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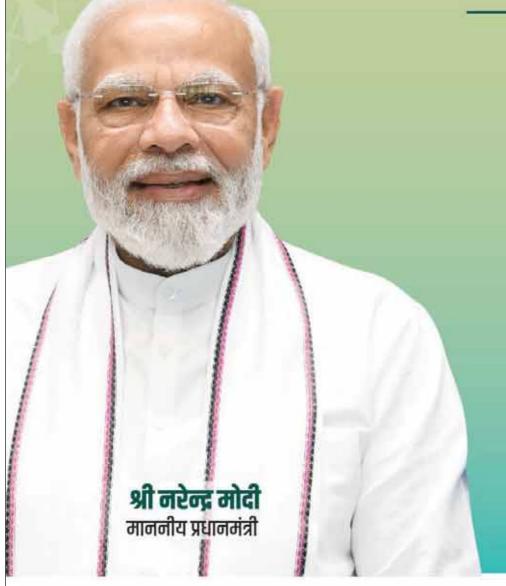
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### Jharkhand 02

### Odisha CM alleges decline of Oriya language and culture in Jharkhand



Mohan Charan Majhi launched a scathing attack the Hemant Soren-led Jharkhand government, accusing it of failing to deliver on the promises that brought it to power. During a press conference held at Chaibasa, he alleged that the Jharkhand government has failed to support educational initiatives, particularly those aimed at promoting the Oriya language in Kolhan division. Majhi noted that the region, comprising West Singhbhum, East Singhbhum, and Saraikela Kharsawan districts, is home to a large Odiaspeaking population, but the government's neglect has led to the decline of schools and the lack of Oriya language teachers.
"Schools that once thrived are

ment's apathy," Majhi said, calling for the revival of Odia culture and education in these districts.

Majhi also took aim at the Hemant Soren administration's handling of the state's rich mining resources. He alleged that the non-granting of mining leases had led to the closure of numerous mining industries, exacerbating the unemployment crisis in the state. "In contrast, Odisha's mining industry earns more than ?50,000 crore annually. Jharkhand, despite its abundant resources, is languishing due to the inefficiency of the government," Majhi said.

CM Majhi criticized the Soren government for allegedly betraying the common people of the state and leaving several critical announcements unfulfilled. He pointed to a growing discontent cating that the people of Jharkhand are now seeking change as their ultimate goal.

Majhi outlined key promises that the Hemant Soren government had made during its campaign, including the provision of 5 lakh jobs for youth, the regularization of teachers and medical personnel, the introduction of employment under an unemployment law, and a pension scheme offering ?2,000 per month for women. However, according to the Odisha CM, these promises remain mere rhetoric with no significant action taken to imple-

The government has cheated the common people," Majhi remarked, adding that the administration has not only failed in delivering on its own pledges but has also hindered progress by

sored schemes. "Farmers are facing huge losses due to the nonimplementation of these schemes," he said, drawing parallels with the fall of the BJD government in Odisha, which he claims suffered a similar fate for neglecting central projects.

Majhi's remarks come at a time when political tensions are rising in Jharkhand, with BJP's "Parivartan Yatra" (Change Rally) gaining momentum. According to Majhi, the rally has garnered significant support from the people of Jharkhand, signaling a clear desire for a shift in governance. "The Prime Minister wants to bring more facilities to the state, but the government is not willing to accept them," Majhi claimed, underscoring the need for what he termed a "double-engine government" —

state and central levels for synchronized development.

Majhi's critique of the Soren government went beyond political promises, highlighting what he described as a severe stagnation in the state's economic and infrastructural development. He cited poor progress in essential sectors like health, roads, and drinking water, further pointing to the plight of Jharkhand's farmers, whose average income of ?4,895 is the lowest in the coun-

The press conference was attended by several BJP leaders, Dineshananda including and Badkunwar Goswami Gagarai, along with a large gathering of party workers, signaling the party's readiness to take on the Hemant Soren government in

### SDO Meeting: Private companies to ensure water, power, and cleanliness for Durga Puja

PNS: JAMSHEDPUR

I n preparation for the upcoming Durga Puja celebrations, the Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO) of Shatabdi Dhalbhum, Majumdar, convened a crucial meeting with departmental officials and representatives from private companies to review the necessary arrangements and provide essential guidelines. The meeting focused on ensuring a safe, clean, and orderly celebration, covering a wide range of logistical and safety measures.

During the meeting, several important issues were discussed, including the cleaning and repair of immersion ghats, electrification and uninterrupted power supply, water supply to Puja pandals, repair of roads, and the maintenance of law and order. SDO Majumdar emphasized the need for meticulous planning and coordination between all departments and private entities to ensure a hassle-free and enjoyable Durga Puja for the

Maintenance of Immersion Ghats: All three municipal bodies operating under the



were instructed to ensure thorough cleaning of the immersion ghats and Puja pandals falling within their jurisdictions. This included clearing debris, ensuring smooth accessibility to the ghats, and maintaining cleanliness throughout the

Water Supply and Safety Measures at Immersion Ghats: The SDO directed that water tankers be deployed to provide adequate drinking water to all Puja pandals. Additionally, the presence of divers at immersion ghats was made mandatory to prevent any accidents during the immersion rituals. Dangerous zones at the ghats were to

be clearly marked, and the Civil Defence Department was asked to ensure that divers were readily avail-

Uninterrupted Power Supply: The Electricity Department was tasked with guaranteeing an uninterrupted power supply throughout the Durga Puja festival. This is critical for maintaining smooth operations at the Puja pandals, particularly during nighttime festivities and the immersion processions.

Road Repairs and Infrastructure Maintenance: The Road Construction Department was instructed to carry out repairs in areas where roads needed improvement to facilitate

ensure proper infrastructure support during the fes-

provide water tankers to

Tata Motors' Contribution: Tata Motors, which operates in certain areas of Jamshedpur, was given the responsibility of ensuring cleanliness, water, electricity, and road repairs in their respective regions. In addition, they were instructed to deploy drone cameras for monitoring large crowds and provide handheld speakers for smooth communication at the pandals.

Civil Defence and Health Department: The Civil Defence team was directed to arrange for divers and volunteers to ensure public safety at the ghats. The Health Department was asked to keep ambulances and medical teams on standby to deal with any medical emergencies during the Puja festivities.

Railway Administration's le: The Railway Administration was also tasked with maintaining cleanliness in areas under their jurisdiction, as well as ensuring that roads and streetlights were in proper working order, especially in the vicinity of their stations.

### NTPC Mining delivers stellar performance in H1 2024-25

एनरीपीमी NTPC

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NTPC Mining delivers stellar performance in H1(Half Yearly) of FY 2024-25 by producing over 19 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) of coal registering YoY growth of 20% and has dispatched 19.7 MMT of coal to NTPC's power stations with a growth of around 16% compared to last financial year.

In spite of very heavy rainfall in Hazaribagh region of Jharkhand where majority of NTPC's operating coal mines are located, the company has recorded a production of 9.30 MMT in Q2 FY 24-25 viz-a-viz 7.45 MMT in Q2 FY 23-24 registering a YoY growth of 25% in production. On despatch front, NTPC mining has achieved a YoY growth of 14.5% in Q2 resulting in despatch of approx. 9.5 MMT coal to different power stations.

NTPC Coal Mining has consistently exceeded its production targets, reinforcing its position as a key player in

the captive coal mining sector. Looking ahead, the annual production target for FY 2024-25 has been progressively increased to 40 MMT compared to last year's production target of 34 MMT and the mining team is committed towards its vision to continue

the upward trajectory.
Till date, NTPC Mining has produced more than 123 MMT and has despatched more than 121 MMT of coal from its five operational cap-

tive coal mines namely Pakri Barwadih, Kerandari & Chatti Bariatu located in Jharkhand, Dulanga in Odisha and Talaipalli in Chhattisgarh ensuring fuel security for thermal power stations of NTPC which is lighting every 4th bulb of the

NTPC Mining's strong performance demonstrates its resolve for Energy 'AtmaNirbharta' aligned with

### Cleanliness awareness drive held at DPS Bokaro



PNS: BOKARO

BOKARO mark Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary and the 10th anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission, DPS Bokaro

organized a series of events on Tuesday under the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign. Students actively participated by cleaning classrooms, the school premises, and surrounding areas, pro-

'Cleanliness is next to Godliness." Both Primary and Senior Wing students took part, with younger students seen cleaning in gloves and aprons.

In addition to the cleanup, students formed a human chain with placards and paintings to spread the message of cleanliness. A special assembly featured a street play, inspiring everyone to pledge their commitment to cleanliness. The 'A Tree for Mother' initiative saw students plant saplings, vowing to care for them.

Dr. Principal Gangwar encouraged students to make cleanliness a way of life, highlighting that a clean body fosters a healthy mind and a stronger

### **NSE** inaugurates Investors Service Centre in Jamshedpur

vehicular

pedestrian movement dur-

ing the festival. Additionally,

private companies like Tata

Steel and Tata Motors were

asked to contribute by

repairing roads, maintain-

ing streetlights, and ensur-

ing a safe environment in

areas under their responsi-

Support from Tata Steel

and TSUISL: Tata Steel was

specifically directed to sup-

ply slag and slag dust to

Puja pandals as needed to

maintain cleanliness and

safety around the pandals.

TSUISL (Tata Steel Utilities

and Infrastructure Services

Limited) was also asked to

handle the cleaning of

immersion ghats, repair roads, fix streetlights, and

In order to cater to the needs of securities market investors in the state of Jharkhand, SEBI along with stock exchanges NSE and BSE has established an "Investor Centre" in Jamshedpur at Bistupur.

