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# November's poll results will decide politicians festive mood

rith the Election Commission's announcement of another round of Assembly elections in the crucial states of Maharashtra and Jharkhand, and bypolls to several Assemblies and Lok Sabha seats across the States, the decks are now cleared for Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi to plunge into active politics by contesting from Wayanad in Kerala on November 13. The election in Wayanad has been necessitated after Congress Member of Parliament Rahul Gandhi vacated the seat for Rae Bareli, the other seat he had won during the Lok Sabha elections earlier this year. With Priyanka's potential entry

politics, the into active Congress' first family will be looking to solidify its influence Parliament. Additionally, with Privanka's presence in Wayanad, the party hopes to send a strategic message to the public, signalling the Congress's presence in both northern and southern regions.

Election Commission (EC) announced single Assembly polls in Maharashtra for on November 20, while Jharkhand to vote in two phases on November 13 and 20. The votes for both the polling states and bypolls will be counted on November 23. Keeping in view of the several upcoming festivals, including Diwali from October 29 to November 1, Chhath and Dev Deepawali on November 15,



Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar with Election Commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu

### **CEC** punctures Exit Poll balloon

RAJESH KUMAR

The Election Commission (EC) on Tuesday said a huge distortion was created due to exit polls, and called for introspection by pollsters. The EC also questioned the practice of showing winning/losing trends five to ten minutes after the official beginning of counting at 8 am on election result days. "Showing winning/losing trends at 8.05 am or 8.10am, which is just five or ten minutes after the start of counting at 8 am is nonsense. Political parties felt there was a huge distortion due to exit polls. Need self-introspection by pollsters," Chief Election

Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said. Addressing a press conference in New Delhi, Kumar also said exit polls create a huge distraction by raising expectations and it was a matter for selfintrospection for the media, particularly electronic media.

"We do not govern exit polls, but there is a need for self-introspection. What was the sample size, where was the survey done, how did the result come and what is my responsibility if I did not match to that result, are there disclosures - all of these need to be seen," Kumar said, flanked by two Election Commissioners Gvanesh Kumar and SS Sandhu.

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Ranjan Dimri/Pioneer the dates were decided and this will allow voters, particularly those temporarily migrating for the festivals, ample time to

return to their registered

voting locations. The term of Maharashtra Assembly will end on November 26, while the term of Jharkhand Assembly will end on January 5, 2025. Maharashtra has 288 seats while Jharkhand has 81 seats. Bye-elections to 47 Assembly seats and the Wayanad Lok Sabha seat will be held on November 1.

Announcing the schedules Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said the date of issue of Gazette notification for the Maharashtra Assembly election is October 22, last date of filing nominations is October 29, the date for scrutiny of nominations will be October 30 and the last date for withdrawal of candidatures is

crore eligible voters in Maharashtra while the number of eligible voters in Jharkhand is 2.6 crore," Kumar said.

Expressing concern over urban apathy affecting voter turnout, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar on Tuesday said that polling days in Maharashtra and Jharkhand have been kept mid-week so that more people vote. The EC has been flagging the issue of low polling in urban centres including those like Mumbai and Pune in Maharashtra, and has been taking a number of steps to increase awareness.

In Maharashtra, turnouts in 62 64 urban Assembly constituencies were less than the state average in 2019, as was the case in Lok Sabha elections, he said, adding "We will have a special drive for urban areas". He said in the recent Haryana election, there were booths in the "poshest' areas where voting was less than 20 per cent.

After the Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir polls, the BJP hopes to make a return to power in Maharashtra, where it has an alliance with Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena. The Maharashtra election expected to witness a two-way fight between the ruling Mahayuti Alliance of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP,) Shiv Sena-Eknath Shinde and NCP-Ajit Pawar and Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) coalition, of the Shiv Sena (UBT), NCP-Sharad Pawar and

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## Omar to be CM today... Nayab's turn tommorow

 $F^{\mathrm{ifty}}$  four-year-old Omar Abdullah is all set to take oath as the first chief minister of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday. His party, Jammu and Kashmir National Conference recorded a historic victory winning 42 Assembly seats in the maiden assembly elections held after the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35-A in 2019. This will be Omar Abdullah's second term in

office. However, this time, he will be governing a Union Territory without the special status that Jammu and Kashmir once held. He remained Chief Minister from January 2009 till October 2014. The oath-taking ceremony will take place at the

Sher-e-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) on the banks of Dal Lake in Srinagar, where elaborate security and other arrangements have been made. The swearing-in ceremony is expected to

witness several prominent leaders from the INDIA bloc, a coalition of opposition parties, in attendance. Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav and Supriya Sule from the NCP have already reached Srinagar to attend the swearing-in ceremony. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of the opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi are also expected to attend the oath ceremony. The National Conference has also extended

invitations to the top brass of the DMK, Shiromani Akali Dal, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, MK Stalin, Uddhav Thackeray, Sharad Pawar, Lalu Prasad Yadav, Arvind Kejriwal, and D Raja. Meanwhile, speculations were rife about the list

of probable members of the Council of Ministers. The NC is expected to induct a congress nominee in the council along with Independent legislators from the Jammu region to balance the regional aspirations

PNS CHANDIGARH/NEW DELHI

The meeting of the Haryana Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLAs to elect the State legislature party leader of the State will be held on Wednesday. Nayab Singh Saini, who replaced Manohar Lal Khattar as the Chief Minister of Haryana in March is likely to be the CM choice. He was the BJP's chief ministerial face in the state Assembly polls, and.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav are the central observers for the election of the state legislature party leader in Haryana. It is learnt that Shah and Yadav were named central observers after reports of rebellion by Union minister Rao Inderjit Singh and nine of his Ahirwal loyalist MLAs.

The minister, however, clarified that he was "solidly" behind the BJP. BJP experimented by naming one of the senior-most party members Union Minister Rajnath Singh to iron out the heavy factional differences in Rajasthan after the Assembly elections.

The meeting, which will be held in Panchkula. will elect the state legislature party leader, Haryana BJP president Mohan Lal Badoli said. The state legislature party leader will be the next chief minister. On Tuesday, Saini held meetings with senior officers making preparations for the BJP's big event. Hectic lobbying for ministerial berths have been doing the rounds and names of probables shall be shared to shared party high command on Wednesday.

The oath-taking ceremony of the new Haryana Cabinet will take place at Panchkula's Parade Ground in Sector 5 on Thursday and Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to attend. The BJP secured a third term in the Assembly polls in Haryana, results of which were declared on October 8. It won 48 seats against the Congress' 37 in the 90-member Assembly in the state.

### **Delhi AQI dips to** 'severe' category

SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW DELHI

The Air Quality Index (AQI) in certain parts of Delhi dipped to severe, a day after GRAP-1 rules kicked in with the national Capital's AQI falling under 'poor' category on Monday. The Anand Vihar pollution control monitoring centre recorded an AQI of 461 at 12:30 pm on Tuesday, data from the Central Control Board showed.

Amid the air becoming increasingly hazardous, Chief Minister Atishi announced that 99 teams will inspect private and government construction sites in Delhi to ensure compliance with dust mitigation measures. The average AQI for Delhi stands at 198 in the 'moderate' category at 4 pm, according to

With GRAP Stage 1 implemented along with other related measures in the national Capital, the Delhi government convened a high-level meeting to review the implementation of the first stage of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP). The meeting was chaired by Atishi and included representatives from various departments such as the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) Public Works Department (PWD), Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) and the revenue department among others. Continued on page 2

### National Capital Region's second airport almost ready for operations "A Beech King Air 360ER

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The Instrument Landing

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pilots during approach and

landing, particularly in low

the runway to provide visual

indication to pilots regarding

their correct descent angle

during the final approach.

Dadri.



RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

The National Corrections second airport, has successfully completed the calibration of the instrument landing system and precision approach path indicator to assess navigation systems. The calibration, carried out by Airports Authority of India (AAI) with support from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), represents a crucial milestone in the airport's journey towards operational readiness. The airport plans to apply for an licence aerodrome December, this year.

The airport is strategically

from the Airports Authority of India (AAI) began the calibration process on Thursday, 10th October, with the process concluding on 14th October 2024," ā media release stated on Tuesday. Pvt Ltd (YIAPL), a wholly-

owned subsidiary of Zurich Airport International AG, is developing the airport. The foundation stone for the project was laid in November 2021. The concession period for Noida International Airport commenced on October 1 2021 and will run for 40 years. The airport, which aims to commercial operations in April 2025, is expected to submit the application for licence aerodrome December after completing the validation flights.

In the first phase, the airport visibility conditions. The Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) is a system of lights positioned beside will have one terminal, one runway, 10 aerobridges and 25 parking stands. Once all four development phases are completed, the airport will have a capacity to handle 70 million passengers per year.

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### 26 arrested, Bahraich tense, but under control

**BISWAJEET BANERJEE** LUCKNOW

In a significant development, Uttar Pradesh significant police have arrested 26 individuals in connection with the recent violence in Bahraich. The arrests were made earlier today, and the accused were sent to jail following medical examinations, according to SP's Public Relations Officer (PRO) Shivesh Shukla.

To prevent the spread of misinformation, internet services in the district have been suspended until October 16. Normalcy is returning in the area as shops in the affected area opened on Tuesday afternoon. "The situation in Bahraich remains tense but under control", District Magistrate Monika Rani said. Continued on page 2



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More bomb hoaxes

Airport staffers and security agencies on Tuesday went into a tizzy to undertake specific counterterrorist drills at various airports after five planes, including one bound for the United States, received bomb-threat messages through a ocial media handle on

The threats via microblogging platform X came a day after five hoax bomb threat messages to three international flights, a mail train and a university on Monday, caused trouble to hundreds of passengers and airline crew.

According to sources, an X handle issued threats on Tuesday to five flights, an Air India Express flight from Jaipur to Bengaluru via Ayodhya (IX765), a SpiceJet flight from Darbhanga to Mumbai (SG116), an Akasa Air flight from Bagdogra to Bengaluru (QP 1373), an Air India flight from Delhi to Chicago (AI 127) and an Indigo flight from Dampam (Saudi Arabia) flight from Dammam (Saudi Arabia)

to Lucknow (6E 98). The Air India Express aircraft underwent a security check at the Ayodhya airport. The SpiceJet and Akasa Air planes have landed, according to flight-tracking websites. An Air India flight from Delhi to Chicago was diverted to Iqaluit Airport in Canada following a bomb



threat posted online and, as a

precautionary measure, has landed

at Iqaluit Airport in Canada," the airline said. It further said, "Air India notes that it, and other local airlines, have been subject to a number of threats in recent days. Though all have subsequently been found to be

hoaxes, as a responsible airline operator all threats are taken seriously.' An Ayodhya-bound Air India Express flight also received a bomb threat, which was sent via phone call for the IX 765 flight that flew from Jaipur at 12.25 pm. The Boeing 737 Max8 aircraft with call sign AXB765 landed at Uttar Pradesh's Ayodhya airport by 1.59 pm. The aircraft is currently parked in an isolated bay

area of Ayodhya airport, while passengers have been alighted from

the aircraft.

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## Weekly markets offer bargains, and traffic jams as a bonus!

### Large carts piled with clothes, fruits, vegetables, household items, take up roadspace

BY **ABHI SINGHAL** 

 $F^{\text{estive season in Delhi is also}}_{\text{shopping and gifting season,}}$ this inturn is a major factor that contributes to the severe traffic jams that are taking a toll on daily commuters. The glittering lights of the bustling streets bring little cheer to the stagnant long lines of traffic that make navigating the city a daunting experience, especially in the North-West areas, during evening hours.

The traffic congestion in the North West Delhi starts intensifying at Britannia Chowk, a crucial crossroad connecting Punjabi Bagh, Netaji Subhash Palace and Rani Bagh. Commuters heading towards Rani Bagh from the crossroad, face long red lights due to excessive rush

When travelling to the Shakurpur Basti Railway Station one will find sweet shops and small roadside markets in between. The condition becomes disastrous every Wednesday due to the 'Budhh Bazaar' (the ubiquitous Wednesday market) choking the two way road. Large heavy carts piled high with clothes, fruits, vegetables, household items, toys and more for sale take up roadspace. This leads to bumperto-bumper traffic, exacerbated by many traffic signals on the road. The traffic situation is further complicated on Mahatma Gandhi Road, as major thoroughfares of car modification shops and fruit vendors occupy the sidewalks, leaving little space for vehicles to manoeuvre. The stretch from Shri Ram Mandir crossroads to Mahindra Park Red Light is a notorious bottleneck. The narrow



road bends towards Madhuban Chowk, creating a choke point that disrupts traffic flow for buses and other vehicles.

Punjabi Zaika, a restaurant on the Mahindra Park crossroad seems to have earmarked its own parking in the service lane and the road itself. The main road is more difficult to travel on, due to the movement of DTC buses and crowded bus stands. The buses line up one behind the other, and this affects the complete stretch. Illegal parking along these routes adds to the chaos, affecting connectivity to Chandra Shekhar Azad Marg and M2K Rohini. Delhi's traffic woes are not new, the traffic but the festive season has made matters worse. "As soon as I leave home, I'm stuck in a jam. The whole of Delhi is gridlocked," Varun Singh, who was on his way to meet friends, said. Another commuter, Sanyam, lamented, "What used to be a 10-minute ride now takes at least 30 minutes. Meanwhile Traffic volunteers, and

police do what they can to manage the situation. "We tow illegally parked vehicles and try to keep things moving, but during the festive season, it's nearly impossible to control," a traffic volunteer stationed at Ashok Vihar Circle, said. Another volunteer explained the challenge of this job, "khade hona

asaan nhi hai, aur logo ko samjhana mushkil hai" (It is not easy to stand for so long and make people understand the traffic rules and curate the traffic.) As the peak office hours wear on,

the congestion extends to other areas, with heavy traffic beginning at the Punjabi Bagh flyover, leaving Delhiites hoping for a smoother ride amidst the festivities.



## Seven Governor-approved Maha Yuti nominees sworn in as MLCs in Maharashtra

Hours before the Election Commission of India (ECI) declared the schedule for the Maharashtra Assembly polls, seven Maharashtra Governor-approved ruling MahaYuti nominees were sworn in as the members of the Maharashtra Legislative Council on Tuesday. The seven persons -- whose

names were recommended by the BJP-led MahaYuti government on Monday afternoon and were approved by Maharashtra Governor CP Radhakrishnan later on Monday night -- were administered oath as MLCs by Maharashtra Legislative Council's deputy chairperson Neelam Gorhe on Tuesday at a hurriedly held swearing ceremony at Vidhan Bhavan.

The swearing-in ceremony took place a few hours before the ECI declared the schedule for the Maharashtra Assembly



The newly sworn-in MLCs include three representatives from the ruling BJP and two each from the Eknath Shindeled Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawarheaded NCP.

The seven new MLCs are: BJP's state women wing chief Chitra Wagh, the party's general secretary; and eral secretary; and Dharmaguru Babusing Maharaj Rathod, a priest from the Banjara community (all from the BJP quota), former MLC Manisha Kayande and former MP Hemant Patil ( both from the Shinde Sena), senior NCP (Ajit Pawar) minister Chhagan Bhujbal's son Pankaj Bhujbal and Idris Naikwadi, former Mayor of Sangli (both from the Ajit Pawar-led NCP)

In all, 12 MLC vacancies from the Governor's quota have remained unfilled for more than four years.

At a meeting presided over by chief minister Eknath Shinde, the State Cabinet had on Monday recommended seven names to the Governor who approved the same late in the night. The remaining five MLC vacancies would be filled after the State Assembly polls.

October 20, 2020, the previous Shiv Sena-led MVA government had recommended 12 names, including that of Bollywood actress Urmila Matondekar, to the Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari for nomination as the MLCs from his quota. However, Governor Koshyari had kept the nominations on hold despite an intervention by the Bombay High Court.

Subsequently in June 2022, Uddhav Thackeray-led MVA government was was toppled by the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and BJP alliance. Eknath Shinde became the Chief Minister, while Devendra Fadnavis took over as the Deputy chief minister. In February 2023, Governor Koshyari was replaced by Ramesh Bais. Of the 12 MLC vacancies, the Shinde government recommended seven names which were duly approved by the new Governor

Bias on Monday night.

## Haryana-wary Congress appoints 11 leaders as senior observers for Maharashtra Assembly polls

T N RAGHUNATHA

fter its bitter experience After its office experience in Haryana Assembly polls where it failed to translate its expectations into votes, the once-bitten twice shy Congress leadership on Tuesday appointed as many as eleven senior observers and two senior coordinators to supervise the party matters during the State Assembly polls in Maharashtra. On a day when the Election

Commission of India (ECI) scheduled the Maharashtra Assembly polls for November 20, the All India Congress Committee (AICC) high command appointed 11 senior leaders drawn from various states as senior observers for five different regions in the state.

In addition, the Congress appointed the party's senior leaders from Maharashtra --Mukul Wasnik and Avinash Pande -- to oversee the details of the party's candidate selection and electioneering during the polls.

That the Congress is not tak-



ing any chances in handling the State Assembly elections in Maharashtra can be seen from the choice of leaders chosen as senior observers for various regions for the State Assembly polls.

Rajasthan's former chief minister Ashok Gehlot and Karnataka Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara have been chosen as the party's senior observers for Mumbai and coastal Konkan regions respectively.

The responsibility of the polit ically crucial Vidarbha region has been entrusted to former chief minister of Chhattisgarh Bhupesh Baghel, Punjab's for-mer chief minister Charanjit Singh Channi and former minister and sitting MLA of Madhya Pradesh Umang

Singhar.

Former deputy CM of Rajasthan Sachin Pilot and Telangana Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy have been chosen as senior observers for Marathwada region. Western Maharashtra will be

under former deputy chief minister of Chhattisgarh T. S. Singh Deo and Karnataka Minister M. B. Patil.

Rajya Sabha Member from Karnataka Syed Nasir Hussain Dansari Anasuya popularly known as Seethakka have been nominated as senior Maharashtra.

Maharashtra.
Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, party president Mallikarjun Kharge and party leader Priyanka Gandhi will lead the campaign in Maharashtra. The Congress-led Maha Vikas Agadhi had elicited wonderful response from the people across the State in the recent Lok Sabha polls, in which the Lok Sabha polls, in which the three- party alliance had collectively won 31 out of total

After its unforgettable experience in Haryana where it failed to come to power despite expectation that it would post a comfortable victory in the state Assembly, the Congress high command has warned the party leaders in the state against bickering among them during the campaigning for the November 20 Assembly polls. Rahul Gandhi has asked the party leaders to put up a united face

48 seats.

## Mumbai cops make fourth arrest in Baba Siddique murder case

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

The Mumbai police arrest-I ed one more person in connection with the brutal murder of NCP (AP) leader and three-time former MLA Baba Ziauddin Siddique in Mumbai on October 12, taking the total number of arrests made in the sensational crime

Identifying the newly arrested person as Harishkumar Balakram (23), the police said that he was arrested from Bahraich in Uttar Pradesh. Balakram works as a scrap dealer in Pune. He had absconded after the murder of Baba Siddique on Sunday

The three persons arrested earlier are in police custody. The police will seek the formal custody of Balakram, the fourth arrested person, from

In addition, the police have detained two persons --Gullu and Monu -from Pune for questioning.-

It may be recalled that Baba Siddique was shot dead by



three miscreants outside his MLA-son Zeeshan B. Siddique's office in Nirmal Nagar in Bandra (East) in north-west Mumbai on Saturday night.

A former minister, 66-yearold Baba Siddique --- who had initially been with the Congress for more than three and a half decades before joining to the Ajit Pawar-led NCP in February this year for some reasons - had suffered three bullet wounds - two in his chest and one in his abdomen - after seven rounds of fire were opened at him by the miscreants. He succumbed to bullet wounds late at the nearby Lilavati Hospital.

## DU withdraws circular increasing workload of senior faculty members

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi University on Tuesday withdrew a circular that increased the workload of senior faculty members to match that of junior counterparts after it faced backlash from the teaching staff on social media. The circular, issued earlier in

the day by the university administration, directed principals and directors of DU colleges and departments to assign professors and associate professors the same workload typically given to lowerranked positions like assistant professors.

According to UGC norms, senior faculty members (professors and associate professors) are required to work 14 hours a week, while junior faculty (assistant professors) have a 16-hour weekly workload. The circular proposed increasing the workload of senior positions by two hours citing the Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) promotions. 'The incumbent(s) will assume the workload associated with the core post of Assistant Professor, regard-



less of any promotions as Professor, since the promotion under CAS is specific to the individual," read the order issued by the deputy registrar's

The move drew objections and criticism from faculty members on social media, with some accusing the administration of increasing the workload to compensate for the Four-Year Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUP) rather than recruiting additional teaching staff.

"When the UGC regulations is the programme of the control o

do not differentiate between associate professors through direct recruitment or promotion, then why is DU issuing this notification? This needs

to be completely rejected, and DU must immediately roll back this notification," said Mithuraaj Dhusiya, a DU professor and member of the Academic Council.

Another faculty and secretary of the Democratic Teachers Front (DTF) said, "Instead of asking the government for additional teachers, existing faculty is burdened with more teaching hours. Yet another assault by Delhi University, while DUTA remains silent on policy issues! The UGC Regulations of 2018 (and prior regulations from 2010) do not make any such distinctions. According to the regulations, direct teaching hours are 14 for senior faculty and 16 for junior faculty. The DU Ordinance also reiterates the UGC Regulations of 2018." Following the criticism, DU issued a fresh circular in the evening stating that the earli-er circular regarding the work-load of teachers had been withdrawn. "Further, it is informed that subsequent clarification, if any, in this regard will be issued by the university in due course," it

## Two men held for firing at petrol pump employee during robbery attempt

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police arrested two men for firing at a petrol pump employee during an alleged robbery attempt near the facility in northeast Delhi's Gokulpuri.

According to the police on Tuesday, the accused has been identified as 45 years old Satender, alias Baba and 39 year old Rahul Kashyap, alias Deepak.

The 48 year old Ravinder Pal Singh, who got a gunshot injury at left arm, is currently undergoing treatment at Guru Tegh Bahadur (GTB) hospital. DCP Northeast Delhi Rakesh

Paweriya said, "A PCR call at 10.36 am on Monday was received in the Gokalpuri police station regarding firing by weapon and manager of petrol pump was injured. He along with his associate was going to deposit cash from the petrol pump into the bank when two persons

the bank when two persons on a bike stopped them and tried to snatch the bag." He added that when he resist-

ed, the accused fired on him. The police said that no cash



309(5) (robbery), 311 (Robbery, or dacoity, with attempt to cause death or grievous hurt) and 3 (5) BNS and relevant sections of Arms Act was registered.

