approach, they risk being left out of the political game in UP." Reports indicate that Congress had initially sought to contest five seats in the byelections—seats currently held by the BJP. However, SP's move to go ahead without

their input has strained relations. "Despite Congress requesting a share of five seats, SP's independent decisions reflect Congress's diminishing influence in Uttar Pradesh," a senior Congress leader admitted. Congress's UP in-charge, Avinash Pandey, acknowl-

edged that SP had sidelined the party during the candidate selection process but remained hopeful of an eventual agreement. "We still believe that an alliance is possible. Congress and SP can, and should, contest these by-elections together," he said, trying to downplay the ten-

Congress, echoed similar sentiments, emphasizing that their "Samvidhan Bachao" campaign would proceed in all 10 constituencies, showing Congress's intent to remain active despite the uncertainty. "I am optimistic we can still join forces with SP for these by-elections," Rai remarked. Yet, SP's national spokesper-

son, Amik Jamei, took a more critical stance, attributing Congress's struggles to internal discord and strategic missteps. "If Congress had involved Akhilesh Yadav in key campaign efforts, they might have fared better in recent elections. Congress needs to rethink its approach," Jamei argued, stressing the importance of cooperation in challenging

While tensions persist, SP spokesperson Manoj Kumar Yadav tried to smooth over the situation, reaffirming SP's

focus on defeating the BJP, regardless of internal alliance issues. "Our target remains defeating the BJP, and we've done it before. Congress needs to reflect on its position and work with us, not against

Rajendra Chaudhary, another SP spokesperson, indicated that decisions regarding seat-sharing would ultimately be made by Akhilesh Yadav himself, further suggesting that Congress's role in these negotiations is far from secure.

A senior Congress leader acknowledged the delicate situation, stating, "This shouldn't become a matter of prestige. We should accept a couple of seats and contest alongside SP. We must face reality: our current strength may not be enough to match the BJP's formidable machin-

Among SP's candidates is Tej Pratap Yadav, Lalu Prasad Yadav's son-in-law, who will contest the Karhal seat vacat-

ing his election to Parliament. Other notable candidates include Naseem Solanki (Sisamau), Mustafa Siddiqui (Phulpur), Ajit Prasad (Milkipur), Shobhavati Verma (Katehri), and Dr. Jyoti Bind (Manjhanpur), all boasting solid political credentials.

The upcoming by-elections in Uttar Pradesh, while regional in nature, carry national implications. They will serve as a litmus test for the INDIA alliance, formed to counter BJP's dominance.

The alliance, including Congress, SP, and other regional players, is already feeling the strain of internal divisions and seat-sharing conflicts. Whether it can hold together against the BJP's formidable electoral machine will be clearer once these crucial by-election results are in. The outcome may well shape the future dynamics of opposition politics heading into the 2024 general elec-

Omar set to don CM's hat, BJP in opposition seat

MOHIT KANDHARI JAMMU

 $W_{to\ don\ the\ Chief}^{ith\ Omar\ Abdullah\ set}$ Minister's hat and in the absence of PDP Chief Mehbooba Mufti, who decided against contesting the Assembly polls, the floor of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly has been left open for a handful of six opposition members from Kashmir and a 29 member saffron brigade from Jammu region to play the role of an effective oppo-

The opposition benches will be occupied by the 29 BJP MLAs along with three legislators of the Peoples Democratic Party, Peoples' Conference Chief Sajad Lone, and two other independent legislators from Langate and

Since 2002, leaders belonging to the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference and the

Peoples Democratic Party have occupied the chair of the leader of the opposition. However, this time when

Omar Abdullah occupies the chair of the leader of the house in the assembly, he almost three years (between

will face a BJP leader in front of him as leader of the oppo-

BJP is returning to the opposition benches after enjoying a short stint in power for

March 2015 and June 2018). Though BJP legislators always occupied the opposition benches, this will be the first time in the history of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly that a BJP leader

will be occupying the post of leader of the opposition. So far the BJP has not convened a meeting to formally elect the leader of the legisla-

tive party in the house. When PDP-BJP formed an alliance government in March 2015 Omar Abdullah, with a strength of 15 members in the house remained leader of the opposition. Mehbooba Mufti also served as leader of the opposition at the beginning of her political career before founding PDP in 1999.

It is for the first time that Kashmir Valley will have only six members in the opposition camp.In 2002, when Mufti Moĥd Sayeed formed an alliance government with the congress party the National Conference had 28 members in the opposition, majority of them hailed from Kashmir. In 2008 PDP occupied the opposition benches with 21

BJP MLA slapped during Lakhimpur Urban Cooperative Bank elections Uttar Pradesh Congress tion for the Urban Cooperative

BISWAJEET BANERJEE

The incident of BJP MLA Yogesh Verma being slapped during the Lakhimpur Urban Cooperative Bank elections has taken the nation by storm through social media. A video of the MLA being attacked went viral rapidly on platforms like Facebook and WhatsApp. Former Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav took to Facebook to comment on the situation, mocking the BJP by

malpractice a strategy. Similarly, Samajwadi Party (SP) leader Shivpal Yadav expressed concern through posts on X (formerly Twitter) and Facebook, saying that the state's condition has become grave, with even ruling party legislators no longer safe.

stating that "injustice leads to

violence" and accusing the rul-

ing party of making electoral

President Ajay Rai also condemned the incident via a post

Throughout the day, a video of the altercation during the nomination process of the Urban Cooperative Bank's governing body, in which MLA Yogesh Verma was assaulted, remained one of the top trending topics on X. His name ranked fourth on the platform's trending list, with over 9,000 posts. Many users shared the video, further fueling the online buzz. In addition to Yogesh Verma,

the name of Awadhesh Singh, the person accused of slapping the MLA, trended throughout the day. Numerous posts highlighted Singh's involvement in the incident. The hashtag "Bank Elections" also trended, ranking 24th, with more than 1,800 posts, where users expressed varied opinions on the matter. What is usually a low-key elec-

Bank has turned into a battleground this year. The nomination process saw abuses, fights, chaos, and accusations flying between various factions. The violence during the nomination filing has raised serious questions about the preparedness of the administration to handle such situations. The bank has around 12,500 shareholders who cast their votes to elect delegates and a chairman. The nomination process for the elections began on Wednesday, with the withdrawal of nominations scheduled for the 10th, followed by the publication of the final list and the allocation of election symbols on the 11th. However, since the notification for this year's elections, the entire process has been under intense scrutiny. The situation escalated further on Tuesday, and finally, violence erupted on

Ratan Tata: Admired and adored in Kerala

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 $M_{
m year}^{
m Abdul}$ Rehman, a 68-year-old shop keeper in Kerala's Perumbavoor is one are in mourning. Though he has not personally met Ratan Tata, the trailblazer of India Inc, who breathed his last late Wednesday night, Rehman prayed throughout the day for Ratan Tata. Rehman was an employee of

Tata Oil Company in Ernakulam and remembers each day of his life in the "What made company. TOMCO, who was owned and managed by Tata Group during my tenure, was their attitude and approach to the employees. Workers who were not in the best of health were asked to spend their time in the company's Club House where all they need to do was to sit, chit chat and consume the best tea we had tasted, reminiscences Rehman.

The Ernakulam TOMCO manufactured brand soaps like Hamam, Jai and Moti besides a popular washing soap under the 501 brand name. "The company also made Tata Hair Oil and shampoos that were unique in all respect. The manufacturing process and packing were of global standards. The hair oil and shampoo were trendsetters," said Rehman,

When the company found the going tough and lost its market share to its competitor, Tatas sold it out to their nearest rivals and this marked the end of the Group's odyssey with soap manufacturing.

Though Hamam brand is still there in the market, Jai, Moti, hair oils and shampoos are dead and gone. "There was an elegance attached to all the brands which hit the market under the Tata logo," said Rehman, who was given the pink slip once the company changed hands. Though the name Tata Oil Mills too is gone, the locality where the company stands is still known by the name Tatapuram. There are many writers, actors and musicians who have the prefix Tatapuram attached to their names. Ever heard of



survived as a short story writer only because of the Tata tag?

There are many charity organizations in Kerala fully funded by the Tata Group. Ratan Tata took special care in ensuring that these establishments (ranging from schools and hostels for children suffering from autism to hospitals) never faced any shortage of funds. The "Ratan" of Corporate last visited Kerala in 2009 when he stayed in Munnar where the Tatas have one of the largest tea estates in south India. Anil Kumar, the chauffeur who drove around Ratan Tata in Munnar and Devikulam had told this reporter that he saw simplicand humility personified

while he was driving Ratan Tata around. What Parsi Khabar (the news letter brought out by the Zoroastrian community said in its obituary to the prince of Indian business sums up what Ratan Tata has done to the world. "He is survived by his extended family at the Tata Group and the countless lives he touched, mentored, and inspired. His memory will continue to be a beacon of hope, reminding us that the greatest legacies are built not with bricks and mortar, but with love, generosity, and a deep sense of responsibility toward others. He is on his journey to Garothman Behest (the highest paradise in Zoroastrian belief) after 86 years of life full of Humata, Hukhta and Hvarshta (good thoughts, good words and good deeds), the one and only ideology of the Parsi

community immortalized by

the likes if Ratan Tata, JRD

and Jamshedji Tata.

96 per cent MLAs crorepatis, 12 have criminal cases in Haryana: ADR PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Tn the newly-elected 90-**▲** member Haryana Assembly, 96 per cent MLAs (86) are crorepatis, while 13 per cent (12) have criminal cases an analysis by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and Haryana Election

An analysis of the affidavits of all the 90 winning candidates by the ADR show a slight rise in the number of crorepati MLAs, from 93 per cent in 2019 to 96 per cent this time. Of the 90 MLAs, 44 per cent possess assets worth over Rs 10 crore, while only 2.2 per cent have assets below Rs 20 lakh, the data showed.

The average assets per winning candidate stand at Rs 24.97 crore, marking a handsome rise from Rs 18.29 crore

Party-wise, 96 per cent BJP legislators, 95 per cent cent of both INLD and Independent winners have declared assets exceeding Rs 1

Independent MLA from Hisar Savitri Jindal tops the list with assets totalling over Rs 270 crore, followed by BJP's Shakti Rani Sharma and Shruti Choudhry at Rs 145 crore and Rs 134 crore, respectively.

A total of 30 MLAs have been re-elected in 2024, whose



average assets grew by 59 per cent since 2019, from Rs 9.08 crore to Rs 14.46 crore now, marking significant financial gains over the past five years. Meanwhile, of the winning

candidates, 12 have disclosed criminal records, including six facing serious charges with one accused of attempt to murder, the data showed. In 2019, seven candidates had serious criminal cases against

Party-wise, 19 per cent Congress MLAs, 6 per cent BJP legislators, and 67 per cent of the Independent winners have declared criminal cases against their names.

that 28 winning candidates have declared liabilities of Rs crore or more, with Congress' Rajbir Fartia from Loharu topping the chart at Rs

Fartia also tops the list of highest income earners, declaring an earning of Rs 10.75 crore in his Income Tax Return for 2023-24. In terms of educational qualification, 68 per cent winning candidates are graduates or hold higher degrees, while 29 per cent have educational backgrounds ranging from Class 8

to Class 12, as per the report. The new House has 14 per cent women legislators, an increase from 10 per cent in 2019, while 66 per cent of the and 80 years. The poll results were announced Tuesday. Bucking anti-incumbency, the ruling BJP pulled off a hattrick of wins in Haryana to retain power and halt Congress[†] comeback attempt. While the BJP ended up with its best-ever haul of 48 seats, 11 more than the Congress, parties like the JJP and the AAP were decimated and the INLD managed to win just

NIA chargesheets members of human trafficking gang sending Indians to Laos Indians being sent to Chinese cybercrime sweatshops

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a charge sheet against members of a human trafficking gang that was sending Indians to Laos to work in cyber crime sweatshops run by Chinese scammers targeting European and American citizens. The agency filed its charge sheet before a special court on Wednesday against gang members Manjoor Alam alias Guddu, Sahil, Ashish alias Akhil, Pawan Yadav alias Afzal alias Afroz, along with the key conspirator, Kamran Haider alias Zaidi.

'NIA investigations have revealed that all five were involved in trafficking vul-nerable Indian youth to the Golden Triangle Region in Lao PDR where they were forced to commit cyber scams targeting European and American citizens.

They operated through the consultancy firm, Ali International Services, which functioned as a front for human trafficking," an NIA spokesperson said in a state-



crypto currency wallets from the victims who tried to escape from the clutches of the Chinese scammers. "Pawan Yadav bypassed the other middle agents to supply the trafficked persons in lieu of jobs directly to his folds. countries. He further employed them in Chinese companies involved in creating fake Facebook profiles and chatting with persons from the USA and

Europe, convincing them to

invest in crypto currency apps

as part of the cyber scam," the

and touts involved in various illegal activities. "These ranged from the operation of unlicensed manpower supply agencies to the illegal transfer and transport of potential victims for criminal activities in Southeast Asian

The accused named in the charge sheet were directly involved in arranging flight tickets and documents, and facilitating illegal border crossings with the help of contacts in the Golden Triangle Region," the statement added.

Condition of fasting doctors deteriorates on fifth day in Bengal

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

The condition of the junior **▲** doctors sitting on an indefinite fast in demand of Justice in the RG Kar rape and mur-der case worsened on the fifth day of the fast, doctors attending on them said.

The condition of two doctors Aniket and Snigdha was particularly bad, sources said adding 120 hours of ceaseless fasting had started impacting their kidneys and livers and "things can go for worse any-

'Though we have an ICU ambulance ready to ferry them to hospital they are not willing . Both the doctors refused to leave Esplanade the place where they are fasting," said Dr Saikat Neogi who was one of many medics monitoring the junior doctors' health.

Seven doctors from various medical colleges including the RGKMCH have been on an indefinite fast demanding apart from justice for the RG Kar victim other measures including immediate installation of centralized referral system with real-time monitoring, foolproof security measures for the medical staff inside Government hospitals, installation of CCTV camera network, restrooms and wash-



rooms for the doctors end to the threat syndicate in government run medical colleges that had allegedly led to large-scale corruption and extortion racket inside the medical colleges etc, the doctors have also been demanding the removal of Principal Health Secretary NS Nigam.

A mid-night dialogue between State Chief Secretary Manoi Pant and a delegation of junior doctors alleged failed with the doctors alleging that the officials only "expressed intent" but gave no written assurance on deadline by when things would be implemented. "The administration had nothing new to offer ... they were evasive and were only buying time apparently to let the Durga Puja holidays pass off ... but we are asking them to consider the immediacy and urgency of the issue,"

the doctors said. The Home Secretary and Health Secretary were also present in the talks. "In this situation if something happens to the junior doctors then the Government will be held fully responsible," said Dr Kinjal Nanda adding if the situation of the doctors aggra-vated they could even have hypoglycemia. Meanwhile in a related devel-

opment the doctors of SSKM Postgraduate medical college and Hospital the biggest such facility in eastern India too started resigning their posts with 40 of t hem on Thursday offered mass resignation in reaction to what they called "Government's insensitivity to the situation of the doctors.' With Thursday's resignations the number of doctors resigning their posts reached 300,

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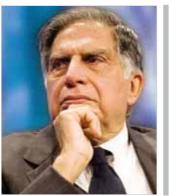
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India loses its 'Ratan'

Ratan Tata not only redefined Indian business practices but also set new standards for ethical leadership and corporate responsibility

he passing of Ratan Tata, one of India's most influential and revered business leaders, marks the end of an era for Indian industry and philanthropy. A visionary who transformed the Tata Group into a global powerhouse, Ratan Tata not only redefined Indian business practices but also set new standards for ethical leadership and corporate responsibility. His demise has left an indelible void in the Indian business landscape and his contributions will continue to shape India's socio-economic fabric for generations to come. Ratan Tata's leadership of the Tata Group from 1991 to 2012 is widely recognised as a period of extraordinary innovation and growth. He was instrumental in leading the conglomerate's diversification, moving it beyond its traditional industries like steel and textiles into sectors such as information technology, automotive, telecommunications and hospitality. Under his stewardship, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) became a global leader in IT services. Tata Motors expanded its reach with the acqui-



sitions of British automotive giants Jaguar and Land Rover in 2008. Tata's vision of making India a global player was rooted in a deep sense of nationalism, combined with a keen awareness of global business trends. Ratan Tata's most cherished moment came when Tata Motors launched the Nano in 2008 despite all odds. Though the Nano did not achieve commercial success, the boldness of the vision highlighted Tata's commitment to solving Indian problems with innovative solutions and realising the aspirations of Indian middle class. Known for his humility and discretion, he always emphasised that businesses should serve society at large. "We have to touch the lives of people in ways

that matter," Tata often said. Nearly two-thirds of Tata Group's profits are directed to social work through Tata Trusts, a remarkable legacy in Indian philanthropy. The Tata Trusts, under his guidance, funded several initiatives in healthcare, education and rural development. Tata maintained a reputation for being soft-spoken and modest, rarely allowing his personal life to take centre stage in the public eye. His leadership during the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, where the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel was one of the primary targets, showed his resilience. Tata visited the families of affected staff members, providing support and ensuring that the hotel was rebuilt, symbolising the spirit of survival and recovery. Despite numerous achievements, Tata faced failures with grace. His decisions, such as the Nano, received criticism, but he handled setbacks with the dignity that defined him. His resilience and forward-thinking approach is his legacy that would inspire many. Ratan Tata's life was not just about business. His love for architecture, aviation and cars was well known. Despite his status as one of India's richest individuals, he led a simple life, often seen without an entourage, and known for driving himself. With Ratan Tata's passing, India has lost a visionary and a kind hearted leader who would be remembered for his achievements and resilience. Rest in peace!