The Investor Service Center managed by NSE, was inaugurated Shri Biranchi

Executive Director, SEBI on September 26,2024 in the presence of Amit Kapoor, Chief General Manager and Regional Director (East), SEBI, Krishnan Iyer, Senior Vice President, NSE and other officials from SEBI, NSE and investors.

The Investor Service Centre will facilitate resolution of complaints of investors against listed corporate entities and other registered intermediaries in the securities market and will also facilitate conducting of investor awareness programs in the state.

# Career Counseling Session Organized at MGM School



M.G.M. Higher Secondary School, Sector 4, recently hosted a career counseling session for the students of Classes 11 and 12. The session, aimed at commerce stream students, saw the participation of guest speakers Tapas Kumar Mazumdar and Ritu Ritulia from the ICSI Dhanbad Chapter.

The event commenced with a warm welcome from the school principal, Father

Dr. Joshi Varghese, who greeted the guests and the students. During the session, the speakers discussed career paths related to becoming a Company Secretary (CS), detailing the duration of the course, its structure, and the career opportunities available in Jharkhand and across India after completing the course. Mazumdar provided

insights into the admission process, course scoring system, and placement

opportunities, while Ritulia highlighted the importance of the Company Secretary course and its relevance across various sectors.

The interactive session saw nearly 200 students participate, raising numerous questions about the CS course and its future prospects. In attendance were Vice Principal Rakhi Banerjee, Academic Director George Joseph, and the faculty of the commerce department.

### SAIL honoured with 2nd Runner-Up Trophy for excellence in Sports

PNS: BOKARO

Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has been awarded the prestigious Runner-Up Trophy for excellence in sports among Public Undertakings (PSUs) for the year 2023-24. The award, presented by the All India Public Sector Sports Control Board, recognizes SAIL's commitment to promoting and supporting sports.

The trophy, initially received earlier on behalf of SAIL, was offi-

cially presented to SAIL Chairman Amarendu Prakash on October 1, 2024. This achievement adds to the long list of accolades for SAIL, further strengthening its reputation as a socially responsible organization that actively promotes holistic employee development through sports and fitness initia-

It is noteworthy that SAIL's contributions to Indian sports are widely recognized. Its state-of-the-art sports facilities in various locations across the country have become training hubs for athletes, providing them with the tools they need to compete on global platforms.

### Closing ceremony of skill development programme at CIPET

The closing ceremony cum certification program of the batch of 06 months free skill development training program sponsored by M/s Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited, Headquarters, Ranchi was held at CIPET (Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering and Technology), Ranchi on Tuesday.

Director (T/RD&T), CMPDIL, Ranchi, Achyuta Ghatak was present as the Chief Guest in the program. Other special guests included Ajay Kumar, Director T/P&D), CMPDIL, Ranchi, General Manager (HRD/CSR), Ram Krishna Mahapatra, Shailesh Chandra, Deputy Manager and Safina Parveen, Deputy Manager from CSR Department.

The main objective of the program was to distribute certificates and employment letters among the beneficiaries of six months free skill development training program. Chief Guest Achyuta Ghatak congratulated the students for taking the training with full enthusiasm and also encouraged and guided the candidates present.



Ajay Kumar, Director (T/P&D) also gave a message to the students to complete the training program well so that their future can be bright. At the beginning of the program, Praveen B. Bachhay, Joint Director and Head, CIPET Ranchi greeted the guests by giving them a bouquet in the conference room.

Thereafter, the guests were informed about the ongoing training in CIPET and told about the program. C.S. Satpathy, Placement In-charge, CIPET Ranchi shared things related to placement. Mohd Masoom Haider, Senior Technical Officer/ Training In-charge (STC-VTC) CIPET, Ranchi greeted all the guests.

### **Augustina Soreng wins** 'Most Promising Individual' at Martha Farrell Awards

R SHARMA: BOKARO

Social worker Augustina Soreng Jharkhand's Simdega district was honored with the Most Promising Individual for Gender Mainstreaming award at the 8th Annual Martha Farrell Awards for Excellence in Women's Empowerment Gender Equality. The award celebrates her relentless efforts to uplift tribal women and girls, focusing on critical issues such as migration, human trafficking, domestic and sexual vio-



lence, and land rights. Augustina's grassroots activism, aimed at raising awareness of the rights guaranteed under India's Constitution, has made a significant impact in marginalized communities. "I am grateful to be here. This award means a lot and contributes to my work," she said during the ceremony. Her work, which addresses the unique struggles of tribal women, underscores the broader fight for gender equality in

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# IRAN DECLARES WAR ON ISRAEL





**AGENCIES** JERUSALEM

**⊣**he Israeli military on Tuesday said that Iran has fired missiles at Israel, and air raid sirens sounded across the country as residents were ordered to remain close to bomb shelters. Israeli police reported a suspected "terror" shooting on Tuesday in Jaffa in south Tel Aviv, resulting in multiple casualties. Israel said both the gunmen were killed.

The police said four people were killed, and seven others

sustained injuries in the attack. The shooting took place at Jerusalem Street, next to a light rail train station, as per The Times of Israel.

Israel's MDA ambulance service said it received a report at 7.01 pm (9.31 pm IST) of people injured by gunfire.

Medics and paramedics provided on-site medical treatment to a number of wounded people with varying degrees of injuries, including some who were unconscious, MDA was quoted as saying by

Videos showed two terrorists armed with rifles exiting the rail before they opened fire. Civilians were seen lying flat on the ground to protect

themselves.

Meanwhile, sirens were sound across Israel on Tuesday night in anticipation of a missile attack from Iran. Israel Defense Forces said, "Israelis have instructed to remain alert and precisely follow the Home Front Command's instructions.

Israel and the United States have warned there would be severe consequences if Iran attacks.

The orders to shelter in place were sent to Israelis' mobile phones and announced on national television. TV stations reported sirens in parts of Jerusalem as well as central

The alerts were sounded after a day of rocket and missile attacks from Lebanon, and as Israel said it had begun limited ground operations in southern Lebanon

Israeli airstrikes and artillery pounded southern Israeli military spokesman Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari also warned of consequences if Iran

anonymity intelligence.

fired missiles into Israel.?
He urged the public to stay close to sheltered areas. "The Iranian strike could be widespread. Following Home Front Command guidelines can save lives," he said.

attack from Iran. The official spoke on condition of

Iranian officials could not be immediately reached for comment.

launched

unprecedented direct attack on Israel in April, but few of its projectiles reached their targets. Many were shot down by a U.S.-led coalition, while others apparently failed at launch or crashed in flight. On Tuesday morning, Israel

warned people to evacuate to the north of the Awali River, some 60 kilometers (36 miles) from the border and much farther than the Litani River, which marks the northern edge of a U.N.-declared zone intended to serve as a buffer between Israel and Hezbollah after their 2006 war.

The border region has largely emptied out over the past year as the two sides have traded fire. But the scope of the evacuation warning raised questions as to how deep Israel plans to send its forces into



11 SPORTS

Smoke rises from an Israeli airstrike that hit the southern suburb of Beirut,

### **West Asia meltdown to** hit India's oil economy

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA NEW DELHI

The ongoing geopolitical crisis in West Asia, and further escalation in the Israel-Iran-Lebanon conflict is likely to impact India soon. Industry insiders said it is certain that crude oil and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) imports will get dearer since the supply could hit both international and domestic markets.

India is the world's thirdlargest consumer of crude oil and depends on imports to meet over 85 per cent of its requirement. "Our economy is too sensitive to oil price volatility and it directly affects inflation, trade imbalance, foreign exchange reserves, and an acute fluctuation in rupee valuation. While the situation is precarious and both the government as well as business stakeholders are keeping a watch on the hourly crisis in

West Asia, we are evaluating the current global oil flows as international oil prices could see an increase anytime. For India it's a festive season and it heavily impacts us," an industry source explained, on conditions of anonymity. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday spoke to his

Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu over the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. Modi expressed his concerns about the escalating tensions in West Asia, emphasising that "terrorism has no place in our

According to media reports, crude oil futures on Tuesday declined 0.5 per cent to Rs per barrel as participants trimmed their positions on low demand. On Multi Commodity Exchange, crude oil for October delivery fell Rs 3 or 0.5 per cent to Rs 5,739 per barrel with a business volume

### **Record voter turnout in J and K**

MOHIT KANDHARI

ammu and Kashmir recorded an overall voter turnout of over 62 per cent in all three phases of the maiden Assembly polls, held after the Abrogation of Articles 370 and 35-A in 2019. The entire poll process was completed peacefully amid arrangements.

However, the 2024 Assembly polls could not breach the previous best 65.91 percent voter turnout recorded during the 2014 Assembly polls. In 2008, a 61 per cent voter turnout was recorded across Jammu and Kashmir

The highest voter turnout of over 66 percent was recorded across 40 Assembly segments across seven districts on Tuesday. The first and the second phases witnessed 61.38 and 57.31 per cent voter turnout respectively.

The first-time voters, belonging to the West Pakistani refugee community, Valmikis, and Gorkha community danced to the polling booths in jubilation and also distributed sweets as they exercised their right to franchise for the first time in the Assembly polls.

In the Jammu region, 18 out of 24 Assembly segments (across



People wait in queues to cast their votes at a polling booth during the third and final phase of Jammu & Kashmir Assembly elections, at Gurez valley in Bandipora district, J and K, Tuesday PTI

Jammu, Samba, Kathua, and Udhampur districts) witnessed over 70 per cent voter turnout while only two assembly segments of Bahu and Jammu West witnessed less than 60 per cent polling till 5 pm.