Accused Satender was found previously involved in 12 cases including cases of Maharashtra Control Of Organized Crime Act, 1999 (MCOCA), Murder, Robbery and Arms Act. Accused Rahul was also

found previously involved in

seven cases including cases of Robbery, Theft and Arms

The DCP stated that one person who has worked at the Petrol Pump had given information regarding the cash to the accused.

"Search of this third accused is being made," Paweriya said. He added that one pistol with one live cartridge and one fired cartridge and one motorcycle, which was stolen from GTB Enclave area, was recovered from their posses-

## **Delhi AQI dips to** 'severe' category

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Regulations in this stage include rigorous inspections of polluting vehicles and improved traffic management has been kicked in. Stringent emission controls are applied to industries, power plants, and brick kilns. The plan also kilns. prohibits the open burning of waste, restricts the use of diesel generators, and bans coal or firewood use in restaurants.

Speaking after the meeting, CM Atishi emphasised the urgency of addressing to carpool, avoid burning pollution with the air crackers and garbage, and quality falling into the report pollution incidents "poor" category over the on Green Delhi app.

past two days. The teams will report their findings daily to the 'Green War Room', which monitors air quality control measures across the city.

Meanwhile, Delhi traffic police have also been directed to identify traffic congestion hotspots and deploy extra personnel as needed. "If additional support is required, home guards will be made available to manage traffic flow and prevent vehicle emissions from adding to the pollution," she stated. Atishi appealed to Delhiites

## More bomb hoaxes keep airports on...

The SpiceJet aircraft landed safely at the Mumbai Airport and was directed to an isolation bay as precautionary measure. "All disembarked passengers normally, and security agencies were immediately notified.

thorough security After checks, the aircraft has been operations," further SpiceJet spokesperson said. An Akasa Air spokesperson said their flight received a

security alert on board. The captain followed all required emergency procedures and landed safely the Kempegowda

Airport, Bengaluru at 13:39 hours. All passengers were deplaned and local authorities undertook the necessary safety and security checks after which the aircraft was released for operations," the spokesperson said.

Indigo said in a statement that it was "cognisant of a situation involving flight 6E 98 from Dammam to Lucknow". Dammam-Lucknow

flight landed at the Jaipur following airport diversion. The aircraft has been sent to

an isolation bay, an official at the Jaipur airport said. The X handle tagged the airline and police handles, claiming that bombs were placed on these planes, the sources said. Four different X handles had issued a similar threat to three international flights originating Mumbai on Monday.

All the messages on Monday were declared a hoax after security and intelligence agencies as well as airlines and airport operators carried out stipulated anti-terrorist security drills that are activated in case of bomb or hijack threats, the sources

Officials said the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has sought the help of cyber-security Indian agencies and police to trace the person or people behind these threats.

## **CEC** punctures Exit ...

The CEC said associations as the Broadcasting and Digital Standards Authority should some regulation."Counting happens roughly on the third day after elections end. Expectations rise from 6 pm, but there is no scientific basis to this in public disclosure," he said.

"When counting starts, results start coming (in the media) from 8:05 am and 8:10 am. This is nonsense. My counting starts at 8:30 am," Kumar said, wondering whether the initial trends were shown in the media to justify exit polls.

The CEC said the Election Commission starts putting out trends or results on its website from 9.30 am onwards

at two-hour intervals. Kumar said that a correspondent of a media organisation at counting stations can get results early, but the poll authority has to display the result on the screen, get the polling agents to sign it, and offer justification observers. "It may take 30 minutes for the results to

come on the official website,"

he said. 'So, when the actual results start coming in, there is a mismatch. That mismatch can lead to serious issues sometimes. The gap between expectations achievements is nothing but frustration," the CEC said. The Congress had questioned the delay in displaying results

on the EC website in the

recently concluded Haryana

Assembly polls.

AAP's measures to tackle pollution ad hoc: Delhi Congress **STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Congress President Devender Yadav on Tuesday called the AAP government's measures to tackle pollution 'ad hoc', claiming that the ruling party only comes up with it when the air of Delhi becomes toxic and unbearable. "The various measures announced by Chief Minister Atishi and by Environment Minister Gopal Rai earlier to combat air pollution was recycled measures which the AAP government has been repeating every year, without taking effective, sustained steps to end air and water pollution on a permanent basis," he said.

## **November's poll results will...**

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In the 2019 Assembly election, the BJP, and undivided Sena, coalition had come to power in the state which won105 seats, while the Congress secured 44. The BJP's performance in the recent Lok Sabha elections saw a drop, winning only nine seats out of 48, compared to 23 in the previous term, while the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) won 30 seats.

Bypolls to the Kedarnath Assembly seat Uttarakhand and the Nanded Sabha seat Maharashtra will be held on November 20. Bypolls to the Basirhat Lok Sabha seat in West Bengal and Milkipur in Uttar Pradesh were not announced as election

petitions are pending for the The BJP hopes to make a dent this time in Jharkhand. The ruling Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), part of the INDIA Bloc, is up againNational Democratic Alliance (NDA), which comprises the BJP, the Janata Dal (United), and the All Jharkhand Students Union (AJSU). In 2019, Hemant Soren's JMM had won 30 seats while the Congress bagged 16 seats paving way for Soren to be sworn in as CM.

The BJP-led NDA has already started campaigning to regain lost ground, deploying Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Assam

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma who have been raising the "Bangladeshi infiltration" and "rampant corruption".

For the much to be watched bypoll, after Rahul vacated the Wayanad seat, Congress announced that Priyanka Gandhi would contest the bypolls there. Rahul chose the Rae Bareli

seat because of the Congress's strong history in the constituency, having won all Lok Sabha elections except in 1977, 1996, and 1998. Rahul's grandparents, former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Feroz Gandhi have also represented constituency, as did his mother the longest serving

party president Sonia Gandhi

who is now a Rajya Sabha

### **National Capital** Region's second airport almost... From page 1

Noida International Airport

(IATA code - DXN) will connect the greater Delhi area and also Western Uttar Pradesh with other cities in the country and the world. "The airport will combine Swiss efficiency and Indian hospitality to offer rich experiences comprehensive commercial attractions and services to its passengers. NIA is committed to an ambitious net-zero emissions goal

supported by sustainable

design and operations

principles," said the airport.

Prime Minister Narendra

Modi laid the foundation stone of Jewar Airport on November 26, 2021. The airport is expected to be operational later this year, two years before IGI Airport reaches its threshold traffic handling capacity.
To facilitate connectivity

between the airport and its catchment area, the Uttar Pradesh government has enlisted the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) to develop a proposal for a high-speed rail link. Additionally, plans are underway to integrate the

RRTS in Ghaziabad with the

forthcoming Noida airport.

## 26 arrested, Bahraich tense...

From page 1

The violence in Bahraich saw over 50 houses being vandalised, and their residents fled. To maintain law and order, police patrolling has been intensified across a 20kilometre radius in Hardi and Mahsi areas. Security measures include the

deployment of police vehicles for continuous surveillance and strict entry protocols, allowing access to the affected areas only after verifying identification through Aadhaar cards. Amid the ongoing tension, the family of Ram Gopal, who was killed during the violence, met with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at the CM House. Ram Gopal's father, visibly distressed, pleaded for justice

with folded hands before the

Mahsi MLA Sureshvar Singh accompanied the grieving family during the meeting. The CM assured them of a relief package, which includes financial assistance of Rs10 lakh, a PM house, an Ayushman Bharat health card, and a contractual job for Ram Gopal's widow.

The situation in the violencestricken areas remains tense. with the Rapid Action Force (RAF), Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC), and local police deployed to maintain order. District Magistrate Monika Rani stated that the administration is assessing the extent of the damage to the vandalised houses

Additional director general (ADG), law and order (L&O) currently stationed in Bahraich, closely monitoring the situation. Meanwhile, Union Minister Giriraj Singh criticised the

Amitabh Yash, along with

other senior police officials, is

Samajwadi Party (SP) over the violence, accusing the SP and Congress of orchestrating the unrest. Singh questioned, "What will Akhilesh ji say now? The country was divided on religious grounds-Hindu and Muslim. Are we to face bullets in our own country for taking out processions or immersing idols? Why do such incidents happen in our own country?" He alleged that the Bahraich violence was a conspiracy by the SP and Congress, claiming that Akhilesh Yadav remains silent when such incidents occur.

## Surajpur double murder accused held | Raipur South Assly bypoll on Nov 13

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Chhattisgarh Police on Tuesday arrested historysheeter Kuldeep Sahu, who killed the wife and daughter of the head constable in Surajpur district, from Balrampur district and brought here.

Sahu was detained in Balrampur city from a passenger bus heading to Ambikapur city from Jharkhand, Surguja (Range) Inspector General of Police Ankit Garg said. Sahu had killed Mehnaaz

Sheikh (35) and Aliya (11), the wife and daughter, of the police head constable Talib Sheikh posted at City Kotwali

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Tuesday

dedicated the public Bastar

Dusshera Pasra, costing over Rs

2.99 crore, during his daylong

visit to Jagdalpur, district

headquarters of Bastar.
The old tehsil office,

located near the Danteshwari

temple, has been renovated

and dedicated to the public for

hosting the Bastar Dusshera. It

has been named 'Bastar

Dusshera Pasra' (place for

also participated in Muria

Darbar, an important event of

Dusshera and said that the 75-

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 $T_{\ meeting \ has \ been \ convened \ on \ Wednesday}^{he \ Chhattisgarh \ cabinet}$ 

morning.
Chief Minister Vishnu

Deo Sai will chair the

meeting to be held at 11 am

at Mantralaya, Mahanadi

Bhawan, Nava Raipur, a

spokesperson said. It is

expected that the meet will

discuss in details the

upcoming paddy procurement process which

aims at buying a record 160 lakh metric tonne of the

crop and also the

preparations for the

statehood day celebrations

on November 1. A cabinet

sub-committee headed by

Food Minister Dayaldas

Baghel had recommended

November 15 in the state

**Preliminary publication** 

of voter list for urban

the

procurement

commenced

paddy

from

government

RAIPUR

days-long festival was one of

Sai cabinet to meet

today for key decisions

The Chief Minister later

Bastar Dusshera).

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**JAGDALPUR** 



**CM** inaugurates Dusshera Pasra in Bastar

police station in the Surajpur

the biggest festivals of the

region. It is celebrated in the

region by local people with firm belief and devotion, he

said. The Chief Minister here

also inspected a photo

exhibition showcasing various

rituals of Bastar Dusshera,

including a symbolic chariot

and representations of gods

and goddesses at Pasra, and

expressed his appreciation for

for the Kharif marketing

year 2024-25. The state cabinet will discuss the

issue and will take a final

call. The sub-committee

had recommended to

procure 21 quintal paddy

per acre from registered

farmers on MSP at

procurement centers this Kharif season

Chhattisgarh had procured

144.92 lakh metric tonne

paddy on MSP during

Kharif season 2023-24 and

this year's target is to

procure 160 metric tonnes

discuss the preparations

for organizing programmes

across the state to mark the

occasion of state foundation day November

1. As this year Dipawali

festival will coincide with

the Rajyotsava celebration,

the cabinet may extend the

date of statehood

celebrations to November

second week, sources said.

The meeting could also

of paddy, sources said.

After the incident, he fled

the city. The police traced the location of Sahu in Jharkhand

after he committed the crime

them. He also posed for

photographs near the symbolic

provide easy access to

information for the general

public and tourists by

establishing live replicas of the

main rituals of the Dusshera

festival at Dusshera Pasra.

These include Pat Jatra, Deri

Gadhai, Kacchan Gadi, Raila

the following works:

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Efforts have been made to

chariot.

in Surajpur.

Based on the technical analysis of CCTV footage, Sahu was nabbed when he was heading to Ambikapur city to get money.

Senior Surajpur Superintendent of Police MR Ahire had announced a cash reward of Rs 10,000 for giving information related to the whereabouts of Sahu.

Tension prevailed in Surajpur city on Monday after the killing incident came to light and the locals set ablaze residences and godowns of Sahu and his relatives.

The police had booked Sahu in three cases under various sections of Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS).

Devi Puja, Jogi Bithai, Rath Parikrama, Bel Puja, Nisha

Jatra, Mawali Parghav, Bhitar

Raini-Bahar Raini Kachan

Jatra, Kutumb Jatra, and Doli

Vidaai. The world-famous

'Bastar Dusshera' is celebrated

as a unique cultural tradition of

Chhattisgarh, honouring Mata

Danteshwari, the revered goddess of the Bastar tribes, as

longstanding tradition at the

tehsil office, the presence of all

deities involved in the

Dusshera festival, including

Angadev has been documented

at this location. Consequently,

the administration has

relocated the tehsil office to a

different site, designating the old office for Dusshera Pasra.

**Probable** 

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Lakh

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Rs. 79.99

Lakh

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In accordance with a

well as local deities.

election to Raipur City South in Chhattisgarh will take place

The Election Commission of India, announcing the dates for the bye-polls across the nation, said that voting for the Raipur South Assembly seat would be held on November 13 and the counting of votes

The bye-elections in the Assembly seat was necessitated as BJP MLA Brijmohan Agrawal vacated the seat after being elected as a Member of Parliament from



Raipur seat.

The assembly seat is a bastion of BJP as it was never defeated from here after Chhattisgarh was carved out 24 years ago from Madhya Pradesh.

The prominent contestants from BJP for the seat include Sunil Soni, Sanjay Shrivastava, Kedar Gupta, Meenal Choubey and Nandan



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 Gold Loan A/C No. : GL21463358, GL23070752, GL24831049, GL25484231

 GL25486149, GL25738206, GL27687050, GL27738170, GL27738593
 GL27903973, GL32944485, GL28019547, GL32944486, GL27900582. GL32944482, GL32944487, GL32944483 GL32944489, GL32944490, GL32944491, GL32944492, GL32944493

Branch Name: RAIPUR-PANDRI, Taluka - Raipur. Gold Loan A/C No.: GL21850652, GL22079526, GL22152671, GL22170755 GL22288237, GL24990108, GL22273482, GL24950012, GL22389432, GL25354475, GL23340204, GL25581993, GL24124087 GL26555567 GL26694291. GL26775959. GL27255373. GL27600222 GL28842596

GL30888694, GL33963321, GL29423006, GL33923895, GL32105061, GL33988044, GL34103839, GL34156670, GL34206466. Branch Name: RAIPUR-SUNDER NAGAR MAIN ROAD GL, Taluka - Raipur

Gold Loan A/C No. : GL22289594, GL22550480, GL24987226, GL25542912 GL26017013, GL26103289, GL26349112, GL26354648, GL27418314 GI 27800887 GI 28708035 GL27660332, GL28081202, GL28816071, GL30699559, GL28890103, GL30775396, GL29149520 GL32386724 GL28804382. GL28897468

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Branch Name: BHILAI-RISALI GL, Taluka - Durg.

applicable to nominee/legal heir.

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL21717353, GL22289412, GL22537250, GL22982344 GL24242071, GL24632727, GL24721303, GL25145121. GL25732169, GL25882819, GL27066279 GL25542264, GL26014592, GI 27103529 GL27308556. GL27329388. GL27489803 GL27571008 GL27663291, GL27734156 GL27587917, GL27700196, GL27733667, GL27835480. GL27872305, GL27935136, GL27939026 GL28060413 GL28091171, GL28652333, GL28698798, GL28783122, GL28800566 GI 28987395 GI 29436518 GL28948130. GL29211453, GL29249959. GL29540550 GL29532987, GL29879350, GL30457757 GL29446373,

Branch Name: BHILAI-SUPELA GL. Taluka - Durg

GL30878547, GL31030418, GL31059177. Gold Loan A/C No.: GL22058205, GL22174905, GL23481192, GL26716953, GL27318969. GL27488618, GL27488900. GL27684414. GL28015579, GL28070545, GL28227831, GL28289423 GL28636197 GI 28849793 GL28958182. GL29344357. GL29551832. GL29558283. GL29603553, GL29699625, GL29718231, GL29912334, GL29923948 GL29936682, GL30467337, GL30871086, GL30876769,

GL31128436

Branch Name: DURG-DURG-STATION ROAD, Taluka - Durg.
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Gold Loan A/C No.: GL26990075, GL27516335, GL28066331, GL28164283, GL28580678, GL29199646, GL29646915, GL31001781.

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## body polls today



 $T^{he\,Chhattisgarh\,Election}_{Commission\,will\,release}$ the preliminary voter list for the upcoming elections

state on Wednesday.

Claims and objections will be accepted until October 23. The final list will be published on November

in 167 urban bodies in the

Election Commissioner Ajay Singh has instructed District Election Officers to add the names of those who have completed 18 years of age as of January 1, 2024, to the voter list.

He has also called for wide publicity of the electoral roll programme so that an error-free voter list can be prepared.

The publication of the preliminary electoral roll for the three-tier panchayat election is scheduled for October 24.

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APPENDIX IV [Rule 8(1)]

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82460036	Rajeshwar     Prasad Narang,     Bundeshwar     Kumar,     Sharda Singh     Nawrang	All That Piece and Parcel of Property Area 0.18 Acre / 0.073 Hec. Situated at New Khasra No. 333/9 (Part of Old Khasra No. 333/8), New Village Name: Chhote Sipat (Old Village Name: Spat Chhota), New P.H.No. 06 (Old P.H. No. 05), RNM-Vikaskhand, Tehsil: Malkharouda, District: Jangir-Champa, Chhattisgarh-495690, and Bounded As: East: Farm of Mahadev West: P.W.D Road North: Farm of Kaitholic Church South: Balance Land of Saller	29.05.2024	Rs. 21,16,951.28/-	08-10-2024 Symbolic Possession	
112107137	Mr. Ahmed Hussain,     Mr. Wasim Ahamed     Mrs. Shamimun Nisha	All That Piece and Parcel of Property Situated at Khasra No. 2408/7 Area 0.008 Hec., And Khasra No. 2409/40, Area 0.012 Hec., Total Area 0.020 Hec/2152.7859 Ft., Vill-Ambikapur, P.H. No. 15, R.N.M., Ambikapur-4, Tahsil Ambikapur, Dist-Surguja, Chhattisgarh-497001, and, Bounded As: East: House of Musa West: Road North: House of Mo. Takib South: House of Dr. Khalid	29.05.2024	Rs. 4,88,337.52/-	09-10-2024 Symbolic Possession	

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## Supreme Court dismisses plea against Ex-CJI Gogoi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Annoyed over the allegations levelled by a litigant against former Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi, the Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed a plea and ordered the security personnel to remove him from the courtroom. The litigant accused the former CJI following which a bench comprising Justices Bela M Trivedi and Satish Chandra Sharma asked the security personnel to escort him out of the courtroom. In an earlier hearing, the SC had asked the petitioner to remove the name of Justice Gogoi while leveling allegations for non-favourable judgment in a service case.

Arun Ramchandra Hublikar filed a plea against his "illegal termination" from the service while seeking an in-house inquiry against the former CJI for dismissing a plea previously in the service dispute case.



On September 30, a bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud took a strong exception to the submissions seeking an inquiry against the former CJI and asked him to remove the judge's name from

On Tuesday, the bench was irked when the litigant took the name of the former CJI during the hearing. "We are going to impose a cost on you. Don't take the name of any judge. There is nothing in your case,"

The litigant, however, retorted, "How can you say that there is nothing in my case. How can it be said...It is injustice against me. At least, I should get justice before my death." The bench subsequently said it will dismiss the petition following

was directed to remove the litigant from the courtroom. The CJI-led bench had previously asked him to remove the name of the former CJI from the list of parties as a condition precedent to list his petition for

which the security personne

the hearing. "How can you file a PIL with a judge as a respondent? There has to be some dignity. You cannot just say I want an in-house inquiry against a judge. Justice Ranjan Gogoi was a former judge of the Supreme Court," the CJI had remarked. "He retired as the Chief Justice

of India. You cannot say I want an in-house inquiry against a judge because you did not succeed before the bench. Sorry, we cannot tolerate this" the bench had said. After Hublikar assured deletion of the name of the former CJI from the list of parties, the CJI ordered listing of the petition which came up for hearing on

## CEC promises strict measures against political violence

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW

Days after NCP leader Baba Siddique was killed in Mumbai, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar on Tuesday said the Election Commission will take a strict view on preventing violence, especially against politi-cal personalities, as the Model Code of Conduct comes into force in Maharashtra. Asked about concerns following

Siddique's killing, especially as the poll panel is already dealing with the issue of urban apathy towards voting, the CEC said they will make it clear to police that violence of any sort should not take place. "After the MCC declaration, we

will make it extremely clear to the police authorities in a particular state that you are mentioning that violence of any kind and a crime of this nature,



which has political overtones, would be absolutely a no-go area for the commission, Kumar said.

'So far, we did not have a role. As the MCC comes into force, we will have a strict view on this. We will direct everyone that any kind of violence or crime, especially against any political person, should not happen," he added. "We ensured that it did not happen in Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir. States after

states," the CEC said.

Siddique (66), a former Maharashtra minister who joined the Ajit Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) in February after quitting the Congress, was waylaid by three men at Kher Nagar in Mumbai's Bandra area, just outside his MLA son Zeeshan Siddique's office, and shot dead on Saturday night.

The Maharashtra Assembly polls will be held in a single phase on November 20.

## India secures deal for 31 US predator drones to enhance military readiness

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

viving a big boost to its defence preparedness, India on Tuesday inked a mega deal with the US to procure 31 Predator long-endurance drones from American defence major General Atomics under the foreign military sales route at a cost of nearly USD four billion to boost Indian military's combat prowess along the contested borders with China.

The deal, signed in presence of top defence and strategic brass of India in the national capital, marks a significant upswing in military ties between the two countries. The procurement of the drones was finalised just weeks ahead of the US presidential elections. Last week, the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi cleared the procurement of the MQ-9B 'hunter killer'

The drones are being procured

at an estimated cost of around USD 4 billion, officials said. India is acquiring the drones primarily to crank up the surveillance apparatus of the

armed forces, especially along the contested frontier with In June last year, the Defence Ministry approved the procurement of the MQ-9B Predator armed drones from the US under a government-togovernment framework. The MQ-9B drone is a variant of the MQ-9 "Reaper" which was used to launch a modified version of the Hellfire missile that eliminated al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri in the heart

of Kabul in July 2022. While the Navy will get 15 Sea Guardian drones, the Indian Air Force and the Army will each get eight Sky Guardian drones. The high-altitude long-endurance drones are capable of remaining airborne for over 35 hours and can carry four Hellfire missiles and around 450 kgs of bombs.