People purchase decorative items from a shop ahead of 'Ayudha Pooja' festival, in Bengaluru

Why technology can't ease people's suffering VINAYSHIL GAUTAM



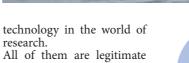
While advancements in technology have improved lives in many areas, the failure to mitigate the destruction caused by recurring floods exposes a glaring disconnect

he rains were here. They were here for a long time-if one goes by the weeks and months, the news channels were reporting their havoc from one end of the country to the other. From streets in Surat to fields in Biraul of Darbhanga, water was found everywhere. From the hills of Himachal to the banks of Kavery, water was found in all the wrong places. Physical devastation and human tragedy were writ large. Rains are not new, and equally clearly, technology is progressing by leaps and

One wonders when 'the train shall meet'. One would have thought that repeated experiences, such as what Kosi has caused in north Bihar, would have changed the contours of its effects. It would not be the same in terms of embankments breaking in the same style, and it would not be the same manner of misery caused by the devastation of fragile huts and repeated breaking of embankments over and over again. Surely the country that boasts the landing on the moon and explorations of the planet can better respond to the devastations of nature

There is a missing link somewhere which is so close to all that it's not even visible to the affected people. In some other countries, people are talking and doing as it were. They are changing the course of rivers and planning habitation in a manner that makes life less vulnerable and the potential for tragedy more manageable. To get back to the example of Bihar, whether it be the neighbourhood of the Budhi Gandak River or Kosi, habitations have been built to keep them away from the reach of floods.

However, the devastations have their ways of surprising. Consider the recent claim of the UGC Chairman in the printed world about the citations of ndian research in international forums. Consider the pronouncement of the political elite on the scientific breakthroughs of leading centres of science and ition of progress and growth



claims duly annotated and evidence tested. The question remains how much of this technology has altered the quality of life of the people? It is not all a dreary story. Technology has changed the lives of several crores of people, especially in matters which have to do with the supply of clean water. This is as true as the story of the fury of floods.

However, somewhere the coexistence of such opposite experiences remains an enigma and difficult to explain. Science and technology cannot be bereft of responsibilities to society at large. Equally clear is the fact that death and destruction experiences would serve as the bottom line of the outcomes of devastation.

Somehow a bottom connection between technologica progress and its tangible effects needs to be established. Somewhere the defin-



THEY ARE CHANGING THE **COURSE OF RIVERS** AND PLANNING **HABITATION** IN A MANNER THAT MAKES LIFE LESS VULNERABLE AND THE POTENTIAL FOR TRAGEDY MORE MANAGEABLE

has to cover elimination of the same stories of destruction and death in the same regions over and over again. So long as the devastation of Kosi remains an annual affair with the same results most of the time, there is something in the developmental agenda that needs to be addressed. It is not an easy question to answer, especially after decades of application of the prescriptions whether it be a Planning Commission or the Niti Ayog. These questions need to be flagged and repeated till answers are found. In a country filled with bright people like India, there must be actionable solutions to mitigate human misery. Perhaps the part answer would lie in empowering local people with skills, resources, and more to handle local problems. Higher levels of administration, like the district at the state level, nave to deal with issues of connectivity, coordination, mobilisation of resources, and using the skills of the

that part of the country to work for the welfare of the local context and the local circumstances. Far too much have rewards been focused on recognition gained abroad and talking of the big and the

While there may be nothing wrong with that recognition and solutions to local problems should be picked up by the decision making system, the influential clientele, and the political elite. A culture has to be built to identify the local problems and use means of technology and resources to handle them at a local level. Interventions of this variety should recognise the same approval and celebration as an invitation from abroad or for that matter making of the great in a foreign institution. Somewhere a paradigm change would help the mitigation of local problems. It can be done and needs to be

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MSMEs and food processing: A path to economic growth



Revitalising the MSME and food processing sectors in Bihar and Andhra Pradesh, can boost economic growth, raise farmers' incomes and strengthen food security

oth Bihar and Andhra Pradesh have been Pradesh have been advocating for special government packages, emphasising the importance of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) as a key driver for development. The governments of these states, as well as the central government, recognise the significant potential in the MSME sector, particularly in food processing, and have prioritised it accordingly. Chief Ministers N Chandrababu Naidu and Nitish Kumar share concerns over the stagnation of the MSME sector in recent years, and both are committed to reviving it through various initiatives.

In Andhra Pradesh, Chief Minister Naidu has acknowledged the struggles faced by MSMEs over the past five years, emphasising the need to revitalise the sector. He highlighted the slow progress of MSME parks and raised concerns over pending government incentives, which have hampered the sector's growth. His administration aims to address these challenges by ensuring the release of overdue incentives and enhancing the participation of



farmers in MSME parks. By linking farmers directly to these parks, Naidu envisions a system where agricultural stakeholders can benefit directly from business oppor-

Similarly, Bihar's Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has voiced concerns about MSMEs and infrastructure development in his state. Kumar has aligned with Naidu in recognising the critical role of MSMEs in driving economic growth and ensuring regional prosperity. The coincidence of Bihar's representation in the central government, with ministers like Jitan Ram Manjhi and Chirag Paswan, has further fueled efforts to secure the necessary support for these initiatives. Prime Minister Narendra

Modi has encouraged these ministers to focus on fostering connections between DWCRA groups and MSMEs to enhance economic opportunities for small enterprises. A significant allocation of Rs 100 crore as a credit guarantee for MSMEs has been announced, underscoring the importance of ensuring finan-cial support for these small businesses. However, meaningful progress in the MSME sector is unlikely unless strong linkages are created between MSMEs and the food processing industry, as these sectors are highly interdepen-

The food processing industry, in particular, has been recognised as a powerful engine for economic growth. India is one of the largest producers of various food items, including milk, fruits, vegetables, millet, tea and fish. This creates a robust foundation for the growth of the food processing sector. India's position as one of the largest and fastest-growing economies in the world is bolstered by the significant role played by the food processing industry in ensuring food security and driving economic expansion.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries reported that by the end of FY 2022-23, the sector contributed 7.66 per cent of the gross value added (GVA) in manufacturing and 8.45 per cent of the GVA in agriculture. Foreign direct investment (FDI) in the sector has been strong, with Rs 5,290.27 crore in 2021-22 and Rs 2,934.12 crore in 2020-21. However, challenges remain, as processed food exports saw a 17 per cent decline in FY24, dropping from \$13,078.3 million in the previous fiscal to \$10,881.81 million. To address these challenges

and promote growth, the government has implemented several initiatives, including the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY), Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industries (PLISFPI), and Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME). By increasing processing levels and creating employment, these programs also aim to raise farmers'

(The writer is a senior journalist; views are personal)

RATAN TATA IS NO MORE Madam— A true gem can only be dis-

tinguished by its value and brightness. However, if a gem is hidden within a person, its value and sparkle are not visible to recognise it. Ratan Tata, India's famous industrialist, was another such figure whose contributions will be remembered for centuries to come. Everyone knows about his outstanding social efforts and affection for pets. Ratan Tata had a heart that beat for dogs till his last breath. Ratan Tata was nothing short of a deity to the stray dogs roaming the streets, which others looked down on or ignored. The doors of his Taj Hotel were always open to dogs. Ratan Tata asked for aid by posting a photo of a dog on his Instagram account on June 26, 2024.

He posted a lengthy post requesting a blood transfusion for the seven-monthold dog. After that, several people brought their dogs to give blood transfusions. Ratan Tata founded the Small Animal Hospital Mumbai (SAHM), the first of its kind in the country, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities for 24/7 care, inspired by his struggle to find advanced treatment for his dog abroad. He encouraged people to adopt stray dogs rather than buying pets, promoting animal welfare.

Amrapali Roy | Jamshedpur

KASHMIR REJECTS BJP

Madam — This is in response to the report titled 'Victory for Democracy'. It is strange why one and only the 'reverberations' of the Haryana mandate would travel 'far and wide,' but not that handed out by the Jammu and Kashmir electorate! Despite so zealous chestthumping revolving around the "peace" in Kashmir Valley following the "historic" saga of 5th August 2019, the BJP simply gets thwarted in the region.

However, the result is far from surprising, as no self-respecting Kashmiri Muslim will ever vote for a party swearing in the name of Hindutva in this

people with commitment in



he Supreme Court's recent ruling affirming the right of journalists to criticise the government without retaliatory action comes as a breather for the media's honest warriorsjournalists-who do not want to join the bandwagon in sucking up to those in power. However, doubts remain as to how far this momentous judgement will

multi-religious secular nation and also would never forgive such elements who had made a mockery of federalism not only by unilaterally abrogating special provisions and rights guaranteed by the Constitution itself but also dividing the state and relegating it to a mere Union Territory. Kashmiri electorate have transmitted a clear message that communal forces should be thwarted not only by protesting against it but also through wise tactical voting so that secular votes get polled in favour of the strongest party/coalition by preventing division of votes.

And surely if the victory of the BJP in Haryana is "Triumph of democracy," that of the National Conference-Congress alliance in Jammu and Kashmir also demands the same epithet! Let the mandate of the Union Territory (especially Kashmir Valley) reverberate and travel far and wide, giving the secular force renewed vigour and hope that the Idea of India can still be saved by

standing in a united wise way. **Kajal Chatterjee** | *Chennai*

hold water. The "one man show" that we have witnessed over the past decade offers very little hope that the SC's verdict will be honoured (remember how the SC's dictate that bail, not jail ought to be the rule is being flouted almost to the point of being ignored).

If the PM has a grudge against a "colonial mindset," ordinary Indians have a lot to complain about a "post-colonial mindset," as displayed by not only the present dispensation but the Congress before it. Even before Modi took over in the year 2014, the media was not as independent as expected in a nation that is supposedly rooted in democratic principles. Modi has only picked up from where the Congress left, as far as freedom of the press is concerned.

Avinash Godboley | Dewas

EXIT POLLS FAIL

Madam — It is not for the first time that the exit polls have proven wrong and detailed methodologies for the recent election surveys were not used. In the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, exit polls overestimated the BJP-led NDA performance, projecting over 400 seats when the alliance actually secured 293. A large number of pollsters in India now failed to accurately predict election outcomes in Haryana and J and K.In Haryana, most agencies had forecast fewer than 30 seats for the BJP, but official results showed the party winning 48 out of 90 seats. Pollsters had predicted 10-year anti-incumbency but proved altogether

Voters in J and K kept parties guessing till the very end. For all the speculative intrigue ahead of J and K's much awaited election, J and K (NC 42, BJP 29, Cong 6) spoke as one-no-hung verdict. Pollsters got

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SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS

We must focus on solving our own problems objectively without going into cyclic thinking



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

his is very wise to do. Because we must be the prime movers for this. But we are in denial or wish to make a good impression on others. Mostly, we don't. We go into cyclic thinking; and get obsessed with our problems. This is not solving our problems. On the contrary, we are making them worse. Surprisingly, we have solutions to the problems of others, societies, nations, etc. Some of them may be good because we are likely to be objective about them. This is great except that we are not being asked. Then, there are other limitations. When it is our problem, we see mostly the dark side and do not think about how solving it will benefit

Regarding issues of others, we are also not seeing the nature of the person. We assume that they will be perfect without any faults like being ignorant, egoist, etc. Their circumstances may be very different from ours. In short, it is a complete waste of time to think of the problems of others. I have realised this, and now I try to focus on my problems; I have plenty. Out of them, I have chosen the six most important ones. As in my habit, I seek solutions from the Bhagavad-Geeta – the book of eternal wisdom. I will begin with the most pressing, which is being fearful. What has Lord Krishna instructed about this fundamental matter? (Verse # 2.40) In simple language, it means that one should take shelter from God to

I have done this and my fearful tendencies have reduced appreciably. Whenever I become fearful, I pray for guidance and help from



my Lord. Believe it; He guides and helps. My next serious problem is getting sexual thoughts and feelings. Lord Krishna has given its solution too. (3.43) I have realised that I cannot reason my way out of it. For example, I use lots of internet for useful information. What does pop out in between? I am getting good practice to press the Back – button. For the younger lot, the Lord has a solution too. He has allowed 'kama' (passion) in beings according to 'dharma' (religious principles). The third problem I seriously face is not being sincere about taking shelter from God. The tapasya (austerity)

The reason of course is the nature of my body. The mind, the senses and the intelligence all are material, and the tapasya required is spiritual. What is the solution? Pray for help and keep praying. That itself is a spiritual act. You will succeed as I am getting better. The fourth problem, which is a serious challenge for me is my 'ahankar' (ego). With success comes Shankar, i.e. I am superior. What is the solution according to the Geeta? What did Lord Krishna tell Arjuna, "If you don't heed my instructions due to your ahankar, you will perish." (18.58) I try to remind myself whenever I get too puffed up; that I don't wish to perish. The fifth giver of trouble to me is my weakness to gain attention, fame, etc.

I have realised that whatever I have achieved is due to the 'kripa' (mercy) of my Lord. By myself, I am close to zero as a small soul. What did Lord Krishna tell Arjuna? (11.33) I give credit for my successes to my Lord. The last one is interpersonal relationships. I have tried to reform my near and dear ones and surely failed miserably. They will improve when they desire to. It is working especially with my grandchildren. So, I am trying to improve my behaviour. This fits with my original requirement of solving my problems.

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Celebrating unity and reconciliation through art



In a world fraught with divisions, art transcends barriers, builds bridges. "Weaving Life to Weave Peace," underscores this profound connection



n a world often marked by discord and division, art emerges as a powerful medium that transcends barriers and speaks to our shared humanity. It serves as a universal language that unites people in their collective longing for peace, healing, and reconciliation. Against this backdrop, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, in collaboration with the Embassy of Colombia in India, recently hosted a poignant exhibition titled "Weaving Life to Weave Peace," an initiative of 'Tejidos Chakana. This significant event, held shortly after the celebrations of October 2nd - Gandhi Jayanti, and the International Day of Nonviolence – underscores the deep connection between art and the pursuit of harmony in our world. The exhibition vividly highlights the transformative power of THE ARTISANS OF creativity as it honours the countless lives lost to conflict in Colombia - and the world per se – a nation that has weathered its share of internal strife and lost countless innocent citizens.

The Colombian artisans, Mateo Perea Bernal and Nancy Gomez presented an extraordinary array of stunning creations crafted with fine stone beads. Each meticulously designed portrait serves as neartiest nomage to positicians, journal ists, humourists, social thinkers, and others whose lives were tragically cut short by violence. Another defining moment of the exhibition was the unveiling of a remarkable portrait of Mahatma Gandhi, crafted out of an astounding, over 1.4 million stone beads by Ambassador H.E. Mr. Victor Echeverri of Colombia in India, with flags of both the Nations imprinted through the beads.

This unique piece stands as a testament to the ideals of peace and reconciliation that Mahatma Gandhi tirelessly championed throughout his life. In a touching gesture, it was generously donated to the Gandhi Smriti, serving as a fitting tribute to the legacy of a leader who devoted himself to the principles of nonviolence, till the last breath of his life. 'Tejidos Chakana' is a transformative Colombian initiative rooted in ancestral traditions, using the art of weaving to promote peace and reconciliation. Founded by artisans, it honours indigenous techniques and local materials, preserving traditional



'TEJIDOS CHAKANA' ARE **NOT JUST CREATING OBJECTS OF** BEAUTY; THEY ARE WEAVING THE VERY FABRIC OF A PEACEFUL AND UNITED **FUTURE FOR** THEIR NATION

craftsmanship while providing a platform for artisans to express their stories of struggle and resilience.