In Kashmir valley, only two

Assembly segments of Gurez and Handwara witnessed over 70 per cent voter turnout while (across segments Bandipora, Kupwara, and Baramulla) witnessed over 60 per cent voter turnout. Five Assembly constituencies witnessed over 55 per cent voter turnout and 2 Assembly segments of Sopore and

Baramulla witnessed less than 50 per cent voter turnout on Tuesday.

Stakes were high for the Bharatiya Janta Party in the final round of polling across 24 Assembly segments. Compared to 2014, the 11 Assembly segments of Jammu district witnessed approximately eight per cent less polling in 2024. The significant drop in voter turnout may alter the poll results on seats that were witnessing close contests between the BJP and Congress/National Conference. BJP is placed comfortably in the Udhampur

### **SIT pauses Tirupati** laddu probe

PNS TIRUPATI

Director ndhra Pradesh AGeneral of Police (DGP) Ch. Dwaraka Tirumala Rao on Tuesday said that the Special Investigation Team constituted by the (SIT) State government will temporarily stall alleged 'adulteration' of Tirupati laddus with animal fats. The probe has been put on hold as the matter is sub-judice in the Supreme Court. Over the last two days, the SIT has probed the procurement and sampling processes, trying to understand how it is possible to adulterate the laddus, said Rao. "First they (SIT) have to understand the process, study it and take all the information, but in the meantime, an order has come from the Supreme Court and in line with that, we have stopped it (probe)," the DGP said while

speaking to reporters.
When the case is being examined under the purview of the apex court, it is not appropriate to talk more, he said, hinting at the next hearing of the case in the Supreme Court on October 3. The top court was hearing a batch of pleas, including those seeking a courtmonitored probe into the alleged use of animal fat in making Tirupati laddus.

### **Team India creates Test history** RISHABH MALIK

Lebanese villages where people

were ordered to evacuate, and

Hezbollah militants responded

by firing a barrage of rockets

There was no immediate word

on casualties as fighting

intensified and concerns of a

A senior White House official

warned of "severe consequences" should Iran

launch a ballistic missile

U.S. ships and aircraft are

positioned in the region to

assist Israel in the event of an

wider regional war grew.

into Israel.

against Israel.

The Indian cricket team broke The many records and secured a comprehensive Test series victory against Bangladesh on Tuesday. With this win India sealed the

The game was disrupted due to heavy rain on day two and three. India pulled out a seven wi win in a historic Test Match at Kanpur.

Indian bowlers made their mark. and wiped out team Bangladesh with 233 in the first innings. Jasprit Bumrah took the charge with spin duo R. Ashwin-Ravinder Jadeja to swing the match in India's favour.

With this win India broke many records in its cricket history. It is for the first time in 85 years that Indian batting did not play a single maiden over in the whole match, which indicated the attacking approach to pass the lead to Bangladesh in day's play. In 1939, at the England South-Africa match at Durban, England won without playing a single maiden over in the match. Now India and England have become the only test teams in history of Test cricket who won the Test match without playing a single maiden over in the team innings. After breaking multiple world records with their batting on Day



Indian cricket team players pose for photograpers with the trophy after winning the second test cricket match between India and Bangladesh, at the Green Park stadium, in Kanpur, Tuesday PTI

the hosts bowled out the visitors early on Day 5, and chased down a modest target of 95 with over a session to spare. Their aggressive batting style has led to the setting of a new 19vear-old world record.

The Indian team has established a new world record for the highest team scoring rate across both innings during their impressive victory in Kanpur. In the first innings, they scored 285/9 declared in just 34.4 overs, achieving a remarkable run rate of 8.22.

In the second innings, spearheaded by Yashasvi Jaiswal, they chased down the 95-run abroad.

target in 17.2 overs at a run rate of 5.65. This results in a combined run rate of 7.36 across both innings, significantly surpassing the previous world record of 6.80 set by South Africa against Zimbabwe in 2005

India has achieved an impressive streak of 18 consecutive Test series victories at home, starting with a clean sweep against Australia in 2013. The last team to beat India in a home Test series was England in 2012. Since their loss to South Africa during the 2021-22 series, India has not lost a Test series, either at home or

### **Actors Rajinikanth, Govinda stable**

**CHENNAI** 

 $T_{\,of\quad Tamil\quad film}^{he\ health\ condition}$ superstar Rajinikanth is stable and the actor got admitted to a corporate hospital here for a "periodic check-Tamil Nadu Health Minister Ma.Subramanian said on Tuesday. The actor would return home

after the check-up, the minister said. Rajinikanth was admitted to the hospital

late Monday night. Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi said in a post on the social media platform: "I stand

with the millions of devoted fans of Thiru Rajinikanth around the globe, in praying for his swift and smooth recovery. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin

wished the superstar a speedy recovery, and scores of the top actor's fans sent their prayers on social media and wishes, too, for his quick recovery. The 73-year-old popular actor is likely to be discharged on Tuesday evening, the source added

### **MUMBAI**



ctor Govinda was  ${\cal A}$ injured in the leg on Tuesday after his revolver accidentally went off at his Mumbai residence, police said. The 60-year-old actor is out of danger and recuperating at a private hospital, a Mumbai police official said.

impeccable comic timing and dancing skills, later issued a statement informing his fans he is doing better. "With the blessings of my fans, my parents and god, I am doing better now. I was hit by a bullet, which has now been removed," Govinda stated. The accident happened around 4.45 am

when he was about to leave home to catch a 6 am flight to Kolkata for a show, according to his manager Shashi Sinha. The trigger of the licensed revolver was pushed accidentally while the actor was keeping the gun in the cupboard, and the bullet hit his leg, police said

### soldier's bittersweet homecoming KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

More than five decades after he went missing in an air crash at Rohtang Pass Himachal Pradesh, Elanthoor village in Kerala's Pathanamthitta district is getting ready to welcome the mortal remains of Thomas Cherian, a craftsman in the Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers of the Indian Army and bury him near the tombs of his late parents OM Thomas and Eliyamma. It was on February 7 1968

that the then Soviet Union made AN-12 transport aircraft went missing somewhere near Rohtang Pass while it was carrying 102 troops from Chandigarh to Leh. The twin-engine aircraft with

the entire passengers perished in the snowy slopes

of Rohtang Pass, nearly 4000

meters above sea level.

### Family 'sad and happy' as mortal remains return after 56 years



Various units of the Indian Army have been searching who would have turned 78 for the remains of the aircraft and the passengers since home. Cherian's siblings, Thomas Varghese, Thomas Thomas

in a dilemma. Should they 8 or 9, 1968, that our father

had he been alive, is coming There was not a single day, even in happiness and sorrow, he was away from our and Mary Thomas, are now memories. It was on February

Thomas Thomas, one of the younger brothers, told The It took another couple of days for the family to get an official communication from the EME Center about Cheriyan's

which had reported that an aircraft belonging to the Air

Force had gone missing, and

our brother was one of the travelers in the flight,"

"Our parents were death. shattered over the news. Ours is a close-knit family and we had a strong bond. My mother who breathed her last in 1998 had always hoped that Achayan (Malayalam for elder brother) would come home one day," Mary Thomas said. She was just 12 years old when she saw Cheriyan for the last time. Thomas Cheriyan was the

second son in the family of five. The elder brother late Thomas Mathew too had served the defense forces cry, or be happy, over the came home with a newspaper and later joined the Forest

Department of Kerala. The two brothers and Mary Thomas consider the tracing of the remains of Cherivan as a "miracle and gift from God Almighty".
"We are choked with

emotions of all kinds. God in Heaven has heard our prayers and my brother can have his eternal sleep along with our parents in the family tomb at the village church," Mary said, while Thomas Varghese sat nearby unable to speak even a word. Both Thomas Thomas and

expressed their Mary gratitude to the Center for providing family pension to their mother Eliyamma till her last. "The only sorrow is that we do not have a single picture of our brother, and are dependent on the Army headquarters for retrieving a picture," Mary said, with tears rolling down her cheeks.

## CM gifts schemes worth Rs 1240.57 Cr to Bokaro, Ramgarh, Hazaribag

### Govt committed to ensure rights and employment to tribals and native residents: CM

↑ hief Minister Hemant Soren today inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 50 development schemes online. including three big gifts in the field of health, road transport and energy, in a program organized Chandipur in Chandankyari block of Bokaro district. The CM laid the foundation stone of a 500-bed medical college and hospital here. At the same time, he wrote a new chapter of development by laying the foundation stone of a 500 MW solar power station at Tenughat Thermal Power Station Lalpania and a railway overbridge at Patratu in Ramgarh district

On this occasion, the CM gifted 50 schemes worth Rs 1240 crore 57 lakh to Bokaro, Ramgarh and Hazaribagh districts. This includes the foundation stone of 48 schemes worth Rs 1204 crore 11 lakh and



**Chief Minister Hemant Soren launches development** schemes through online mode in Bokaro on Tuesday. PNS

the inauguration of two schemes worth Rs 36 crore 40 lakh. In this, the foundation stone of 46 schemes was laid in Bokaro district at a cost of Rs 1081 crore 61 lakh. At the same time, the foundation stone of a scheme was laid in Ramgarh district at a cost of Rs 108 crore 53 lakh and the inauguration of crore 46 lakh in Hazaribagh district and the online foundation stone laying of a scheme worth Rs 13 crore 97 lakh was completed.

The important schemes whose foundation stone was laid include Medical College and Hospital in Bokaro district, 50 MW Solar Power Station at Tenughat Thermal Power Station Lalpania,

Railway Overbridge Patratu in Ramgarh and Beautification of Lake in Hazaribagh, whereas, the Chief Minister dedicated the new building of Hazaribagh Municipal Corporation to the people there.