## Cancer, Dementia heighten sepsis mortality risk: Study

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Cancer and dementia are significant risk factors that elevate mortality rates among patients with sepsis in the emergency medical department, a study released on Tuesday has raised alarm. Sepsis is a critical condition

arising when the body's immune system reacts excessively to an infection, leading to organ dysfunction. This extreme response damages the body's own tissues and organs, potentially resulting in shock, multiple organ failure, and even death if not promptly recognized and treated.

The research team from Denmark found that age and heart disease are additional factors contributing to increased mortality risk in sepsis patients within two years. 'We found that certain factors increased the risk of death after sepsis, including, not surprisingly, advanced age," said Dr. Finn E. Nielsen, a senior



scientist in the Department of Clinical Epidemiology at Aarhus University Hospital,

"Additionally, conditions such as dementia, heart disease, cancer, and previous hospitalisation with sepsis within the last six months before admission also elevated the risk of dying during a median followup period of two years," Nielsen

In the paper, presented at the European Emergency Medicine Congress in Copenhagen, the team examined deaths over a long follow-up period in a prospective study of 714 adult patients admitted to the emergency department with sepsis between October 2017 and the end of March 2018.

The team found that after a median of two years, 361 (50.6 per cent) of the patients with sepsis had died from any cause including sepsis.

Older age increases the risk of death by 4 per cent for every additional year of age. Sepsis can affect anyone, but people who are older, very young, pregnant or have other health problems are at higher

Common signs of sepsis include fever, fast heart rate, rapid breathing, confusion and body pain. It can lead to septic shock, multiple organ fail-

## Paramesh Sivamani appointed next Coast Guard Chief

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW

DG Paramesh Sivamani took over as the 26th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG)here on Tuesday. The Flag Officer, during his illustrious career spanning over three and a half decades, has served in various capacities in ashore and afloat appointments. He specialises in Navigation and Direction and his sea commands include all major vessels of ICG which include Advanced Offshore Patrol Vessel 'Samar' & Offshore Patrol Vessel 'Vishwast'. The Flag Officer was at the helm of Coast Guard Region (East), Coast Guard Region (West), Coast Guard Commander Eastern Seaboard). DG Paramesh Sivamani was elevated to the rank of Additional Director General in September 2022, and was subsequently posted at the Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi. He was given the additional charge of Director General Coast Guard in August



nificant operations and exercises were accomplished that includes the seizure of drugs/narcotic substances and gold worth crores of rupees, rescue of mariners during severe cyclonic storms, joint exercises with the Foreign Coast Guards, antipoaching operations, humanitarian assistance during cyclones/naturals calamities & Coastal Security exercises. The Flag Officer was conferred

with the Tatrakshak Medal in 2014 and the President Tatrakshak Medal in 2019 for his illustrious service. He was also awarded the DG Coast Guard Commendation in 2012 and Flag Officer Commandingin-Chief (East) Commendation



#### **Exercise MALABAR 2024** sea phase begins

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Sea Phase of Exercise MALABAR 2024 commenced on Monday off the coast of Visakhapatnam, navy said here on Tuesday.

Naval warships, embarked integral helicopters and long-range maritime patrol aircraft from Australia, India, Japan and USA are now exercising in unison in the Bay of Bengal, demonstrating a high level of collaboration and operational

As part of this phase, the par-

a wide range of maritime warfare operations, covering the surface, sub-surface, and air warfare domains. These advanced and complex exercises are designed to enhance mutual understanding and coordination, with the aim of operating seamlessly as a Combined Task Force at sea. In sub-surface warfare exercises, Indian Naval submarines would be participating and combined drills of Special Forces from participating nations will also be featured in this phase.

This Sea Phase will further strengthen interoperability between the participating nations and contribute towards enhancing regional security and stability in the Indo-Pacific. The sea phase will culminate on October 18 with the closing ceremony for MALABAR 2024.

### **Defence Minister lays foundation stone for VLF station**

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Mith the objective of procommunication network for warships and submarines, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday laid the foundation stone of a new Very Low Frequency (VLF) Station of the Indian Navy at the Damagundam Reserve Forest site, Pudur Mandal in Vikarabad, Telangana.

The facility, built at a cost of Rs 3,200 crore, will be spread across 2,900 acres. It will bolster the Indian Navy's operational readiness, ensuring effective command and control capabilities in challenging maritime environments. It will play a pivotal role in strengthening the Naval communication infrastructure, enabling reliable and secure transmission over long distances

Speaking on the occasion, he exuded confidence that the VLF station would expand the military capabilities of the



country, proving to be a boon to the Armed Forces.

'Effective coordination between men and machines is becoming extremely important in view of the evolving methods of warfare. This VLF station is being built with the vision of securing our maritime interests. It will ensure secure and real-time communication between our ships & submarines with the command centres of the Armed Forces. A fool-proof communication proves to be a decisive factor between victory and defeat. Without real time communi-

cation, we cannot gain an edge region. We have also emerged despite having adequate equipment or manpower," Rajnath

nificance of a strong communication system, the defence ministerR termed it as pivotal for coordination in any complex operation. He emphasised that a clear and secure communication channel not only helps in timely andeffective decision making, but also an important medium to convey the orders of the command to the field formations and obtain the feedback.

Rajnath added that if soldiers are fully informed in a battlefield or an operational environment, their morale and unity receive a major boost, enhancing both safety and

strategy.
The defence minister laid stress on the need to continuously empower the Indian Navy in view of the ever-growing global interest in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). "Our interest is spread across the Indo-Pacific

Urgent action needed to combat Pediatric TB: Report

as the first responder and a preferred security partner in the IOR.

mercial and security interests and remain a strong deep sea force, it is necessary to possess state-of-the-art platforms/equipment and a strong communication system," he added.

Allaying concerns about the impact of the project on the environment, Rajnath stated that all environmental conditions are being taken care of. It is being ensured that arrangements will be made for the rehabilitation of the affected people, if needed, at the time of construction, he added.

In his address, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi stated that the project is set to herald a new chapter in Indian Navy's communication capabilities by ensuring a secure, robust, responsive, and reliable command, control and communication network across

## Opposition MPs write to Speaker for gross violation of parliamentary code of conduct

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Opposition MPs on Tuesday wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on the "gross violation of parliamentary code of conduct" in the meeting of the joint committee examining the Waqf (Amendment) Bill by panel chairman Jagdambika

The letter came a day after several opposition MPs boycotted a sitting of the committee over the submission of former Karnataka State Minorities Commission chairman Anwar Manippady, who named several opposition leaders, includ-Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and K Rahman Khan, in the alleged embezzlement of Waqf prop-

"The proceedings of the Committee were conducted in a biased and partisan manner by the Chairperson Shri



Jagdambika Pal," opposition members Gaurav Gogoi, Syed Naseer Hussain, Imran Masood (all Congress), A Raja and M M Abdulla (both DMK), Asaduddin Owaisi (AIMIM) and Kalyan Banerjee (TMC) said in the letter.

The Joint Committee on Waqf (Amendment) Bill had on Monday called Manippady to hear his views on the draft legislation in the context of the Karnataka Waqf Scam Report of 2012.

"The note contained no obser-

vations on the the Waqf Instead, it was full of politically motivated allegations against leaders of the Karnataka Congress, including Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, Hon'ble Leader of Opposition (Rajya Sabha)," the letter said. The members said despite

vehement protests by several committee members that Kharge occupies a constitutional position of high dignity and is not present in the meeting, the witness was allowed to speak by the chairperson. The opposition members also

said that Pal refused to provide adequate time to the committee members to lodge their protests. "We request your immediate intervention in the matter, and expect you to remind the Chairperson of the Committee of his duty to be bipartisan and uphold parliamentary norms," the opposition members said.

## PM Modi announces national maritime heritage complex

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

 $E^{\text{ven as children under five}}_{\text{account for over 10 per cent}}$ of all TB deaths globally, with India bearing a significant burden, a report has pointed out that only one of the 14 surveyed countries has fully aligned its tuberculosis (TB) policies with World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines, and among those that have, only four possess the necessary resources for effective implementation.

The situation is particularly grave for young children, who are not receiving adequate diagnostic and treatment measures, according to the report from Médecins Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF).

The report pointed out that even among these nations, only four possess the necessary resources for effective imple-

mentation and emphasised the urgent need for countries to revise their national TB policies to improve care for affected Deborggraeve,

Diagnostics Advisor at MSF's Access Campaign said, "TB is a curable disease, even in children. Yet we see a shocking delay in countries adopting effective solutions. Every moment of inaction leads to unnecessary child fatalities." As per the WHO data, 1.25 million children and adolescents contract TB annually, but a staggering half of them remain undiagnosed and untreated.

The WHO's 2022 revised guidelines offer vital recommendations that could transform the landscape of pediatric TB care, including symptombased diagnostic algorithms and shorter, more effective treatment regimens, as per the



Joseph Sesey, a Clinical Officer with MSF in Sierra Leone, highlighted the urgent impact of these guidelines, noting significant improvements in diagnosis and reduced mortality rates in children with TB. The

experts have called for immediate and decisive action on the part of governments, donors, and global health organizations to prevent further suffering and loss of life among the world's most vulnerable popu-

"No child should endure the consequences of a preventable disease like TB," Sesey said. "We urge governments, donors, and global health organizations to act swiftly to ensure that no child suffers or dies from a preventable disease like

TB," she said. The countries examined in the report include Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea, India, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Republic of South Sudan, and Uganda.

India's target for eliminating tuberculosis (TB) is 2025, which is five years ahead of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) target of 2030. In March 2018 Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced India's commitment to eliminate the disease from India by 2025.

PNS NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said his government's decision to build a national maritime heritage complex in Gujarat's Lothal, considered the world's oldest dockyard, is aimed at improving people's understanding of civilisational history.

Lauding it as a remarkable development, he said in a post on LinkedIn titled 'Let's focus on tourism' that the new proiect will surely ignite enthusiasm among history buffs and tourists alike. Such an effort will boost the tourism economy, which, he said, he foresees as a major driver of growth in India.

"When tourism rises, incomes across the board rise. I urge you all, leading and respected professionals, to explore new opportunities in the tourism sector and also share your ideas with me on the same.



This way, we will contribute to a stronger economy and at the same time, preserve our rich past for the coming generations. The complex will bring ancient Lothal back to life as a mini-replica of the dock city," the prime minister said. Modi noted that Lothal was

once a vibrant melting pot of civilizations, ideas, and goods and that excavations have pointed to its role as an important maritime centre.

He said that the docks, built thousands of years ago, highlight the "spirit of ingenuity our ancestors possessed". "Its advanced engineering and urban planning leave modern observers in awe, offering a

In a swipe at previous governments, he added, "Regrettably, in the decades following inde-

pendence, we allowed many

window into the brilliance of

aspects of our history and many of our historical sites to fall into neglect, with our rich past fading from memory. However, the last 10 years have seen a change in this trend." It is in this spirit that his gov ernment has decided to build a vibrant national maritime heritage complex, he said. "This will improve our understanding of civilizational history."
"This new project will surely ignite enthusiasm among history buffs and tourists alike. The complex will bring ancient Lothal back to life as a minireplica of the dock city. At the heart of this complex will stand an iconic lighthouse museum,

soaring 77 metres high - set to

be among the world's tallest of

## Punjab gram panchayat elections: Polling concludes amid tight security arrangements

Polling to elect gram panchayat members concluded amid tight security arrangements in Punjab on Tuesday, officials said. Two incidents of firing were reported, they added.

Voting for the posts of "sarpanch" and "panch" through ballots started at 8 am and concluded at 4 pm, the officials said, adding that a voter turnout of more than 45 per cent was recorded. The polling percentage is likely to go up once the data is com-

piled, they said.
After the polling, the votes will be counted at the polling stations, the officials said. A firing incident was reported outside a polling booth in Sohan Sain Bhagat village in Tarn Taran district, leaving a

man injured. Mandeep Singh was rushed to a hospital where his condition was stated to be out of danger.

A police official said a scuffle took place between two groups, adding that the mat-ter is being investigated. Another firing incident was reported from Khudda village

reported from Khudda village in Patiala district, leaving one person injured. A police official said 20-25 unidentified people arrived at a polling booth, allegedly manhandled the polling staff and took away a ballot box. Subsequently, they left the ballot box behind in a nearby field, the official said. by field, the official said. Congress MP Dharamvira Gandhi, who visited the spot, demanded strict action in the

In Ballagan village in Amritsar, two groups clashed and pelted stones at each throwink on a ballot box. An Sub-Inspector Lakha Singh



other at a polling booth. At a polling booth in Lohke Khurd village in Ferozepur's Zira, an unidentified person tried to

official said the incident has been brought to the notice of senior officials for further

is likely to field Remya

Haridas, popularly known as

the Malabar Princess from

(53), who was posted on election duty at Dhilwan village in Barnala district, passed away, a police official said. After he felt uneasy, he was taken to a hospital where he died, the

Agriculture Minister Gurmeet Singh Khudian, along with his son, cast his vote in Khudian village in Muktsar district while Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains exercised his franchise in Gambhirpur village in Anandpur Sahib. village in Anandpur Sahib.

Talking to reporters, Bains appealed to people to turn out in large numbers to cast their votes in order to elect those who would work for the development of the villages. The State Election Commission cancelled the Commission cancelled the polling in Dalla and Pona villages in Ludhiana's Jagraon subdivision due to certain technical reasons. The next date of polling in these villages would be announced later, the officials said. A total of 19,110 polling booths, including 1,187 marked as

hyper-sensitive, were set up for the election. The state has 13,225 gram panchayats.

Polling for the posts of "sarpanch" was held in 9,398 gram panchayats. A total of 3,798 candidates were already elected unopposed for the posts of "sarpanch". Elderly people, women and youngsters were seen standing in queues outside several polling

queues outside several polling booths in the morning. The polls were held without the symbols of political par-ties as a consequence of the Punjab Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2024 passed by the Assembly last month.

A total of 1.33 crore people were eligible to vote.

There were 25,588 candidates in the fray for the posts of "sarpanch" and 80,598 nominees contested the polls for the posts of "panch", the officials said. Around 96,000 personnel were deputed on election duty.

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann appealed to people on Monday to exercise their franchise. The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Monday dismissed a bunch of petitions filed against the panchayat polls. The pleas were filed on several grounds, including challenging the ward demarcation, delimitation, regarding grievances about poll symbols, extension of time for nominations and rejection of nomination papers.
The Supreme Court on

Tuesday refused to stay the panchayat polls on grounds of alleged irregularities in the nomination process, saying there will be "chaos" if courts start staying elections on

## It is election fever in Kerala as EC announces by-poll schedule | Will contest Jharkhand Assembly

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Stage is set in Kerala for a battle royale between the CPI(M) -led LDF and the Congress-led UDF as two assembly constituencies and the Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency go to the by elections on November 13. The assembly constituencies of

Chelakkara and Palakkad fell vacant following the election of K Radhakrishnan (CPI-M) and Shaffi Parambil to Lok Sabha in the general election held in 2024 May. Both were members of the Kerala Legislature Assembly. Radhakrishnan was elected from Alathur Lok Sabha constituency defeating the sitting member Remya Haridas of the Indian National Congress by a margin of 20,111 votes. Shafi Parambil of the INC was elected to Lok Sabha from Vatakara Lok Sabha constituency trouncing K K Shailaja (CPI-M) by a huge margin of 1,14, 506 votes.

Rahul Gandhi was elected with a mammoth majority of more than 3.64 lakh votes (59.69 per cent) from Wayanad in the May 2024 Lok Sabha election. But he chose to retain the Rae Barelli seat and resigned from Wayand making the road clear for sister Priyanka Gandhi to contest the seat. Though the INC is yet to

make any formal announce-

ment regarding the party candidate to be fielded from Wayand, it is almost certain that Priyanka Gandhi would launch her electoral battle from the district atop the Western Ghats in Kerala.

this reserved constituency. It is going to be a cakewalk for the Congress in Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency as the While the CPI-M is confident party is well placed than what of retaining the Chelakkara was during the General assembly seat thanks to the Election in May. The fact that good work done by Radhakrishnan, the Congress a member of the Nehru-Gandhi family is the candidate

has boosted the morale of the Congress cadre as well as that

The LDF may have to find out a new candidate this time as Annie Raja of the CPI who challenged Rahul Gandhi last challenged Rahul Gandhi last time ended up as an also ran forfeiting her security deposit. Though K Surendran, the BJP's state president, claimed imme-diately after the dates of the by-poll was announced, that the NDA would win both the assembly constituencies, party insiders tell that even the former knows it well that the Hindutva brigade would make no change in the electoral scenes in Kerala. "At the best, the party may be able to finish third in the race," said a senior BJP leader.

The suicide of Naveen Babu on Monday night, allegedly following public humiliation meted out to him by the District Panchayat President P P Divya of the ĆPI(M) is likely to derail the party's dreams of winning from Chelakkara,

## polls in alliance with JMM: Congress

ongress on Tuesday said it Cwill contest the Jharkhand assembly elections in alliance with the JMM, with a final decision on seat sharing expected soon.

"We will contest elections with our alliance partners in the state. A final decision on the seat sharing will be done soon. We are confident of winning elections on the back of development works done by us," Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee president Keshav Mahto said. The Jharkhand Mukti Morcha

(JMM) also expressed confidence that its alliance would be voted back to power. However, it raised concerns on how Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma knew that the election dates would be announced on Tuesday. "We are ready to contest elections, though the announcement was made a bit early. However, we would like to know how Sarma was aware ing elections. that elections would be announced on Tuesday. This is

Pandey said. Sarma, who is BJP's co-incharge of assembly elections in Jharkhand, had said on Monday that the election dates would be announced on

a grave threat to democracy,"

JMM spokesperson Manoj

JMM's allegations, the BJP claimed that the JMM was afraid of defeat in the upcom-

The BJP also mentioned that the seat-sharing arrangement among NDA partners for the assembly elections was "almost final," with the first list of candidates to be announced within 48 hours of the polls being declared. Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren said the JMM-led alliance will con-

## By-polls in Uttar Pradesh: Political test for BJP amid internal discord

भारतीय जनता पार्टी, उत्तर प्रदेश

**BISWAJEET BANERJEE** 

The upcoming by-elections in Uttar Pradesh have garnered significant attention, especially considering the BJP's underwhelming performance in the recent general elections. Adding to the political intrigue are reports of state BJP unit, further intensifying the stakes of these by-

The by-polls will be held on nine seats against the vacant 10 seats as the election in the Milkipur assembly constituency in Ayodhya has been deferred due to impending court case

The by-elections will take place in Karhal, Katehari, Kundarki, Ghaziabad, Khair, Meerapur, Phulpur, Majhawan, and Sisamau. Of these ten seats, four are currently held by the Samajwadi Party (SP), while the RLD and Nishad Party each hold one seat, and the BJP controls the remaining three.

Polling in all these constituencies will be held on allocate two seats to Congress November 13 and results would be declared on November 23.

In a bid to ensure a strong showing, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has deployed 16 senior ministers from his government to oversee the BJP's According to the SP's candicampaign efforts in these date list, Tej Pratap Yadav will

"For the BJP, these by-elections present a crucial opportunity to consolidate its position in Uttar Pradesh, but they also pose challenges in maintaining smooth relations within the alliance, particularly with the Nishad Party. Negotiations over seat-sharing remain a point of contention, adding further pressure on the ruling coalition," political analyst Manoj Bhadra said.

Opposition strategy:

The Samajwadi Party, led by Akhilesh Yadav, has teamed up with the Congress for the by-elections. The SP has so far announced candidates in five constituencies, with specula-

as part of their alliance. The Congress had asked for 5 seats. Despite discord over seat sharing the partnership between SP=Congress is seen as a strategic counterbalance

vacated by SP President Akhilesh Yadav after his Lok Sabha election victory from Kannauj. Naseem Solanki, wife of jailed SP leader Irfan Solanki, will contest from Sisamau in Kanpur. Other candidates include Mustafa Siddiqui from Phulpur Prayagraj), Shobhavati Verma from Katehari, and Jyoti Bind from Majhwan. Shobhavati Verma, wife of SP MP Lalji Verma, was previously SP's MLA from Katehari. Ajit Prasad, the son of Faizabad (Ayodhya) MP Awadhesh Prasad, will contest

2024 Lok Sabha elections from Mirzapur The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) has also announced its candidates for most of the constituencies, adding another dimension to the contest. With multiple parties vying for influence over key regions, the by-elections are emerging

Key Constituencies in Focus from Milkipur. Jyoti Bind is Karhal (Mainpuri): the daughter of SP leader The Karhal seat, situated in Mainpuri district, became Ramesh Bind, who ran in the

Uttar Pradesh.

as a critical test of the evolv-

ing political dynamics in

vacant after Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav resigned following his victory in the Lok Sabha elections from Kannauj. Historically, this constituency is considered a stronghold of the SP. Tej Pratap Singh Yadav, a member of the influential Yadav family, is will contest on SP's ticket.

Katehari (Ambedkar Nagar) The Katehari seat was vacated by Lalji Verma after his victory in the Ambedkar Nagar Lok Sabha elections. The BJP faces a tough chal-

lenge here as the NDA needs to strengthen its standing with Nishad voters. Swatantra Deo Singh, Daya Shankar Mishra, and Sanjay Nishad are working on BJP's campaign in this region. Shobhavati Verma, wife of SP MP Lalji Verma, is SP candidate.

after winning the Bhadohi Lok Sabha election. The Nishad Party, led by Sanjay Nishad, is lobbying to contest this seat in the bypolls. The BJP has assigned ministers Anil Rajbhar, Ashish Patel, Ravindra Jaiswal, and Ramkesh Nishad to prepare the party's strategy in this constituency. Jyoti Bind is SP candidate from this constituency.

Phulpur (Prayagraj)

Praveen Singh Patel vacated Phulpur after his successful run for the Phulpur Lok Sabha seat. The Yogi government has tasked ministers Rakesh Sachan and Daya Shankar Singh with ensuring a strong BJP performance in this seat. Mustafa Siddiqui is SP candidate from this constituency. BSP has given ticket to Shibran Paasi. Kundarki (Moradabad):

Zia-Ur-Rahman Barq's res-

ignation after winning the Sambhal Lok Sabha seat has Majhawan (Mirzapur): left Kundarki open for con-Majhawan's MLA, Vinod test. The BJP has deployed JPS Rathore, Jaswant Saini, and Gulab Devi to lead their campaign in the area. Khair (Aligarh)

Anoop Singh vacated the Khair seat to contest the Hathras Lok Sabha seat. With the RLD now part of the NDA, the BJP hopes to leverage the significant presence of Jat voters in this constituency. Lakshmi Narayan Choudhari and Sandeep Singh are leading the BJP's campaign efforts here.