Each handcrafted piece reflects the creativity and strength of a nation recovering from conflict, weaving narratives of hope and unity for a brighter future. At the heart of 'Tejidos Chakana' is the belief that art can bridge divides and foster understanding. The initiative engages diverse communities through workshops and collaborative projects, empowering individuals to reclaim their voices and share their experiences. This cultural exchange promotes dialogue, enabling peo-ple to confront their past and imagine peaceful coexistence. Moreover, through vibrant exhibitions, 'Tejidos Chakana' celebrates the artistry and resilience of Colombian artisans, underscoring their vital role in the larger narrative of peace-building. The initiative is a testament to the power of creativity in healing communities and fostering social

By promoting dialogue and cultural exchange, the aim is to foster an environment where healing can occur, allowing people to confront their past while envisioning a peaceful coexistence. The story of 'Tejidos Chakana' resonates deeply with Mahatma Gandhi's beliefs, particularly his emphasis on the use of hands, creativity, and self-reliance as essential elements of individual and societal transformation. Gandhi often spoke of the profound connection between manual labour and the soul, advocating for the dignity and significance of work that involves the

He would say, "If I were a poet, I would write poetry on the possibilities of my five fingers". In his vision of education, known as 'Nai Talim' or "Basic Education," importance of learning through tures an environment of collective

merely tools for economic independence but essential means for cultivating inner peace, selfreliance, and a deeper connection with one's community. Much like 'Tejidos Chakana,' Mahatma Gandhi viewed the act of creating with one's hands as a form of empowerment, healing, and selfexpression. For him, the spinning wheel, or 'charkha,' became a symbol of India's struggle for independence – more than just a tool for producing cloth, it represented self-sufficiency, unity, and the rejection of exploitative systems. By encouraging Indians to spin their yarn and weave their cloth, Gandhi ji promoted the idea that true freedom came from within, not only political or economic autonomy but also spiritual and cultural self-reliance. In both the Gandhian framework and the 'Tejidos Chakana' initiative, the act of weaving transcends its material purpose to become a metaphor for life itself. Just as form a piece of fabric, so too are communities brought together by shared experiences, challenges, and hopes. Mahatma Gandhi believed that individual selfreliance was a precursor to true

productive activity, where creativ-

ity and craftsmanship were not

fare of society. Similarly, the artisans of 'Tejidos Chakana' are not just creating objects of beauty; they are weaving the very fabric of a peaceful and united future for their nation. Echoing Gandhi's ideas of community empowerment and education, as not merely a process of acquiring academic knowledge, but as a holistic development of the individual within a community setting, where the aim is to foster dialogue and cultural Mahatma Gandhi stressed the exchange, 'Tejidos Chakana' nur-

collective harmony – only when

people could stand on their own

feet would they be able to con-

tribute meaningfully to the wel-

learning, where people confront their past traumas and work together towards reconciliation and in the process healing. This reflects Gandhi's belief in the power of community and the idea that true education is incomplete without the cultivation of moral and social values.Moreover, "Weaving Life to Weave Peace" also aligns with Gandhi's vision of nonviolence, or 'ahimsa,' as an active force for peace-building. Mahatma Gandhi believed that nonviolence was not just the absence of physical conflict but the presence of love, compassion, and understanding. In conclusion, it can be said without exaggeration that such powerful initiatives invite the world to witness the power of art as a catalyst for change, encouraging humankind to appreciate the beauty that arises from the collective journeys toward reconciliation and understanding. Moreover, through the lens of art, "Weaving Life to Weave Peace" commemorates the past and inspires hope for a threads are intricately woven to future without conflicts, thereby promoting collective responsibil ity in weaving a tapestry of peace for generations to come.

As we engage with these artistic expressions, we are reminded that every bead, every creation, and every story contribute to a larger narrative of healing and unity in our world. In celebrating these artistic expressions, we honour the timeless message that true peace begins with the work we do ourselves - both in our hearts and with our hands.

This is evident as Ambassador Victor points out that if one bead breaks, the entire frame collapses, signifying the unifying strength of community and peace-building. They are what can be called, "Peace Beads".

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India's nutrition paradox: Tackling hidden hunger amid food sufficiency

The Global Hunger Index 2023 ranks India 111th out of 125 countries, highlighting that malnutrition, stunting and micronutrient deficiencies remain widespread

hile India is not a country of wide-spread starvation, it does face significant challenges related to undernutrition and hidden hunger, particularly in rural areas. India has achieved self-sufficiency in food production and implemented programs to improve food access, such as the National Food Security Act and the National Nutrition Mission. However, issues like micronutrient deficiencies and income disparities exacerbate food insecurity in certain

India's Nutrition Paradox: The Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2023 ranks India 111th out of 125 countries, highlighting significant challenges with undernutrition, particularly among children. Though India



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produces enough food to meet caloric needs, ensuring nutritional adequacy remains a challenge. The National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5, 2019-2021) shows that while caloric intake is generally adequate, undernutrition persists—35.5 per cent of children under five are stunted, and 19.3 per cent suffer from wasting. Micronutrient deficiencies, such as anaemia due to iron deficiency among women and ship to create sustainable, con-

vitamin deficiencies among children, further contribute to hidden hunger. Economic disparities and social inequities, including gender inequality and limited healthcare access, play significant roles in perpetuating undernu-

Poorer segments of the population often lack access to a diverse, nutritious diet and rely heavily on staples like rice and wheat, with inadequate consumption of fruits, vegetables, and proteins.

Community-Led Nutrition **Hubs:** A Promising Solution Community-led nutrition hubs provide a grassroots approach to addressing food insecurity. Unlike top-down methods, these hubs leverage local knowledge and leader-

text-specific solutions. They focus on balanced, nutritious diets rather than just caloric intake, helping to build community resilience against undernutrition.

Promoting Dietary Diversity: Nutrition hubs encourage the consumption of diverse foods, including fruits, vegetables, legumes, and animal products, essential for a balanced diet. By promoting dietary diversity, these hubs address micronutrient deficiencies and hidden

Supporting Vulnerable Groups: These hubs effectively reach vulnerable populations like children, pregnant women, and the elderly. They provide tailored nutritional support, fortified foods, supplements, and education on specific nutritional needs.



Leveraging Local Agriculture: Nutrition hubs support local food production and sustainable agricultural practices, increasing access to fresh, nutritious foods. This approach reduces dependence on external food supplies, which can be affected by price fluctuations and supply chain disruptions, particularly amid

climate change.

Nutrition Hubs: Data from various studies highlight the effectiveness of communityled initiatives in improving nutritional outcomes and resilience. For example, a 2022 report by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) noted a 20 per cent reduction in stunting rates among children under five in regions of Uttar Pradesh following the introduction of nutrition hubs.

The Global Nutrition Report 2023 showed that such hubs have improved micronutrient intake, with a 30 per cent increase in iron-rich food consumption among women in Maharashtra, significantly reducing anaemia. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) also found Impact of Community-Led that communities practising young people in these efforts

sustainable agriculture supported by nutrition hubs had a 20 per cent increase in crop yields during droughts compared to traditional methods.

Whole-of-Society Approach: Achieving the vision of a "Viksit Bharat" hinges on ensuring food security and building resilience through community-led initiatives. However, these goals require a whole-of-society approach that involves all community members, not just women. Men as Partners: Encouraging men to participate in nutrition hubs, whether through farming, cooking, or community organising, helps distribute responsibility more equitably and promotes gender

Youth Engagement: Involving

ensures the continuation of community-led initiatives and brings fresh ideas and energy to the table.

Local Govt Support: Local governments can support and scale these initiatives by providing funding, policy support, and infrastructure, making nutrition hubs integral parts of community development.

Gender Equity and Shared Responsibility: While women are often on the frontlines of nutrition and food security, the burden should not fall solely on them. Engaging men, youth, and local governance helps create more equitable and sustainable solutions.

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South Korean author Han Kang gets Nobel prize in literature

AP STOCKHOLM

The Nobel Prize in literature I was awarded Thursday to South Korean author Han Kang for what the Nobel committee called "her intense poetic prose that confronts historical traumas and exposes the fragility of human life

Mats Malm, permanent secretary of the Swedish Academy's Nobel Committee, announced the prize in Stockholm.

Han, 53, won the International Booker Prize in 2016 for "The Vegetarian," an unsettling novel in which a woman's decision to stop eating meat has devastating consequences.

Her novel "Human Acts" was an International Booker Prize finalist in 2018.

The literature prize has long faced criticism that it is too with just 17 women among its ments opened Monday with



focused on European and 119 laureates so far. The last North American writers of style-heavy, story-light prose. It has also been male-dominated, Six days of Nobel announce-

woman to win was Annie Ernaux of France, in 2022.

Americans Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun winning the medicine prize. Two founding fathers of machine learning — John Hopfield and Geoffrey Hinton — won the physics prize on Tuesday.
On Wednesday, three scientists

who discovered powerful techniques to decode and even design novel proteins were awarded the Nobel Prize in chemistry. The Nobel Peace Prize will be

announced Friday and the economics award on October 14. The prize carries a cash award of 11 million Swedish kronor (USD 1 million) from a bequest left by the award's creator, Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel. The laureates are invited to receive their awards at ceremonies on December 10, the anniversary of Nobel's death.

Hurricane Milton slams Florida, causes deaths and flooding

AP TAMPA (US)

Hurricane Milton plowed into Florida as a Category 3 storm, bringing misery to a coast still ravaged by Helene, pounding cities with winds of coast 100 pounding cities with winds of over 100 mph (160 kph) after producing a barrage of tornadoes, but sparing Tampa a direct

The storm tracked to the south in the final hours and made landfall Wednesday night in Siesta Key near Sarasota, about 70 miles (112 kilometers) south of Tampa. The situation in the Tampa area was still a major emergency as St. Petersburg recorded over 16 inches (41 centimeters) of rain, prompting the National Weather Service

poweroutage.us, which tracks utility

Before Milton even made landfall, tornadoes were touching down across the state. The Spanish Lakes Country Club near Fort Pierce, on Florida's Atlantic Coast, was hit particularly hard, with homes destroyed and some residents killed.

We have lost some life," St. Lucie County Sheriff Keith Pearson told WPBF News, though he wouldn't say how many people were killed.

About 125 homes were destroyed before the hurricane came ashore, many of them mobile homes in communities for senior citizens, said Kevin Guthrie, the director



to warn of flash flooding there as well as other parts of western and central Florida. Tropicana Field, the home of the Tampa Bay Rays baseball team in St. Petersburg, appeared badly damaged. The fabric that ne domed stadium's roof ripped to shreds by the fierce winds. It was not immediately clear if there was damage

inside. Multiple cranes were also toppled in the storm, the weather service said. St. Petersburg residents also could no longer get water from their household taps because a water main break led the city to shut down service.

The storm knocked out power across a large section of Florida, with more than 3 million homes and businesses without power as of early Thursday, according to

Management.

About 90 minutes after making landfall, Milton was downgraded to a Category 2 storm. By early Thursday, the hurricane was a Category 1 storm with maximum as it churned about 35 miles (55 kilometers) south of Orlando.

Heavy rains were also likely to cause flooding inland along rivers and lakes as Milton traverses the Florida Peninsula as a hurricane, eventually to emerge in the Atlantic Ocean on Thursday. It is expected to impact the heavily populated Orlando area. The storm slammed into a region still reeling two weeks after Hurricane Helene flooded streets and homes in western Florida and left at least 230 people dead

across the South. In many places along the coast, municipalities raced to collect and dispose of debris before Milton's winds and storm surge could toss it around and compound any damage.

Officials had issued dire warnings to flee or face grim odds of survival.

'This is it, folks," said Cathie Perkins, emergency management director in Pinellas County, which sits on the peninsula that forms Tampa Bay. "Those of you who were punched during Hurricane Helene, this is going to be a knockout. You need to get out, and you need to get out now."

By late afternoon, some officials said the time had passed for such efforts, suggesting that people who stayed behind hun-ker down instead. By the evening, some counties announced they had suspended emergency services.

Jackie Curnick said she wrestled with her decision to stay aat home in Sarasota, jusnorth of where the storm made landfall But with a 2-year-old son and a baby girl due Oct. 29, Curnick and her husband thought it was for the best.

Curnick said they started packing Monday to evacuate, but they couldn't find any available hotel rooms, and the few they came by were too expensive.

She said there were too many unanswered questions if they got in the car and left: Where to sleep, if they'd be able to fill up their gas tank, and if they could even find a safe route out of the state.

'The thing is it's so difficult to evacuate in a peninsula," she said. "In most other states, you can go in any direction to get out. In Florida there are only so many roads that take you north or south.

At a news conference in Tallahassee, Gov. Ron DeSantis described deployment of a wide range of resources, including 9,000 other states; over 50,000 utility workers from as far as California; and highway patrol cars with sirens to escort gasoline tankers to replenish supplies so people could fill up their tanks before evacuating. 'Unfortunately, there will be fatalities. don't think there's any way around that," DeSantis said.

Heavy rain and tornadoes lashed parts of southern Florida starting Wednesday morning, with conditions deteriorating throughout the day.

America mourns death of Ratan Tata, who 'drove India to prosperity'

PTI WASHINGTON

The US on Wednesday mourned the death of veteran industrialist and philanthropist Ratan Naval Tata, remembering him as someone who drove India to greater prosperity and development.

Tata, the former Tata Group chairman who transformed a staid group into India's largest and most influential conglomerate, breathed his last at south Mumbai's Breach Candy Hospital at 11.30 pm on Wednesday. He was 86.

"My last meeting with Ratan Tata at Google, we talked about the progress of Waymo and his vision was inspiring to hear. He leaves an extraordinary business and philanthropic legacy and was instrumental in mentoring and developing modern business leadership in India. He deeply cared about making India better. Deep condolences to his loved ones and Rest in Peace Shri Ratan Tata Ii," wrote Google and Alphabet CEO Sunder Pichai

Atul Keshap, the president of the US-India Business Council (USIBC), told PTI the Padma Vibhushan recipient was a "unique and noble son of India, a role model for the nobility and generosity". "While some erroneously look down their noses at mere business, Ratan Tata reminded a global audience of the nobility of commerce even as he drove his companies and India to greater prosperity and development. He espoused values of humanity and compassion not only for his colleagues and business partners but also for the greater good," Keshap said. "His devotion to his staff was never more visible than after the terrible terrorist attack in Mumbai on 26/11/2008, and his love for his country and humanity, and animal kind, was displayed in so many ways, including his establishment of

cancer hospitals and his legendary care for the dogs of Tata House," he said.

"It is with profound sadness that the Indiaspora community acknowledges the passing of Ratan Tata, a visionary leader, compassionate philanthropist, and one of India's most respected business icons," said MR Rangaswami, the founder of Indiaspora.



"His extraordinary contribution to industry and his deep commitment to social causes have left an indelible mark not only on India but the world at large. Ratan Tata's legacy will continue to inspire generations. His spirit and contributions will forever remain a guiding light," he told

PTI. Ratan Tata, a Cornell graduate, was a for-

mer Cornell trustee who became the university's largest international donor, the university said on Wednesday

"Ratan Tata has left an extraordinary legacv in India, across the world and at Cornell, which he cared about deeply," said interim President Michael I.

Kotlikoff. 'Ratan's quiet demeanour and humility belied his international profile. His generosity and concern for others enabled research and scholarship that improved the education and health of millions of people in India and beyond, and extend-

ed Cornell's global impact," he said. "When Ratan Tata graduated from Cornell with a degree in architecture, it would have been impossible to imagine the global impact his visionary leadership, philanthropy and commitment to humanity would go on to have in advancing education and research across many sectors," said J. Meejin Yoon, the Dean of

Cornell University College of Architecture, Art, and Planning. Ratan Tata served three terms as a Cornell trustee from 2006 to 2022. He was named Cornell's Entrepreneur of the Year in 2013 and served from 2014 on as a member of AAP's Advisory Council. Ira Drukier, an American philanthropist, said: "Looking back over Ratan's life and career, I am not only filled with gratitude

for all he has given and accomplished but also with a deep respect for his kindness, generosity and eternal optimism that has improved lives in India and around the

"Ratan Tata, one of India's most powerful and admired magnates, who transformed his family's business conglomerate, the Tata Group, into a multinational corporation with globally recognisable brands, has died at 86," The New York Times wrote.

UK minister pays homage to 'titan' of business world

PTI ■ LONDON

UK Business and Trade Secretary Jonathan Reynolds paid homage to Ratan Tata as a "titan" of the business world who played a huge role in shaping British industry.

Soon after the news of the Tata Group chief's passing away hit the headlines on Wednesday night, the minister took to social media to offer his tributes to the man credited with much of the Mumbaiheadquartered company's reputation as one of the largest employers in the UK. It was during his tenure as chairman of the Tata Group that the multinational made several high-profile acquisitions in the UK — taking over Anglo-Dutch steelmaker Corus, luxury car brands Jaguar and Land Rover (JLR) and Tetley, the

role in shaping British industry," said Revnolds.