Addressing people on the occasion, the CM said, "The fight for a separate state of Jharkhand was also fought

so that the tribals and natives get employment and rights in the economic activities here. But, for 20 years after the formation of a separate state, the work of keeping the tribals and natives of this place away from economic activities continued. When our government was formed, we made a policy to provide employment to local people in all the private institutions here. The result of this policv is that local people are getting employment in factories and institutions operating in the state.

The CM said that even today there are many villages where people have never seen a block office There are also people who get tired of running to the block office again and again to get pension and ration cards made, but their work was not done. But, our government is not running from Ranchi headquarters but from villages. Today officers are reaching your doorstep



**Chief Minister Hemant Soren address**es people in Bokaro on Tuesday. PNS

and solving your problems. We are empowering you by connecting you with govern-

ment schemes. The CM said that the government is working to provide quality education to the poor children of the state and to shape their future. Schools of Excellence have been opened on the lines of private schools, where poor

children are getting education through English medium. To ensure that the education of girls does not stop due to lack of money, they have been linked with Savitribai Phule Kishori Savitri Yojana. To enable the children of this state to become doctors, engineers, lawyers, journalists, the government is providing educa-

Meritorious students of the state are being given scholarships for higher education abroad. All hostels are being renovated, where food for the students living there is also being arranged by the government. Now we are moving forward towards opening labour residential schools in all the districts, so that the children of the labourers here can get good and quality education. On this occasion, Ministers Banna Gupta, Baby Devi, MLA Kumar Jayamangal, MLA Lambodar Mahato Chairman of State Backward Class Commission Yogendra Mahato, Member of State Coordination Committee Rajesh Thakur, Secretary Arwa Rajkamal and DIG Surendra Kumar Jha and other officials including Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police of Bokaro district were present.

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### PARIVARTAN YATRA -

### Marandi, Munda highlight JMM-Cong Govt failures



Odisha CM Mohan Charan Manjhi, State BJP President Babulal Marandi, former CMs Arjun Munda and Madhu Koda along with others during Parivartan sabha in Chaibasa on Tuesday. Pix by Vinay Murmu

PNS: RANCHI

On the eve of conclusion of BJP's Parivartan yatra in BJPleadership addressed a series of rallies across the State. State President Babulal Marandi was present at BJP's Sabha Chaibasa of Kolhan division on Tuesday. Addressing the gathering, he said that the elections are near, change is about to happen. The coalition government of the state has only looted the people of the state in the last five years. The JMM Congress government has only filled its coffers with the forests, stones and sand of Jharkhand. They have only looted by manipu-

lating the land in the state. He said that the Hemant government earned so much money that a mountain of Rs 350 crore was found from the house of its leaders. A bundle of Rs 35 crore has been recovered from the house of a servant of the leaders of the coalition government. The state government has only looted this state for the last five years. He appealed that we have to change this looting JMM and Congress government of the state.

Babulal Marandi said on the coalition government's

the elections were held in 2019. Hemant Soren had said that when our government is formed, we will give 72 thousand rupees annually to the poor. This promise was made by Hemant Soren, not BJP. He had said that women will be given 2 thousand rupees for cooking expenses, but what did they get? If Hemant Soren had given this 2 thousand rupees, today women would have had 1 lakh 20 thousand rupees, but no one got any-

coalition government had promised to give a pension of Rs 2500 to the elderly, widows and disabled. If this money had been given, it would have become 1.5 lakh rupees in 5 years, but the JMM-Congress government has cheated the elderly, poor, youth and widowed women of the state. Hemant Soren himself had promised that he would give gold coins to girls for marriage. Forget about gold coins, no one even got a

silver coin. Former Union Minister Arjun Munda also participated in the closing ceremony of BJP's Parivartan Sabha organized in Chaibasa of Kolhan division. During this, he said that we live in a state and we are citizens of India. We are residents of India.

Arjun Munda further said that many heroes sacrificed their lives for the creation and independence of this country. Jharkhand and Kolhan have a glorious history of Lord Birsa Munda. This state also has a history of Nilambar Pitambar. There is a long history of people who sacrificed their lives for the creation of Jharkhand. Many generations have spent their lives in building this state. He said that before the formation of Jharkhand, many people have taken political advantage of it. Today I bow to the land of Kolhan. This land of Kolhan is the one from where the British left, but after this the rule of Congress came to the coun-

"Further he said that the people and heroes of Kolhan started a movement for the creation of Jharkhand. But at that time Congress was in power, then more than 11 tribals in Goa had to fall prey to the bullets of Congress. At that time the Tiruldih firing incident happened. At that time many agitators made sacrifices and dreamt of creating Jharkhand state. But today the same Congress and JMM together are hell bent on ruining Jharkhand by playing behind the scenes.

### Dialogue on the 'Socio-Economic Development of Jharkhand' held

A one-day professional diaon the Economic Development of Jharkhand" under the leadership of Aditya Vikram Jaiswal, former President of the Jharkhand Pradesh Professionals Congress and State Representative of the Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee was held here on

A meaningful discussion was held on how to drive Jharkhand's socio-economic progress. The dialogue featured distinguished guests, Priyanka Chaturvedi, Rajya Sabha MP from Shiv Sena, Deepika Pandey Singh, Minister of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, and Disaster Management, and Keshav Mahato Kamlesh, President of the Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee, who shared their valuable insights

Speaking on the occasion, Chaturvedi expressed her pleasure at attending the event in Ranchi, saying that it provided fresh perspectives and innovative ideas for developing the state. She also shared some developmental thoughts from Maharashtra, ing that they could con Jharkhand's progress. Chaturvedi praised Jharkhand's rapid growth under the leadership of Chief Minister Hemant Soren.

She further commented that the BJP has been trying to instigate tribal communities in the state, but the people of Jharkhand have stood firmly with their Chief Minister, thwarting the BJP's

schemes. She issued a warning that if the BJP does not change its ways, it will face another defeat in the upcoming assembly elections, just as it did in the Lok Sabha

Minister Deepika Pandey Singh emphasized that agrobased industries would be set up across the state, with a single-window option to facilitate businesses. She highlighted the need for proper transportation for supply chains, warehouses, and cold storage facilities. She assured that farmers would receive fertilizers, seeds, and banking services through cooperatives and PACS, making resources readily available at the village level. She also spoke about promoting food processing units to benefit the state's farmers. JPCC president Keshav

Mahato Kamlesh reiterated that India is a country of vil-Mahatma lages, and Manatma Gandhi's vision was to ensure holistic development at the grassroots level. He highlighted Gandhi's belief in bringing the light of development to the last person in the village, which resonates with millions of people today. Kamlesh assured the gathering that he would take these discussions forward to the government towards the state's advance-Aditya Jaiswal, presiding over the event, expressed his gratitude to Priyanka Chaturvedi for sharing insights from Maharashtra's development model, which he promised to



### **CEO, Jharkhand holds meeting with all DEOs of State**

Chief Electoral Officer K. Ravi Kumar today said that ensure training of all the officials related to the election related to the preparations for the upcoming assembly elections as per the instructions of the Election Commission of India. He said that work has to be done with zero error in the election. He was holding a review meeting with all the District Election Officers through online medium from the Election House today

Kumar said that there has been transfer posting of many officials in the state, so provide the list of EROs and AEROs of any district who have not received election related training immediately so that they can be trained on time. He said that as per the instructions of Commission; ensure training of Presiding Officer, Polling Officer and ALMT in all the districts. The CEO said that as per the instructions of the Election Commission of India. in the upcoming assembly

elections, an additional polling officer is to be appointed at polling stations with more than 1200 voters. Ensure strict compliance of the guidelines of the Election Commission of India in preparing the list related to vulnerable mapping and deployment of security

He said that the election officers of all the districts should check the availability of the minimum facilities at the polling stations of their districts at their own level. In

#### **Awareness programme on cervical cancer at SITE**



A public awareness program based on cervical cancer and its vaccine was organized in the college under the joint aegis of Ramjanm Sulakshana Pandey (Cancer) Hospital, Ranchi and ShashWat Institute of Teachers Education. Dr. Pallavi Pandey, Executive Director, Ramjanm Sulakshana Pandey (Cancer) Hospital, Ranchi and Rahul Gupta, Jharkhand in-charge of Serum Institute of India, participated as the keynote speaker of the program. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Sinha presented a

bouquet and a shawl to both the speakers. After this, Dr. Pallavi made everyone aware of the causes, prevention, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of cervical cancer. Rahul Gupta explained the necessary facts about how important vaccine is to prevent cervical cancer. All the trainees, assistant lecturers and members of the college management were satisfied with the informative presentation.

#### Rajbhasha Pakhwada at RDCIS and CET

Rajbhasha Pakhwada-2024 was celebrated with great enthusiasm at RDCIS and CET Ranchi. Various competitions were also held during the programme. The closing ceremony of Rajbhasha Pakhwada was held on 30-09-2024 under the guidance of S. K. Verma, Executive Director, CET and S. K. Kar, Executive Director, RDCIS.



#### SBPS Students observe Gandhi Jayanti



Sarala Birla Public School, Ranchi observed Gandhi Jayanti to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi's principles of peace, non-violence and truth. A special assembly was organised which commenced with the school prayer followed by a soulful rendition of the song 'Vaishnav Jan'. Students also showcased a series of performances including a dance, recitation of poems and speeches articulating the importance of embracing Gandhi's principles in one's life. An art-integrated exhibition, Gandhi

Darpan, was also organised by the Social Science department. The exhibits depicted various landmark incidents from Gandhiji's life like Quit India Movement, Nayi Talim which is the foundation of National Education Policy, Dandi March, Ahmedabad Mill Strike of 1918, Kheda Movement, Tolstoy and Phoenix farms. There were live counter of nail art and tattoo corner as

#### SSS Foundation holds health check-up camp

NGO Sewa Shram Shakti Foundation, Okhla Phase - 1, organized a Free Health Check - Up camp for underprivileged women & girls and their families and helped them to understand their diet programs, how to manage long our working stress, simple exercises for back, neck, full body and mind with the help of well-known Physician, Physiotherapists and Physiologist. Founder Sudha Singh said that in future they will do such activities frequently to get our women power fit from body



and calm mind. "We believe our Holistic approach will make their lives happier, after skill development we have started working for their health issues very seriously. For more information please visit our website WWE.sewashakti.org," she said.