Merrapur (Muzaffarnagar): Chandan Chauhan of the RLD resigned from Merrapur to run in the Bijnor Lok Sabha seat, which he won. The BJP, which lost to

Chauhan in the 2022 Assembly elections, is keen to make gains here, with ministers Anil Kumar, Somendra Tomar, and K P Mallik tasked with preparations. BSP has fielded Shah Nazar from this

Ghaziabad (Ghaziabad):

Atul Garg resigned from the Ghaziabad Assembly seat Ghaziabad Lok Sabha seat. Ministers Sunil Sharma, Brijesh Singh, and Kapildev Agrawal have been entrusted with keeping voter engagement high for the BJP in this urban constituency. SP may give this seat to Congress

Sisamau (Kanpur Nagar): This seat was vacated after the disqualification of SP leader Hazi Irfan Solanki, following his sentencing in a legal case. BJP is looking to make inroads in this SP stronghold with local ministers overseeing preparations. Naseem Solanki, wife of jailed SP leader Irfan Solanki, will contest from Sisamau in Kanpur

## SC bans civic police from hospitals, schools, police stations

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

The Supreme Court on I Tuesday banned civic volunteers from the hospitals, schools and police stations and Government to submit before it the details of recruitment process of civic volunteers, one of which is the prime accused in the August 9 rape and murder of an on duty lady doctor inside the seminar room of the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital. After acquiring a verbal data of the civic volunteers thus applied by the State Government the bench comprising Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra which has been suo motu hearing the RG Kar case --- associated with its wider implications --- the directed the Government to present through an affidavit

volunteers. "It is a nice process of conferring political patronage on unverified persons," the Supreme Court said seeking affidavit in 3 weeks after hearing that over 1,500 civic volunteers were working under its "Rattirer Sathi" scheme to secure the medical colleges and similar other facilities. The Court wondered whether the prime accused in the RGKMCH case too was a civic volunteer or

The Court directed the Central Bureau of Investigation to file additional status report in the next hearing after going through the one filed on Tuesday. The CBI appraised the Court about the chargesheet filed against Sanjoy Roy the prime accused in the Sealdah Court.

Much in line with the Apex Court's order on the deployment of civic volunteers, the Election Commission of India too had shown its distrust for the "blue police" as they often are called in the State banning them from electoral process in the 2024 general elections.

Incidentally the Bengal political the recruitment process of civic opposition too had for long been complaining against the manner in which the civic volunteers are appointed and the way they are used by the Government to man security system, more so in vil-

lages and other remote areas. These civic volunteers that had been introduced by the Left Front Government as Green Police to assist the traffic police is today used to perpetrate all kinds of crime including electoral rigging in the panchayat elections, extortion similar things," a senior BJP leader said. Meanwhile, the junior doctors once again attacked the State Government for telling lies before the Supreme Court on the implementation of the security infrastructure in medical colleges. "They told the Court that about

than 95% to 98 percent of the planned infrastructure and security upgrades across government hospitals in Bengal have been completed, excluding the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital but it is not true at all . come to our colleges and we will show you what has been done ... let alone 95 percent they have not been able to complete 59 percent even ... they are all lying," said a junior doctor from Rampurhat Medical College.

### SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA The Bengal Government suffered yet another judi-

cial discomfiture with the Calcutta High on Tuesday throwing out an administrative order issued by the Kolkata Police prohibiting a public fête --- christened Droh Carnival organized by the senior doctors and a section of the civil society.

The Droh Carnival or Carnival of Revolt --- coinciding with the much touted Durga Puja Carnival a pet scheme of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee involving a parade of Durga idols down the historic Red Road --- was called in support of a 10-point demand including the demand for justice for the victim of Kolkata doctor rape and murder case.

"The Bench of Justice Ravi Kapoor has thrown out the imposition of Section 163 of the BNSS --- formerly Section 144 of CrPC --- saying the prohibitive order is incongruous with the constitutional right to freedom ... the right to take out peaceful rallies and celebrations cannot



be abridged, the Court has iterated ... this order breaks and dissolves all the arrogance of this Government ... and if still they are not taking any lesson out of this and continue to act in an undemocratic manner then this means they are on their way out," said senior advocate and Rajya Sabha MP Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya.

The police had imposed Section 163 in anticipation of some mischief in the Durga Puja Carnival which is an yearly event attended among others by foreign dig-

nitaries ... this Carnival adds flavor to the Durga Pujas which has been included in the world heritage list of the UNESCO ... if the High Court has in its wisdom thought that both the programmes can go side by side then so be it ... the Government will definitely abide by that," said senior TMC leader Kunal Ghosh. The Bengal government has been holding the Durga Puja Carnival since 2016 --- much in line of the Independence Day Parade in Delhi --- to

mark the culmination of the

State's biggest festival with about 100 Durga Puja committees participating in the fete parading down the Red Road Durga idols along with their respective themes. Earlier apprehending distur-

bance Kolkata Police Commissioner Manoj Verma in exercise of his magisterial powers issued an order that read "there is a strong possibility of people not being able to attend the Durga Puja Carnival.

In view of this, Section 163 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) (Power to issue order in urgent cases of nuisance or apprehended danger) has been implemented for one day in the areas around Red Road."

Moments after the High Court order thousands of people including doctors and the members of civil society playing drums and flutes and blowing conch shells, ululating and raising slogans of justice spilled on to the Rani Rashmoni Avenue barely two hundred meters away from the Durga Puja Carnival. "We have never heard of sim-

ilar protest in history of India

haps it is first major such protest after the one in 1905-06 against the Partition of Bengal," said Dr Subarna Goswami one of the senior doctors leading the move-Meanwhile, the indefinite fast held by the junior doctors at

post Independence ... per-

the Rani Rashmoni Avenue entered its 11th day on Tuesday with two more doctors joining the fast. There is no need of imposing prohibitive orders and other

such paraphernalia ... instead of that the Government should concede to the 10 point demand that includes foolproof security measures, removal of the Health Secretary, installation of CCTV cameras, restrooms for on duty doctors, centralized referral system with real time monitoring and last but not list giving a specific date for college elections so that the syndicate and mafia raj in the medical colleges which is the main source of all anomalies including the incidents of sexual harassment, rape etc," said Debashis Haldar a junior doctor.

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## souring relations

New Delhi dismisses the Canadian claims of Indian involvement in the Nijjar case as politically driven

The already tense relations between India and Canada have hit a new low, with both countries expelling each other's diplomats. New Delhi expelled six Canadian diplomats, including Acting High Commissioner Stewart Ross Wheeler after Ottawa's expulsion of 'targeted' Indian diplomats. These diplomats were allegedly involved in 'violent criminal activity in Canada.' The situation deteriorated after Trudeau accused Indian intelligence agents of being linked to the Nijjar's murder in British Columbia in 2023. During a press conference, Trudeau, announced the expulsion of six Indian diplomats from Canadian soil, citing their involvement in a 'targeted campaign' against Canadian citizens. India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has responded with forceful rebuttal, describing the allegations as 'preposterous imputations.' The MEA criticised Canada's decision to expel the Indian diplomats, dismissing the accusations as politically motivated and linked to the Trudeau government's domestic challenges. India on its part

has expelled six Canadian diplomats to leave the country by October 19, 2024, and announced the withdrawal of its High Commissioner from Canada.

The root cause of the conflict lies in the ongoing issue of Sikh separatism and Canada's handling of the Khalistan movement. Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a prominent Khalistan supporter, was a Canadian citizen who had long advocated for an independent Sikh state. His murder in 2023 remains a contentious issue, with Canadian authorities suspecting the involvement of Indian agents. India, however, has consistently denied any role in the killing and has accused Canada of providing a safe haven for extremist elements that threat-

en India's national security. It is rather unfortunate that two friendly countries should snap diplomatic relations with each other. Justin Trudeau's electoral compulsions, with elections just a year away, could be behind his recent actions. Justin Trudeau's perceived support for Sikh separatists, particularly those advocating for a Khalistan, stems from a complex blend of domestic political considerations and Canada's multicultural policies. Trudeau's Liberal Party has historically sought the support of the Sikh diaspora, a significant and politically active community in Canada, which includes a segment advocating for Sikh rights and in some cases, Khalistan. By engaging with Sikh community leaders, including some who may have Khalistani sympathies, Trudeau aims to secure votes in regions with a strong Sikh presence. This standoff could affect many areas where people in both countries could be net sufferers. Trade negotiations, immigration policies, and cultural exchanges between the two countries would indeed be affected. The expulsion of diplomats and withdrawal of ambassadors signifies more than just diplomatic posturing; it represents India's sovereignty, security, and the role of foreign governments in its domestic affairs. With both sides showing no signs of backing down, the road to reconciliation appears to be fraught with challenges.



An oriental pied hornbill at Ponitora Wild Life Sanctuary, in Morigaon

## The untold story of Captain Rameshwar Thapa's heroics



### Capt Rameshwar Thapa, Nepal's first civilian pilot to command a Russian Mi17 helicopter, played a pivotal role during the country's Maoist insurgency

hen you think of rotary wing aircraft in Nepal, some names will crop up: Tula Bahadur Thapa, Narain Singh Pun, Madan KC, all Army Colonels, but among civilians a pioneer is Capt Rameshwar Thapa, the first Russian Mi17 helicopter pilot who trained the then Royal Nepal Army on Mi17 and was later requisitioned by Security Forces during the Maoist People's War. Let's call the Captain, RT who has written the English version of his book in Nepali, Barud Mathi Uddaa titled Into The FIRE, a book 'based on hard facts'. It encapsulates the Maoist insurgency that aimed to capture the state: they came perilously close to doing it. But for RT's heroic efforts, on April 8, 2005 in saving Khara, the epic battle waged by Maoists, by flying in 20 Special Force Rangers after an SOS- 'if no reinforcements in 20-30 minutes, Khara will go'. Despite his helicopter being hit by Maoists on surrounding hills he made a second attempt in a vertical descent to land reinforcements at base camp. Khara was a battle for prestige and honour for both sides, especially Maoists but Rangers saved the day. At the time, I had written reams on the first and second Khara battles, describing Khara II's criticality. RT rightly calls Khara the turn-

ing point, for soon after, their defeat at Khara Maoists sued for peace: choosing ballot over bullet. They signed the 12-point agreement in New Delhi in November 2005 which led to the political transformation of Nepal - restoration of democracy and mainstreaming of Maoists. The rest, of course, is history. Into the Fire essentially covers the personal experiences of a co-pilot elevated to Pilot in Command as Mi17 initially had pilots from Russia and Central Asian Republics. Their mission was rescue, relief, reinforcements, casualty evacuation and acting as morale boosters. The Maoists were terrified of helicopters which were later ingeniously improvised by RNA as armed platforms to drop 81 mm mortar bombs and Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). Many battles in both east and west

the humanitarian angle of saving lives and security posts at great personal risk. RT turns out to be a cat with nine lives having taken numerous hits and a life-threatening crash landing near Everest Base Camp. Initially, he joined Everest Air which was regularly supplying helicopters to the police as they had none; later, he flew for the Armed Police Force and RNA

King Gyanendra who had usurped power first in 2002 and done a coup in 2005, did not allow the RNA to aid or assist the police which suffered on account of it. He did not even allow PM GP Koirala to use it to break the siege of the Holleri post when 76 policemen were taken hostage. Koirala had to resign but Holleri was an avoidable blot on police's unprofessional record. The Army was only pressed into service after Maoists during a ceasefire and talks attacked Army barracks in November 2001 at Dang. RT explains the politics underpinning the King's embargo on RNA. Flying for the army RT became an 'enemy of the Maoists' and was advised to send his family abroad for their sarety.

Major encounters revive memories of fighting, their horror, ferocity and barbarity. Villages Nepal are described mainly from and towns have not forgotten



RT HAS NARRATED SEVERAL HUMAN INTEREST STORIES LIKE ONCE **EVACUATING A** FEMALE MAOIST WHO LATER BECAME A MINISTER AND MARRIED A FELLOW MAOIST MINISTER

the atrocities committed by both sides. RT has narrated several human interest stories like once evacuating a female Maoist who later became a minister and married a fellow Maoist minister. There is a conversation with elders in a village who tell him that they prefer to give their daughters to RNA rather than letting Maoists take them away to join the movement. His underground life at Oasis

Hotel in Nepalgunj is cloak-and-dagger stuff. RT has not shied away from writing about RNA's November 2004 Pandaun, Kailali 'propaganda' attack under the lyricist Divisional Commander, Gen Rajendra Thapa. The Army claimed it had killed 200 to 300 Maoists whereas only 4 to 5 bodies were found ('Maoists had an honour code not to leave behind any bodies). One of the Army's self-afflicted disasters was enacted at Pili in August 2004 when an Engineer Regiment was ordered to crash-build a road for King Gyanendra's visit. Their prize was a huge cache of explosives stored at Pili for road construction. Nearly 160 soldiers were killed as RT conducted casualty evacua tion flights.

Elsewhere he mentions current President Ramchandra Poudel writing an article in Kantipur

Prince Gyanendra's residence. Having been as 'busy as a bee' in the People's War, as a 24X7 helicopter pilot, his life changed after violence ceased. He mentions India's constructive role in the peace process. In his post-conflict avatar, RT became an aviation company czar, a media mogul - with newspapers, radio and TV and an interest in politics. His list of awards will fill a page. So will his contribution to corporate social responsibility. Into The Fire: was released in Delhi last month to a packed house. Striking in the book is the note written by Janardhan Sharmawho was the architect of the Khara debacle-while recently Nepal's Finance Minister. Sitting next to me on the dais RT was a picture of modesty and humility, few people realised his crucial role in the People's War. Immodestly I could not resist mentioning

daily titled 'Maobadi Paradise:

Nirmal Nivas', which was

General, was Commander. IPKF South, Sri Lanka, and jounaer member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the Integrated Defence Staff; the views expressed are

my book The Royal Nepal

Army: Meeting the Maoist

Challenge released in 2005.

But his is a first-hand account.

(The writer, a retired Major

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## The invisible battle for mental health in India



#### Mental health remains an afterthought in our healthcare narrative. The true healing encompasses both body and mind

s a psychologist, I've seen how health in ✓ India isn't just a battle of the body—it's a struggle of the mind. Behind every disease is a person dealing with fear, frustration and, at times, loneliness. Whether in rural areas, where diseases like tuberculosis persist or in urban centres where lifestyle illnesses are on the rise, the emotional toll is often invisible but deeply

In rural India, patients face challenges that go beyond medical diagnoses. I remember a man from a small village battling tuberculosis, but what weighed on him most wasn't just his illness—it was the isolation. He felt forgotten and cut off from the world because healthcare facilities were far away, and his family didn't know how to support him. This emotional isolation is something many rural patients experience, and it can be as damaging as their physical symptoms, compounding their sense of hopelessness. In cities like Gurgaon, the struggles are different but equally proambivalence think and anger gesAssessment U × personali circumstances =

young woman overwhelmed by anxiety.

To the outside world, she seemed to have it all-a great job, a busy social life, and a bright future. But inside, she was spiralling. She hesitated for months before seeking help, afraid that admitting to her struggles would make her appear weak. This fear of judgment keeps many people from asking for help, and it's heartbreaking to see how common this is in urban environments. Mental health remains an afterthought in our healthcare

system. We focus on physical symptoms—treating heart disease, diabetes, and other cal—on the back burner,

found. I think of Anjali, a conditions—but the emotional weight people carry is often ignored. I've seen people suffer for years in silence, feeling their emotional pain isn't valid because it can't be measured like a physical illness. There's an urgent need for change. India's healthcare system mirrors this divide. In cities, private care offers options, but mental health services are still limited and expensive.

In rural areas, mental health is rarely even discussed. Socioeconomic barriers, especially for women, make it even harder to access mental health care. Women often put their health both emotional and physi-

prioritising their families' needs over their own. One of my patients, a mother of two, delayed seeking help for her anxiety for years. She was exhausted, overwhelmed, and losing her sense of self. But like so many women, she felt guilty for even considering that her health deserved atten-

This is a common story too many women in India silently endure mental health struggles, dismissing their needs as unimportant, further isolating themselves in the process.

We need to change this narrative. Mental health is not a luxury or a sign of weakness. It is an integral part of overall well-being. We must make mental health care as important as physical health in our conversations and our healthcare system. Only then can we address the full scope of health challenges in Indiabecause real healing isn't just about the body; it's about the mind too.

(The writer is Psychologist and founder - Kavita Kabira wellness clinic: views are personal)

#### **RTI POWER FADES**

Madam —It is really unfortunate that the RTI Act, which came into effect in 2005, promising a new era in transparency in government functioning, has almost died its own death, with the executive not showing any keenness to infuse a fresh life into it. The Act has slowly weakened due to unwarranted amendments, overreach of the executive and restrictive judicial interpretations. Lack of adequate infrastructure and shortage of staff in government offices to deal with RTI applications is another cause for worry. Ever since its ratification, several attempts have been made to deliberately dilute this law and hamper access to information by the public.

The proposed amendments were dropped due to widespread public defiance. In the administration and functioning of a democratic government, the right to access and seek information is a sine qua non for transparency, openness and accountability. Unless citizens are empowered with the right to ask questions, democracies cannot and will not survive. The need of the hour is to promote the free flow of information to limit tvrannical tendencies and reinforce democratic ideals.

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

**RAILWAY SAFETY NEGLECTED** Madam — Gone are the days when a Railway minister used to apologise for a train accident and even tender his resignation for it. Now, it is too much to expect even an explanation for the snail's pace at which the Train Collision Avoidance System is being installed and the lack of manpower that makes even loco pilots do the extra shifts. In such a scenario, there is no wonder why train accidents have become a regular event in our country. Train Collision Avoidance System, which was later renamed as Kavach, is an automatic train protection system that helps prevent collisions if two trains are on the same tracks. Senior railway officials said that a field trial was

## Peacekeepers under attack



ust a week ago, Israel's Foreign Minister Israel Katz announced that UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has been banned from entering Israel, accusing him of "supporting" Hamas, Hezbollah,

started for Kavach in 2016. But it has been installed only in less than 1,500 km of tracks out of the total 70,000 km covered by the Indian Railways across the country.

That means this lifesaving device has so far been placed in only a little over 2 per cent of railway tracks in eight years after its field trials! An RTI reply says that of 1,27,644 sanctioned posts of loco pilots and assistant loco pilots, 18,766-nearly 15 per cent - were vacant as of March 1 this year. Indian Railways have been playing with our lives by not filling up vacant posts and by forcing their personnel, even loco pilots, to overwork. How can a loco pilot remain alert if he has to do

Sujit De | Kolkata

**LAW AND ORDER CRISIS** Madam — The shooting of Baba Siddiqui could not have come at a worse time for the Mahayuti government in Maharashtra, as elections to the assembly are just around the corner. The opposition has been handed over an issue of

Houthis and Iran. Now a new order has been issued from Tel Aviv, which says that all UN peacekeepers should be removed from Lebanon. Israel is accusing without any proof that Hezbollah is using peacekeepers as human shields.

On the contrary, Israel has been continuously attacking the peacekeepers since last week. Dozens of peacekeepers have been injured so far. UNIFIL, a mission of about 9,500 soldiers of various nationalities, was created after Israel invaded Lebanon in 1978. It is currently tasked with monitoring the ceasefire that ended the 33-day war between Israel and Hezbollah in 2006. Israel's actions have been criticised by the whole world, except the US.

Jang Bahadur Singh | Jamshedpur

law and order in the state which is certainly going to be used as ammunition against the government in the electoral campaigning. There is no doubt this issue will resonate with the people of the state. If important political leaders and ex-ministers are not safe, what hope is there for the common citizen? Another disturbing fact is that the alleged kingpin is overseeing operations from jail.

With the right connections, jails seem to have become a holiday resort with all facilities available, like cell phones and wi-fi. The assailants are said to be in the ages of 19-21, and another one is supposedly said to be a minor. The lack of education and scarcity of jobs play their part in getting the young people sucked into the criminal world. Usually, the criminals come from the Northern Hindi belt. Those in charge of the states must find ways and means to stop the young people from entering the world of crime. Anthony Henriques | Mumbai

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## **FIRST COLUMN CLEANLINESS AND SPIRITUALITY**

The connection between a clean space and a peaceful mind is undeniable



Then I recall our college days, particularly the hostel rooms, it takes me on a nostalgic trip. The days were full of fun and frolic, books scattered around, beer and rum bottles lying randomly, with cigarette butts strewn rather carelessly. The rooms were full of

Most of the guys would ogle, there was no Google back then, at the girls. Posters of Pink Floyd, the Beatles, and Led Zeppelin populated the grubby and unwashed walls of the rooms. The politically inclined would paste large printed pictures of Che Guevara, Marx and Lenin among others, professing their ideological baggage unequivocally.

Some rooms were relatively cleaner and tidily kept. In our hail-fellowwell-met attitude we ended up ostracising such students. But they were our Gurus during examination times, much to their chagrin. A close friend had put up a poster which read: "Cleanliness is the sign of a sick mind." His room was particularly unclean and stained.

Cleanliness is both the abstract state of being clean and free from dirt, and the process of achieving and maintaining that state. However, to my mind cleanliness and spirituality are intertwined like Siamese twins. The human mind normally slips into a state of meditation and involuntarily has a spiritual experience at places which are relatively clean. Cleanliness is positively next to godliness.

India has of late embarked upon a major cleanliness drive where villages, bijou towns, cities, rivers, among others, places of historical importance and important religious places are being refurbished. This is indeed a positive statement made by the government. A gurdwara is the place of worship for Sikhs. People from all faiths and those who do not pro-



fess any faith too, are welcomed in Sikh gurdwaras. To me gurdwaras are among the cleanest spots in the country and it is a lesson in humility to observe how the devout keep it absolutely spick and span. The mind gravitates to the pristine spirit and listens to the soulful and mellifluous Gurubani being sung. The human mind, which is normally cannonaded by innumerable thoughts, gradually settles down and is at rest

It would be interesting to mention that Sri Harmandir Sahib and Sri Darbar Sahib are informally referred to as the Golden Temple. Guru Ram Das constructed the Golden Temple in 1577. He was the fourth Guru in the pantheon of Sikh Gurus. A Sikh friend mentioned that a gurdwara is a community asset and serviced by unpaid and committed volunteers, those who perform seva from the kitchen to the shoe rack.