"My thoughts and prayers are with his friends, family and everyone in the Tata Group," he said.

The Tata Group's footprint in the UK includes its ownership of the country's largest steelworks at Port Talbot in south Wales, currently undergoing a mega green transformation towards electric arc

The steel giant is one of Europe's leading

steel producers, with steelmaking in the Netherlands and the UK, and manufacturing plants across Europe. The company's tube products are used across a broad range of industries, including construction, machinery fabrication, energy and automotive.

In July last year, the Tata Group is to invest over GBP 4 billion in setting up a new electric vehicle (EV) battery plant, or gigafactory, in Britain which will create thousands of jobs across the supply chain. With Tata Motors owned JLR as the anchor customer of the new gigafactory with an initial output of 40GWh, the venture is one of the largest in Europe. While he had retired a few years ago, Ratan Tata is credited with setting the company on its growth trajectory in the UK and Europe

well-known global tea brand.

Sad to hear about the passing of Ratan

Beginning with Tata Tea's acquisition of Tetley in 2000, Tata companies made sev-Tata. He was truly a titan of the business eral significant overseas acquisitions: This is a man for whom Mumbai/India and ng Corus by Tata Steel ouar and Land Rover by Tata Motors and Brunner: who created the sense of an India-UK part-Mond by Tata Chemicals.

Tata Sons, summed up the Tata group's : Land Rover (JLR) to Taj Hotel to Tata Šteel efforts to internationalise its operations: to indeed everything, including industries thus: "I hope that a hundred years from ; of the future with his decision to invest in now we will spread our wings far beyond: a battery factory in the UK," he said. India, that we become a global group, Lord Karan Bilimoria, founder of Cobra operating in many countries, an Indian beer and co-chair of the India APPG, paid business conglomerate that is at home in tribute to a "fellow Parsi" who worked hard the world, carrying the same sense of to nurture the bonds between India and trust that we do today."

High Commissioner leads minute's silence in memory of Tata

ndian High Commissioner to the UK Vikram Doraiswami led a minute's silence in the memory of Ratan Tata as news of the passing away of the legendary businessman, aged 86, came in from Mumbai. During a pre-scheduled Diwali reception co-hosted by the High Commission of India in London with the India All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) near the Houses of Parliament in London on Wednesday, Doraiswami paid tribute to the Tata Group chair as a great champion of the India-UK partnership

"On a sombre note, I share the news with great sorrow of the passing of one of India's most celebrated businessmen Ratan Tata, said Doraiswami, addressing a cross-party gathering of parliamentarians, entrepreneurs and community leaders.

"No man has embodied the India-UK partnership quite as much as Ratan Tata did. London/UK were both home. This is a mar nership embodied in everything - from Air In 2004, Ratan Tata, then Chairman of: India, which is back as Tata airline, to Jaguar

China defiant over South China Sea Turkiye's navy starts to evacuate skirmishes in ASEAN talks

AP ■ VIENTIANE (LAOS)

Southeast Asian leaders stepped up pressure on China to respect international law following clashes in the disputed South China Sea during annual summit talks on Thursday, but Chinese Premier Li Qiang was defiant as he blamed "external forces" for interfering in regional affairs. The 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations' meeting with Li followed recent violent confrontations at sea this vear between China and ASEAN members Philippines and Vietnam that heightened unease over China's increasingly assertive actions in the con-

tested waters Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, who will take over the rotating ASEAN chair next year, said the bloc has called for an early conclusion to a code of conduct to govern the South China Sea. Talks on the code of conduct have been ongoing for years, hampered by sticky issues including disagreements over whether the pact should be binding.

ASEAN reiterated the need to maintain peace and security in the strategic waterway, he said, according to Malaysian national news agency Bernama. But Li said meddling by foreign

forces is creating conflicts with-

"We must realize that our devel-

opment is also facing some unstable and uncertain factors. In particular, external forces frequently interfere and even try to introduce bloc confrontation and geopolitical conflicts into Asia," Li said during an ASEAN meeting with China, Japan and South Korea. He called for more dialogue between countries to ensure disputes are resolved amicably. Li didn't name the foreign forces

but China has previously warned the US not to meddle in the region's territorial disputes. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who arrived in Vientiane on Thursday for the meetings, is expected to raise the issue of China's aggression in the sea, officials said. The US has no claims but it has deployed Navy ships and fighter jets to patrol the waterway and promote freedom of navigation and over-

ASEAN members Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia and Brunei along with Taiwan have overlapping claims with China, which claims sovereignty over virtually all of the South China Sea. Chinese and Philippine vessels have clashed repeatedly this year, and Vietnam said last week that Chinese forces assaulted its fishermen in the disputed sea. China has also sent patrol vessels to areas that Îndonesia and Malaysia claim as exclusive economic zones.

Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos Ir made clear to Li during talks Thursday that ASEAN-China cooperation cannot be separated from the sea dispute, according to an ASEAN official who declined to be named due to the sensitivity of the discus-Li responded by saying the South China Sea is "a shared

home" and that China has an obligation to protect its sovereignty, the official said. The Philippines, a longtime US

ally, has been critical of other ASEAN countries for not doing more to get China to back

Aside from regional security issues, China's Li also emphasized Beijing and ASEAN's economic ties, saying intensifying trade relations and creating an 'ultra large-scale market" are keys to economic prosperity amid rising trade protectionism ASEAN and China said they expect to conclude negotiations to upgrade their free trade pact next year. Since the two sides signed the pact covering a market of 2 billion people in 2010, ASEAN's trade with China has leaped from USD 235.5 billion to USD 696.7 bil-

China is ASEAN's number 1 trading partner and its thirdlargest source of foreign investment — a key reason why the bloc has been reluctant to criticize Chinese actions in the South China Sea.

ASEAN leaders, who held a summit among themselves on Wednesday, also separately met with new Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba and South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol.

ASEAN elevated its ties with South Korea to a "comprehensive strategic partnership." Yoon said the new designation will further help both sides to "create a new future together."

Ishiba also pledged to boost the Japan-ASEAN relationship by providing patrol vessels and training on maritime law enforcement, strengthening economic security through financial and other support and bolstering cyber-security. "Japan shares principles such

as freedom, democracy and the rule of law, and would like to create and protect the future together with ASEAN," he said. The bloc is also holding individual talks with dialogue partners India, Australia, Canada, the US

and the United Nations that will

culminate in an East Asia

Summit of 18 nations including Russia and New Zealand on

Former ASEAN Secretary-General Ong Keng Yong said that despite challenges in addressing disputes in the South China Sea and the Myanmar civil war, ASEAN's central role in the region is undisputable. "ASEAN and its diplomatic

maneuvers have sustained the relative peace and progress of Southeast Asia to date. ASEAN will continue to be useful in that regard. Big powers cannot do what they wish in the region, said Ong, who is now deputy chairman of the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies in Singapore. Nearly 6,000 people have been

killed and over 3 million displaced in a civil war after the Myanmar army ousted an elected government in 2021. The military has backtracked on an ASEAN peace plan it agreed to in late 2021 and fighting has continued with pro-democracy guerillas and ethnic rebels. Myanmar's top generals have been shut out of ASEAN sum-

mits since the military takeover. Thailand will host an informal ASEAN ministerial-level consultation on Myanmar in mid-December as frustration grows in the bloc over the prolonged beds and blankets.

its citizens from Beirut

AP BEIRUT

Over 2,000 Turkish citizens and some foreign started boarding a Turkish military ship late Wednesday that brought in aid and will take them out of a country being hit by Israeli airstrikes targeting Hezbollah. Zehra Cibbin, an ethnic Arab from the southeastern Turkish city of Mardin who lives in Beirut with her Lebanese husband, got off a bus packed with the other evacuees, her two children in tow and luggage in hand. "It's indescribable. They bombed the street below our house. From that moment on, it was over for me, I said I didn't want to stay in Beirut anymore," said Cibbin, 46. Cibbin said they decided to leave Beirut out of fear for their lives, putting no thought into what will nappen when they arrive in

She spoke to The Associated Press before getting in line to board the TCG Bayraktar $amphibious \ landing \ vessel, which$ along with the TCG Sancaktar will take on evacuees.

They are part of a six-ship convoy including escorts that set sail from the southern Turkish port of Mersin early Wednesday, transported 300 tons of humanitarian supplies, including food, hygiene kits, kitchenware, tents,

Besides the Turkish citizens, people from Bulgaria, Romania and Kazakhstan were among those who applied to evacuate on the ships. Officials did not provide numbers

The Associated Press was the only non-government media invited aboard the ships to cover the evacuation operation.

"Israel's aggression has severely impacted Lebanon and our brothers here," said Turkish Ambassador to Lebanon Ali Baris Ulusoy, standing in front of the Bayraktar.

"We are carrying out an operation today with two aims: to provide humanitarian aid to our Lebanese brothers and to ensure the safe return of our citizens who are in a difficult situation." Ulusoy

Hundreds lined up before the Bayraktar as Turkish soldiers and sailors checked the evacuees' passports and their luggage was examined by metal detectors and drug-sniffing dogs before they were allowed to board

Another Turkish citizen waiting with her family was Abir Gokcimen, who said she left her extended family and husband in Beirut and hopes the war that spread to Lebanon will end soon. She hopes to come back to Lebanon as soon as the danger

The journey back to Mersin is

expected to take about 10 hours. Turkiye's government plans to organise more sea evacuations if necessary and is contemplating charter flights to repatriate citi-

Hezbollah began firing rockets into northern Israel on October 8, 2023, the day after Hamas' surprise attack into Israel ignited the war in Gaza. Hezbollah and Hamas are both allied with Iran, and Hezbollah says its attacks are aimed at aiding the Palestinians. Israel has carried out airstrikes in response and the conflict steadily escalated, erupting into a fullfledged war last month.

Israel has inflicted a punishing wave of blows against Hezbollah in recent weeks and savs it will keep fighting until tens of thousands of displaced Israeli citizens can return to their homes in the north.More than 1,300 people have been killed in Lebanon and over a million displaced since the fighting escalated in mid-September.

Earlier on Wednesday, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan ramped up his rhetoric against Israel during his party's first meeting of the new legislative year, declaring that Turkiye "has more than enough power to thwart expansionist ambitions" of Israel and doubling down on his claims that Israel would target Turkiye after Gaza and Lebanon.

Israeli strike on Gaza shelter kills at least 27

n Israeli strike on a school sheltering Athe displaced in the Gaza Strip killed at least 27 people on Thursday, Palestinian medical officials said.

The Israeli military said it targeted militants hiding among civilians, without providing evidence.

Israel has continued to strike at what it says are militant targets across the Palestinian enclave even as attention has shifted to its war against Hezbollah in Lebanon and rising tensions with Iran. The military launched a large-scale air and ground operation against Hamas in northern Gaza earlier this week. In a separate development, a United Nations official said Israeli forces fired on three positions of the UN peacekeeping force in Lebanon, wounding two peacekeepers. The official was not authorised to brief media and spoke on

condition of anonymity The Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, where the bodies were brought, said the strike in the central town of Deir al-Balah killed 27 people, including a child and seven women. It said several other people were wounded. An Associated Press reporter saw ambulances streaming into the hospital and counted the bodies, many of which arrived in pieces.

"We appeal to the world. We are dying!" one man screamed.

The Israeli military said it carried out a precise strike targeting a militant command and control centre inside the school. Israel has repeatedly attacked schools that were turned into shelters in Gaza, accusing militants of hiding out in them.

Witnesses who spoke on condition of

anonymity for security reasons said the strike occurred while school managers were meeting with representatives of an aid group in a room normally used by Hamas-run police who provide security. They said there were no police in the room at the time.

The Hamas-run government operated a civilian police force numbering in the tens of thousands. They largely vanished from the streets after the start of the war as Israel targeted them with airstrikes, but plainclothes Hamas security personnel still exert control over most areas.

Hamas has continued to launch attacks on Israeli forces and fire occasional rockets into Israel more than a year after its October 7 attack ignited the war. Hamas-led militants stormed into Israel

and rampaged through army bases and farming communities in that attack, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting around 250 others. They are still holding around 100 captives, a third of whom are believed to be dead. Israel's offensive has killed over 42,000 Palestinians, according to local health authorities, who do not say how many

> PUBLIC NOTICE It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Jee Singh who wants to purchase the Freehold SFS Flat No.330, Category-III, on First Floor situated in Pocket-L, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi 110076 from Mrs. Apacla Sarita situated in Pocket-L, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi110076 from Mrs. Angela Sawhney owner vide
> Release Deed with Consideration dated
> 11.04.2012 (vide Doc.No.5603) executed by
> Mrs. Nillia Dial and same to be financed &
> mortgaged by Aditya Birla Housing Finance
> Ld. That, SMC of Late Mr. Jagdish Mitter is not
> available. If any Person having any type of
> claim/right/life/interest over the said property,
> may inform in writing, at the address mentioned
> below, about his objections, within 7 days
> from today, falling which it shall be presumed that
> the said property is free from all type of
> Encumbrances, lienetc. Lucem Legal LLP
> B-938, Second Floor, Opp. SBI Banks
> Sector 2.Nolda.UP-201301Contact#0120-4268378

were fighters but say women and children make up more than half of the fatalities. The war has destroyed large areas of Gaza and displaced around 90 per cent of its population of 2.3 million people, often multiple times.

The Hezbollah militant group in Lebanon began firing rockets into Israel on October 8, 2023, in support of Hamas and the Palestinians, drawing Israeli

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed that my client Mr. Vivekansh Rana S/o Sh. Vivek Rana & Smt. Shelja Dhama is residing at F-24/208, Sector-3. Rohini, New Delhi 110085 and his (Vivekansh Rana's) actual date of birth is 18.12.2003, which is correctly mentioned in all re- levant documents of my client.

AMRENDRA NATH SHUKLA (Advocate)
Ch.No. 717, Lawyers Chamber Block, Rohini Court, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE is hereby given to the General Public that of Mr Kehar Singh S/o Sh Bharat Singh, through Khatoni/Jamabandi, is the owner of property bearing address Freehold Residential House built on Plot, area 100 sq. yds. of Falling under Khasra No. 235, situated at Village -Behta Hazipur, Tehsil-Loni, Distl-Ghaziabad (U.P.) A registered General Power of Attorney dated on 03.03.1998 was executed by Mr. Kebar Singh in Evapur of Mr. Prembir uted by Mr Kehar Singh in favour of Mr. Premb Singh Dhama. Further, another registered Genera Power of Attorney dated 12.04.1999 was issued by Mr. Prembir Singh Dhama in favour of Mr. Raienda Kumar Jain and the property is now being sol Mr. Umesh Kumar Saxena & Mrs. Anuradh Sengar (Intending borrower) and the same proper y being financed by SMFG India Home Financ ty being infanced by SMFG into Honer entance.

Co. Ltd. General Public hereby informed that i anybody has any charge/ Interest/Title in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly inform fundersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.

TAPAN RAGHAV (ADVOCATE Email- raghavtk.legal@gmail.com, M - 8800096522

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that Mohd Majid So Mr. Vajid is the owner of BCULT-UP PROPERTY BEARING NO. 13, LAND AREA MEASURING 50 SQ. YARDS, OUT OF KHASRA NO. 978, SITUATED AT VILLAGE BEHTA HAZI PUR. IN TILE ABADIO FR AGIIUN ATILOCIONY, PARGANA LONI. TEHSIL & DISTRICT GHAZIABAD, U.P., by virtue of Gift Deed dated 27.09.2024, regd. as Doc. No. 17412, executed by Mr. Vajid Sio Mr. Fida, and same to be finance by SMG india Credit Company Limited, General public hereby informed that if anybody has any charge/interestitile in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.

Mrs. Prasono Lata & Rahul Raj Pathak, Advocate SG Associates (Law Firm)

FF 18, Lotas Pond Plaza, Visibas Khandlariapyara, Bazababd UP. E-mail: sgassociatespl@ gmall.com, Plr. 70117764, 0120440300

Dated: 09.10.2024

The fighting steadily escalated, and eventually boiled over into all-out war in recent weeks, with Israel carrying out waves of heavy strikes across Lebanon and launching a ground invasion. Hezbollah has expanded its rocket fire to more populated areas deeper inside Israel, causing few casualties but disrupting daily life.

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is Informed that Smt. Rajkumari Gupta D/o Late Shri Banarasi Dass Is the Owner of Plot No. F-25, Block-Kirti Nagar New Delhi 110015. And The Original Sale Deed Dated 06/01/1969 in Favour of Permanand Sharma executed by Rehabilitation Housing Corporation Ltd has been lost. If anyone Found these Origional Documents and have any objection Regarding these Documents of the Property. Inform me on my given Mob No.-9911004142 Within 7 days.