### Kairali School wins Innovation Challenge 2024



DHANBAD: The Jharkhand School Innovation Challenge (JH-SIC) 2024 concluded with an exciting Grand Finale at the Golden Jubilee Lecture Theatre (GJLT), IIT (ISM) Dhanbad on Monday night with Kairali School, Ranchi secured the winning title with their innovative project on Automatic Crop Monitoring and Irrigation System in the Senior Category. This system uses real-time data to optimize water usage in agriculture, promising greater effi-

ciency and sustainability. The team won reward of Rs 50,000. In the Junior Category, the Mahendra Muni Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir, Madhupur team took home the top prize of Rs 25,000 with their project on Smart City Eliminate Waste Management and Air Pollution. The project focuses on using IoT and smart sensors to tackle waste management issues and reduce

#### **Bol organises Coin Exchange Fair**

Reserve Bank of India, Ranchi has called for Clean Currency Week from September 27 to October 3. Under this campaign, old notes are to be replaced with new coins. On Tuesday, Bank of India Shyamli branch organized a coin exchange fair in Doranda market and in Lohardaga district also, a fair was organized by Bank of India Lohardaga branch in Kisko market. The fair was inaugurated by regional manager Sanjeev Kumar Singh. On this occasion, branch manager Brijmohan Sanyasi, currency chest in-charge Rajiv Sinha, cashier Rakesh Tiwari, Pankaj Kumar and security officer Om Prakash were present.



PNS: RANCHI

**W** ith Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Hazaribagh scheduled for tomorrow (October 2), the anticipation among people and BJP workers is electric. The visit holds promise for both political enthusiasm and the prospect of progress for the region as the PM inaugurates various developmental projects and welfare schemes from Hazaribagh. Meanwhile, preparations are underway and security

measures have been height-

ened in the entire The PM will reach Ranchi from Delhi by special plane at 1:10 pm. After this, he

will leave for Hazaribagh by helicopter. In Hazaribagh he will launch the 'PM Janjati Unnat Gram Yojana' in Vinoba Bhave University campus. Around 4,000 villages have been selected for this in Jharkhand.

The Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan has a total outlay of over Rs 79,150 crore. The Abhiyan will cover around 63,000 villages benefitting

more than 5 crore tribal people in 549 districts and 2,740 blocks across 30 States and UTs. It aims to attain saturation of critical gaps in social infrastructure, health, education, livelihood, through 25 interventions implemented by various 17 Ministries and Department of Government of India.

The PM will also inaugurate many Eklavya schools and also launch the 'PM Janman Program'. In order to boost the educational infrastructure for the tribal communities, inauguration of 40 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) and foundation stone for 25 EMRS worth over Rs 2,800 crore has been lined up.

At the same time, PM Modi will also meet the representatives of the tribal group in Matwari of Hazaribagh. Apart from this, he will also address the 'Parivartan Yatra Mahasabha' of BJP.

After which PM Modi will return to Ranchi's Birsa

Munda Airport by helicopter and then leave for Delhi by special plane.

The Ranchi administration has made strict security arrangements for PM Modi's arrival in Jharkhand. During this time, drones, paragliding and hot air balloons have been completely banned in the areas around Birsa Munda Airport. Regarding this, Ranchi's Sadar SDO has declared a no drone zone. The prohibitory order will be in force in the areas around the airport from 5:00 am to 11:00 pm on October 2.

The PM will also address a rally as part of concluding the Parivartan yatra. Union Home Minister Amit Shah kicked off BJP Parivartan vatra on September 20 from Bhognadih the birthplace of Veer Shaheed Sidhu Kanhu who led the Santhal revolt in 1855. The vatra, led by state BJP president and former chief minister Babulal Marandi, will cover a distance of 5400 kms, passing through more than 200

blocks in the entire state. Meanwhile, preparations have been completed for the arrival of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. While inspecting the meeting place. Hazaribagh divisional incharge and Rajya Sabha MP Aditya Sahu said that Hazaribagh division is ready for the arrival of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The people of the area are waiting for the Prime Minister. Preparations have been completed for the program. Lakhs of people will participate in this program. He said that people from every village will participate in this program. People are very excited about the arrival of the Prime Minister. People are very excited to listen to the Prime Minister. He said that the general public is excited about the development programs of the Prime Minister. He said that the people want to get rid of the loot, corruption, dynasty, appeasement of the Hemant government.

# Doctors resume cease work following threats, attacks

**SAUGAR SENGUPTA** KOLKATA

**▼**unior doctors of Bengal demanding "justice for Abhaya" --- the lady doctor who was on August 9 raped and murdered inside the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital --- and better security in Government hospitals resumed cease work from Tuesday alleging the promises made earlier by the State in support of their demands had not been fulfilled.

The second phase of cease work begins barely within a fortnight of the first phase when the agitating doctors called off their strike following talks with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee who reportedly assured them of all cooperation that included creating right kind of working environment inside the hospitals. The resumption of cease work comes after attacks over the past one week on junior doctors in three State-run medical colleges.

"We were hopeful that after our talks with the Chief Minister and following that the Chief Secretary concrete measures would be taken to ensure safety and security of the doctors inside the hospitals ... but while the Government is claiming in the Supreme Court that major steps have been taken things seem to be running in a snail's pace ... our colleague in RG Kar Medical College was raped and murdered due to this slack security system ... despite such a big incident and words given by the Government there has been three to four attacks at Sagor Dutta Medical College, CNM Medical College, Rampurhat Medical College and today at Burdwan Medical College ... whereas the Government is indifferent ... so we had no other way but to return to the cease work," said Dr Kinjal Nanda one of the



leaders of the Joint Platform of

Doctor Debashis Haldar said one of the leaders of the moveleft with no option but to cease work as despite assurances given by the Chief Minister we

are being attacked whereas the administration is sitting idle . . . if this continues then how far away is a second RG Kar like incident." When asked about the removal of senior officers including the former Kolkata Police Commissioner and two talks with the Chief Minister, Dr Aniket said that "those were not the entire list of some preliminary steps that we had asked for."

He also pointed out at how

like Humayun Kabir of Murshiadabad were publicly threatening the doctors with dire consequences everyday should they not stop their agitation, saying "we have come to treat and serve people ... we have come to learn as junior doctors and not to die at the hands of hoodlums."

A list of ten demands presented by the doctors read:

. Abhaya's demand for justice should be addressed without delay, avoiding any extended judicial proceedings, The Health Ministry needs to be held accountable for administrative failures and corruption, and should promptly remove the Health Secretary from their

3. A state-wide centralised referral system must be swiftly introduced in all hospitals and medical institutions.

4. Each medical college and hospital should implement a digital system to monitor bed vacancies.

5. Task forces, with elected junior doctor representatives, must be established in all hospitals and medical colleges to oversee the installation of CCTVs, on-call rooms, and bathroom facilities.

6. Police presence in hospitals should be strengthened by hiring permanent male and female officers, rather than relying on civic volunteers.

7. Immediate action is needed to fill all vacant positions for doctors, nurses, and healthcare workers in hospitals.

8. Investigative committees must be set up in each medical college to probe individuals involved in threat activities, with a state-level inquiry committee also formed.

9. Student council elections must be conducted in all medical colleges without delay, with recognition of RDAs and elected student and junior doctor making bodies. 10. Immediate investigation is

required into the widespread corruption and disorder within the West Bengal Medical Council (WBMC) and the West Bengal Health Recruitment Board (WBHRB). Health While there was no immediate response from the Chief Minister senior TMC leader Kunal Ghosh said that he hoped "good sense will prevail and the doctors will return to work as they also do not want people to die ... by resuming their cease work they will only harm the common people and

Meanwhile, the joint forum of doctors have called for a Mahamichil or a Grand rally on Mahalaya day --- or the day when Devi Paksha sets in according to the Hindu calendar --- in demand for Justice for Abhaya or the RGKMCH vic-

### Cyber attacks have emerged as major threat to national security: President Murmu | HAL delivers first AL-31FP

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President Murmu said the

role of the armed forces has

expanded far beyond tradi-

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agency approach.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday said here cyber attacks have emerged as a major threat to the national security and the civil services and armed forces must join hands to create a secure nationwide system capable of thwarting them. She said the country's securi-

ty concerns extend beyond preservation of territorial integrity and encompass other areas of national well-being such as economic, environmental, energy security, and cyber security related issues. "Addressing these concerns requires intensive research, and calls for a holistic approach in dealing with these wide-ranging issues," the president said addressing faculty and course members of 64th National Defence College course, who had called on her at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

President Murmu said cyber attacks have emerged as a major threat to the national security. Dealing with and countering cyber attacks requires high-end technological intervention as well as robust digital infrastructure along with a well-trained and specialised human resource,

"It is an issue that affects the entire governance framework of the country across all sectors. This is one of the areas where our civil services and armed forces must join hands to create a secure nationwide system capable of thwarting such attacks," the President

She said huge amounts of data and sensitive information are available in the governance systems "which cannot be left unsecured" and urged them to understand ating a resource crunch," the president said. She said it has also been

observed that officers working in the same department also keep performing over-lapping tasks due to systemic gaps or lack of clear delin-eation of ichs eation of jobs.
"This course, therefore, makes

an important contribution in preparing the officers for enhancing cooperation to perform efficiently," President Murmu told the faculty and course members.