Mahatma Gandhi, the apostle of peace and non-violence, championed the cause of truth only as he could. His autobiography, The Story of My Experiments with Truth, like his life, documents every aspect where he does not dissemble anything. During my days of quotidian drinking, I drank heavily and remained inebriated. In that state of arrogance and hubris, I walked into the holy precincts of the Golden Temple carrying a packet of Wills Navy Cut. The act was certainly sacrilegious. For perpetrating this sinful act, I could have been trolled on social media. Today, I regret the mistake committed and apologise sincerely from the depths of my heart. I am sober today because of Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and have given up drinking, smoking and eating non-vegetarian fare. The twisted personality in me is making amends and I hope those afflicted with these vices seek the grace of a Guru to extricate themselves from this cesspool of negativity and embark upon the voyage to discover the quintessential quality of cleanliness and spirituality.

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## Migration issue polarises Canada ahead of 2025 election

Canada is struggling to reconcile the benefits of foreign influx with stagnant wages, strained services and a housing crisis; analysis by AMAL CHANDRA and AJAY P KARUVALLY

anada has recently cut down on international student permits and tightened eligibility for work permits in a bid to cut down on the number of temporary residents. As the federal election approaches in October 2025, immigration remains the most contentious issue in Canadian politics. "Immigration is an advantage for our economy — but when bad actors abuse the system and take advantage of students, we crack down." Said Canada Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, in a post on X. However, things are a little more complicated. Canada presents a unique case of population dynamics, with rapid growth despite record-low birth rates. Between 2023 and 2024, Canada's population surged by 3.2 per cent, outpacing even some African nations known for their high population growth. While the population is increasing rapidly, the total fertility rate (TFR) of 1.33 children per woman in 2022 was the lowest in Canadian history. Canada's population growth, despite a very low TFR, is a testament to the power of immigration. In 2023, 97.6 per cent of the growth in the Canadian population came through immigration.

This reliance on immigrants is a longstanding strategy to offset the country's ageing population. While the COVID-19 pandemic temporarily slowed population growth to just 0.4 per cent in 2021, immigration quickly rebounded, fuelling a rapid recovery in population growth. A significant portion of Canada's immigrants come from India, making up 10.8 per cent of all immigrants in 2023. The proportion of Indians among all the immigrant groups entering the country has increased from 9.6 per cent between 1991 and 2000, to 18.6 per cent between 2016 and 2021. Projections for the period between 2022 and 2026 suggest this trend will continue to accelerate.

Canada's Immigration Dilemma:

Canada's immigration system comprises four main programs: economic, family, refugee, and temporary work. The first three lead to permanent residency, while temporary workers must follow specific pathways with quotas and criteria to attain permanent residency. The preferred route for international students is the Post-Graduation Work Permit (PCWP) which is issued to foreign stu-G W P), which is issued to foreigh stu dents who have completed a diploma or degree at a Canadian institution.

This permit allows them to qualify for permanent residency programs. While all immigration programs have grown, the 127 per cent surge in international student permits issued in 2023 compared to 2006 is particularly remarkable. A 2015 study showed that between 20 per cent and 27 per cent of international students transitioned to permanent residency within ten years of receiving their first study permit. This conversion rate is likely even higher in more recent years, reflecting the growing appeal of Canada as a destination for long-term settlement through the student migration route.

Economic Growth or Illusion? The influx of immigrants and their economic activity has fuelled Canada's GDP growth (1.8 per cent average from 2000 to 2023), but population growth is masking underlying economic challenges. The GDP per capita rate for the same period from 2000 to 2023 is only



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TO ATTAIN PERMANENT 0.7 per cent, among the lowest in the G7. The Canadian economy and the living standards of its population have largely stagnated over the last decade.

While immigrants are contributing to economic growth, the GDP per capita rates are declining. Many new immigrants earn less than the national average, and there are doubts about their ability to achieve upward mobility as rapidly as past generations of immigrants, especially given that the majority are temporary resi-

The Government's Immigration Gamble: To course-correct a stagnating economy and compensate for poor growth rates, Canadian policymakers have made a bet on immigration. By letting in massive numbers of permanent and temorary residents, Canada nas pri oritised short-term growth, in hopes this can translate to a sustainable long-term growth strategy through the upward mobili-ty of the recently introduced PERMANENT immigrant cohorts. While it may be too early to say this is not working, Canadian public opinion against immigration is at an alltime low. Many Canadians feel the rapid influx of immigrants is exacerbating critical issues like the housing shortage and the strain on social services, including healthcare and emergency response. Despite placing their hopes on immigration, the gov-ernment has failed to make parallel investments in infrastructure to support both immigrants and

the existing population.
Wages in Canada have struggled to keep pace with inflation and RESIDENCY there is rising concern among tation of a microcosm of Migration and Development; views

suppressing wages. Although evidence suggests that immigrants have little to no impact on the average wages of native workers, the perception of such effects tends to fuel stronger anti-immigration sentiments. Corporations, however, have capitalised on this dynamic, employing temporary workers, including international students, in low-wage, precarious jobs. The promise of permanent residency keeps them in the system, even when working conditions are poor.

For corporations, this represents a windfall of cheap labour. Coincidentally, working these low-paying jobs means the immigrants are unlikely to undergo the upward social mobility the government is hoping they would. Rising Hostility and Public Sentiment As frustrations over the government's immigration policies mount, this frustration is being increasingly manifested as resentment toward immigrants themselves. Public sentiment has noticeably shifted in recent years, with more Canadians expressing negative views toward international students and other immigrants. While this is hard to quantify and prove, public sentiment analysis using machine learning models on social media platforms like Reddit provides a useful indication.

We analysed all the comments under posts containing the word "international students" in the r/Canada subreddit (community) from 2010 to 2022. While the r/Canada subreddit is not in any way a reflection of Canadian society, it could be a fair represen-

gration. Till 2015, There was minimal discussion or negative sentiments related to international students (see figure below). Starting from around 2015, the number of negative comments saw a sharp rise. This trend peaks significantly after 2020, indicating a growing negative discourse, especially in recent years. The number of positive comments seems to plateaued after 2017. Although positive sentiment persists, sentiment analysis reveals a shift in public discourse toward increasingly negative views on the broader issue of international students in recent years.

Conclusion: A Broken System For many international students and temporary immigrants, these growing negative sentiments could lead to increased hostility and more barriers to integration Instances of food bank usage, cultural misunderstandings, and economic struggles may further inflame these tensions. Canada's immigration system, which lacks a strategic vision, seems to benefit neither Canadian citizens nor immigrants.

Without meaningful reforms, only corporations exploiting cheap labour will see long-term gains, while social unrest and economic stagnation will continue to grow. The future of Canada's mmigration policy hinges on the ability of the government and its citizens to address the current challenges and find a path forward that benefits all residents.

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## The divisive legacy of British colonialism: A persistent threat to India's unity

## Politicians continue to exploit social divisions for electoral gains, while foreign forces seek to undermine India's unity

⊣he legacy of British colonialism in India remains a contentious issue, with far-reaching consequences that continue to impact the country's social fabric. In the contemporary context, this can be seen in the practice of politics by the opposition parties, particularly the Indian National Congress (INC).

The colonial era strategically exploited India's inherent social and cultural diversities, creating fault lines that persist today. These divisions, crafted to serve the interests of the British Empire, have become entrenched in India's societal landscape, posing a significant challenge to national unity.Post-1857, British authorities, scholars, and missionaries collaborated to divide Dalits, tribals and Muslims



from the Hindu community. This agenda leveraged scholars and missionaries to separate Dalits and tribals through conversion and social manipulation, as detailed in Arun Shourie's seminal work, "Missionaries in India."

By creating artificial distinctions and fueling social conflict, the British successfully fostered alliances and divisions that endured long after crises in India, despite no evi-

independence. Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently highlighted Congress's departure from its founding principles, embracing leftist ideologies instead. Modi cited Congress's original stance on issues like Swadeshi, Swavalamban, and Panchayat Raj, and Mahatma Gandhi's opposition to religious conversion and cow slaughter.

Gandhi's post-1920 emphasis on eradicating untouchability, casteism, alcoholism, and women's oppression, and promoting national unity, has given way to divisive rhetoric. Congress's current leadership, exemplified by Rahul Gandhi, has strayed from these ideals. Gandhi's recent US visit sparked controversy, as he claimed Sikhs face identity

dence. His comments fueled separatist sentiments among Khalistani supporters, echoing the tactics employed by British colonialists. Meanwhile, in Sikh communi-

ties, Max Arthur Macauliffe sowed seeds of separation, as detailed in Khushwant Singh's "The Sikh Gurus, Sacred Writings and Authors." These foreign interventions fabricated logic, distorted literature, and spread misinformation to execute their divide-and-rule

Gandhi's stance resonates with the British-era concept that India is not a nation but a union of states. This contradicts the ancient Indian ethos, affirming India's nationhood. The Vedas proclaim, "Vayam Rashtra Jagryam Purahitah" (We are the guardians of the

Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's wish to have his ashes immersed in the Ganges reflects his devotion to Mother India. The British exploited these divisions, nurturing enduring fault lines evident in the Direct Action orchestrated by the Muslim League, resulting in the brutal massacre of 16,000 Hindus in Calcutta

Notable figures like Jaipal Singh Munda and Jogendra Nath Mandal eventually broke away from the Muslim League, recognising the sinister intentions. Mandal resigned from the Pakistan government and returned to India, highlighting the atrocities faced by Dalits and tribals.

Today, India must recognise and learn from this history,

nation). Even former Prime acknowledging the artificial divisions created by British colonialism and guarding against similar tactics employed by contemporary forces seeking to exploit these fault lines for political gain. Citizens and political parties must remain vigilant, prioritising national unity over sectarian interests.

The 1946 Jharkhand, Chota Nagpur Pakistan Conference and Jogendra Nath Mandal's alliance with the Muslim League exemplified this strategy. British authorities fueled fears among Dalits and tribals, claiming the "Hindu Raj" would oppress them. This manipulation ignored the historical social cohesion and shared struggles of India's diverse communities.

Mahatma Gandhi's vision for Despite progress, India faces

a unified India contrasts sharply with the divisive agenda of some contemporary politicians, who seek to resurrect the British-era fault lines. Gandhi's emphasis on eradicating social evils and promoting national unity has given way to identity politics and vote bank manipulation.

India's democratic fabric demands that citizens and leaders recognise and resist these divisive forces, promoting national unity and social cohesion. The country must acknowledge its complex history and address the lingering consequences of colonialism. By doing so, India can overcome the artificial divisions imposed upon it and forge a path toward true unity and

inclusive governance. (The writer is National Joint General Secretary, Organisation BJP; views are personal)

## **UN Security Council voices 'strong concern'** for UN peacekeepers after Israeli attacks

The UN Security Council expressed "strong concern" Monday as Israel has fired on and wounded UN peacekeepers in southern Lebanon during intensified fighting, reiterating its support for their role in supporting security in the region. It's the first statement by the UN's most powerful body since Israel's attacks on the positions of the peacekeeping force known as UNIFIL began last week, drawing international condemnation.

UN peacekeeping chief Jean-Marie Lacroix told reporters that Secretary-General António Guterres confirmed Monday that peacekeepers will remain in all their positions even as Israel has urged the peacekeepers to move 5 kilometers (3 miles) north during its ground invasion in Lebanon

Israel has been escalating its campaign against Hezbollah in Lebanon across a UNdrawn boundary between the two countries. The sides have been clashing since the Iranian-backed militant group started firing rockets a year ago in solidarity with its ally Hamas in Gaza. Hamas' deadly attacks in southern Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, launched the war.

The Security Council statement, issued after emergency closed consultations on Lebanon, did not name either Israel, Lebanon or Hezbollah. Read by Swiss U.N.

Ambassador Pascale Baeriswyl, the council's current president, it urges all parties "to respect the safety and security of UNIFIL personnel and UN premises."

The 15-member Security Council has been deeply divided over the war in Gaza, with the United States defending its ally Israel as support for the Palestinians has grown among members and casualties have escalated. The Biden administration has become more critical of civilian deaths as well as the recent attacks on UNIFIL.

US deputy ambassador Robert Wood told reporters that "it's good that the council can speak with one voice on what's on the minds of all people around the world right now — and it's the situation in Lebanon?

The council's statement sends a message to the Lebanese people "that the council cares, that the council is watching this issue and that the council today spoke with one voice," Wood said.

Council members also expressed "deep concern" at civilian casualties and suffering, the destruction of civilian infrastructure and the rising number of internally displaced people.

More than 1,400 people in Lebanon, including civilians, medics and Hezbollah fighters, have been killed and 1.2 million displaced in the past month. Around 60 Israelis have been killed in Hezbollah strikes in the past year. Israel says it wants to drive the militant group away from the border so some 60,000 displaced Israelis can return to their homes.

The Security Council statement called on all parties to abide by international humanitarian law, which requires the protection of civilians.

Council members also called for the full implementation of Security Council Resolution 1701, which ended the 2006 Israel-Hezbollah war "and recognized the need for further practical measures to achieve that outcome.'

That resolution calls for the Lebanese army to deploy throughout the south and for all armed groups, including Hezbollah, to be disarmed - neither of which has happened in the past 18 years.

Lacroix, the undersecretary-general for peace operations, told reporters after his closed briefing to the Security Council that five UNIFIL peacekeepers have been injured in recent days and that the UN has protested to Israel. İsrael has indicated "investigations will be

carried out regarding some of these incidents ... and we will see what comes out of this," he said. Israeli Army spokesman Lt. Col. Nadav

Shoshani asserted Sunday that Israel has tried to maintain constant contact with UNIFIL and that any instance of UN forces being harmed will be investigated at "the highest level."

# North Korea blows up inter-Korean roads as tensions with South soar

South Korea said North Korea blew up the northern parts of inter-Korean roads no longer in use on Tuesday, as the rivals are locked in rising animosities over North Korea's claim that South Korea flew drones over its capital, Pyongyang.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a brief statement that North Korea blew up parts of the roads on Tuesday

It said South Korea's military is bolstering its readiness and surveillance posture but gave no further details.

The explosions came a day after North Korean leader Kim Jong Un called a meeting with his top military and security officials. During the meeting, Kim described the alleged South Korean drone flights as the "enemy's serious provocation" and laid out unspecified tasks related to "immediate military action" and the operation of his "war deterrent" for defending the country's sovereignty, the North's state media reported earlier Tuesday. North Korea earlier put front-

Un's push to cut off ties with South Korea, formally cement it as his country's principal enemy and abandon the

North's decades-long objective to seek a peaceful Korean unification.

During the previous era of inter-Korean detente in the 2000s, the two Koreas reconnected two road routes and two rail tracks across their heavily fortified border. But their operations later were suspended one by one as the Koreas wrangled over North Korea's nuclear programme and other issues

Last week, North Korea said it would permanently block its

border with South Korea and build front-line defense structures to cope with "confronta-tional hysteria" by South

Korean and US forces. South Korean officials said North Korea had already been adding anti-tank barriers and laying mines along the border since earlier this year. They said North Korea has also planted mines and removed lamps along its sections of the inter-Korean roads and taken out ties on the northern side of the rail-

## Top leaders attend Iranian Revolutionary Guard general's funeral

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The funeral of an Iranian Revolutionary Guard general killed alongside Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah drew the largest crowd of top leaders in the paramilitary organisation together Tuesday for the first time since Tehran launched a ballistic missile attack on Israel.

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officials said Tuesday. In northern Gaza, where Israel has been waging an air and ground campaign in Jabaliya for more than a week, residents said families were still trapped in their homes and shelters.

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and abducting another 250. Israel's offensive in Gaza has killed over 42,000 Palestinians, according to local health authorities, who do not say how many were fighters but say women and children make up The war has destroyed large

In solidarity with Hamas, Lebanese militant group Hezbollah has exchanged crossborder fire with Israel almost daily for the past year. Israel escalated its campaign against the

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units on standby to launch

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South Korea has refused to

confirm whether it sent drones

but warned it would sternly

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in line with leader Kim Jong

Fadavi, a deputy commander in chief of the Guard, comes as Iran awaits a threatened retaliation by Israel over its October 1 ballistic missile attack. "That land is a small land. It's not even as big as one of Iran's small provinces," Fadavi said.

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My client Sh. Vidya Sagar Jha s/o Sh. Jageshwar Jha owner of Built up Plot Bearing no. 1-B, area measuring 64.38 sq.mtrs. out of Khasra no-1264, Situated in 64.38 s.,mtrs. out of Khasra no-1264, Situated in Unauthorized Colony, Saroop Nagar Extn. W X Y Z Block PTII, in the area of Village Kadi Pur, abadi Known as Swaroop Nagar, East Village Libaspur, Delhi-1100421. httpugh. Registered Conveyance Deed Dated 06.01.2024 executed by DDA-PM-UDAY CELL in favour of Sh. Vidya Sagar Iha S/o Sh. Jageshwar Iha Vide Reg. no. 7 at SR-VIE DELHI the above-mentioned property is going to be mortgage with Fed Bank Financial Services Limited. If any person/bank/ financial institution having any claim/ right. lien: any objection whatspeever aving any claim/ right, lien, any objection whatsoeve n regard to the above property, should notified to the indersigned/**Adv.** Vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-110092 along with documentary evidence Court, Delhi-110092 along with occumentary evident under address through registered within 15 days fror the date of publication of this notice failing which an claim, lien or objection shall be deemed to have bee waived. Adv. Vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardoom Court, Delhi-110092; Mobile No. 9811215181

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Information is given to general public at large that Santosh Kurnar Singh S/o Satya Dev Singh who is/are purchasing the Entire Second Floor Without Roof Rights, Property Municipal No. A12, Area measuring 100 Sq. Yards, i.e. 83.61 Sq. Mtrs, Pari of Khasra No. 677, Within extended Lal Dora of Village Burari, Delhi-110084 from Amit Kumar S/c Late Ram Bir Singh who was the owner by virtue of Sale Deed registered on dated 07.03.2018 (Doc No. 2361) in the Office of SR-I-Delhi executed by Pooja Gupta D/o B.D. Aggarwal Intend to mortgagarist the financial assistance from Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited. Original Sale Deed dated 04.03.2014 (Doc No. 1794) are not available with the seller Le Ami Kumar S/o Late Ram Bir Singh. 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 intimate in writing in the undersinged within C7. davs as e said property is/are hereby requested to intima writing to the undersigned within 07 days

## Imran's party calls off protest in Pak ahead of SCO summit

PTI ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's main opposition called off its protest on Tuesday as the 23rd meeting of the Council of the Heads of Government (CHG) of the member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation begins here under tight securi-

The two-day meeting will discuss ongoing cooperation in fields of economy, trade, environment and socio-cultural

linkages and review the performance of the Organisation. Pakistan assumed the rotating chair of the SCO CHG, the second highest forum within the SCO, for 2023-24 at the previ-

ous meeting, held in Bishkek in October 2023. The CHG meeting will be chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. Chinese Premier Li Qiang, Belarus Prime Minister Roman Golovchenko, Kazakhstan Bektenov, Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin, Tajik Prime Minister Kohir Rasulzoda, Uzbek Prime Minister Abdulla Aripov, Kyrgyzstan's Chairman of Ministers Cabinet Zhaparov Akylbek, Iran's First Vice President Mohammad Reza Aref, and Indian External

The threat of unrest was avoided when the Pakistan Tehreeki-Insaf last night agreed to call off its protest in the capital after the assurance by the government that a medical team would be allowed to meet its jailed leader 72-year-old Imran Khan. It has announced a protest to

Affairs Minister S Jaishankar

are participating.

force the government to allow a meeting with Khan in jail after authorities stopped all kinds of meetings with inmates in Adiala Jail Rawalpindi, including Khan, ahead of the

SCO meeting.

However, the issue was resolved late Monday night when the PTI accepted assurance by the government that a doctor would be allowed to see Khan on Tuesday.

"After long consideration and negotiations that went back and forth..., we decided to call off the protest," Khan's international spokesman Zulfiqar Bukhari said in a WhatsApp voice mes-

He also said that the PTI was and friendly embassies to post-

pone the protest. He, however, defended the right to protest on the occasion of an international event which he said was an international norm as all over the world protests are held on such occa-

Earlier, the government had warned to deal with any kind of protest with an iron hand. Elaborate security measures have been taken and about 10,000 police personnel deployed who have the support of paramilitary rangers and regular army troops.

The government announced three-day official leave in the capital and neighbouring Rawalpindi to avoid unnecessary hassle during the conference.

Section 144 has also been imposed in the twin cities to outlaw all gatherings.

## China reacts to arrest of its nationals for cyber fraud in Sri Lanka

Tuesday said it is closely following the arrest of several of its nationals in Sri Lanka for allegedly being involved in online fraud and process for their repatriation is underway. Sri Lankan police said over 230 Chinese nationals between the ages of 22 and 49 have been arrested from different parts of the island in the last fortnight. The Chinese nationals were arrested for allegedly overstaying their visit visas and being party to online scams conduct-

The Chinese Embassy in a statement said it is closely following

in telecommunications infrastructure, geographical location and friendly relations with China, as well as the public lack of awareness on online fraud some electronic fraud criminal gangs have moved to Sri Lanka and continue to engage in fraud activities targeting Chinese citizens at home and abroad," the embassy said. The Chinese government has taken note of this and promotes cooperation in the anti-online fraud law enforcement between the two countries. the statement added. "In order to effectively crack

"Due to Sri Lanka's advantages

down on telecom fraud and create a strong deterrent, the Ministry of Public Security of China sent a working group in September to jointly carry out a special operation with the Sri Lankan police.

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e it known to all that our clients, Mr. Uday bere & Mrs. Raf Kumari (hereinafter called the rurchaser") intend to purchase the said operty from Mr. Sunil (hereinafter called the seller"). In this connection, the seller has formed the purchaser that he is the sole and solute owner of the said property vide Sale

"Seller"). In this connection, the seller has informed the purchaser that he is the sole and absolute owner of the said property vide Sale Deed dated 80. 72.024. The said Sale deed is registered as Document No. 8479, Book No. 1, Vol No. 18941, pages 125-150 executed by Mrs. Sarita in his favour. The seller has also informed that the said property is no mortgaged anywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending regarding the said property. The seller has further informed the purchaser that the following original documents namely (1) Registered GPA dated 02/11/1989 executed by Mr. Bhagwat in favour of Mr. Chander and registered as Document No. 2051; and (2) POA docs viz., registred GPA, ATS and Wildated 29/06/1998 executed by Mr. Chander in favour of Ms. Kalawati, in respect of the said documents and hereinafter called the "said documents" are not traceable and seem thave been loot, and Fir regarding loss of these said documents has been lodged by the seller with Delhi Police Crime Branch vide LR No. 2201413/2024 dated 15.10.2024. If the aforesaid original said documents or any of them are/is found or have/has been found by any person, the same may be returned and elivered to the underrisgned at the address

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General Public may also take note that any deal or transaction done by anybody on the basis of the said documents or any of them shall be illegal and not binding on our client The person doing so shall be liable to be prosecuted under the law.