Yogesh Kumar(Advocate)

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed that Mrs. Renu Dubey is the owner of Residential House, area admeasuring 50 sq. Yards or 4180 sq. Mrs., out of Kharan No. 67, Studeted State of Studential House, and the studential House of Studential House Carlot Studential House No. 85, Studential House Carlot Studen

INDIAN RAILWAYS

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD) **NEW DELHI - 110001**

E-TENDER No. 2024RSI9546TC

Director, Railway Stores (W), Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, Government of India invites e-tender for **Procurement of 17 Nos. End Unloading Rakes (EUR)** using BRNAHS (BG) wagons for transportation of 260m long rail panels from SAIL/Bhilai to RDSO Specification No. WD-06-BRN-2011 of March 2011

2.0 The interested tenderers are advised to visit the website http://ireps.gov.in for details of the tender and submission of their e-bids.

3.0 No manual offers will be accepted against e-tender 4.0 Tender will be closed at 15:00 hours on 18.11.2024

only and not in print media.

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the owner of PLOT BEARING NO.

Durga is the owner of PLOT BEARING NO. 60, ARI MEASURING SO SO, VDS., FALLING IN RHASF NO. 120, SITUATED IN THE RESIDENTI/COLONY RAM PARK EXTN., VILLAG HALKIKATPUR ALIAS KHUDABANS, PARGAN & TEHSIL LONI, DISTRICT GHAZIABAD, U.P., twitte of Sale Doed dated 26.06 2020, regal as Doe. N. 4380, executed by Mr. Dhinesh Kumar Singhal, and it his Sale Deed plot no. was wrongly mentioned as 6 instead of 60/1, and same to be finance by SMFG Indi Credit Company Limited, General public hereb informed that if anybody has any charge/interest/rid in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly from the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 67 days of the present.

Mrs. Prasoon Lata & Rahul Raj Pathak, Advanta.

mentioned address within O days of the present.
Mrs. Prasoon Lata & Rahul Raj Pathak, Advoct
SG Associates (Law Firt
FF 18, Lotus Pond Plaza, Vaibhav Khand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad
E-mail: seassociatesul@mail.com, Pr. 7011/172764, 91204440.

Director, Railway Stores (W), Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, New Delhi, for and on behalf of the President of India.

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- 7. Special Education Teacher (UR)

by the concerned DDE Zone.

- 8. Music Teacher (UR)
- 9. PET (UR)

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- Application Form duly completed in all respects along with self attested copies of testimonials should reach through Speed Post/Regd. Post to the Chairman/Manager Sukho Khalsa Sr. Sec. School, Jail Road, Janak Puri, New Delhi- 110058 within 21 days from the date of Advertisement. Thereafter no Application will be accepted No application will be received by hand.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Ashok Kumar, son of Shri Shiv Karan Lal, resident of Jhuggi No. 144/120, K Block, T-HUT, opposite MIG Flats, Jahangirpuri, Delhi-33, have evicted my son Sonu and daughte in-law Lakshmi from my movable and immovable property for not following my instructions. If any person has any kind o transaction or connection with Sonu and Laxmi, he will be responsible. Me (Ashol Kumar will have no responsibility).

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that I, Sohan Pal S/o Kharatilal Resident of H.No. 23/2 Jatav Mohalla town khekra Dist. Baghpat UP Pin 250101, am the allottee of DDA EWS flat No 22,GF, Block-4, Shivaji Marg,Delhi, Vidi DDA's File No. E/488(21)2018/DDA 14/SM. M DUAS FILE NO. 2488(21)20 (370)41 (4/50). My original document viz. Demand Letter of above said flat has been misplaced. An Information Report of this effect has been lodged in Police Station, Cribin Vide LR No. 216553/2024 on 30.09.2024. Any person(s) claiming any right, Interest having any objection or found in Possession of the said original December through Video Control the said original December through Video Control Cont of the said original Document may Write/Contact with above named person at above address/phon No.-(9634696519) within 7 days from the date o

PUBLIC NOTICE

Re: Property Bearing Plot No. 18, MC No. 245 area measuring 203 sq. yds i:e 169.728 sq. mtras, situated in Colony namely Laxmy/lhar, Maliwada, Village-Jatwada Kalan, Pargana-Loni, Tehsil & Distt. Ghaziabad. U.P.; Hereinafter referred to as "said property". Notice is hereby given to the general public ncluding Banks, Financial Institutions, etc. hat, as informed by our clientess, Smt. Rent. Soel, she is the sole and absolute owner of the said prometry wide Sale Dead executed by Mr. that, as informed by our clientess, Smt. Renu, Goel, she is the sole and absolute owner of the said property vide Sale Deed executed by Mr. Ashwani Sharma in respect of the said property. The said Deed is registered as Document No. 9663, Book No. I, Volume No. 21764, pages 211-246, on 26.07.2024 (SRO-Ghaziabad). Mr. Ashwani Sharma had purchased the said property from Mr. Mohit Mittal vide Sale Deed registered as Document No. 13629 on 28.12.2023. The seller also informed the purchaser that the said property was earlier owned by Mr Mahender Kumar Mittal. After his death, the said property devolved on his legal heirs viz., Mrs Renu Mittal and Mr. Mohit Mittal Mrs Renu Mittal executed a Will vide document No. 789 on 03.03.2021 (SRO-1 Ghaziabad) in favour of Mr which Mittal. Mrs Renu Mittal and he became the sole and absolute owner of the said property and sold the said property to became the sole and absolute owner of the saic property and sold the said property to Mr.Ashwani Sharma. Now, our clientess intends to mortgage the said property with IDFC FIRST Bank Limited for availing

any person, society, bank, financial institutions have any objection again or other institutions have any objection agains he ownership of our clientess on the said the ownership of our clientess on the said property and subsequently rightful mortgage of the said property in favour of IDFC FIRST Bank Limited by our clientess, may raise his/her/their objection/s, in writing, by Registered AD post to the undersigned, within 15 days, on address mentioned below. Otherwise after expiry of 15 days from the date of publication of this notice the said property shall be mortgaged by our clientess in favour of IDFC FIRST Bank Ltd. and no objection shall be acceptable against such mortgage.

iuch mongage. SHIVKANT ARORA, ADVOCATE FOR M/S INTELLECTIVE LAW OFFICES. 1-74, LOWER GROUND FLOOR DEFENCE COLONY, NEW DELHI-110024

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Sudarshan, S/o Pahalwan

Number-113, Sarai Pipal Thala

Adarsh Nagar Delhi-33, that

my name wrongly written in

my minor daughter Shivani

School Records as Sudershan

but correct name is Sudarshan

also my wife's name wrongly

written as Munni but correct

name is Munni Devi for all

I, Naveen Kumar Choudhary

S/o Ram Vishesh Choudhary

R/o 46, Village Mirzapur,

Tole, Basha, Bishunpur,

Darbhanga, Bihar-847101,

Present Address -C-4, Barolla,

Sector - 49, Noida, U.P have

changed my name Naveen

Kumar to Naveen Kumar

Choudhary for all future

I, Seema Bhat W/o Dinesh

R/o

Paramount Floraville, Sector-

137, Noida, G.B. Nagar, U.P.

(201301) declares that I have

changed my name from

Seema Dwivedi to Seema Bhat

for all future purposes.

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Prajapati, R/o.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the public at large that Mrs. Sushma Chawla, Sh. Chirag Chawla and Sh. Chakshu Chawla are absolute 'Title holder in possession of Property bearing no.G-40, Area measuring 180 sq.yds, Pree Vhar, New Delhi That the Original Agreement to sel dated 24.10.1999 executed by Sh. Bharat Bhushan in Tavour of Sh. Sanjay Chawla have been lost/misplacec and are untraceable. The FIRV Lost report to this effect has already been lodged dated 09.10.2024 with LRno.2193020/2024. Any Person (s)/ company (les) /authorify (les) /society (les)/organisation (s)/ financia authority (ies) /society (ies)/organisation (s)/ financia nstitution (s)/ bank (s) claiming any right/ interes aving any objection or found in possession of the iginal document may write/contact to the above nan nd address within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, post expiration Any claims (s) objection (s) if raised or received shall be treated as nu

Brijesh Tiwari (Advocate) Ch. No. K-67B, Near To Building, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054, (M): 7011083614

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the General Public that of Mrs Babita Jain is the owner through that of Mrs Babita Jain is the owner through Sale Deed dated 16.04.2010 of Property Bearing No. Freehold Residential Plot No. A-3, area measuring 30 sq. yds. (25.08 sq. mtr.) of Falling Under Khasra No. 394 Mi situated at Village-Daroti Khurd, Pargana Loni, Tehsil & Distr Ghaziabad (U.P.) and a Registered General Power of Attorney dated 25.05.2022 has been executed by Mrs Babita Jain in favour of Mrs. Anuradha Goyal. The property is now being sold to Intending Borrower i.e. Mr. Plyush Sharma, Mr. Rajesh Sharma & Mrs. Sunita Sharma, and being financed by SMFG India Home Finance Co. Ltd. General Public hereby informed that if anybody has any charge! nformed that if anybody has any charge Interest/Title in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present

TAPAN RAGHAV (ADVOCATE), Ch. No. G-220, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi-110032 Email- raghavtk.legal@gmail.com, M - 8800096522

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NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Information is given to general public at large that Mrs. Kiran Devi W/o Mr. Mukund Sah who is/are purchasing the Property Bearing No. 253 Southern & Eastern side Corner Portion area measuring 26. q. yds., Out of total area measuring 108 sq. yds. Gali No. 13, situated at in Village-Sindhora Khurd Anand Parbat from Mrs. Rekha Devi W/o Mr. Cunni _al (2) Mrs. Seema W/o Mr. Narad Muni who was Lat (2) Mrs. Seams W/o Mri. Narra Mulni Who was the owner by virtue of GPA & Will dated 68 12.2017. Intend to mortgage the same against the financial assistance from Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited, previous Original Regd. GPA & Will dated 06.12.2000 (Doc. No. 27857) in favour of Mr. Khem Chand S/o Late Mr. Mansukh Ram are not available with the seller is Mrs. Bekkha David are not available with the seller i.e. Mrs. Rekha Dev N/o Mr. Cunni Lal (2) Mrs. Seema W/o Mr. Narao W/O Mr. Cunni Lai (2) Mirs. Seema W/O Mr. Narad Muni, To comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any person(s) having any objection regarding ownership and/or creating mortgage of the said property is/are hereby requested to infilmate in writing to the undersigned within O7 days at below address.

NCR LAW ASSOCIATES Advocates, A-98, Sector-9

New Vijay Nagar, Ghaziabad, (U.P.) - 201009

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed thar M/s Ramprastha Promoters & Developers Private Limited has been granted Environmental Clearance for Group Housing Development Project (2.303 Acre) at Sector 37D, Gurugram, Haryana, with EC EC24C3801HR5368082N Identification No. (File No. SEAC/HR/2024/137).

General Public is further informed that copy of clearance letter along with the conditions to be complied is available at office of the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Haryana, and on the website of the MOEF&CC at http://parivesh.nic.in. Also available at the registered office of the company at plot no. 114, Sector-44, District- Gurugram, Haryana, 122002 and also on website of the company at www.ramprastha.com

> For Ramprastha Promoters & Developers Private Limited CIN: U45400HR2007PTC064534 Address: Plot No. 114, Sector-44,

Gurgaon, Harvana, India, 122002

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

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

अधिसुचना दिनांक 14/09/2006 (यथा संशोधित) के अंतर्गत सर्व संबंधित को सुचित किया जाता है कि मेसर्स शुभम मिनरल्स (प्रो.- श्री बी.एल.रमानी, मोहभट्ठा डोलामाईट डिपोजीट), ग्राम- मोहभट्ठा, तहसील- बेरला, जिला- बेमेतरा स्थित खसरा क्रमांक 1299, 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304 एवं 1305, कुल क्षेत्रफल- 2.26 हेक्टेयर में पूर्व से संचालित डोलोमाईट (गौण खनिज) उत्खनन क्षमता- 4.698 टन प्रतिवर्ष के पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेत् लोक सुनवाई बाबत छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, नवा रायपुर में आवेदन प्रस्तुत किया गया है। उक्त परियोजना के संबंध में आपत्ति / सुझाव. विचार/टीका टिप्पणी, इस सूचना के जारी होने के दिनांक से 30 दिवस के अंदर क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी, छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, 5/32 बंगला, भिलाई, जिला-दर्ग के कार्यालय में मौखिक अथवा लिखित रूप से कार्यालयीन समय में प्रस्तृत की जा सँकती है। इस परियोजना के लिए लोक सुनवाई दिनांक 11.11.2024 को समय- प्रातः 11:00 बजे, स्थान- ग्राम कोदवा-मोहभट्ठा पक्की सड़क मार्ग पर स्थित रूंगटा सन्स प्रा.लि. की खाली भिम, खसरा नं. - 455, ग्राम - मोहभट्ठा, तहसील-बेरला, जिला- बेमेतरा (छ.ग.) में नियत की गई है। यह भी सूचित हो कि .

1. लोक सुनवाई के दौरान सम्मिलित होने वाले व्यंक्तियों को फिजिकल / सोशल डिस्टेंसिंग का पालन करना अनिवार्य होगा।

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

कम 02 मीटर की दुरी रखना अनिवार्य होगा। कोरोना वायरस के नियंत्रण एवं रोकथाम हेतु शासन द्वारा जारी समस्त दिशा-निर्देशों का अक्षरश: पालन किया जाना अनिवार्य होगा ।

ई.आई.ए. नोटिफिकेशन 14 सितम्बर 2006 (यथा- संशोधित) के अनुसार संबंधित व्यक्तियों के अवलोकन / पवन हेतु डाफ्ट ई.आई.ए. रिपोर्ट, कार्यपालक सार हिन्दी एवं अंग्रेजी भाषा तथा सी.डी. (साफ्ट कॉपी) डायरेक्टर, पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, इंदिरा पर्यावरण भवन, जोर बाग रोड, नई दिल्ली क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी, एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, पर्यावरण, वन और जलवाय्, परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, अरण्य भवन, नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर, जिला - रायपुर, छत्तीसगढ, कलेक्टर, कार्यालय कलेक्टर, बेमेतरा, जिला-बेमेतरा, मुख्य कार्येपालन अधिकारी, जिला पंचायत, बेमेतरा, जिला- बेमेतरा, महाप्रबंधकॅ, जिला व्यापार एवं उद्योग केन्द्र, बेमेतरा, जिला- बेमेतरा, सरपंच / सचिव, ग्राम पंचायत मोहभद्गा, तहसील - बेरला, जिला- बेमेतरा, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, छत्तीसगढ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, 5/32 बंगला, भिलाई, जिला- दुर्ग एवं मुख्यालय, छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, पर्यावास भवन, सेक्टर-19, नवाँ रायपुर अटल नगर, जिला रायपुर में रखी गई है।

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

E-Tender Notice No.: 94/W-2/APDJ Dated: 08-10-2024: E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following works Tender No.: 23-AP-III-2024: Name of Work: New Mal Jn.-Alipurduar Jn. (SL)-TSR(P)-22.00 Tkm & Siliguri Jn.-New Mal Jn. (SL)-TSR(P)-17.00 Tkm. Tender /alue: ₹18,11,79,388.85/-; Earnest Money ₹10,55,900/-; Date & time of Closing of tender at 13:00 hrs. and opening at 15:00

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION

DEPARTMENT **PUBLIC NOTICE JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA** New Delhi - 110025

AUCTION NOTICE The auction of Electrical and Civil absolute/unserviceable items light electrical fitting, fans, bathroom fittings, PVC tank, steel and wooden doors etc. will be held on 24.10.2024 at 03.00 PM. "AS IS WHERE IS" basis at site,

for details log on Jamia Website: http://jmi.nic.in

Prof. In-Charge Executive Engineer

This is to inform to all concern that M/s Yuganchal Press through its Prop. Mr. Lalit Tiwari S/o Sh. K.L. Tiwari R/o B-1, Sector-9, Noida, Distt, Gautam Budl Nagar, (U.P.) who is the original allottee of Flat No. 75-C, Block B-9, Udaigiri Apartment-II, Sector- 34, Noida (U.P.) had sold the said property on General Power of Attorney basis to the following person(s). General Power of Attorney was executed on in favour of Mr. Francis Pottamala S/o Sh. R.J. lavour or Mr. Francis Pottamala 5/0 Sh. K.J. Mathai R/o C-2C, Rajat Vihar, Sector-62, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, (J.P.) which is registered and the Agreement to Sell was not registered or not executed. Because the Agreement to Sell is not registered or no Agreement to sell executed, so it is informed to all concern that the said Eat No. 75.C. Block B.O. concern that the said Flat No. 75-C, Block B-9, Udaigiri Apartment-II, Sector-34, Noida (U.P.)is going to be transferred in favour of Ms. Lincy Francis D/o Mr. Francis Pottamala R/o C-2C, Rajat Vihar, Sector-62, Noida, Distr. Gautam Budh Nagar, (U.P.). if any one has/have any objection he/she may file his/her objection alongwith the sufficient proof in the Housing Department of the Noida Authority within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. concern that the said Flat No. 75-C, Block B-9, publication of this notice.