The NDC course is aimed at providing a holistic view of contemporary economic, political and related aspects with particular emphasis on security issues to the participants drawn from different disciplines -- including those from Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and Indian Police Service (IPS) officers among others.

Visits to important military stations and frontier posts and some foreign countries form an integral part of the course curriculum. She said the dynamic global

geo-political environment poses numerous challenges. The fast pace at which events have unfolded in the recent past, could not have been foreseen perhaps a decade

Thus, all officers, whether from civil services or defence services, must be aware of the challenges and vulnerabilities they face, and the strengths that can help deal with such challenges," the president said.

Addressing the faculty and course members, she said technology is advancing rapidly and it is imperative to keep pace with it.

Whether it is artificial intelligence, data science, machine language processing or blockchain, you have to be aware of these technologies and should utilise them in your departments for creating a more efficient, transparent and productive work culture, the President said.

She said innovation is another factor that will keep the officers future ready. "Each nation is guided in its actions by its national interests and objectives.

Sometimes, you have to face unforeseen situations and crisis. For you to be always prepared for dealing with such situations, it is necessary to be innovative, resourceful and open to collaborations," the

# engine for Su-30MKI aircraft to IAF



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has handed over the first AL-31FP Aero Engine, manufactured under the 240 engine contract, to the Indian Air Force at Koraput in Odisha. The contract for 240 AL-31FP Aero Engines for Su-30MKI aircraft was signed on September nine, Bengaluru-headquartered HAL noted in a state-ment on Tuesday. It also said these engines would be delivered in eight years. The statement said Secretary

delivering the first engine within weeks of signing the contract. "This key milestone reflects HAL's aero engine manufacturing competency and dedication to support the Su-

(Defence Production) Sanjeev

Kumar lauded HAL's efforts in

30MKI fleet of IAF. It is very heartening to see that Koraput Division has mastered cutting edge technologies of aero engine manufacturing and has set up required infra-

structure to match with the global OEMs," he said.

Chief of HAL D K Sunil said "During this entire engine manufacturing process, we aim to engage Indian industries from present level of work share from 40 per cent to more than 50 per cent in next two-three years and help in employment generation. Sukhoi Engine Division,

Koraput, was created by HAL for manufacture of engines of Su-30MKI aircraft from raw material stage to final engine,

### BJP, Congress engage in war of words over Wangchuk's detention

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP and Congress I engaged in a war of words on Tuesday regarding detention of climate activist Sonam Wangchuk and several others accompanying him at the Delhi border on Monday. While Leader of Opposition

Rahul Gandhi slammed the government for the action terming it as "unacceptable," the BJP described the Congress' condemnation of the detention as "hypocrisy in extreme". Rahul Gandhi also said Prime Minister Narendra Modi will have to listen to Ladakh's voice. Wangchuk and more than 100 people from Ladakh, who had marched to Delhi demanding that the union territory be included in the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution, were detained at the capital's border on Monday for violating prohibitory orders and taken to



different police stations. Asked about the Congress' reaction, senior BJP leader Ravi Shankar said, "I don't know the facts. I will have to check the facts.

"If Rahul Gandhi has a comment to make, why (does) he maintain a conspicuous silence when cartoonists are lifted in Kolkata and a satirist is jailed in Tamil Nadu," Shankar asked, adding that the Congress leader's reaction to Wangchuk's detention was "hypocrisy in

A Jadavpur University profes-

explained an official from

sor and his neighbour were arrested in West Bengal in 2012 for posting on social media a cartoon showing Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

In 2017, a freelance cartoonist was arrested in Tamil Nadu for allegedly depicting the then chief minister K Palaniswami in an obscene manner in a car-The detention of Sonam

Wangchuk ji and hundreds of Ladakhis péacefully marching for environmental and constitutional rights is unacceptable," Rahul Gandhi said in a social media post. The former Congress chief

also asked why elderly citizens were being detained at Delhi's border for standing up for Ladakh's future.

'Modi ji, like with the farmers, this 'Chakravyuh' will be broken, and so will your arrogance. You will have to listen to Ladakh's voice," Rahul Gandhi

### Congress leaders' families are engaged in land grab: BJP

NEW DELHI

Amid a row over MUDA site
Allocation case in
Karnataka, the BJP on Tuesday raised the issue of allocation of a land to a trust run by AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge's family in Bengaluru, alleging that the Congress leaders' families are engaged in "land grab". Addressing a press conference here, senior BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad alleged that the Congress government in Karnataka has allocated 5 acres of land to Siddhartha Vihar Trust, run by Kharge's family, under "suspicious circumstances" and demanded a "transparent and honest" reply from the Congress president to the questions being raised on the issue. 'It's surprising that the

Siddaramaiah government allocated the 5-acre land to the trust in a high-tech defence area in Bangalore for setting up an R&D facility," he said. "And the interesting thing about it is that this 5-acre land was given (to the Kharge family-run trust) within a few days of framing of the rules for (setting up of) R&D facilities in the area," the former Union

minister added. Prasad said this matter has

reached Lokayukta in Karnataka and it is also pending with the court. "Court will do its work. But when there are so many suspicious circumstances surrounding this entire fast-track allotment, Kharge ji will have to reply. He is Congress president and also leader of the opposition in Rajya Sabha," he said. The BJP expects a transparent and honest reply from the Congress president, he added.

Prasad said the BJP does not have any problem if a land is allocated to a "genuine trust for genuine purpose in an authentic manner'

"But the way the political leaders' families are engaging in land grab movement in the garb of trust, it is wrong. We vehemently condemn it. It's a serious issue," he said. "We

on this," he added.

The BJP leader alleged that such land deals become "rampant" in the state wherever the Congress comes to power. Today a serious question is being raised as to why the Congress government and its leaders have great fascination for land deals," he said, adding, "Have some of their leaders become property dealers?" On the MUDA site allocation

issue, the BJP leader said the case is being investigated "hon-Karnataka Lokayukta police has registered a case against Siddaramaiah on the direc-

tions of a special court in connection with the alleged irregularities in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) site allocation. The Enforcement Directorate

has also booked the chief minister, his wife Parvathi and some others in a money laundering case linked to the land allotment case, taking cognisance of the Lokayukta FIR.

### Travelers to soon share experiences at tourist hotspots using QR codes

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Soon, travelers will be able to share their experiences at popular tourist hotspots and destinations, such as monuments, by scanning strategically placed QR codes at airports and railway stations nationwide.

Aiming to actively engage the travelers in the growth of India's tourism sector, the Union Tourism Ministry is in the process of introducing such an innovative feedback mechanism.

"Feedback and ratings of experiences by travelers will be collected by enabling them to scan a QR code placed at relevant points at airports and railway stations, spending around 30 seconds to rate



will be real-time and dynamic in nature, allowing the Ministry to address issues with various stakeholders. This will also prove to be a rich source of data and insights for tourism develop-

"By installing the QR codes provided by the Union Ministries of Tourism, Civil Aviation, and Railways, they are collaborating to set up these mechanisms at airports and railway stations across the country, so that over time, they become a reliable source of insight and information for tourism policy and strategy." Operators in the tourism industry have supported this innovative approach. Rajnish Kaistha, Senior Vice President at the Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO), said that it will not only enhance the visitor experience but also

enable businesses and author ities to make data-driven improvements. "By actively involving tourists in the development process, the initiative is expected to foster greater collaboration between stakeholders, leading to a more responsive and dynamic tourism environment," he Ritu Jain, Director of Coterie

Tours Private Ltd, concurred, saying that with real-time feedback, the government can address concerns of the stakeholders swiftly, ensuring that every traveler's voice is heard. 'This proactive strategy promises to enrich the tourism landscape in India, making it more appealing and accessible for both domestic and international

### explosive pagers to Lebanon masterstroke: Army Chief

Israel's move to set up shell company to send

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

rmy Chief General Aupendra Dwivedi on Tuesday termed the move by Israel as a "masterstroke" to set up a shell company that manufactured the explosive pagers sent to Lebanon. It was aimed to derail Hezbollah.

Making this assertion here, he also said the move required years and years of preparation by Israel. Speaking at the Chanakya Defence Dialogue, the Army chief "the war does not start the day you start fighting, it starts the day you start planning.

Israel has now shifted its military focus from the Gaza Strip to its northern border



targeted Hezbollah and killed its chief Hassan Nasrallah and several top commanders. "Israel has done something different. Israel had decided that Hamas was their primary target. So, Israel first wiped out Hamas and then focused on the other side (Hezbollah). The shell company that was created for the pagers was something of a masterstroke by Israel," General Dwivedi

Last month, multiple explosions of pagers and walkie-talkies of Hezbollah members in Lebanon killed nearly 40 and left over 3,000 injured. Asserting the need for various levels of inspection at the technological level, General Dwivedi said India needed to be "watchful" of supply chain interruptions.

Supply chain interruption, interception is something we have to be very watchful of. We need to have various levels of inspection at the technological level as well as the manual level to make sure such things do not get repeated in our case," the Army chief said.