SHIVKANT ARORA, ADVOCATE
FOR MIS INTELLECTIVE LAW OFFICES
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DEFENCE COLONY, NEW DELHI-110024

Form No. INC-26

[Pursuant to rule 30 the Companies

(Incorporation) Rules, 2014]

BEFORE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT,

NORTHERN REGION, DELHI

IN THE MATTER OF SUB-SECTION (4) OF

SECTION 13 OF COMPANIES ACT, 2013 AND

CLAUSE (A) OF SUB-RULE (5) OF RULE 30

OF THE COMPANIES (INCORPORATION)

IN THE MATTER OF XPRESS MINDS

**EDUTAINMENT PRIVATE LIMITED HAVING** 

ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT C-208 YAMUNA

APARTMENTS, ALAKNANDA, DELHI,

Notice is hereby given to the General Public

that the company proposes to make

application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking

confirmation of alteration of the

Memorandum of Association of the Company

in terms of the special resolution passed at

the Extra ordinary General Meeting held on

October 3rd, 2024 to enable the Company to

change its Registered Office from "National

Capital Territory Delhi" to "State of

Any person whose interest is likely to be

affected by the proposed change of the

registered office of the company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal

(www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor

complaint form or cause to be delivered or

send by registered post of his/her objections

supported by an affidavit stating the nature

e address mentioned below:

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**RULES, 2014** 

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PUBIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that Beinita
Bedi is the owner of Upper Ground Floor without
roof rights built on Plot no. 238, area measuring
100 sq. yards, i.e., 20' x 45', out of Khasra no.
76/5' situated in the area of village Kamalpur
Majra, Burari, abadi known as C-Block, Main
Road, Ajit Vihar, Delhi-110084 through Gift Deed
dated 15.10.2024 as doc. No. 2024/19/i/12205
executed by Pratima Bedi and Rekha Bedi in
favour of Beinita Bedi W/oMr. Anmol Bediin
respect of Said Plot.
Beinita Bedi is in the process of mortgaging the
said Floor with SMFG India Home Finance Co.
Ltd. (Formerly Fullertron India Home Finance Co. said Floor with SMH-G India Home Finance Co.
Ltd. (Formerly Fullerton India Home Finance
Co. Ltd.). Any objections or concerns regarding
this transaction should be raised within a period
of 7 days from the date of this public notice. Any
objections submitted after the completion of this
7-day period will not be considered binding with
respect to the said property or the interests of our
client.

client.
If anyone wishes to raise an objection, please do so within the stipulated?-day period by contacting Law Veritas: North (Advocates & Legal Consultants) at Office No. 11, fstFloor, Building No. A-44/A, Sector-16, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301; Landline (s):+910120-3101683; e-mail: accounts@lvnorth.in

PUBLIC NOTICE I, Harshit Sharma, Advocate, practicing at Ch.No.492, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi.on behalf of my client. Dr. Nidhi Sharma, Director of International Pride IVF & Research Centre, located at Plot No.19,Sector-11,Opp.Metro Station Sector-11,Dwarka,Sector-11,Delhi, come to the attention of my client tha unauthorized individuals and entitle are fraudulently using her name to offe IVF and surrogacy services. **Dr. Nidhi Sharma** is only responsible for the activities and services provided at her centre, **International Pride IVF &** Research Centre, which strictly adhere to all legal regulations and guideline governing IVF and surrogacy procedure s.Any use of **Dr. Nidhi Sharma's** name b any unauthorized individual or entity for such services is illegal and withou for such services is illegal and without her consent. This unauthorized use is damaging to her reputation and exposes her to potential legal complications. The public is strongly urged to verify the authenticity of any IVF and surrogacy services claimed to be offered under her name and to report inv suspicious activities to the relevan authorities. My client expressl disclaims any responsibility for actions services, or outcomes related to an other centres or individuals misusing her name. This notice serves to protect her legal rights, reputation, and professional standing. She will not be held liable for any consequences arising

HARSHIT SHARMA & ASSOCIATES CH NO.- 492, PATIALA HOUSE COURTS, ND-110001 Email- harshitsharma000005@gmail.com

**PUBLIC NOTICE** Re. Portion of Built-up Property Bearing Plot No. 58, land area measuring 50 sq.yds, orford total area measuring 100 sq.yds., referred to as the "Said portion" part of Property Bearing Plot No. 58, land area measuring 100 sq.yds. out of Khasra No. 14/23, Situated in the Revenue Estate of Village Razapur Khurd, Delhi State Delhi, and the colony known as Sainik Vihar, Mohan Garden, Utlam Nagar New Delhi (Horeinsfilter referred to as the

lew Delhi.,(Hereinafter referred to as th Said Property"). Said Property J. Notice is hereby given to the general public including Banks, Financial Institutions, etc that, as informed by our clientess, Misshahnaz Begum, she is the sole and absolute owner of the said portion of the said property to this conception, she have informed that she In this connection, she has informed that she was the Altorney holder of Mrs Shabram vibe POA documents viz., GPA, ATS and Will dated 27/01/2023. Later on, she (Mrs. Shahnar viz.) GPA, Beymin executed a Sale Deed as Attorney of Mrs. Shabnam in her favour in respect of the said portion of the said property. The said Sale Deed is registered as Document No. 2024/25/1/26569 in Book No., Volume No. 12715, pages 115-134, on 01/10/2024. Thus, she became the sole and absolute owner of the said profit on of the said property. Mrs Shabnam was transferred the said property wide POA documents viz., GPA, ATS and Will dated 05/03/1997 executed by Mr. Ram Mehar Singh in her favour. Now our clientes intends to mortgage, the said protion of the this connection, she has informed that sh

ntends to mortgage the said portion of the aid property with SMFG India Home Finance Company Ltd., for availing loan facility. of his/her interest and grounds of opposition any person, society, bank, financia stitution or other institutions have an to the Regional Director at the address 4th nstitution or other institutions have any objection against the ownership of our clientess on the said portion of the said property and subsequently rightful mortgage of the said portion of the said property in avour of SMFG India Home Finance Company Ltd., by our clientess, may raise nis/her/their objection/s, in writing, by Registered AD post, to the undersigned, within 07 days, on address mentioned below. Otherwise after expiry of 07 days from the late of publication of this notice, the said foroperty shall be mortgaged by our clientess Floor, IFCI Tower, 61, Nehru Place, New Delhi 110019 within fourteen days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company with a copy of the applicant company at its registered office at C-208 Yamuna Apartments, Alaknanda, Delhi operty shall be mortgaged by our clientes favour of SMFG India Home Financi propany Ltd., and no objection shall be ceptable against such mortgage. FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT

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XPRESS MINDS EDUTAINMENT PRIVATE If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to PCHFL as aforesaid, PCHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of PCHFL contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be falle for imprisonment a provided under the Act.

Sd/- (Authorised Officer) inst the above secured assets under Section 13(4) o isequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited unde t the prior written consent of PCHFL. Any person wh r, shall be ljabje for imprisonment and/or penalty a LIMITED the recent reports that Sri KUNAL SAVARKAR, DIRECTOR HIVKANT ARORA, ADVOCATE Lankan police arrested several NCR LAW ASSOCIATES Advocates & Consultants A-98 DIN: 01070409 foreign suspects of online fraud, Sector-9, New Vijay Nagar, Ghaziabad, (U.P.)-201009, Mob.-9999721152, 9999826427. DATE: 16 October 2024 | PLACE: Delhi Date: 16 - 10 - 2024 Place: Delhi Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited including Chinese nationals.

## Trump's economic plans would worsen inflation: Experts

With characteristic bravado, Donald Trump has vowed that if voters return him to the White House, "inflation will vanish completely". It's a message tailored for Americans who are still exasperated by the jump in consumer prices that began 3 1/2

Yet most mainstream economists say Trump's policy proposals wouldn't vanquish inflation. They'd make it worse. They warn that his plans to impose huge tariffs on imported goods, deport millions of migrant workers and demand a voice in the Federal Reserve's interest rate policies would likely send prices surging.

Sixteen Nobel Prize-winning economists signed a letter in June expressing fear that Trump's proposals would "reignite' inflation, which has plummeted since peaking at 9.1 per cent in 2022 and is nearly back to the Fed's 2 per cent tar-

Last month, the Peterson Institute for International Economics predicted that Trump's policies would drive consumer prices sharply higher two years into his second term. Peterson's analysis concluded that inflation, which would otherwise register 1.9 per cent in 2026, would instead jump to between 6 per cent and 9.3 per cent if Trump's economic proposals were adopted.

Many economists aren't thrilled with Vice President Kamala Harris' economic agenda, either. They dismiss, for example, her proposal to combat price gouging as an ineffective tool against high grocery prices. But they don't regard her policies as particularly inflationary. Moody's Analytics has estimated that Harris' policies would leave the inflation outlook virtually unchanged, even if she enjoyed a Democratic majority in both chambers of Congress. An unfettered Trump, by contrast, would leave prices higher by 1.1 percentage points in 2025 and 0.8

percentage points in 2026. Taxes on imports — tariffs are Trump's go-to economic policy. He argues that tariffs protect American factory jobs from foreign competition and deliver a host of other benefits. While in office, Trump started a trade war with China, imposing high tariffs on most Chinese goods. He also raised import taxes on foreign steel and aluminum, washing machines and solar panels. He has grander plans for a second term: Trump wants to impose a 60 per cent tariff on all Chinese goods and a "universal' tariff of 10 per cent or 20 per cent on everything else that enters the United States. Trump insists that the cost of

taxing imported goods is absorbed by the foreign coun-tries. The truth is that US importers pay the tariff — and then typically pass along that cost to consumers in the form of higher prices. Americans themselves end up bearing the cost. Kimberly Clausing and Mary Lovely of the Peterson Institute have calculated that Trump's proposed 60 per cent tax on Chinese imports and his high-end 20 per cent tariff on everything else would, in combination, impose an after-tax loss on a typical American household of USD 2,600 a year. The Trump campaign notes that US inflation

remained low even as Trump

aggressively imposed tariffs as

president. But Mark Zandi,

chief economist at Moody's

Analytics, said that the magni-

tude of Trump's current tariff

proposals has vastly changed

the calculations. "The Trump

tariffs in 2018-19 didn't have as

large an impact as the tariffs were only just over USD 300 billion in mostly Chinese imports, he said. "The former president is now talking about tariffs on over USD 3 trillion in imported goods.' And the inflationary backdrop was different during Trump's first term when the Fed worried that inflation was too low, not too high.

Trump, who has invoked incendiary rhetoric about immigrants, has promised the "largest deportation operation" in US history. Many economists the increased immigration over the past couple years helped tame inflation while avoiding a recession.
The surge in foreign-born

workers has made it easier for fill vacancies. That helps cool inflation by easing the pressure on employers to sharply raise pay and to pass on their higher labour costs by increasing

Net immigration — arrivals

minus departures — reached 3.3 million in 2023, more than triple what the government had expected. Employers needed the new arrivals. As the economy roared back from pandemic lockdowns, companies struggled to hire enough workers to keep up with customer orders. Immigrants filled the gap. Over

the past four years, the number of people in the United States who either have a job or are looking for one rose by nearly 8.5 million. Roughly 72 per cent of them were foreign born. Wendy Edelberg and Tara Watson of the Brookings Institution found that by raising the supply of workers. the influx of immigrants allowed the United States to generate jobs without overheating the

In the past, economists estimated that America's employers could add no more than 100,000 jobs a month without igniting inflation. But when Edelberg and Watson factored in the immigration surge, they found that monthly job growth could reach 160,000 to 200,000 without exerting upward pressure on prices.

Trump's mass deportations, if carried out, would change everything. The Peterson Institute calculates that the US inflation rate would be 3.5 percentage points higher in 2026 if Trump managed to deport all 8.3 million undocumented immigrant workers thought to be working in the United States.

Trump alarmed many economists in August by saying he would seek to have "a say" in the Fed's interest rate decisions. The Fed is the government's chief inflation-fighter. It attacks high inflation by raising interest rates to restrain borrowing and spending, slow the economy and cool the rate of price increases.

banks can properly manage inflation only if they're kept independent of political pressure. That's because raising rates can cause economic pain perhaps a recession — so it's anathema to politicians seeking reelection. As president, Trump frequently hounded Jerome Powell, the Fed chair he had chosen, to lower rates to try to juice the economy. For many economists, Trump's public pressure on Powell exceeded even the attempts that Presidents Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon made to push previous Fed chairs to keep rates low — moves that were widely blamed for helping spur the chronic inflation of the late 1960s and '70s. The Peterson Institute report found that upending the Fed's independence would increase inflation by 2 percentage points a

Economic research has found

that the Fed and other central

## Southern Africa enduring worst hunger crisis in decades due to El Nino: UN

**AP** CAPETOWN

Months of drought in southern Africa triggered by the El Nino weather phenomenon have had a devastating impact on more than 27 million people and caused the region's worst hunger crisis in decades, the United Nations' food agency said Tuesday.

The World Food Programme warned it could become a "full-scale human catastro-

Five countries — Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe - have declared national disasters over the drought and resultant hunger. The WFP esti-mates that about 21 million children in southern Africa are now malnourished as crops have failed.

Tens of millions in the region rely on small-scale agriculture that is irrigated by rain for their food and to make money to buy provisions. Aid agencies warned of a potential disaster late last year as the naturally occurring El Nino led to below-

average rainfall across the helping with food assistance region, while its impact has been exacerbated by warming temperatures linked to climate change.

"This is the worst food crisis in decades," WFP spokesperson Tomson Phiri said. "October in southern Africa marks the start of the lean season, and each month is expected to be worse than the previous one until harvests next year in March and April. Crops have failed, livestock have perished and children are lucky to receive one meal

per day."
The five countries that declared drought-related disasters have pleaded for international aid, while Angola on the west coast of Africa and Mozambique on the east coast are also "severely affected", Phiri said, showing the extent to which the drought has swept across the region. "The situation is dire," Phiri said. He said the WFP needs around \$369 million to provide immediate help but has only received a fifth of that amid a shortfall in donations. The WFP has begun

and other critical support at the request of various governments in the region, he said. Phiri said southern Africa's crisis came at a time of "soaring global needs," with humanitarian aid also desperately required in Gaza, Sudan and elsewhere.

Other aid agencies have said the drought in southern Africa is especially harsh, with the United States aid agency, USAID, saying in June it was the most severe drought in 100 years during the January to March agricultural season, wiping out swathes of crops and food for millions.

El Nino, a weather phenomenon which warms parts of the central Pacific, has different impacts on weather in different parts of the world. The latest El Nino formed in the middle of last year and ended in June. It was blamed, along with human-caused climate change and overall ocean warmth, for a wild 12 months of heat waves and extreme weather.

In southern Africa, food

prices have risen sharply in many areas affected by the drought, increasing the hard-ship. The drought has also had other damaging effects. Zambia has lost much of its electricity and has been plunged into hours and sometimes days of blackouts because it relies heavily on hydroelectric power from the huge Kariba Dam. The water level of the dam is so low that it can hardly generate any power. Zimbabwe shares the dam and is also experiencing

power outages. Authorities in Namibia and Zimbabwe have resorted to killing wildlife, including elephants, to provide meat for hungry people.

Scientists say sub-Saharan Africa is one of the most vulnerable parts of the world to climate change because of a high dependency on rainfed agriculture and natural resources. Millions of African livelihoods depend on the climate, while poor countries are unable to finance climate-resilience measures

### AT MALIGAON

Tender Notice No.: 31 of 2024, dtd 09-10-2024; E-Tender are invited by the No : DCESTMLG-22-2024; Name o work & Location : At Nambari-Specia repairs to staff quarters (95 units Type-I in Goshala colony under the jurisdiction of SSE/W/Nambari. Tender Value 1,96,37,300.96/-; Earnest Mone ₹. 2,48,200/-; Date & time of closing opening of above tender at 13:00 hrs. or 04-11-2024. The complete information wit the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website http://

Dy. Chief Engineer/Estate, Maliga MORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

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#### Saudi cartoonist sentenced to 23 years in prison rulers even in the best of times. received an unappealable 23-

Saudi cartoonist who once A Saudi cartoonis. .....

Adrew for a Qatari newspaper as a yearslong diplomatic crisis engulfed Doha has been sentenced to 23 years in prison, an activist group says.

The sentence for Mohammed al-Ghamdi marks the latest in a widening judicial crackdown on any perceived dissent in Saudi Arabia since the rise of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. now seen as the kingdom's dayto-day ruler in place of his 88-

year-old father King Salman. Saudi officials did not respond to a request for comment Tuesday from The Associated Press.

in the Gulf states, must carefully thread the needle when discussing the region's autocratic

But al-Ghamdi had been working for the Qatari newspaper Lusail as a yearslong diplomatic boycott of Qatar by Saudi Arabia, Al-Ghamdi drew under the pen the United Arab Emirates, Egypt name Al-Hazza, with some of his cartoons poking fun at challenges during the holy Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, as well as and Bahrain began in 2017. That initially sparked a prison sentence for al-Ghamdi of six years from touching occasionally on the politics of the Middle East. But Saudi Arabia's Specialised Criminal Court over charges political cartoons, like the content of Arabic-language newspapers

denied by the cartoonist including that his work allegedly insulted the kingdom.

based human rights organisation focused on Saudi Arabia. This situation underscores the urgent need for international action to protect artistic freedom and human rights in Saudi Arabia," SANAD said. "Al-Ghamdi's case exemplifies the troubling climate in Saudi

year sentence, according to

SANAD, a United Kingdom-

Arabia, where no one is truly safe; he became a target simply But in recent months, the case for being an artist, nothing

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KHASRA NO. 419, 420 & 430, VILLAGE SADARPUR, NEAR

SECTOR 45, NOIDA, DISTT. GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR- 201301

was reopened and al-Ghamdi

E-procurement Tender Notice No. S/66/010/24-25 Dated: 09-10-2024. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the

#### Tender No. KT245453

Closing/Opening date: 31-10-2024

Brief Description: High Availability Single Section Digital Axle Counter system (HASSDAC) with dual track sensors (having in-built feature of trolley suppression) complete set as per RDSO specification RDSO/SPN/177/2012 (Ver.3) with latest amendment or specifications, complete set with redundancy consisting of dual hardware for each track section/block section like Evaluator/ Processors, Vital Relays, Track side unit with Detection point, complete assembly & fixing arrangement for each detection point, clamp deflectors for either side of each detection points & dual display Reset Box with auto resetting facility for each track section/ block section Consignee: - - SSE/SIG/ Katihar, NFR Qty: 03 Set.

Note: For full details of tender notice and tender documents, tenderer may log on to the website (www.ireps.gov.in). Prospective bidder who intend to participate in above tender are required to log on themselves with the above website and submit their offer electronically, if they are already registered with IREPS. In Case they are not registered with IREPS, they are advised to obtain class-III Digital Signature Certificate from the certifying agencies under Govt. of India IT Act 2000 and participate in the above tenders.

#### Dy. CMM/New Jalpaiguri **NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY**

#### **OVER TINSUKIA DIVISION**

E-Auction is invited for Awarding vinyl wrapping contract exterior surface at Mail/Rajdl express trains over Tinsukia Division. Auction Catalogue No.: ADVT-TRAIN-13. Lot Auction Start (All Lots): 11:00 hrs. on 01-11-2024; Rate Unit: Annual Licensing Fee Category: Advertising - Train Exterior (Full Face). Days: 1095.

Description Vinyl wrapping contract at 20503/ 20504 and 20505/20506 for 03 years ADVT-EFF-128593-22-1 ADVT-EFF-130039-22-1 Vinyl wrapping contract at 15903/ 15904 for the period of 03 years ADVT-EFF-179116-23-1 Vinyl wrapping contract at 22504/ AA/3 22503 for the period of 03 years Vinyl wrapping contract at 15960/ 15959 and 15962/15961 for03 years ADVT-EFF-130042-22-1 AA/4 ADVT-EFF-129361-22-1 Vinyl wrapping contract at 15930/ AA/5 15929 for the period of 03 years ADVT-EFF-128600-22-1 Vinyl wrapping contract at 15968/

15967 & 15928/15927 for the period of 03 (Three) years Vinvl wrapping contract at 15934/ ADVT-EFF-130041-22-1 AA/7 15933 for the period of 03 years AA/8 ADVT-EFF-130502-22-1 Vinyl wrapping contract at 15910/ 15909 for the period of 03 years

Auction Closing Date/Time: At 12:40 hrs. on 01-11-2024. Initial Cooling off period is 30 minutes. Successive lots closing interval 10 minutes. Note: Prospective Participant/bidders are requested to visit e-Auction module of IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in for more details. DRM(C), Tinsukia

## **NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY**

#### RAIL DISPLAY NETWORK & COMMERCIAL ADVER TISING CONTRACT OVER TINSUKIA DIVISION

E-Auction for Awarding of Rail Display Network Contract (RDN) over Tinsukia Division & Commercial Advertising contract LCD/LED TVs at Jorhat Town Railway Station has been invited. Auction Catalogue No.: TSK-RDN-2024-2. Auction Start (All Lots): 11:00 hrs. or 28-10-2024; Rate Unit: Annual Licensing Fee; Days: 1095; Seq No.: AA/1; Lot No./Category: ADVT-TSK-TSK-OSD-209-24-1 (Advertising-On Station Premise (Digital); Description: Rail Display Network Contract (RDN) through Supply, Installation, Operation and Maintenance Rail Display Network Contract (RDN) through Supply, Installation, Operation and Maintenance of Video Wall of (size 6' x 4') 33 stations at Namtiali, Titabar, Amguri Selenghat, Nakachari, Golaghat, Bhalukmara, Baruabamungaor Numaligarh Furkating, Kamarbandha Ali, Duliajan, Naharkatia, Namrup, Borhat, Sapekhati, Bhojo, Lakwa, Simaluguri, Tinsukia Makum, Digboi, Margherita, Ledo, Chabua, Panitola, Kowang, Dhamalgaon, Dikom, Lahowal, Chaulkhowa, Moranhat, Sivasagai Town with scope of display of advertisements along with railway messages in 50:50 Time Slot / Space sharing; Seq No.: AA/2; Lot No./Category: ADVT-TSK-JTTN-OSD-159-24-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise (Digital); Description: Commercial Advertising LCD/LED (7 Nos. of TVs) at Jorhat Town Railway Station. Auction Close Date/Time: At 11:40 hrs. on 28-10-2024. Initial Cooling of period is 30 minutes. Successive lots closing interval 10 minutes Maximum Auto Extensions: 10 Times. For details please visit in website www.ireps.gov.in.