. Name of the transfere Ms. Lincy Francis D/o Mr. Francis Pottamala R/o C-2C, Rajat Vihar, Sector-62, Noida, Distt Gautam Budh Nagar, (U.P.)

Regd. Office: KLJ House, 5th Floor, 8A-Shivaji Marg, Najafgarh Road New Delhi-110 015 Ph. No.011-25194391/25458767

PUBLIC NOTICE

KLJ Developers Private Limited

It is hereby informed that in respect of the Project KLJ GREENS-Tower B-8, B-9, B-9 10, J-1 & J-2 registered with HRERA, Panchkula as HRERA-PKL-FBD-594-2024 dated 01.06.2024, forming part of Group Housing Colony being developed by KLJ Developers Private Limited at Village Neemka, Sub Tehsil Tigaon, Sector-77, District Faridabad, Haryana, in terms of the provisions of RERA the following Bank Accounts are being maintained:

S. No.	Account No.	Bank Name & Address	Purpose
01.	50200095330162 Master Account	HDFC Bank SN 27, 28 & 42, Star Tower,	For 100%
02.	50200098622511 RERA Account	NH 8, Near Stall Mall, Block A,	For 70%
03.	50200098622600 Free Account	Sector-30, Gurugram, Haryana-122001	For 30%

Place: New Delh

For KLJ Developers Private Limited Authorized Signatory

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

// सर्व संबंधित को सुचना // भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवाय् परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली की अधिसूचना

दिनांक 14.09.2006 (यथा संशोधित) के तहत् सर्व संबंधित को सूचित किया जाता है कि ग्राम-किरारी, क्लस्टर लाईम स्टोन माईन, तहसील - अकलतरा, जिला- जांजगीर-चांपा (छ.ग.) में स्थित कुल 02 चूना पत्थर खदानों (गौण खनिज) 01. मेसर्स विनायक मेटल्स एण्ड मेनरल्स, (किरारी लाईम स्टोन माईन, पार्टनर - श्री राजेन्द्र सिंह), खसरा क्रमांक- 821/14, 821/15, 821/17 एवं 821/18, लीज एरिया - 1.052 हेक्टेयर, खदान का उत्खनन क्षमता-15,000 टन प्रतिवर्ष, ग्राम-किरारी, तहसील-अकलतरा, जिला- जांजगीर-चांपा (छ.ग.) एवं 02. मेसर्स माँ गुरु मिनरल्स (किरारी लाईम स्टोन माईन, पार्टनर - श्री हेमंत कुमार सिंह) खसरा क्रमांक - 729/2, 729/3 एवं 729/6, लीज एरिया- 1.643 हेक्टेयर, खदान का उत्खनन क्षमता- 50,000 टन प्रतिवर्ष, ग्राम-किरारी, तहसील-अकलतरा, जिला- जांजगीर-चांपा (छ.ग.) (गौण खनिज) के पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेतु संयुक्त लोक सुनवाई बाबत् छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल में आवेदन किया गया है। उक्त प्रस्तावित परियोजना के संबंध मे आपत्ति / सुझाव / टीका-टिप्पणी इस अधिसूचना के जारी होने के दिनांक से 30 दिवस के अंदर क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी, छ.ग. पर्यावरण संरक्षण मेंडल, बिलासपुर के कार्यालय में मौखिक अथव लिखित रूप से कार्यालयीन समय में प्रस्तुत की जा सकती है। **इस परियोजना के लिए लोक** सुनवाई दिनांक 13/11/2024 को समय प्रातः 11:00 बजे, रूथान-इंदिरा उद्यान, अंकलतरा, तहसील - अकलतरा, जिला- जांजगीर-चांपा (छ.ग.) में नियत की गई है सूचित हो कि लोक सुनवाई के दौरान भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायू परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली के आफिस मेमोरेंडम F No. 22-25/2000-IA,III दिनांक 14.09.2020 तथा कोरोना वायरस के नियंत्रण एवं रोकथाम हेतु शासन द्वारा जारी समस्त दिशा-निर्देशों का अक्षरशः पालन कराया जाना अनिवार्य होगा।

ई.आई.ए. अधिसूचना दिनांक 14.09.2006 (यथासंशोधित) के प्रावधानों के अनुसा ड्राफ्ट ई.आई.ए. रिपोर्ट, कार्यपालकसार की प्रति (हिन्दी व अंग्रेजी में) एवं इसकी सी.डी. (साफ्ट कॉपी) जन सामान्य के अवलोकन / पठन हेतु कलेक्टर, कार्यालय कलेक्टर, जिला-जांजगीर-चांपा, मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी, कार्यालय, जिला पंचायत जांजगीर, जिला जांजगीर-चांपा, अनुविभागीय अधिकारी (रा.), कार्यालय, अनुविभागीय अधिकारी (रा.) अकलतरा, जिला- जांजगीर-चांपा, महाप्रबंधक, कार्यालय महाप्रबंधक, जिला व्यापार एवं उद्योग केन्द्र, चांपा, जिला- जांजगीर-चांपा, मुख्य नगर पालिका अधिकारी, कार्यालय मुख्य नगर पालिका अधिकारी, अकलतरा, जिला- जांजगीर-चांपा, क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, व्यापार विहार, पं. दीनदयाल उपाध्याय पार्क के पास, बिलासपुर, सरपंच / सचिव कार्यालय, ग्राम पंचायत-किरारी, लगरा, पकरिया, तरौद नरियरा, बनाहिल, पौना, तिलई, नवागांव, झिलमिला, अर्जुनी, मुरलीडीह, रसेदा, दर्री, तहसील-अकलतरा, जिला- जांजगीर-चांपा (छ.ग.) डायरेक्टर, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवार परिवर्तन, मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, इंदिरा पर्यावरण भवन, वायु विंग, जोरबाग रोड़, नई दिल्ली क्षेत्रीय निदेशक, एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवाय परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, अरण्य भवन, नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, जिला रायपुर एवं मुख्यालय, छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, पर्यावास भवन, नॉर्थ ब्लॉक सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, जिला - रायपुर (छ.ग.) में रखी गई है।

सदस्य सचिव

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

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch	
		Shop No-SG-10, 11, 23, Melang, The Mall, Ground Floor, Pallavpuram-2, Meerut- 250106/ October 08, 2024	December 31, 2013 Meerut/ Rs. 37,16,491/- Mumbai		
The	above-mentioned borre the mortgaged proper	owers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 da ties will be sold after 30 days from the date of pub	y Notice to repay	the amount	

provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Date: October 11, 2024 Place: Delhi

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

GICICIBank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., Plot No. 23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak
Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi- 110005

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) R/w Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, (on the underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security with respect to a Housing Loan facility granted, pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the borrower, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in the exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the belowmentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s) (DHFL Old LAN & ICICI New LAN)	Description of Property/ Date of possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (₹)	of	
1.	Chandan/ 7700001747 & QZGHZ00005023448)	Flat No 20-A, Ground Floor, Pocket-B, LIG, New Jafrabad, Shahdara, Delhi- 100023/ October 08, 2024	July 30, 2022 Rs. 29,30,871/-	Delhi/ NCR	
The	e above-mentioned borrow	vers(s)/ augrantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day n	otice to repay the	amoun'	

else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Date: October 11, 2024 Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited Place: Delhi/ NCR

Franch Office: ICICI Bank Limited Plot No-23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs) Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession May 07, 2024 1. Kadambini laiswal/ Fws House No. D-83 (Without Roof Right), Ground Praveen Gupta/ Floor, Situated At Sector-4 (T.H.A), Residential Colony
LBDEL00004578690 Lajpat Nagar, Tehsil And District Ghaziabad, Uttar Rs. 18,19,639/-Pradesh- 201005/ October 08, 2024 June 29, 2024 Delhi/ NCR 2. Aasutosh Ajay Flat No. P8/2503, 24th Floor, Tower-p8, Prateek Grand City, Situated At Plot No.4/BS-01 & BS-5, Siddarth Vihar, Nh-24, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh- 201001/ Rs. 12,37,923/-Kumar Singh LBDEL00005935677 October 08, 2024

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Date: October 11, 2024 Place: Delhi/ NCR

Pronch Office: ICICI Bank | Branch Office: ICICI Bank | Road, Karol bagh. Delhi-110005

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET [See proviso to Rule 8(6)] Notice for sale of immovable asset(s)

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is'

and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No. Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any (B) (C) (D) (E) (G)

M/S Universal Journeys India Office Space No. DPT534 Parking No. PB1001, 5th Floor November 18, 2024 Rs. 97,70,000/-Novembei 05, 2024 83,51,692/-Private Limited (Borrower), Geetanjali Alamshah/ Journeys & Destinations India as on Rs. 9,77,000/from 11:00 AM to Block-F, Prime Tower, Plot No. 79 and 80 Okhla Industrial Area October 12:00 Noor 12:00 Noon to 02:00 PM Alamshah (Co-Borrower) Ph-1, Delhi. Area of LBDEL00002082106 747 Sq.Ft. The online auction will be conducted on the website (URL Link- https://disposalhub.com) of our auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ Noticees are given a last chance to pay the total dues with

further interest by November 16, 2024 before 05:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule. The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh. Delhi-110005 on or before November 16, 2024 before 05:00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before November 16, 2024 before 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh. Delhi-110005 on or before November 16, 2024 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Delhi For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 8657476284/8584874809

Please note that the Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited 2. Augeo Asset Manage Pvt Ltd 3. Hecta Proptech Pvt. Ltd. have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

Authorized Officer

For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s Date : October 11, 2024 Place: Delhi/ NCR

Auto industry mourns Ratan Tata's loss, stocks still soar

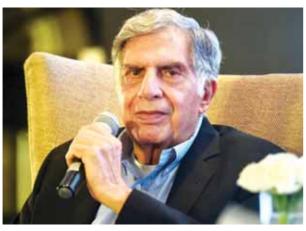
PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $R^{\text{atan} \quad \text{Tata} \quad \text{championed}}_{\text{innovations} \quad \text{that} \quad \text{are}}$ that hetter build tomorrow, auto industry body SIAM said on Thursday while paying homage to the eminent industrialist who passed away on Wednesday night.

"Indian automobile industry is deeply saddened with the passing away of Shri Ratan Tata, a towering figure, who has played a stellar role in bringing the Indian auto industry to the global stage," Society of Indian Automobile (SIAM) Manufacturers President Shailesh Chandra said in a statement.

A great humanist, visionary and leader, he championed innovations that are helping build a better tomorrow, he added.

Hero MotoCorp Executive Chairman Pawan Munjal termed Tata as a visionary



leader and ethical statesman. "I am deeply saddened by the passing of Shri Ratan Tata. His unparalleled contributions as a visionary leader and ethical statesman have left an indelible mark on our nation," he stated. Munjal further said, commitment to integrity and innovation not

only transformed industries but also uplifted communities, inspiring countless lives."

A true hero, his legacy of compassion and service will resonate for generations, guiding the industry towards the greater good, he added. Kirloskar Toyota Motor Managing Director & Chief

Executive Officer Masakazu Yoshimura said that as a global corporate luminary, Ratan forever remembered transformative contribution towards modernisation of the Indian business landscape and deep compassion towards the

betterment of the society. His profound contribution and revolutionary thinking has inspired the automobile industry in India to think beyond conventional

boundaries, he added. "Ratan Tata's legacy will continue to inspire and guide generations, reminding us that true leadership is defined not only by business acumen but by a selfless dedication to serve the betterment of humanity," Yoshimura stated.

Tata, the former Tata Group chairman, breathed his last at Mumbai's Breach Candy Hospital at 11.30 pm Wednesday. He was 86.

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Chares of Tata Group Scompanies on Thursday rose up to 10 per cent, with Tata Chemicals and Tata Teleservices among the major

Sons Emeritus Ratan Tata, who played a key role in transforming the group into a global conglomerate, passed away late on Wednesday. He

"Investors can pay tribute to Ratan Tata and the great corporate empire he built by buying stocks like TCS, Tata Motors, Tata Steel, Tata Consumer and Indian Hotels. 'Ratan Tata, while pursuing the group's growth, contributed substantially to India's growth and millions of ordinary investors gained from the great man's vision," V K Vijayakumar, Chief



Geojit Financial Services, said.

The stock of Tata Investment Corporation soared 10.47 per cent to trade at Rs 7,235.80 Tata Chemicals climbed 6.26 per cent to Rs 1,174.85, Tata Teleservices Maharashtra jumped 5.84 per cent to Rs 83.77, Tata Elxsi rose 3.37 per cent to Rs 7,867.80, Tata Power went up 2.56 per cent to Rs 472.70 on

shares Technologies, Rallis India, Nelco, Tejas Networks TaiGVK Hotels & Resorts, and Indian Hotels & Investment Strategist at Company also rose on the

In addition, the scrip of Tata Steel rose 0.91 per cent, Tata Communications (0.84 per cent), Tata Consultancy

Services (0.21 per cent), Tata Consumer Products (0.17 per cent), Voltas (0.24 per cent) and Automotive Stamplings & Assemblies (0.23 per cent) on the BSE.

However, Tata Group's retail firm Trent slipped 0.90 per cent to trade at Rs 8,146.35 apiece, Titan fell 0.81 per cent to Rs 3,465.80 and Tata Motors was down 0.40 per cent to Rs 935.35 per scrip. The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 198.28 points, or 0.24

Thursday. Investors should learn from the growth of the Tata empire that a long-term investment horizon is required to really participate in the wealth

creation that happens

per cent, to 81,665.38 in the

trade

mid-session

through the capital market. In a bull market like the present one, there will always valuation concerns. Vijayakumar added.

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has cancelled a press conference scheduled on Thursday evening announce its second quarter performance,

officials said. The press conference was originally scheduled at 1730

hours on Thursday. As originally scheduled, TCS will inform the exchanges about its July-September performance after the board meeting, the officials said.A scheduled call with analysts at 7 pm will be held as per schedule, they said.

The last rites of Ratan Tata, who passed away late on Wednesday evening, are scheduled to take place after 4 pm at central Mumbai's Worli on Thursday.

Amazon focuses on customer experience, not competition in India

PTI ■ NASHVILLE

mid the rise of quick Amu the fisc of a India, Amazon said it is focused customers, not competition, and that the proposition of offering users the largest selection at fastest speeds is a "winning" formula that "resonates" in India.

The e-commerce giant is upbeat on India's prospects buoyed by the rapid pace of economic growth and digitisation, Amazon Prime Vice President, Jamil Ghani adding that the investing unprecedented amounts in making its Prime programme "even faster" and that the momentum will continue.

India figures prominently as a hotbed of innovation for Amazon in every part of its business, he said. The company will continue to innovate in India for local markets, emerging markets and more and more for global

membership programme that

convenience entertainment - across 24 countries and over 200 million households and "India figures prominently in that landscape for Amazon". Amazon says its breadth of selection in India covers 'needs' all the way to 'wants' and that it is focused on broadening the selection, with faster speed, more convenience and attractive

Asked about the challenges posed by the rise of quick commerce companies in India, Ghani said Amazon obsesses about customers, not competition.

"Prime proposition is predicated on the largest selection at the fastest speeds. For instance, we have over a million items available the same day and four million items available, across India, the next day and so the breadth of selection we see in India covers the 'needs' all the way to 'wants'...And is delivered at ever faster



We're investing unprecedented amounts in making the programme even faster and we're going to continue to do that across the entire country," he told reporters on the sidelines of Amazon's flagship 'Delivering the Future' event here in Nashville. To a question of whether the

company would naturally progress towards quicker timelines in a select portfolio of product categories to take on competition from quick commerce firms, he said, "It's

a very natural assumption that we're going to get faster on more selections every single day."
"The reality is that not only

for our members, but our continue inventing in India members' expectations keep going up," he said.

The company is focused on broadening the selection, on speed, convenience and attractive prices. "That combination that Prime delivers of the largest selection at the fastest speeds is a winning proposition. You see that in the continued growth of the Prime programme in India and also the increase in engagement from those members as well," he said.

The marketplace offers many tailored solutions consumer needs, he said, adding, "that's true around the globe, it's good for customers to have a lot of options".