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## **Saving Ladakh**

Sonam Wangchuk's foot march highlights the urgent need for ecological protection and local autonomy of Ladakh

adakh, a region known for its breathtaking landscapes and unique culture, is now under threat from an ecological disaster. Climate change and unchecked development are eroding its delicate environment, pushing it towards a tipping point. In the face of this growing crisis, climate activist Sonam Wangchuk has emerged as a key figure in the fight to protect Ladakh. Recently, he, along with over 100 supporters, embarked on a foot march from Leh to New Delhi to demand concrete steps for safeguarding Ladakh's fragile ecosystem and securing the region's autonomy under the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution. However, upon reaching Delhi's Singhu border, Wangchuk and his supporters were detained by the police for violating prohibitory orders. Despite this setback, the march has already sparked widespread attention and support for his demands. Ladakh's environment is one of the most sensitive in India. Nestled in the Himalayan range, the region is already witnessing alarming impacts of climate change. Melting glac-

iers, shrinking water sources, and unpredictable weather patterns are threatening not only the ecosystem but also the livelihoods of the local population.

The rapid melting of glaciers is particularly concerning as they are the primary source of water for the region. This has caused Ladakh to face a severe water crisis, with rivers and streams drying up at an unprecedented rate. Unchecked tourism and infrastructure development further exacerbate the issue. Waste management remains a significant challenge, and the increasing construction of roads and buildings has disrupted the natural landscape. Wangchuk, who is known for his innovative environmental solutions like the 'Ice

Stupa' project, has been vocal about the need for sustainable development in Ladakh. His demands are not only about preserving the environment but also about giving the local people the power to manage their resources and protect their cultural identity. One of his primary demands is to include Ladakh under the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution. The Sixth Schedule provides special protections and autonomy to certain tribal areas in India, allowing them to preserve their culture, manage their resources, and have law-making powers over local matters. Ladakh, with its predominantly tribal population and distinct cultural heritage, has been seeking similar protection. The people of Ladakh in general have expressed disappointment with the current governance structure, which is led by a Lieutenant Governor appointed by the central government. Right now the people of Ladkah have a limited say in decision making. Granting Ladakh Sixth Schedule status would empower its people to make decisions that are in line with their unique environmental and cultural needs. It would allow them to enact laws that protect their fragile ecosystem, manage resources more effectively, and ensure sustainable development. The people of Ladakh are making their voices heard. Now, it is up to the government and the rest of the nation to listen and take meaningful action.



A view of Humayun's Tomb, a UNESCO world heritage site, in New Delh

# Walking through the woods in UK



Suspension of winter fuel allowances, Starmer's push to reset relations with Europe, and the forgotten legacy of the Gorkhas are echoing in the woods of the UK

lage in Tonbridge Kent, UK, with the Old Hadlow Road leading to it. Tonbridge is a poorer cousin of the historic Tunbridge Wells but a great place for a walking-talking vacation this September when the sun broke through the clouds permitting invigorating small walks. Hadlow Stair is the perfect escape from rain-spoilt London, just 40 minutes away by train to Charing Cross in Trafalgar Square. Ordinary Brits have been stunned by the new Labour, suspending Pound 200 winter fuel allowance to pensioners, ostensi-bly to fill the Pound 22 bn deficit left by the Tories though inflation is below 3 per cent. In the village, most read newspapers only on the weekend: the talk is about Ukraine, Gaza and Lebanon and Prime Minister Keir Starmer and his wife accepting gifts. Former civil servant Sue Gray who sorted out Boris Johnson for his indiscretions during the pandemic is now the chief advisor to Starmer with a pay package of Pounds 180,000, surpassing the wages the PM gets. Modernising Britain's Continuous Sea Deterrence as well as upgrading its nuclear submarines from Vanguard to Dreadnought class is also underway. Peers in the House of Lords warned that 2.5 per cent on defence spending (at present 2.3 per cent) may not be enough to meet the challenges and fix the military.

Here too, there is a Pound 10 bn hole which is proposed to be filled up by taxes. India's spending is below 2 per cent with immeasurably bigger threats. But who cares! All this and more, John Lawson, my walking companion shares with me. Amongst all the walks the one in the undulating woods nearby is most enjoyable as John takes myriad routes and detours along the soggy earthy soil. You can do a dozen different trails here and not know they are in the same woods. Go south from Hadlow Road past the Scottish St Andrews Church across fields and through apple orchards with apples to eat and apples to cook. But there are no pickers due to Brexit, laments



The Chinese have invented an apple-picking machine which is yet to make its commercial debut. Here, in the fields too, John has manufactured several walking trails - the special one is along the Medway river to Tonbridge town which has everything from Marks and Spencers to Waitrose and Sainsburys to Kathmandu Valley and Dalchini restaurants to Humphrey and Bean Pub where we were privy to a brawl. There is also the Tonbridge Castle. My favourite walk though is

through the Higham Woods. This I did every morning, meeting making friends with people walking their dogs. Every house here has a cat or a dog or even a horse! Almost every afternoon John and I did serious walking bringing the milometer to roughly 120 plus miles in 12 days. In his spare time, John moves auto parts and trucks in the UK and Europe where too, Brexit means cost and time overruns. At the Labour Party annual conference, Starmer said he wants to reset relations with European Union and make Brexit work with the EU reset. The biggest applause at the conference was reserved for the Home Secretary, who decried the recent racial riots. Migrants continue to sail



THE PLAN TO RAISE A THIRD BATTALION OF GORKHA RIFLES WAS ABANDONED THOUGH THREE **GORKHA COMPANIES** WERE RAISED FOR THE SPECIAL FORCES. ALDERSHOT IS WHERE RETIRED **GORKHAS ALLOWED** RESIDENCY IN BRITAIN LIVE. WHILE THE BATTALION IS **FURTHER SOUTH** 

Rwanda is a closed issue, they Gorkha Brigade. The Navy will be settled in Britain. I've and Air Force together make been travelling to the UK another 70,000 warriors but all since the 1970s and can say field state-of-the-art equipthis: Indian or Asian or ment including conventional coloured are no longer looked and strategic forces which are down upon even though many the best in Europe. The military component of the Indian High Commission in of the menial jobs are still being done by them. I was horrified to learn that there is a Aldwych has been downsised Gorkha Cleaning Company in from three officers to just one Kent. The Gorkhas, the Brits with a Naval Commodore once worshipped in battle are holding the fort instead of the all but forgotten except by the Army Brigadier. Returning to likes of Joanna Lumley. This my trudge on the tarmac along became more evident in Whitehall Avenue, the old London where along a side MoD has become Raffles lane from Whitehall Avenue Hotel, RUSI next door renoresides the life-sized stone vated and a few meters ahead statue of the eternal Gorkha are bronze statues of leaders soldier. The plan to raise a who won fame in India: Field third battalion of Gorkha Marshals Slim, Auchinleck, Rifles was abandoned though and Allanbrooke. Another three Gorkha companies were Indian famous is the Duke of Wellington honoured in Trafalgar Square and Wellington Corner. The Brits raised for the Special Forces. Aldershot is where retired Gorkhas allowed residency in Britain live, while the battalion nurture the military and that's is further south. The other batone reason they are respected.

> must learn. (The writer, a retired Major General, was Commander, IPKF South, Sri Lanka, and jounaer member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the Integrated Defence Staff; The views expressed are

Thoughts that wafted during

the walk in the woods. We

### THE EDITOR

### Remembering Gandhi: A journey of justice and simplicity



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Gandhi's transformative journey, which began with racial discrimination in South Africa, helped shape his lifelong pursuit of justice, equality and nonviolence

n September 11, 2024, Union Minister for Culture, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, inaugurated a restored railway coach at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, New Delhi. This coach, donated by the Ministry of Railways and painted in brown with a "III" marking for third class, represents Mahatma Gandhi's simple lifestyle and his close relationship with the Indian railways. A life-size sculpture of Gandhi stepping off the train further emphasises his connection with the masses. Organised by the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, the exhibition offers an immersive experience of Gandhi's rail journeys. Shekhawat, in his address, highlighted how Gandhi turned the freedom struggle into a mass movement, remarking that the coach will inspire future generations to uphold the values of justice, equality, and peace for which

Gandhi's association with the railways was deeply symbolic and formative in his transformation from an ordinary lawyer to the leader of India's independence movement.

Gandhi stood



1893, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, when Gandhi, then a young barrister, was forcibly removed from a first-class train compartment despite having a valid ticket. This act of racial discrimination left a lasting impact on Gandhi and ignited his lifelong dedication to justice and nonviolent resistance. He often referred to this incident as the turning point that set him on the path toward becoming the Mahatma.

Gopal Krishna Gandhi, Gandhi's grandson, poignantly reflected on this moment. He wrote that when Gandhi was thrown off the train, an Indian fell, but when Gandhi rose, both India and South Africa rose with him. The experience transformed Gandhi, turning a personal

cause. What began as a lawyer's indignation became a revolutionary's commit-

ment to human justice. His later train journeys in South Africa, including those to Johannesburg and Pretoria, deepened his understanding of racial discrimination in the railway system. Gandhi confronted railway officials and managed to negotiate some concessions for Indian passengers, marking the beginning of his use of negotiation and protest as tools for

Upon returning to India in 1914, Gandhi's relationship with the railways grew stronger. He followed the advice of his mentor, Gopal Krishna Gokhale, by traveling in third-class compartments to stay connected with India's impoverished masses. For

Gandhi, trains were a means to engage with ordinary people and understand their struggles firsthand.

The challenging conditions he faced-overcrowded compartments, unsanitary surroundings-only strengthened his resolve to fight for social justice. His decision to travel third class symbolised his commitment to egalitarianism and helped transform the freedom struggle into a mass movement that resonated with the broader popula-

Gandhi traveled by train from Calcutta to Delhi' and stayed at Birla House where he spent the last 144 days of his life. During this time, he tirelessly worked for peace amidst the communal violence of Partition.