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LIMITED are the sole bonafide and lawful owner having all associated perpetual rights, titles and interest in all the parts and parcel of lands presently identified as KHASRA NO. 419, 420 & 430, VILLAGE SADARPUR, NOIDA, DISTT. GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR, 201301 and along-with all that is erected thereupon by virtue of duly Registered deeds of Conveyance since the year 2015. Entire valuable by our Clients to the Vendors. It has now come to notice of our Client at the said Vendors misrepresenting themselves as the owners acting unlawfully, dishonestly, without any subsisting rights or titles or authority, whatsoever, and in connivance with certain other thin parties are attempting to create certain third party rights and interests in the said property. Our clients have initiated all lawful and egal steps, both civil and criminal, as prescribed, to protect their rights and titles over the above said properties and as required fore competent authorities/courts/tribunals. Any person o persons intending to deal with any part or whole of the said property mmediately cease and desist from any such transaction, acts, or leeds, and not to proceed any further. Our Clients shall assume no iability towards any consequential losses qua the same, nor shall it create any lawful rights in favour of any third party, whomsoever, and the same shall be non-est and void ab initio. Any person or persons claiming or asserting any rights, titles, claims or interests of any Property, are hereby called upon to approach the undersigned with authenticated documentary evidence not later than 7 days from the date of publication of this public notice, failing which it shall be our Clients and they shall stand extinguished forever

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#### **E-AUCTION FOR DISPLAY COMMERCIAL** ADVERTISING CONTRACT

E-auction for display commercial Advertising contract over Tinsukia Division. Details are as under; Auction Catalogue No.: ADVT-TSK-OOH

23; Auction Start Date & Time (All Lots): 11:00 hrs. on 30-10-2024; Auction Close Date & Time: 13:20 hrs. on 30-10-2024; Rate Unit: Annual Licensing Fee; Trips/Days: 1095.						
Seq No.	Lot No./Category	Description				
AA/1	ADVT-TSK-DBRT-OH-8-22-1 (Advertising - Out of Home)	Commercial advertisement 05 Railway colonies at Dibrugarh Town.				
AA/2	ADVT-TSK-DBRG-OH-216-23-1	Commercial Advertising Contract at Dibrugarh, New Tinsukia, Digboi,				

	,	period of 03 years.
	ADVT-TSK-DBRT-OH-4-22-1 (Advertising - Out of Home)	Commercial advertisement of 59 LC gates from Dibrugarh to Tinsukia station section.
A/4	ADVT-TSK-GLGT-OH-7-22-1 (Advertising - Out of Home)	Commercial advertisement of 14 LC Gates from Furkating Jn. to Mariani Jn. section.
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Advertisement Commercial contract ADVT-TSK-SLGR-OH-103-22-1 for display of 11 Nos of hoarding

(Advertising - Out of Home) boards (Total area 2500sqft) located at Simaluguri Railway Colony.

AA/6 ADVT-TSK-NTSK-OH-10-22-1 Commercial advertisement at New Tinsukia Colonies (Advertising - Out of Home)

Advertisement Commercial contract ADVT-TSK-DJG-OH-101-22-1 for display of 3 Nos of hoarding (Advertising - Out of Home) boards (Total area 2357sqft) located

at Duliajan Railway Colony AA/8 ADVT-TSK-NHK-OH-102-22-1 Advertisement Commercial contract (Advertising - Out of Home)

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for display of 3 Nos of hoarding boards (Total area 1840.63sqft) located at Naharkatia Railway Colony.

Commercial advertisement of 18 LC ADVT-TSK-MJN-OH-5-22-1 gates from Makum to Dangri section. (Advertising - Out of Home)

Commercial advertisement of 40 LC ADVT-TSK-FKG-OH-6-22-1 (Advertising - Out of Home) gates from Tinsukia to Furkating section. Advertisement Commercial contract ADVT-TSK-DMGN-OH-145-22-1

at Bogibeel approach road ((Total

area 1722.23sqft) located at Dhamalgaon - Tangani section. AAV12 ADVT-TSK-MXN-OH-9-22-1 Commercial advertisement at Mariani Railway Station. (Advertising - Out of Home)

The press notification has already been uploaded in the IREPS website

on 09-10-2024 through e-auction portal www.ireps.gov.in

Divisional Commercial Manager (IC), Tinsukia NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

## Trade deal with India SIGNAL AND TELECOM WORK E-Tender Notice No.: N-2024-K-21; dated. 08-10-2024. E-tenders are remains 'priority', says UK minister

Atrade deal with India Aremains a "priority" for the UK, Business and Trade Secretary Jonathan Reynolds said during the Labour Party-led government's flagship International Investment Summit in London which coincided with the launch of a new Industrial Strategy green paper "The Gulf and India are the priority. I think there are clear economic and commercial reasons why we should pursue those, Reynolds said at the Guildhall on Monday.

"Trade and international investment lie at the heart of our plan to drive growth for the whole country. That's because we know the UK has so much potential as one of the largest, most open economies, a legal system that sets global standards, a regulatory environment with some of the strongest safeguards for investment and the greatest incentives for innovation. We benefit from a skilled and diverse workforce, supported by an immigration system that draws talent from around the globe," he said.

The UK is negotiating a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and Bilateral Investment Treaty with India, which has completed several rounds of negotiations under the previous Conservative government and is expected to pick up from the fourteenth round. Soon after the general election in July, Reynolds indicated that teams would be "entering negotiating rooms as soon as possible" towards completing the FTA, which is aimed at significantly enhancing the GBP 38-billion a year bilateral trade partnership.

The Department for Business and Trade (DBT) indicated that while a timescale for the negotiations to restart remains unconfirmed, the minister's comments reiterate the commitment to an India-UK FTA.

"Global investors should be in no doubt that under this new government, Britain is truly the best place to do business," added Reynolds. It came as DBT confirmed nearly 38,000 jobs are set to be created across the UK after a total of GBP 63 billion of investment was announced at the International Investment



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Pradesh-201304, in my passport my name is wrongly mentioned as Ankita, Passport No:-W2503399 declare that Ankita Dixit & Ankita Kala both are one and same person.

#### PD(857)C I, Madhur Dixit S/o Rajender

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nvited by the undersigned for the Signal and telecom work for extension of short CSL lines into full CSL at oad (SQB) station. Tend document of above e-tender will be available upto 15.00 hrs of 30-10-2024

in website http://www.ireps.gov.in.

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following work: SL. No.1; Tender No. N-2024-K-21; Name of the work: ₹82,24,791.36; Earnest Money ₹1,64,500.00. **E-tender will be closed** at 15:00 hrs. on 30-10-2024. The complete information with the tender

### PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD. (Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala-147001) Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website- www.pspscl.in

Tender Enquiry No. 338/SS(D)-II (under RDSS) Dated: 14.10.2024 Dy CE/Substation Design/ TS Organization, PSPCL, C-1, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for Manufacture, Testing, Supply & Delivery of 30 nos. 11kV Residual Voltage Transformers (RVTs). For detailed NIT & Tender Specification, please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 14-10-2024 onwards.

(Contact No. 96461-22185)

Note: Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at https://eproc.puniab.gov.in

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#### NEW OKHLA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY VOIG5 Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida G.B. Nagar (U.P)

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08/DGM(E/M)/Sr.M.(E/M)-IV/2024-25, Annual Operation and maintenance of Light & Facade Light installed at Underpass at Noida to Gr. Noida Expressway Noida.

09/GM(E/M)/Sr.M.(E/M)-IV/2024-25, Maintenance of Street

light in Sector-149, 149A, 150, 151, 151A, 152, 153, 154

155, 156, 157 and related Villages, Noida. Cost Rs. 88.11 Lac 10/GM(E/M)/Sr.M.(E/M)-IV/2024-25, Beautification work of Building, Gate, Trees, Crossing, Parking due to festival of

E/M-IV Area's Noida. (For 12 Months). Cost Rs. 94.70 Lac

32/DGM/Sr.M.(E/M)-II/E.T./2024-25, Renovation of Internal Wiring of New Allotted Staff Quarter in various Sectors Noida Cost Rs. 37.86 Lac Which can be uploaded by date:- 29.10.2024 upto 5.00 PM.

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**NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY** 

## PM Modi advocates ethical global digital framework

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday made a fervent pitch for framing of a global digital framework, with clear-cut dos and don'ts for ethical use of technology. Speaking at the inauguration International Telecommunication Union

WTSA and India Mobile Congress here, he said just like the aviation sector, where the global community has framed a comprehensive framework, the digital world too needs rules

Global institutions, he said,



should come together to work out dos and don'ts.

He went on to emphasise on ethical use of AI with security, dignity, equity being at the

Talking of India's experience, he said after the expeditious an exporter of mobile phones

roll out, 5G telecom services are now available in most places across the country and work on 6G has already begun. Giving out statistics, the Prime Minister said India has in the last decade become

has laid an optic fibre network that is eight-time more than the distance between earth and the moon.

India's digital vision that was unveiled in 2014 rests on four pillars making devices connectivity all concerns, cheaper, reaching all concerns, affordable data and digitalfirst, he said.

"We have made digital connectivity an effective tool for last-mile delivery," he said. Modi said India is willing to share its experience of successful building of digital public infrastructure with the rest of the world.

## India poised to lead global 6G: Scindia

India is resolved to lead the world in 6G, communications minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said on Tuesday, terming the telecom sector of the country as 'aggressive' and 'ambitious'. Scindia, speaking at the inauguration of India Mobile Congress and World Telecommunication Standardization (WTSA) 2024, said with the Bharat 6G Alliance, India hopes to contribute at least 10 per cent standardisation.

"It is our belief and our commitment India followed the world in 4G, we marched with the world in 5G, but we shall lead the world in 6G," the minister asserted.

With the fastest 5G rollout in India wherein 98 per cent of districts and 90 per cent of all villages were covered in a



span of just 21 months. Scindia said it is the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's effort of not just embracing, but bracing the country to become the first-mover in 6G technology.

"It is noteworthy that the Indian Mobile Congress and International Symposium demonstrates both local and global advancements in 6G, and also design principles that will shape the future of telecom, he further said.

The recent changes to the Telecommunications 2023 have been designed in such a way so as to modernise India's telecom framework, drawing light upon hitherto unaddressed areas such as the high potential sector of satellite communications, addressing the challenges of the digital era, the most important being security, Scindia said.

The telecom sector, much like other growth-critical sectors in India, is aggressive,

in our journey from Amrit Kaal to Shatabdi Kaal is to lead the world," he said. India Mobile Congress (IMC) is an annual event organized by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI). IMC 2024 will see participation from over 400 exhibitors, nearly 900 startups, and participation from 120+ countries. About 3,200 delegates from

is ambitious, and its outlook

over 160 countries are part of the WTSA assembly.

"We are confident that this (WTSA), along with the Indian Mobile Congress in its 8th edition.

Will serve as a breeding ground for innovation, but showcase India's impending but inevitable emergence as a global hub for telecommunications across the world," Scindia said.

## Government planning development beyond elections: Vaishnaw | Samsung workers call off strike,

regulations.

The government is laying the process of development which is 'beyond the cycle of elections' for India to be able to grow six to seven times the current level to become a developed nation by 2047, Union Minister Ashwini Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Tuesday. Addressing a symposium by the Indian Foundation by the Indian Foundation for Quality Management (IFQM), the Minister for Railways, Information and Broadcasting, and Electronics & IT, said one of the key elements of the government's goal of a developed nation is having "a very inclusive and harmonious society". For India to become a For India to become a developed nation by 2047, the target for measurable parameters is "USD parameters is "USD 18,000 per capita income



and USD 30 trillion It means we have a path nominal GDP", he said. Where we need to grow "Today, we are just shy of USD 4 trillion nominal (GDP), just shy of about USD 3,000 nominal per

where we need to grow about '6x' '7x' in the next 25 years," Vaishnaw assertéd.

Sharing the government's approach to meet the target, the minister said, "It needs a very strong foundation, carefully thought through

carefully thought through strategy, meticulous execution, and laying the process of development, which is beyond the cycle of elections."
He further said that the intent of the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to build further on the foundation laid in the past ten years. "What we are going to do laid in the past ten years.
"What we are going to do
in these five years of
Prime Minister Modi, his
third term, will be beyond
the cycle of elections will
be beyond the cycle of
business cycles," Vaishnaw
said

Taking a dig at the Opposition without naming anyone, he added it will be beyond "people it will be beyond beyond beyond beyond". who can, who have a lot of destructive mindsets. It's beyond the capability

of such mindsets. destructive That's

thought process.' thought process."
Elaborating on what the government meant by becoming a developed nation, the minister said, "First is a very inclusive and harmonious society. First and foremost is a very inclusive and harmonious society and harmonious society and

harmonious society, a society which cares for everybody, a society which considers every which considers every which considers every section of the society as equally important and gives opportunities for everybody to come up."
He further said, "The second big element of being a Viksit Bharat is to have the social, physical and digital infra place in place."

The third, he said is meeting the measurable parameters of per capita income and GDP to meet the set targets.

## to return to work: TN govt

PTI NEW DELHI

Over a month-long indefinite strike by the employees of Samsung India Electronics Ltd at its plant near here was called off on Tuesday and the workers have decided to resume work, the Tamil Nadu government said. The state government in a

statement said the strike at the factory of the Korean electronics giant in Sriperumbudur has come to an end and all the workers would get back to work. Pressing for various demands, about 1,100 workers of the total 1,750 employees of Samsung India have been on strike since September 9, which includes wage revision, work conditions, registration of the newly Samsung India formed Workers Union backed by

Corporate India to maintain 9.5 per cent salary increase in 2025: WTW survey



department. The decision to call off the strike was taken at the conciliatory meeting which was held at the office of the Department of Labour Welfare here on Tuesday in which representatives from the Samsung India and the

striking workers took part. "All the striking workers will call off the agitation and return to work immediately. On returning to work the management will not victimise the workers for having participated in the protest," an

## Coal India digitises fuel supply agreements process

digital mode.

oal India Ltd (CIL) on Tuesday said that it has started the online process of signing fuel supply pacts with its various clients including those in the power sector to

With this move, CIL has discontinued with the earlier practice of physical submission of official papers, while bank guarantees and other required documents can be submitted through

"Coal India Ltd, in a first ever, introduced online signing of fuel supply agreements (FSA) for power as well as nonregulated sector customers participating under linkage based auctions," the company said in a statement.

To ensure ease of business. CIL said, it has also cut down

the number of documents that were required to be submitted.

"The online signing of FSAs for linkage auctions...Evades the cumbersome process of physical submission of voluminous documents. It ease as they can conduct the entire process from their place of work without having to visit the coal companies," a senior executive of the company said.

Previously, in case of any discrepancy in documents, customers had to visit the company to get them rectified. Now, this can be done online.

CIL signs hundreds of FSAs annually necessitating maintenance of bulky documents. The electronic arrangement makes the upkeep much easier.



Since the documents are stored digitally, tracking the status of progress also gets simplified at supplier and customer ends.

Among non-regulated sectors so far, nearly 700 FSAs have been formalised online for a total of about 19 million tonnes of coal supply.

In case of power sector 262 FSAs have been signed digitally till now for a total quantity of around 24 MT. Coal India accounts for over 80 per cent of domestic coal PTI ■ NEW DELHI orporate India is expected

to offer a salary hike of 9.5 per cent in 2025, similar to the 2024 actual salary increase, as companies are balancing optimism with caution, a report said on

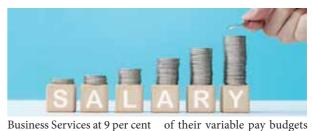
Budget Planning increase in India is forecasted to rise by 9.5 per cent in 2025, similar to the 2024 actual salary increase of 9.5 per cent. Salary increases in India continue to be the highest

across the region. Markets such as Vietnam (7.6 per cent), Indonesia (6.5 per cent), the Philippines (5.6 per cent), China (5 per cent) and Thailand (5 per cent) are also projected to maintain a strong salary increase for next year. The Salary Budget Planning Report is compiled by Rewards Data WTW's Intelligence practice. The

survey was conducted in April and June Approximately responses were received from companies across 168 countries worldwide. The survey had 709 participants from India.

"While companies in India are optimistic about growth, with caution. The era of both employers and employees are now seeking stability and the market sentiment is notably steadier," Rajul Mathur, Consulting Leader, Work and Rewards, WTW India said.

In 2025, salary increases across industries such as the Pharmaceuticals (10 per cent), Manufacturing (9.9 per cent), Insurance (9.7 per cent), Captives and SSO sectors (9.7 per cent) and Retail (9.6 per cent) are likely to be above the general salary median, industry whereas software



According to WTW's latest they are balancing optimism are projected below the to top and above-average general industry median of

"India's captive sector is thriving, with a forecasted jump from around 1,500 captives in 2023 to 2,000 by 2025. As the home to nearly half of the world's global capability centres, the country's rich pool of skilled talent is driving innovation and boosting projected salary increases", Mathur added. In 2025, variable payouts are

projected to remain consistent at 12.5 per cent, following 2024's 12.6 per cent. As organisations prioritise performance, they

are assigning larger portions

performers, ensuring talent rewarded.

"Organisations are placing a stronger emphasis performance-based differentiation. This trend sees top performers potentially earning salary increments three times that of average performers, while above-average performers are expected to receive about 1.2 times the increment of an average performer," Mathur

In terms of hiring, almost 28 per cent of companies plan to add headcount in the next 12 months, while 68 per cent

companies plan to maintain their headcount in 2025 as compared to the previous

With higher growth rates anticipated, India's voluntary attrition rate continues to be one of the highest in the region. However, it is observed that the voluntary attrition rates in India have reduced slightly from 11 per

in 2024. In addition, around 46 per cent of companies in India expect that their salary increase budgets for 2025 will be similar to 2024, while 28 per cent said that the budgets are likely to be lower

than projected. Concerns related to cost management, inflationary pressures, anticipated

recession.
A tighter labour market are the major factors influencing budget projections for 2025, the report said.

### **Government to verify** air purifier claims amid pollution

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The gov government on announced plans to conduct market surveillance to verify claims made by air purifier manufacturers, amid rising concerns about pollution in Delhi and other major cities. This move comes in response to Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi on Monday accusing some companies of making false assertions about their products.

Consumer Affairs Secretary Nidhi Khare, addressing a media briefing on Tuesday, stated, "We will try to see through market surveillance and check if the claims are correct or not.

Khare also mentioned that the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has taken note of the issue and will examine compliance with existing quality control orders on air filters.

The announcement follows Joshi's remarks at a World Standards Day event, where



he expressed concern over misleading

We see air purifiers and so much is written but nothing is there in it. There is just a fan in it, yet claims are still made," Joshi had said, highlighting the need for increased consumer

The minister advocated for a collaborative approach involving the BIS, the consumer affairs ministry, and consumers to address the issue.

marketing

'Air purifiers make such false claims.

awareness.

This initiative comes at a time when rising pollution

levels in Indian cities have led to increased public interest in air purifiers.

## Soybean output reaches 126 lakh tonnes

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Soybean production in the country has increased by about 6 per cent to nearly 126 lakh tonnes in the current kharif season due to favourable weather conditions, an organisation of the crop processors said on Tuesday. Its acreage remained almost

the same as last season, the trade body said. During the last kharif season, the average productivity of soybean per hectare in the

country was 1,002 kg, while this time it has increased to 1,063 kg, Soybean Processors Association of India (SOPA) Executive Director D N Pathak told PTI. This time the distribution of

monsoon rains in the major soybean producing areas of the country was good, which boosted the crop yield. The adoption of advanced methods of farming by cultivators and increased the crop yield," he said. After the sowing of soybean

during the kharif season of

2023, there was a severe lack

of moisture in the fields due

to lack of rain for three weeks

in the major soybean

producing areas in August, as

a result the crop productivity

fell, Pathak said As per the SOPA's estimate, during the kharif season in country this time, soybean was sown in 118.32 lakh hectares and its yield was 125.82 lakh tonnes. During the kharif season of

2023, soybean was sown in a total of 118.55 lakh hectares in the country and the yield of this oilseed crop was around 118.74 lakh tonnes, as per the association's data. This time in Madhya Pradesh, which is the largest soybean

producer in the country, the crop was sown in about 52 hectares and its production stood at the level of 55.40 lakh tonnes, according to the SOPA. In the current kharif season, soybean production is estimated to be 50.17 lakh

tonnes from 45 lakh hectares of area in Maharashtra, while the crop was sown in 11.13 lakh hectares in Rajasthan and its yield was around 10.53 lakh tonnes, as per the organisation. India imports about 60 per

cent of its edible oil requirements. In such a situation, experts feel that to achieve the ambitious target of self-sufficiency in the production of edible oils, there is a need to increase the production of major oilseed crops like soybean in the country.

The central government has increased the minimum support price (MSP) of soybean for the marketing season 2024-25 to Rs 4,892 per quintal from Rs 4,600 per quintal in the last season.

## ASSOCHAM, Savlon lead handwashing drive in NDMC schools

PNS NEW DELHI

Seeking to inculcate the importance of healthy habits among students and widespread encourage behaviour change in hygiene practices through handwashing, ASSOCHAM Foundation for Corporate Responsibility Social (AFCSR), the social arm of ASSOCHAM, organised an awareness drive across New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) schools here on the 'Global occasion Handwashing Day'.

Supported by hygiene brand Savion and covering nearly 28,000 students across 43 NDMC schools, AFSCR conducted the programme in a hub and spoke model in which a mega activity was organised at Atal Aadarsh Bengali Balika Vidayalya, Gole Market and parallel activities were carried out in other NDMC schools.

Speaking about the initiative, Anil Rajput, Chairperson, ASSOCHAM National CSR Council, said, "There is an old saying that good habits creating a high performing formed at a young age make society that will increasingly



I believe that on this global handwashing day, the youth have understand, incorporate and disseminate information importance of handwashing. Every year about 1.8 million

children under the age of 5 die from diarrheal diseases and pneumonia that are attributed to poor hand hygiene, and therefore, it is my firm conviction that the incorporation of this habit in our daily routine will go a long way in leading a healthy and productive life at an individual level, along with

building."Pramod Kumar, Academic Consultant, New Delhi Municipal Council, (NDMC), said, "Awareness and behaviour formation from an early age has a multiplying effect on the potential benefits and impact on human lives. Today's event not only

highlights the importance of handwashing, it also delivers valuable lessons on the impact of personal hygiene on public health and betterment. Initiatives such as this will surely have a positive impact on the future of the children and also of the society in general."