"Ānd what we see with the growth of membership and the growth and engagement that the prime proposition is resonating with our customers in India and we're going to keep on following that formula," Ghani said.

are there a lot of alternatives Amazon, he said, will for the India market, for emerging countries and increasingly across the globe. "I am extremely excited about what is going on in the country in developing economically. There is fascinating and inspiring innovation going on in every sector of the economy, digitalisation of just about everything. We are not just going to continue inventing in India for India we are also inventing for emerging countries broadly, and increasingly for globe from India," he said.

Amazon Store continues to get better every day with over million items available for delivery the same day and four million items across India for delivery the next day, the senior executive said. We are in the middle of the Great Indian festival and that is going exceptionally well with many members joining to avail the discount available across the entire store," Ghani



UPI transactions surge in first half of 2024

Indian instant payment system Unified Payment Interface (UPI) transaction volumes recorded a 52 per cent year-on-year surge to 78.97 billion in the first six months of 2024, according to a report.

In its India Digital Payments Report for the first half of 2024 (January to June), payment technology service provider Worldline said on Thursday that UPI continues to rule the payment market and is rapidly expanding its reach.

"The number of UPI transactions rose significantly from 8.03 billion in January 2023 to 13.9 billion by June 2024. This growth in volume was matched by an increase in transaction value, which climbed from Rs 12.98 trillion in January 2023 to an impressive Rs 20.07 trillion in June 2024.

the same period in 2023, UPI transaction volume saw a substantial increase of 52 per cent, rising from 51.9 billion to 78.97 billion," the report said

The value of transactions grew 40 per cent, increasing from Rs 83.16 trillion to Rs 116.63 trillion.

In terms of volume and value contribution, PhonePe emerged as the top UPI app, followed by Google Pay and Paytm.

However, average ticket size (ATS) of UPI transactions saw a decline of 8 per cent, the report noted.

The average ticket size (ATS) of all UPI transactions in H1 2023 was Rs 1,603, while it dropped to Rs 1,478 in 1H 2024, it said. ATS consists of person-to-

person (P2P) and person-tomerchant (P2M) transactions. ATS in P2P transactions registered an almost flat yearon-year rise from Rs 2,812 to Rs 2,836.

ATS for P2M transactions dropped from Rs 667 to Rs 643, representing a 4 per cent reduction.

'This significant rise in UPI transactions, particularly in person-to-merchant segment, further cements its position as the preferred method for microtransactions, demonstrating long-term sustainability and even movement to larger transactions in the coming vears," Worldline India CEO Ramesh Narasimhan said.

Grocery stores, restaurants, service stations, clothing stores, government services, pharmacies, and hospitals were the most visited in-store first half of 2024.

According to the research, they collectively accounted for almost 53 per cent of the overall transaction value and 68 per cent of the transaction

volume. E-commerce. utilities, government services, and financial services made

up around 81 per cent of the overall transaction volume and 74 per cent of the total transaction value in the online industry. Furthermore, the report

revealed that between January 2023 and June 2024, the number of POS (point of sale) terminals increased 17 per cent, rising from 7.65 million to 8.96 million.

Sensex, Nifty close higher amid buying in heavyweight stocks

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty settled higher on Thursday due to gains in banking, power and industrial stocks amid a firm trend in global markets. The 30-share BSE Sensex rose

144.31 points, or 0.18 per cent, to settle at 81,611.41. During the day, it soared 535.74 points, or 0.65 per cent, to hit an intra-day high of 82,002.84. The NSE Nifty increased 16.50 points, or 0.07 per cent, to close at 24,998.45.

In the intra-day trade, it rose 152.1 points, or 0.60 per cent, to hit a high of 25,134.05. "The market traded on a range

bound trend with a negative



bias ahead of the start of O2 result. "The Asian market started well but could not hold on to the gains as European markets waved on a negative trend in anticipation of the key US inflation data, global bond yields are rising," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said.

Sensex the 30 companies, Kotak Mahindra Bank, JSW Steel, HDFC Bank, Power Grid, IndusInd Bank, Maruti Suzuki India, NTPC,

Axis Bank and Mahindra & Mahindra were among the

gainers.

Mahindra, Гесh Sun Pharmaceuticals, Infosys, Titan, Tata Motors, Larsen & Toubro and Tata Consultancy Services were among the laggards. Domestic broader market momentum was mixed with caution as the initial expectation of Q2FY25 results is subdued due to a subpar momentum in the global and

rural demand, Nair added. Shares of Tata Group companies on Thursday rose up to 15 per cent, with Tata Investment Corporation, Tata Chemicals, and Tata Teleservices among the major gainers.

India plays crucial geopolitical role from American standpoint: USISPF

India plays a pivotal role geopolitically from an American perspective and offers US companies the opportunity to de-risk from China in the manufacturing sector, the head of a top Indiacentric American business and strategic advocacy group has said.

The economic growth story of India is tremendous. India is among very few large economies which are growing seven to eight per cent, Mukesh Aghi, the President and CEO of the US-India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF), said on Wednesday. American

perspective India plays a expected to gain pivotal role" geopolitically, he said. "India is one economy which

providing market opportunity, especially to US companies that come in and invest and gain market share. It is an economy which is providing de-risking from China itself in the manufacturing area," Aghi told PTI in an interview.

"What we are seeing is the Indian economy is not just becoming market opportunity, it's becoming an opportunity manufacturing. ..But more important is we are seeing a growth of global capability centres in India," Aghi said.

The Indian economy is

India is exporting roughly almost USD 125 billion of services. Aghi's remarks came ahead of the annual India Leadership

in 2025, he said.

Summit of the USISPF on October 14. Several top American business leaders, including CEOs of Fortune 100, are heading to New Delhi to

attend the event. The summit will feature thought-provoking sessions and panel discussions to advance and strengthen the India-US partnership.

'We have potential investors and also in startups and looking at technology companies.

RBI urges banks to enhance risk assessment department, internal audit function, function, etc," it said.

INBRIEF

NFR OPERATING 238 TRIPS OF SPECIAL TRAINS

MALIGAON: In anticipation of the increased passenger traffic during the upcoming festive season, Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) is all set to THE operate 13 pairs or 26 numbers of special trains. These trains will facilitate smooth travel experience during the forthcoming festive of Durga Puja, Diwali

EDUCATION COLLEGES ZONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL

AMRITSAR: The Education Colleges Zonal Youth festival of Guru Nanak Dev University was inaugurated today in the Dashmesh Auditorium of the University Students-artists from Education Colleges affiliated to the University are participating in this zone.



BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER VISITS GNDU



AMRITSAR: Her Excellency Ms. Cameron, British High Commissioner to India visited Guru Nanak Dev University. During her visit, Ms. Lindy Cameron met with officials of teaching, research & Innovation of the Guru Nanak Dev University

NFR REVISES TIMINGS OF FEW IMPORTANT TRAINS

MALIGAON: The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has decided to revise timings of ten (10) trains at few stations commencing its journeys from 12 th October, 2024 onwards running across its network. The revisions have been made to enhance passenger convenience and improve punctuality

IRFC to achieve Modi's Viksit Bharat goal

PNS NEW DELHI

Finance Indian Railway (IRFC), Corporation Schedule A Miniratna public sector enterprise under the Ministry Railways, announced on Thursday the appointment of Manoj Kumar Dubey, a 1993-batch Indian Railway Accounts Service (IRAS) officer, as its Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) and Chief Executive Officer

Dubey assumed office on Thursday. Dubey, who previously served as Director (Finance) and Chief Financial Officer of Container of Corporation India (CONCOR), expressed his honor at taking on the leadership of IRFC during what he sees as a defining moment for India's growth.

"India is on the cusp of significant economic advancements, and leading one of the nation's iconic public sector enterprises is both a privilege and a responsibility. We want to be in the mainstream of the Viksit Bharat 2047 strategy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi,"



Dubey said.

"India's rail infrastructure has flourished under the visionary guidance of Prime Minister and the dynamic leadership of Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. The swift launch of Vande Bharat Express, rapid expansion of railway routes, and enhanced capacity and speed of freight trains are clear markers of this success. In a decade, India has constructed 14,985 km of new railway tracks, surpassing achievements of developed nations like France," added Dubey.

To put it in perspective, between 2004 and 2014, the

total track length was just

14,000 km; however, in the

past decade alone, this figure

has more than doubled, now

exceeding 31,000 kilometers.

he Reserve Bank of India

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I on Thursday asked banks, NBFCs, and other entities regulated by it to use information obtained from all relevant internal and external sources for their risk assessment exercise. Reserve Bank's Regulated

entities (REs) have to carry out 'Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Risk Assessment' exercise periodically to identify, assess and take effective measures to mitigate their Money Laundering (ML), Terrorist (TF) Financing Proliferation Financing (PF) risks for clients, countries or geographic areas, products, services, and transactions or delivery channels.

In this regard, the central bank has issued 'The Internal Risk Assessment Guidance Money Laundering/ Terrorist Financing' for the REs, particularly for the dealing staff and the Anti-Money Laundering (AML)/



Financing Proliferation (CPF) practitioners of the

It specifies key principles for an internal risk assessment (IRA) exercise.

The enterprise-level risk assessment forms the bedrock of RBA (Risk-Based Approach). It enables the REs to understand how and to what extent they are vulnerable to ML/TF/PF risks which help REs in determining the allocation of attention and AML/CFT

REs should use information

obtained from all relevant internal and external sources for the IRA exercise, it said. Internal sources include data/information from specific business relevant information from other related verticals of REs (such as fraud/cyber/IT management verticals).

"To properly understand the products/services and the associated ML/TF risks, the IRA team may include Countering Financing of resources necessary to officials, for instance, from Terrorism (CFT) / Counter mitigate that risk," the RBI the product/service owner

compliance The central bank also emphasised that a siloed approach wherein only the AML team is involved in the

avoided. It further said REs may endeavor to adopt a data oriented objective approach to avert any kind of bias in the IRA exercise while quality of data inputs would need to be ensured so that the results

IRA exercise should be

RBI said that in an ever changing business environment and the level increasing complexities in the banking and other financial products offered by banks and other regulated entities, there is always a likely exposure to the elevated laundering, terrorist

are meaningful/useful.

financing risks. risks are further multiplied as use of emergent technologies and newer methods of payments enter the scene, it added.

financing, or proliferation

EMBRACING SELF-LOVE

In 'Time to Come Home', Damini Grover invites readers on a transformative journey of self-love, guiding them to rediscover their true selves and embrace their worth says, **SAKSHI PRIYA**

"YOU CANNOT LOVE YOURSELF WITHOUT ACCEPTING YOUR TRUE FORM." THIS SIMPLE YET PROFOUND CONCEPT INVITES READERS TO EMBRACE WHO THEY TRULY ARE, RATHER THAN CONSTANTLY SEEKING VALIDATION FROM OTHERS OR STRIVING FOR PERFECTION.



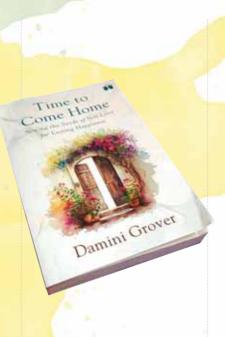
ime to Come Home by Damini Grover is an insightful and transformative guide that invites readers to embark on a personal journey of self-love and growth. From the very first chapter, Grover begins with the question, "What is self-love?" and encourages readers to dive into an activity that helps define its true meaning. This exercise serves as a powerful reminder that the love we show to others - support, encouragement, forgiveness, should be equally extended to ourselves.

One of the key ideas that *Grover* highlights is that self-love isn't selfish, it's essential for living a balanced and fulfilling life. As she points out, "You cannot love yourself without accepting your true form." This simple yet profound concept invites readers to embrace who they truly are, rather than constantly seeking validation from others or striving for perfection. The book's first

chapter makes an impactful start by showing how we often think of love in terms of what we give to others, our time, attention and care. As I read through this list, I realised how rarely we apply the same level of care to ourselves. Grover encourages us to view self-love as nurturing and forgiving ourselves, just as we would those closest to us. This includes celebrating our successes, whether big or small, and giving ourselves the compassion we so often reserve for others.

Grover's experience as a psychologist shines through in her practical advice, which is grounded in both personal anecdotes and examples from her professional life. These real-life stories make the book relatable and offer readers concrete ways to overcome common barriers to self-love, such as societal pressures and internalised doubt. She provides practical exercises that help readers incorporate self-love into their daily routines, making this journey toward personal growth more accessible and achievable.

A particularly powerful moment in the book is when the author explains how we often forget to celebrate our own achievements.



ABOUT THE BOOK

Book: Time To Come Home -Sowing the Seeds of Self-Love for Lasting Happiness by DAMINI GROVER

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Whether it's a small personal victory or a significant milestone, *Grover* reminds us that recognising our own efforts is a vital part of self-love. This isn't about pride, but about valuing ourselves and the work we put into our lives. It struck me how often we fail to give ourselves credit, constantly seeking praise from others, when, in reality, we should be the first to acknowledge our accomplishments.

What sets this book apart is its approachable tone and simplicity. *Grover* doesn't complicate her message with overwhelming ideas or heavy jargon. Instead, she offers practical guidance, allowing the reader to feel more connected to the process of self-love. Each chapter ends with exercises that encourage reflection and action, guiding readers toward building a stronger, more compassionate relationship with themselves.

One of the standout sections of *Time to Come Home* explores the concept of self-acceptance. *Grover* touches on how critical it is to stop battling with ourselves and to accept who we are in the present moment. She writes, "It is what it is," which resonates as a gentle yet powerful reminder that acceptance is the foundation for self-love. It's about acknowledging our imperfections without judgment, and choosing to embrace ourselves as we are.

A theme that deeply resonated with me was the emphasis on forgiveness, not just of others, but of ourselves. The author beautifully explains how forgiving ourselves for past mistakes and shortcomings is essential to moving forward. This aspect of self-love, often overlooked, is crucial for personal growth and healing. She also emphasises that loving ourselves includes uplifting ourselves in moments of doubt and difficulty, just as we would for a friend.

Time to Come Home is a guide for anyone seeking to rediscover themselves and strengthen their foundation of self-love. Through relatable stories, practical exercises, and a compassionate tone, Damini Grover highlights the vital role self-love plays in our overall well-being. According to Grover, self-love is not a luxury but a necessity. Without it, we may feel disconnected and unfulfilled, constantly seeking validation from others. By embracing self-love, we improve our relationships, make better decisions and lead more authentic lives. This book is a must-read for anyone ready to embark on the journey of returning to themselves and embracing the power of self-love.



OCTOBER NEW RELEASES
BY ALEPH BOOK COMPANY

India: A Linguistic Civilisation By GN DEVY (PRICE: ₹599, PAGES: 200)



In India: A Linguistic Civilisation, by GN Devy examines the profound linguistic diversity of India and its role in shaping national identity and culture. This insightful book traces the evolution of languages, addressing the challenges of documenting their histories while highlighting the impact of migration, colonialism and cultural practices. Devy emphasises the importance of preserving endangered languages and the rich oral traditions that enrich Indian heritage, making a compelling case for collective responsibility in safeguarding linguistic

Become an Achiever Right Now (Price: ₹299, Pages: 144)



In Become an Achiever Right Now. A Masterclass from thr Supergurus, a collection of insights from the world's leading self-help gurus, this book uncovers the common traits and strategies shared by great achievers. It explores how taking risks, learning from failures and possessing unique character attributes can propel individuals toward their dreams. With practical advice and inspirational stories, this masterclass equips readers with the tools they need to navigate life's challenges and achieve lasting

A Mother's Pain and Family Struggles

Lata Gwalani 'Not Before You' reveals the emotional depth and challenges of a family with a differently-abled child.