## Lakshya, Malvika make first-round exits at Denmark Open

**PTI** ■ ODENSE

minutes.

India's Lakshya Sen battled hard against China's Lu Guang Zu but ultimately lost in three games to make an early exit from the Denmark Open Super 750 badminton tournament here on Tuesday. Lakshya, a 2021 World bronze championship medallist, squandered an opening game advantage, losing 21-12 19-21 14-21 to Lu in a men's singles opening round match which lasted 70

The 22-year-old from Almora, who finished fourth at the Paris Olympics, had previously lost in the second round of the Arctic Open in Finland last week

Malvika Bansod, who had reached the quarterfinals at China Open, also couldn't cross the opening hurdle, going down to Vietnam's Nguyen Thuy Linh 13-21 12-

21 in women's singles. Panda sisters Rutaparna and Swetaparna also made a first-round exit after losing 18-21 22-24 against Chinese Taipei's Chang Ching Hui and Yang Ching Tun in women's doubles. Lakshya, competing in his second event since the Olympics, kept pace with his Chinese rival before pulling ahead at 8-8 to take an 11-9 advantage at the break.

The Indian kept his nose ahead after resumption and jumped to 20-11 with a



pocket comfortably opening game.

After the change of sides, Lakshya surged to 8-2 but Lu rallied to narrow the gap to 11-12. The Indian extended his lead to 16-11 but Lu's persistence paid off as he kept troubling Lakshya and reversed the situation, taking 19-18 lead.

19-18 lead.
The Indian drew parity but Lu got the required two points to script a comeback. In the decider, Lu maintained his composure and pulled ahead to 14-9, while the Indian struggled to keep pace. In a jiffy, Lu seized six match points and sealed the victory when Lakshya went victory when Lakshya went



## Alex Ferguson to step down as club ambassador

**AP** ■ MANCHESTER (ENGLAND)

## Manchester United great Alex Ferguson will step down from his role as club ambassador at the end of the season, a person with knowledge of the decision told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the move has not been publicly announced. Ferguson will be 83 in

December and the person said ending ambassadorship was "amicable" and he would 'always be welcome at Old

Trafford." Ferguson won 13 Premier League titles with United and is widely regarded as one of the finest managers in the history of soccer. He is United's most successful manager, having

won 28 major trophies. He has been a club ambassador since retiring after leading United to its last league title in 2013. His imminent departure comes at a time when the club is undergoing major change following the partial buyout by British billionaire Jim Ratcliffe

in February. United has undergone an restructuring extensive program following Ratcliffe's investment of \$1.3 billion for a 27.7% stake and implemented cost-saving initiatives that it included redundancies of around 250

roles. United reported losses of 113.2 million pounds (\$148 million) in its latest accounts. Ferguson was hired by United in 1986 at a time when the club had long-since lost its place as the pre-eminent force in

English soccer. He ended its 26-year wait for the league title in 1993 and went on to dominate the until his retirement when United was crowned champion

He also won two Champions

at United games since his retirement, watching the team home and away during a time when the club has been in obvious decline on the field.

## Udita attracts highest bid in first half of HIL women"s auction

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian defender Udita Duhan emerged as the costliest buy in the first half of the Hockey India League women's auction after she was acquired by Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers for Rs 32 lakh here on Tuesday.

Dutch star drag-flicker Yibbi Janssen was the second most expensive player and was bought by Odisha Warriors for Rs 29 lakh.

Indian players Lalremsiami (for Rs 25 lakh to Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers), Rarh Bengal Tigers), Sunelita Toppo (for Rs 24 lakh to Delhi SG Pipers), and Sangita Kumeri (for B Sangita Kumari (for Rs 22 lakh to Delhi SG Pipers) attracted significant attention in the first half of the auction.

Several overseas players, Belgium's including Charlotte Englebert (for Rs 16 lakh to Soorma Hockey Club), Germany's Charlotte Stapenhorst (for Rs 16 lakh to Soorma Hockey Club), and Australia's Jocelyn Bartram (for Rs 15 lakh to Odisha Warriors) were the notable buys.

Índia Veteran Vandana Katariya fetched Rs 10.5 lakh from Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers.



India captain Salima Tete (Rs 20 lakh), Ishika Chaudhary (Rs 16 lakh) and Neha Goyal (Rs 10 lakh) were picked up by Odisha Warriors.

Former India captain Savita (Rs 20 lakh), Sharmila Devi (Rs 10 lakh) and Nikki Pradhan (Rs 12 lakh) are some of the big Indian made strategic names bought by Soorma their core team.

Hockey Club. Delhi SG Pipers also picked up India internationals Navneet Kaur (Rs 19 lakh), young goalkeeper Bichu Devi Kharibam (Rs 16 lakh) and Deepika (Rs 20 lakh).

In the first half of the auction, all four franchises made strategic bids to build

Trophy.
"Bangladesh head coach

Chandika Hathurusingha

has been suspended following allegations he slapped a player at last year's ODI World Cup.

terminated after 48 hours of

suspension, with Phil

Simmons to take over until next year's Champions

His contract

# I waited for many years for women's HIL: Rani Rampal

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Rani Rampal waited for the women's Hockey India League as a player for years but now that the league will finally see the light of the day, the former India captain will wear a different hat.

Rani, who captained India to a historic fourth place finish at the Tokyo Olympics, will be the mentor and coach of Soorma Hockey Club of Punish and Horwana in the Punjab and Haryana in the women's HIL which will make its debut later this year.

"Hockey is my passion and I played my entire career with that. It was always in my mind that I will definitely accept any opportunity to serve Indian hockey. Hockey was always on my mind," Rani said on the sidelines of the HIL women's auction here on Tuesday.

"I tried a lot to make a comeback in the national team but could not do so before the Paris Olympics. I had waited for many years for this women's league and when it started, it felt very good to be a part of the coaching staff and not as a player," said the 30year-old Padma Shri awardee, who has scored 134 goals in 212 matches for India. 'Asked why she opted out of the



announced her retirement yet, Rani said: "I am a female player and I have faced a lot of struggles. A player is always a player. The desire to play never

"But sometimes you have to make a difficult decision and I decided to join the coaching retirement right now. Now I will face a new challenge in the league and after that I will take a final decision. 'Rani admitted that India's

failure to qualify for the Paris Olympics was a setback for women's hockey in the country, but said there is no point in thinking about the

hockey. It took many years for this and the players, federation, and coaches worked very hard. "We did not qualify for Paris

which was a big setback but there is a new learning in sports every day. Winning and losing are part of the game," she said.

Finishing fourth at the Tokyo

Olympics was a watershed

moment for Indian women's

"No team wants to lose. We cannot change the past but now we have to look for 2028. The first goal should be to win gold in the 2026 Asian Games and qualify directly for the Olympics. The women's league can be very helpful in preparing a pool of players." 'Rani also lauded the appointment of Harendra

Singh as the women's team coach. "The good thing is Harendra Sir has returned as a coach with whom I have played a lot of hockey. The biggest advantage with him is that he knows our culture and language. Many of our players come from rural areas and they understand when we talk to them in Hindi," she said.

""Harendra Sir always thinks of winning for the country and instills the same feeling in

## Bangladesh coach Hathurusingha suspended



Chandika

Chandika Hathurusingha

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has suspended men's team head

'Hathurusingha, the former Sri Lanka all-rounder under

whom Bangladesh recently endured a forgettable tour of

PTI DHAKA

India where they were whitewashed in both the Test and T20I series, will be sacked and replaced by former West Indies player

Phil Simmons. Hathurusingha due to inappropriate conduct by him during last year's ODI World Cup in India. 'According to ESPNcricinfo, Simmons, who was also an all-rounder and opened the batting for the West Indies in the early and mid 1990s, will Simmons to take over until be in charge of the Bangladesh team until next year's ICC Champions 'Trophy," the website said. 'The BCB investigated an

The contract of the 56-year-old Hathurusingha, who rejoined the Bangladesh team in February last year for a second stint with the Asian side, was to expire after the 2025 Champions

allegation from a player that the coach had slapped him during the World Cup last

'He will therefore not be present with the team for the upcoming two-match Test series at home against South Africa.

'He took the team to India on the back of a historic Test series sweep in Pakistan only to suffer an embarrassing 0-2 defeat in the two-Test series against Rohit Sharma's side and a 0-3 loss in the T20I

exit marks underwhelming end to his brief stint as Bangladesh coach with debacles in the 2023 ODI World Cup and the 2024 T20 World Cup.

## **Arsenal Women coach Jonas Eidevall quits** less than a month into the new season

AP LONDON

Arsenal Women manager Jonas Eidevall quit on Tuesday, less than a month into the new season. The English team has won just one of its first four matches in the Women's Super League and lost its opening game in the Champions League group stage, 5-2 at Bayern Munich.

Eidevall joined in June 2021 from FC Rosengard in his native Sweden and led Arsenal to two League Cup titles as well as the Champions League semifinals in the 2022-23 season. It was the first time in 10 years Arsenal reached that stage in Europe's top club competition. His last game in charge was a

2-1 home loss to Chelsea in the Super League on Saturday.

said



resigned with immediate effect. "We have great respect for the dedication and commitment he showed to our women's first team," Arsenal sporting director Edu Gaspar said of Eidevall, "and recognize the role he has played in the growth and

development of Arsenal Women.

coach Renée Assistant Slegers will take charge of the team on an interim basis, starting with the home match against Vålerenga in the Champions League on Wednesday.



Ratcliffe assumed control of United's soccer operations as part of his minority investment. The sporting side had previously been under the control of the majority owning

American Glazer family. A new CEO, Omar Berrada, and sporting director, Dan Ashworth, have been installed, while key figures at Ratcliffe's Ineos Sport, Dave Brailsford and Jean-Claude Blanc, have been appointed to the board.

## Italy-Israel soccer match is held without incident despite security concerns

There were snipers on the roof of the stadium and a police presence throughout the city of Udine for Italy's home match against Israel.

In the end, both the game and an earlier pro-Palestine demonstration passed without incident as Italy beat Israel 4-1 in the Nations

League.
Udine was on high alert, with the game being played against the backdrop of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East which has spread to Lebanon after more than a year-long war in Gaza. It was the first match Israel has played outside neutral

Hungary this year. After the Israel-Hamas war started on Oct. 7 last year, the national soccer team played in Kosovo and Andorra last November.

All Israel matches since then have been in Hungary, including last month's game against Belgium in the Nations League after the Belgian Football Association refused to host the game for security reasons.

"We are going to play this match with the hope of convincing ever more people of the wrongness of war," Italy coach Luciano Spalletti

There are many Israelis who don't want it and we must convince ever more people that this is something that

has to stop. When Spalletti's team played its "away" match against



Israel last month in Hungary, a group of about 50 Italy fans clad in all black turned their backs in apparent protest during Israel's national anthem.

There were boos from some fans in Udine when the Israeli anthem was played on Monday but the rest of the stadium tried to drown that out with loud applause - just as they had done when the Israel team was read out. At least one Palestinian flag was held up.

There was a highly visible group of around a dozen Israel fans and they loudly chanted their support.

Fewer than 12,000 tickets were sold for Monday's

were sold for Monday's match - less than half the capacity of the 25,000-seater security measures, that also included armed military personnel on the roof of the stadium. Areas around the stadium were blocked off 48 hours

before kickoff and declared a "red zone," and only fans with tickets could pass through the tall metal barriers. Supporters were strongly advised to arrive early because of rigorous checks.

surrounding areas. Around 1,000 people took part in a pro-Palestine demonstration earlier in the city center.

Hundreds of extra police officers were called up from

Among the placards, there were several posters calling on soccer's governing bodies Stadio Friuli - amid stringent to ban Israel.

## 1ST TEST: GILL, JAISWAL CONTINUE GOOD FORM; KOHLI, ROHIT EYE CONSISTENT RUN

**PTI** ■ BENGALURU

**7**ashasvi Jaiswal Y Shubman Gill, the torchbearers India's of transition phase, will have to be the team's driving force in its quest to lord over an unsettled New Zealand when the two sides square off in a three-Test series, beginning here on Wednesday.

The baton has not been completely passed, but Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma are certainly running their last lap and these two young superstars will have to show that they can carry forward the legacy of the titans.

Since a productive series against England earlier this year, Gill is now more familiar and comfortable with the rigours of Test cricket.

His last 10 innings contain three hundreds and two fifties, while Jaiswal's last eight outings in Test cricket feature a 214 and five fifties. Those numbers are not to be scoffed at. But at the same time, it is important for them to build on the foundation through this series, a precursor to the much tougher journey to Australia

Gill seems to have sorted his issues with the in-coming deliveries from pacers, but a trace of the old failing still

In Chennai, Bangladesh pacer Hasan Mahamud troubled him with nip-backers before eventually grabbing his

Similarly, Jaiswal has a penchant to go for expansive shots against pace bowlers to get dismissed, evidenced by his three dismissals recently against Bangladesh quicks.

In all, the left-hander has fallen to pacers 12 times in 20 innings, and he would want a better record before facing a clutch of top-class Australian

While these concerns are not deeply rooted, they serve as cautionary points against a New Zealand attack that has capable hands in pacers Matt Henry, William O'Rourke and the experienced Tim Southee, if he gets to play here after a sharp decline in his form.

There is another angle to the emergence of Jaiswal and Gill as the pillars of the Indian line-up, as Kohli and Rohit have not precisely set the field

Rohit, who has played 15 innings this year, has made two hundreds but managed only one fifty in the remaining 13, totaling 497



Kohli, 53 runs shy of 9000

runs in eight Tests at just over and while Rohit often perishes in his attempt to grab the momentum, his colleague Test runs, has not made even a fifty in six innings this year, case. The 35-year-old Kohli

has not been able to convert of that great slump between the two starts he got this year, ending up with 46 (vs SA) and

2019 and 2023. The master batter will also

47 (vs Bangladesh), stirring have to keep an eye on New the uncomfortable memories Zealand left-arm spinners have to keep an eye on New

"He is supposed to play a

couple of (practice) games

Shami has played 64 Tests for

India, taking 229 wickets at

an impressive average of

India will play five Tests in

Australia starting November

cricket," he added.

Ravindra - the tribe which has been a thorn in his flesh in the

It has been a while since these two stalwarts embossed their mark across a full series, and a nervy New Zealand could be their golden chance to do so. India has only minor concerns, but New Zealand's troubles across batting and bowling departments are more pronounced.

Their batsmen struggled copiously against Sri Lankan spinners recently while losing an away series 0-2, and here they will have to negate two modern-day greats in Ravichandran Ashwin and

Ravindra Jadeja.
They took 20 wickets together against Bangladesh and with the Chinnaswamy Stadium pitch expected to give some assistance to spinners, the veterans might be itching to have a bowl here.

Besides the duo, the Kiwis will have to contend with the genius of Jasprit Bumrah, who rattled Bangladesh by picking up 11 wickets across two Tests. If they persist with the combination from the last series, Akash Deep will be the third pacer behind Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj. The weather here is expected

to be gloomy over the course of the Test match, and there could be some delayed starts

and truncated sessions. The management will take into account the fact that New Zealand, who have already lost Kane Williamson to an

injury, were put through the

wringer by Lankan spinners recently. In another blow, right-arm pacer Ben Sears has been ruled out of the series due to a knee injury. An uncapped Jacob Duffy, who has played

six ODIs and 14 T20Is, has been brought into the squad. Teams (from): India: Rohit Sharma (c), Jasprit Bumrah (vc), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, KL Rahul, Sarfaraz Khan, Rishabh Pant (wk),

Jurel Dhruv Ravichandran Ashwin Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Siraj, Akash Deep. New Zealand: Tom Latham

(captain), Devon Conway, Kane Williamson, Mark Chapman, Will Young, Daryl Mitchell, Glenn Phillips, Michael Bracewell, Mitchell Santner, Rachin Ravindra, Tom Blundell (wk), Ajaz Patel, Matt Henry, Tim Southee, William O'Rourke,

## Don't want to take undercooked Shami to Australia: Rohit

**PTI** ■ BENGALURU

next month.

India skipper Rohit Sharma has virtually ruled out Mohammed Shami from the upcoming Test tour of Australia, saying that the pacer's recovery from an ankle surgery has been hampered by swelling in knees and it would not be right to take an "undercooked" version of him for the marquee showdown.

Shami last played for India during the ODI World Cup final last year and has been recuperating from an ankle surgery after that.

"To be honest, right now, it's pretty difficult for us to make a call on him, whether he'll be fit for this series or Australia series. He recently had swelling on his knee, which was quite unusual," Rohit told

reporters here on the eve of the first Test against New

100 per cent, he had swelling in his knee, that put him back a little bit in his recovery. So,

working with the physios and the doctors at NCA," he

"He was in the process of he had to start again. Rohit said the team getting fit, getting close to Right now, he's at NCA, he's management wants Shami to

regain full fitness before returning to top-flight 'We are keeping our fingers before he plays international

crossed, we want him to be 100 per cent fit. We don't want to bring an undercooked Shami to Australia, that is not going to be the right decision for us. "It is quite tough for a fast bowler, having missed so much of cricket, and then suddenly to come out and be at his best, it is not ideal," he

Rohit said the National Cricket Academy staff will continue to assess Shami's fitness and he might play a couple of internal matches in that process.

"We want to give him enough time to recover and be 100 per cent fit. The physios, the trainers, the

"It comes down to almost

who wants to outlast each

aspect of Test cricket. It's

going to be a shame that he is

not there, but I'm sure they'll

similar kind of style," he said.

Cummins said the India-

### New Zeland pacer Ben Sears ruled out of India tour due to knee injury

BENGALURU: New Zealand right-arm pacer Ben Sears has been ruled out of the upcoming three-Test series against India due to a knee injury. The opening Test begins here on Tuesday.

Sears's departure to India was delayed after he experienced pain in his left knee during New Zealand's recent tour of Sri Lanka. Scans back home

revealed a tear to his meniscus, prompting consultations in hopes he

could be cleared to play. "However, following medical advice, the decision was made to rule him out of the series. A plan on the best course of treatment and rehabilitation for the injury will be advised in due course, New Zealand Cricket said.

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## Keeping Jasprit Bumrah quiet will go a long way in winning against India: Pat Cummins other.

**PTI** ■ MUMBAI

ustralia will have to find a Away to keep Indian pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah quiet if they are to win the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, reckoned captain Cummins on Tuesday as they draw comfort from success in last two ICC finals against their fierce rivals.

The world's top two Test teams will clash in a fivematch affair starting on November 22 in Perth and India will enter the contest having held the trophy for nearly a decade, which includes winning two consecutive series Down Under.

"I'm a big fan of Bumrah. I think he's a fantastic bowler. Hopefully, if we can keep him quiet, that is going to go a long way to winning the series," Cummins said on the Star Sports Press Room.

"Alongside him, he has got some other guys who haven't played a lot over here in Australia (that) we haven't seen a lot of. We'll see how it goes," he added.

Cummins said Australia will lean on happy memories of winning the last two ICC World Championship and ODI World Cup -- against Rohit Sharma's India.

'The last two series were a long time ago. We have got over it," he said.

"I've never played alongside him (Rohit Sharma), so I don't know him super well. But it has looked like they (Indian team) are pretty organised, pretty wellplanned.
"Fortunately, over the last few

years, we've had some success the World Championship final and (in) a different format for the ODI



I'm sure they're trying to remember some of the previous series over here as well" he said

Pujara's absence will give a 'different feel' Cummins said playing against Cheteshwar Pujara, whose stoic resistance with the bat laid the foundation of India's away wins in 2018-19 and 2020-21, was 'real Test cricket'.

"It was always great playing (against) Pujara. He was one of those guys who never really felt like he was getting away World Cup. We'll be trying to from you. But then he would



(just) bat, bat, bat and bat," he said.
"I really enjoyed the contest against him. Some days he won, other days I won. It's

going to have a bit of a different feel without him. Pujara is a great player." "(I) had lots of battles against him over the years. I quite enjoyed them, to be honest. It was real Test cricket. He might score runs, but you

chance." Cummins said playing against India's former No 3 batter was a battle of outlasting each

always feel like you're in for a

Australia rivalry will now be "mirroring" the Ashes given that there will be five Tests

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New Zealand captain Tom Latham on Tuesday conceded that beating a "wellrounded" India would be an enormous task but said his team is ready to face the challenge over the course of a three-match Test series, beginning here from Wednesday.

The presence of a host of experienced batters and bowlers, Latham said, makes India a formidable opponent. "You obviously look at the spinners when you come over these conditions.

But they've got an equally good seam attack in Bumrah, Siraj, Akash Deep, who's played the last couple of Tests against Bangladesh. So just a wellthe pre-match press meet here on Tuesday. "From a batting point of view. You have a lot of match winners who can take a game away from you pretty quickly."We're looking forward to the challenge.

Hopefully, we can lean back on the experiences that we've had here the last couple of times that we've toured," he added. In that context, Latham said

the Kiwis will miss the presence of former captain Kane Williamson, who has been ruled out of the early part of this tour owing to a groin injury. "It's disappointing not to have Kane here

Fingers crossed he'll be ready as soon as possible. I think Youngie (Will Young) will play. He'll bat at three. He's batted all

opportunity to put his hand up. obviously, disappointing when you miss a senior guy like Kane, but it

gives opportunities for other guys to put their hand up," he said. However, Ben Sears getting ruled out because of a knee injury has opened up a chance for out of form veteran Tim Southee to get a place in the eleven.

"Absolutely. I think last time they played a Test here, Tim took 7 for 60. Obviously, Ben Sears has been ruled out, so I guess if we do end up going with the three seamers, then

obviously Tim will come right into the equation." Latham admitted that the build-up to this series was not ideal after a 0-2 series defeat

carry over the learning from that contest. "Obviously, results weren't ideal in Sri Lanka. I think that first Test was a reasonably small margin in

terms of the defeat. But we actually did a lot of good stuff in that tour. "And, yeah, I guess you come here to India, it's slightly different conditions. That wicket at Galle didn't offer a lot from a bowling point of view," he noted. Latham is no stranger to

captaincy but being in the hot seat on a permanent basis from the three-match series against India excites the Canterbury man. The 32-year-old was handed the skipper's arm band after Southee stepped down from the role after a poor away series against Sri Lanka.

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