BY SANJAY CHANDRA

Not Before You by Lata Gwalani is a layered story that explores different facets of human emotions and accompanying family dynamics. It is the story of a mother's angst as she faces the reality that her first-born son is differently-abled and would not survive long. The story also explores the fragile balance of the family, as the other two members - the father and the second child, a normal daughter, deal with the situation in their own way, which does not include a caregiver role for the child. Jaya works in the media. A chance meeting with Suraj who runs his Yoga Ashram, culminates into romance, and marriage. Their joy soon turns into despair when they realise that the child, Nikhil, is different. The diagnosis after several visits to the doctors shatters them. In time, they have a daughter, Divya, who is normal. Jaya is determined to care for son till the end. Suraj takes refuge by escaping from reality. Divya is traumatised



ABOUT THE BOOK Book: Not Before You

Book: Not Before You by LATA GWALANI Publisher: Vishwakarma Publication Paperback: 216 page as she does not understand the reason for her mother spending more time with her brother to her exclusion. She also wants her mother to cuddle and care for her the way she sees her caring for Nikhil or the way the mothers of her friends care for their children. She continues to fight her demons even as an adult. She also blames her mother for the missing father. The mother bears it stoically. Years pass. Jaya retires from

her professional responsibilities. She realises with dismay that she is not getting any younger. She is not invincible. She is worried about Nikhil if she passes away before her son. She is willing to go to the extremes to ensure that the young man, who has been bedridden since birth, does not suffer if she dies before him. She is a mother who wants her son to die first. She is not certain if the two other people who matter to her, Suraj and Divya, would

suraj and Divya, would support her. Almost 8 million children in India live with disabilities.

that our children lead a normal life, and then a sympathy towards the parents. We do not pause and reflect upon the sentiments of the affected parents. Lata shows us the mirror to do just that. It is a sensitive subject beautifully handled by her. There are short references to Yama, the God of death, looking down upon this unique mother and bowing to her wishes to not die before the child. These passages do not interrupt the flow of the story, but could have been avoided. This is a book that teaches us the meaning of empathy. Lata Gwalani has a career spanning three decades in journalism and behavioural training. She is a renowned speaker on Emotional Intelligence and Leadership. Latauncovers captivating tales in the mundane and has published three works.

The first thought that runs through our minds is a silent prayer to the supreme being

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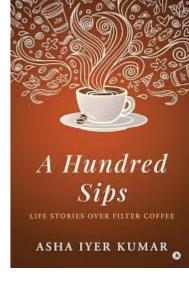
Finding joy: A hundred sips of life's simple moments

In 'A Hundred Sips: Life Stories over Filter Coffee,' Asha lyer Kumar invites readers to explore the essence of happiness and the beauty found in life's everyday moments, writes **GYANESHWAR DAYAL**

What is happiness and how can we discover it in the simple moments of daily life? Is there a pattern to the challenges and hardships we face on this journey? In 'A Hundred Sips: Life Stories over Filter Coffee', *Asha Iyer Kumar* presents a collection of uplifting stories that explore these questions and more. Rooted in her personal experiences, *Kumar's* narratives reveal how hope and joy can be found even amid life's struggles and tough decisions.

A Hundred Sips is a thoughtprovoking and beautifully crafted collection of stories that take the reader on a reflective journey through life's everyday moments. Each essay is like a sip from the cup of life, offering warmth, insight, and the subtle flavours of human experience. Kumar's writing is both intimate and relatable, drawing from her personal observations and universal truths. Her book explores themes of love, loss, joy and the simple pleasures that often go unnoticed in our fast-paced world. The strength of her prose lies in its simplicity; she conveys profound ideas in a conversational tone, making it feel like the reader is having a heartfelt discussion with an old friend.

Her stories remind us that although life may not always be perfect, there are always glimmers of light, even in the darkest times. With her straightforward yet profound writing, Kumar encourages readers to recognise the happiness and contentment hidden in everyday



moments, celebrating the small pleasures often overlooked.

Through this journey, *Kumar* invites readers to pause and reflect on their own lives, helping them uncover beauty in the ordinary and find the extraordinary within the mundane. Whether you're searching for comfort, inspiration or a fresh perspective, 'A Hundred Sips: Life Stories over Filter Coffee,' is a testament to the strength of the human spirit and the joy that can be discovered in the simplest of experiences. Her message is clear: Immerse yourself in these deep stories and let them guide you in savouring life, one sip at a time.

NITISH KUMAR REDDY CREDITS GAUTAM GAMBHIR FOR ALL-ROUND SHOW IN 2ND T201

India all-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy said the idea was to take on the Bangladeshi spinners and credited head coach Gautam Gambhir for boosting his confidence after his all-round effort powered the hosts to an 86-run win in the second T20I here.

India, who had lost to Bangladesh the last time these two teams clashed here, landed in trouble with their top order blown away inside the powerplay but Reddy and Rinku Singh joined forces to tables on Bangladesh.

The pair put on108 runs for the fourth wicket from 49 balls to take the game away from Bangladesh, with Reddy clobbering seven sixes and four fours to make 74 from a mere 34 balls.

"The conversation that we were having (was) a smooth conversation, we were not taking any pressure. We did not plan anything about the score. We saw the spinner coming on to bowl, and we thought that this was the main over and we should take him on," he said in a video shared by BCCI.

"To be honest, I should thank Gautam sir for this. He gave a lot of confidence in me. He told me to believe in my bowling."

"(He said) 'when you are bowling, you should think like a bowler and not as a batsman who can bowl'. That is what he kept telling me and that somehow boosted me,"



being adjudged the Player of the Match. "Playing for India is in itself a proud moment and getting the man of the match (award), I feel so grateful for this and I just want to live in this moment,"

"Once I got to know that from here you should take on. the bowlers. I was backing myself saying 'you can do "We were enjoying our this', added Reddy, who batting. I just said it is God's Reddy said he was grateful for returned 4-0-23-2.

"The conversation between us was like, he was telling me that maybe it is God's plan. We were just believing (in) it and we were just hitting the balls," Reddy said in a video shared by BCCI.

Rinku, who scored 53 off 29 balls with five fours and three sixes, said the pair decided to I just knew that I will take on take the aftack to the opposition.

plan, just keep hitting and

leave it on the one above. Nitesh bhai also batted well," said Rinku.

"It was only his second international match and it felt really good watching him," he

Rinku looked at his record with pride saying he has won each series that he has played for India and expressed his wish to continue doing that.

"This was my third of century in T20Is and all three have come in situations where India have lost early wickets have been lost and I got the chance to bat and I made a fifty," he said.

"I have won all the series with the Indian team since I started playing, so I would want to remain with the team and the key keep winning," added Rinku, who also has 'God' plan' tattooed on his arm.

Rinku said India skipper Suryakumar Yadav urges his

and play their natural game. 'Surya bhai has asked us to be aggressive and play our natural game, just back our shots and show our energy,"



IAMGAME Conclave for the Future of Indian Sports

The IAMGAME Conclave took place on Wednesday to put together key leaders, athletes, and industry experts to share their valuable insights on the evolution and global potential of Indian sports. The conclave addressed the most pressing challenges and opportunities within the Indian sports ecosystem, from infrastructure development and athlete nurturing to the growing influence of technology and the critical role of inclusivity and diversity.

The conclave was inaugurated by Mr Sudhanshu Mittal, President of Kho Kho federation .This more than just an event; it is a call to action. By facilitating open dialogue and knowledge sharing, the conclave aims to empower participants to drive positive change in the sports sector. The conclave had Prominent speakers such as Harmanpreet Singh, Ronjan Sodhi, Udit Sheth, Jaspal Rana, Nikhat Zareen, Namrata Parekh, Aparna Popat, and Rathindra Basu. Who shared their insights about how they can make the game better for athletes. "The conclave was not just about conversations, but

about fostering collaboration and setting the foundation for action that will shape the future of sports in India," said Karan Chettri, IAMGAME Founder. IAMGAME inspired innovation, tackled inclusivity, and empowered the next generation of athletes by fostering a collaborative environment for meaningful discussions. The insights generated at the event will serve as a roadmap for India's continued progress as a global sports powerhouse. Co-founder Mandeep Malhotra added, "Through IAMGAME, we have built a platform for collaboration and growth, positioning Indian sports for a brighter future."

note, with a renewed focus on empowering the next generation of athletes, promoting inclusivity, and fostering innovation. The insights and ideas generated at IAMGAME 2024 are expected to serve as a roadmap for India's continued progress as a global sports powerhouse. As the momentum from the conclave carries forward, it is expected to drive meaningful changes within the Indian sports ecosystem, pushing it to new

The event concluded on a high

lyer-Kishan on a "mission" as half of season to be held without top 60 players

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Shreyas Iyer would like to sit back on a 'Time Machine' to revive his start-stop international career while Ishan Kishan would aim to clear the popular perception about his allegedly "misplaced priorities", when the 90th edition of Ranji Trophy starts across the country with hundreds of players ready to slog it out for different itions and varied goals The Indian cricket board's powerful rap on the knuckles to the 'IPL happy duo' was a

message loud and clear to

anyone who would care to

listen - to earn mega bucks in be a signal of his intent for Ajit IPL auction, learn to give respect to the foundation of country's cricket - India's very own national championship.

Iyer wouldn't mind having a
1,321-run reason like he had
in the 2015-16 Ranji edition
which brought him into national reckoning.

He is at the cross-roads where it may not take long to slip off the selector's radar as his favourite ODI format is slowly Kishan, who has fallen off the crop of top T20 stars also pecking order among national 'keepers, has accepted the responsibility to captain T20I series in South Africa.

Jharkhand which would also If that is not enough, another

Agarkar and his colleagues. Like every edition, Ranji Trophy will be devoid of star power with none of country's top 17-18 players likely to be available throughout the

season due to eight Test

matches scheduled between October 16 to January 7. The next 18 will only be available for a single round before they embark on India 'A' tour to Australia while another 15 among the younger unavailable for a couple of weeks owing to a four-match

15 will be in Muscat for the Emerging Asia tournament, where BCCI wouldn't send its U-23 team like previous years as other Asian nations don't have robust age-group programme. Like every year, the national selectors would be out there to unearth hidden diamonds and

give them wings to fly in

coming years.

The Indian Test team's philosophy has undergone ea-change over the years it will no longer just be about volume of runs scored and quantum of wickets.

"If runs and wickets alone would have been a marker then Milind Kumar or Jalaj Saxena would have played for India," a former national selector, who has a deep understanding of the process

"If a batter has scored only 500 runs in a season but there is hundred on a green-top against good domestic attack and 60-odd on a proverbial akhaada (rank turner), his name would find a place in selector's notebook for India A

and nathways progra "Similarly, if a fast bowler is running in and making things happen on a batting belter with sun beating down, he will automatically grab eyeballs.

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Motilal Oswal Home Finance Limited

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY/IES)

(UNDER RULE 8 (1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of Motilal Oswal Home Finance Limited, (Formally known as Aspire Home Finance Corporation Ltd), under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and 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 issued Demand Notice dated mentioned hereunder calling upon the Rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated mentioned hereunder calling upon the Rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated mentioned hereunder calling upon the

ollowing borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being also mentioned hereunder within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The following borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the following borrowers and the public in general that undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned hereunder:. Sr. Loan Agreement No. / Name of the | Date of Demand | Date of

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l	l ' l	Mishra & Rajesh Mishra	Rs. 1126176/-		Din Dayal Colony, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh - 495001					
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ı	will be subject to the Charge of Motilal Oswal Home Finance Limited for an amount mentioned herein above and interest thereon.									
ı	The horrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the									

UJJIVAN SMALL FINANCE BANK

Not going in with pre-determined mindset has helped Smiriti and me, says Shafali

PTI DUBAI

Indian batter Shafali Verma said she and her opening partner Smriti Mandhana have moved away from the mindset of entering matches with "pre-determined" ideas about targeting any particular type of bowling, which has helped them achieve greater success.

The duo put up a 98-run opening stand to lay the foundation of India's emphatic 82-run win over Sri Lanka on Wednesday. In her 38-ball 50, Mandhana attacked the spinners, which is noteworthy since she typically relies on Shafali to handle tweakers.

"Yes, we have a very good combination now, as you said. That's because now we don't go being predetermined. Whoever is connecting well with the bat and ball on that day, we try to give singles and let her play more balls," Shafali said at the post-match press conference. "She's hitting the spinners very well.



So, it's a good thing. And we both just try to give as good a start as we can then it'd be good for the team to build a good inning and hit a good target," she added

Under the pump after the heavy loss Zealand and an New underwhelming win over Pakistan, India's hammering of Sri Lanka massively boosted their net run rate, elevating them to the second spot in

The Indian women have, however, struggled to hit the maximums at the Dubai Cricket Stadium, where they have played all of their matches

India men's team settles for bronze

13-11 in the favour of the Chinese

Shafali and Mandhana also copped criticism for their running between the wickets, which improved drastically against Sri Lanka

"We missed a lot of runs in the starting. I know about that. I think we're used to the condition. Maybe because of that, we're running well in between wickets. But we're trying to get the first run fast. Because the ground is very big, 70 meters, if I'm not wrong.

"So, we try to take the first run fast. It's very difficult to hit the sixes but we're thinking of taking the first run fast," Shafali said.

India next take on group leaders Australia in Sharjah on Sunday. It will be a change of venue for Harmanpreet Kaur and Co.

"For Sharjah, we will have three days off, If I am not wrong. So, we will work on the process and we will focus on what we can do to be confident. And hopefully, if we give our 100% individually then of course, we will win.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002. The undersigned as authorised officer of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd, has taken possession of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that Public auction of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" on the date as prescribed as here under

	lo. A	Loan ccount umber	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Gurantor	Date of 13-2 Notice & Demand Amount	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit(EMD) in INR (10 % of reserve price)	1.6 3.53994 71.735.5.	Last date for submission of Bid	Demand Draft drawn in favour of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank)
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Description of Asset on Auction:- All that part & parcel of House being situated at part of Khasra No. 403/2 P.H. No. 107, Mouja- Gudhiyari admeasuring 1200 Sq.ft., Tehsil & Dist:- Raipur (CG) North: Road East: Land of Seller South: Other's Land West: Road

The e-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS' and "whatever there is" BASIS".

1. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any property. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies put on auction and claims/ rights/ dues/ effecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the bank. The Authorised Officer. Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/ rights/ dues.

2. It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The inspection of property/ies put on auction will be permitted to interested bidders at sites as mentioned against property description

The Interested Bidders shall submit the ir Bid before the Authorised officer undersigned before the auction date as mentioned above

The E-Auction will be conducted through Ujjivan Small Finance Bank approved E-auction service provider - M/s C1 India PVT LTD. Contact person - Mr. Prabakaran (Mo. No. 7418281709). The intending bidders are advised to visit https://www.bankeauctions.com or https://www.ujjivansfb.in/e-auctions for the details of the properties in the website and for taking part in the bid they should register their names at portal https://www.bankeauctions.com and get their user-id and password free of cost. Prospective bidders may avail online training on E-Auction from the service provider M/s C1 India PVT LTD, Helpline Number's-7291918824,25,26 support email id:-support@bankeauctions.com, Auction portal-https://www.bankeauctions.com

5. Property shall be sold to the highest bidder / offered, subject to acceptance of the bid by the secured creditor, i.e., Ujiivan Small Finance Bank Ltd. However, the undersigned has the absolute discretion to

allow inter-se bidding if deemed necessary. The Authorised officer has the discretion to accept or reject any offer / Tender without assigning any reason. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded. The Earnest Money Deposit shall not bear any interest. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price, adjusting the EMD already paid, within 24 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the Authorised Officer and the balance 75% of the sale price on or before 15th day of sale or within such extended period in any case not exceeding 3 months as agreed upon in writing by and solely at the discretion of the Authorised Officer. In case of default in payment by the successful bidder, the amount already deposited by the offer shall be liable to be forfeited and property shall be put to re-auction and the defaulting Purchase

shall have no claim/ right in respect of property/ amount. The publication is subject to the force major clause.

8. Bidding in the last moment should be avoided in the bidders own interest as neither the Ujjivan Small Finance Bank nor Service provider will be responsible for any lapse/failure/internet failure/powe failure etc.), in order to ward-off such contingent situations bidders are requested to make all necessary arrangements / alternatives such as power supply back-up etc, so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully

This is also a notice to the above named borrowers/Guarantor's/Mortgagors about public auction scheduled for sale of mortgaged properties

Date: 11-10-2024

in Asian Table Tennis C'ships PTI ■ NEW DELHI The legendary Achanta Sharath Kamal, world No 42, found the going Indian men's team bowed out in the semifinals and settled for the tough against his world No 7 opponent Lin Yun-Ju, whose reflexes bronze medal following a 0-3 loss to and precision made the contest tougher for the Indian to settle into

Chinese Taipei in the semifinal of the Asian Table Tennis Championships his own game. Sharath Kamal lost the in Kazakhstan's Astana, on Thursday. contest 11-7, 12-10, 11-9. In the following contest, Manav Indian women's team had also won the bronze medal in the competition Thakkar lost to world No 22 Kao on Wednesday, which is the country's Cheng-Jui in a hard-fought contest first medal in the category since the whose outcome was 11-9, 8-11, 11-3, beginning of the event in 1972.

Taipei's player and a 2-0 lead. In the third game, Harmeet Desai also had to deal with disappointment as the Indian paddler lost to Huang Yan-Cheng 6-11, 9-11, 7-11.

"Despite the loss, the Indian men's team has much to be proud of. A bronze medal at the prestigious Asian Championships is no small feat, especially in the elite continental championships," said the Table Tennis Federation of India in a

Authorized Office Ujjivan Small Finance Ban