His assassination in January 1948 ended a life devoted to nonviolence and service to humanity. As we celebrate Gandhi Jayanti today as the International Day of Nonviolence, we are reminded of Gandhi's self-sacrifice, dedication, and compassion.

(The writer is Programme Executive, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti; views are personal)

#### **WEST ASIA TURMOIL**

Madam — Apropos, 'West Asia on fire' (September 30). Israel which had vowed 'enough is enough' in the aftermath of a brutal terrorist attack by Hamas on October 7 last year, has dealt a body blow to Hezbollah, the most powerful militant and political force in Lebanon, by eliminating its head Hassan Nasrallah, who had been a global figurehead of anti-Israel resistance for decades. He had been a prime target of Israel since the last Lebanon War of 2008. Now, Hezbollah, considered the vital part of the Axis of Resistance, is leaderless and thus rudderless.

However, Nasrallah's demise may only keep Hezbollah lying down for a while. It cannot be written off. Wounded but not destroyed, it may not be long before Hezbollah tries to avenge Nasrallah by raining a barrage of missiles on Israel to keep its people from returning to the northern region. Netanyahu stakes his political fortunes on this. Meanwhile, with thousands of its citizens fleeing northern Israel in wake of Hezbollah strikes, Israel's main task remains unaccomplished. Its bombarding Lebanon may go on till Netanyahu gets war-weary and domestic pressures mount or until breakthrough on the hostage issue. It is an opportune time for the international community should it desire to prevail upon Tel Aviv to agree for ceasefire. But peace is unlikely to return to Gaza till Hamas frees hostages and a ceasefire is

N Sadhasiva Reddy | Washington

#### **NON BJP STATES WITHDRAW CBI CONSENT**

Madam — Karnataka has joined the long list of states that have withdrawn general consent to the CBI to conduct investigations relating to corruption, economic offences and crime or violence in that particular state. The Delhi Special Police Establishment (DSPE) Act, 1946, under which the CBI was setup, has defined general consent and

### **Women education empowers India**

talion is in Brunei for which

the Sultan pays. Sadly, very few

recognise the badges of the

Gorkha Regiment any more.

Why blame the Brits when we

have offered the poor choice of

Agniveer to Nepali Gorkhas who stopped joining five years ago? The British Army is 70,000 (with a reserve of

30,000) soldiers and Infantry



7ice President Jagdeep Dhankhar made insightful remarks on the significance of women's education. He said that a developed India is incomplete without women's empowerment, which is a powerful reminder of the crucial role they play in our society. Women constitute a substantial portion of our

specific consent that can be accorded by the states to the CBI to function in their

Only the Supreme Court and the High Courts can order a CBI investigation in any state without the state's nod if consent is withdrawn. It has to be remembered that states that have refused permission for the CBI are non-BJP ruled thereby underscoring the political undertones in the issue.

The Supreme Court, in 2013, said the CBI was a 'caged parrot' following the orders of its 'master', the government. The federal system of governance in India has clearly demarcated powers between the Centre and the states. By the 1946 rule itself, the CBI is an agency that has no autonomous powers. The apex court has said that keeping in mind the federal structure of the country the CBI cannot infringe upon the states. By the same token, if the agency is accorded unbridled power without making it an autonomous body, its misuse may be the order of the day

Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

population, and their active participation in all spheres of life is essential for holistic development. By investing in women's education, we not only unlock their individual potential but also empower their families and communities. Educated women are more likely to make informed decisions regarding health, nutrition,

Moreover, women's education is a catalyst for economic growth. When women have access to education and employment opportunities, they contribute to the workforce, boost GDP, and reduce poverty. Their participation in decision-making processes ensures that diverse perspectives are considered, leading to more inclusive and equitable policies

and child-rearing, leading to healthier and

Fiza Fatima | Hyderabad

#### **POTHOLES OF CORRUPTION**

more prosperous families.

Madam -No matter which party is in power, the conditions of the roads all over the nation are pathetic. It requires no rocket science to understand why this is happening. Corruption is the root cause as inferior quality materials are used due to cuts taken by everybody from top to bottom in passing tenders and clearing bills. Therefore, it is hard to be enthused about the promise of pothole free roads by the CM of Delhi Atishi Marlena. Accidents caused by bad roads have come at a great cost including injury and sometimes fatality with no accountability fixed for the loss, what is worse, it is not just potholes but literally craters the vehicles are expected to navigate. Recently, there was a container truck that was completely swallowed by the road. This despite the vehicle owners being made to pay all kinds of taxes for permission to park their vehicles on such roads!

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### **FIRST COLUMN**

### **SLEEP, SPIRITUALITY AND THE MODERN MIND**

Reclaiming quality sleep requires reconnecting with spiritual practices



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

n the famous poem "Childhood", Ravindra Nath Tagore bemoans the loss of innocence as a child grows up. One thing we can all agree that to sleep like a child is a great asset. But as we grow up our minds begin to play havoc with our sleep. Before I go any further let us understand the basics of sleep. Sleep is one of the most important biological functions and inadequate sleep can cause many problems. Sleep is the time when the body rejuvenates itself. Sleep restores physical well-being and removes fatigue related to emotional activi-

Our brains are beehives of activities during sleep, including the time when one is dreaming. How much sleep is required? It depends on each individual according to age, type of activities, level of activities, etc. Lord Krishna has mentioned sleep as one of the four activities, which must be appropriate. (The Bhagavad-Geeta 6.17) We need sleep excellence. What does the modern man do? There are three types. One cuts on sleep and another cannot fall asleep and resorts to drinks

The third sleeps too much wasting precious human life. Taking up the busy ones, they have no respect for rules made by God – the Creator of our bodies. They feel that they can do with less sleep and nothing adverse will happen. But they get harmed in many ways.

The first causality is the energy level; it goes down. Physical health is affected in many ways, but it takes a long; one feels that he is fine until hit by some serious health problem. Performance declines; cognitive ability reduces; memory consolidation is affected as does mental health. You cannot copy someone else, because, as stated earli-



er, it is, person specific - a bodily necessity. The second group suffers no less, if anything substantially more in the long term.

One thinks that he can order the body to sleep whenever one wants. Have you tried to postpone sleep? What happens? Circadian rhythms are 24-hour cycles that are part of the body's internal clock. Its primary function is sleeping and waking.

We cannot take charge; it controls us. So what does the modern man do? He resorts to artificially induced sleep by taking drinks and drugs. We all know what drinks do to our liver. And drugs are similarly harmful to the brain. Both are habit forming. One is stuck once this is continued over some time. Why is one unable to fall asleep, when bodily and mentally tired? Because we have allowed our minds to take charge of our lives.

We have unlimited desires for a sense of enjoyment, power, fame, etc. We are being driven by emotions like lust, greed, anger, hate, etc. By the way, drinks and drugs do not stop bad and scary dreams from coming, which leave a very bad feeling upon waking up.

The third kind harms oneself in more ways than one by making sleep one's shelter. Let us come to our senses. Shelter is available in God. There are simple spiritual practices, which connect one to God. He will help us curb our wrong tendencies, as only God can. But one has to first accept that one is wrong; one has to give up overblown

It is quite strange that a small, ignorant and helpless soul has such a big ego. What is the conclusion? There is only one shelter, as instructed by Lord Krishna. You will get plenty of sleep and of good quality too sans bad dreams.

(The writer is a spiritual teacher; views are personal)

# Transforming lives of the Indian farmers



Through modern infrastructure, expanded credit support, and sustainable farming methods, PM Modi's policies are revolutionising Indian agriculture

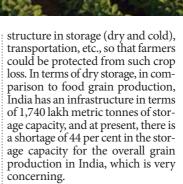
rime Minister Narendra Modi's deep concern and sensitivity towards farmers is visible in the decisions, policies and plans taken for the farming community.

Transforming the lives of our food providers (Annadatas) is the first and foremost goal of our Prime Minister. This is the reason why agriculture and farmers remained the top priorities in the first 100 days of the third term of the NDA government. Under his leadership, the government is making unprecedented efforts for the empowerment and upliftment of the agriculture sector. We are committed to increasing farmers' income, which is reflected in schemes such as the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), and PM AASHA. Post-harvest losses in India are a major challenge, which threatens the production capacity of the agricultural sector and it also adversely impacts the hard work put in by lakhs of farmers. According to the latest estimates, about 16-18 per cent of the total food production is affected every year in India due

These losses can be attributed to various stages of agriculture such as harvesting, threshing, storage, transportation and processing. Lack of proper storage, cold chain, inadequate processing units, and lack of effi-cient logistics contribute to these huge losses, as a result of which the overall food security of our country gets affected.

Keeping all these factors in mind, the Modi government is working with renewed enthusiasm towards strengthening this. Under the able leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government is making efforts to take the research of scientists from lab to land, due to which the cost of production has reduced considerably and profits have increased for farmers. The Prime Minister with a visionary approach launched the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) way back in July 2020 as a transformative initiative under the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative. Its objective is to increase the income of farmers and address post-harvest management issues through farm assets to reduce food wastage. These challenges have to be addressed by promoting new projects and new age technologies. Under AIF, banks provide interest subvention of 3 per cent per annum with an interest cap of 9 per cent and financial institutions will provide loans up to Rs 2 crore with credit guarantee coverage under CGIMSE (Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises) for loans. Through this initiative, the government aims to not only increase production to preserve quality and quantity, but also help farmers access markets more efficiently, and as a result, their income will also increase.

Due to the able leadership of the Prime Minister, the benefits of the scheme, till August 2024, the amount sanctioned under this scheme has crossed Rs 47,500 crore. Of this, more than Rs 30,000 crore has already been disbursed for various projects. Notably, 54 per cent of the projects that were sanctioned are linked to farmers, cooperative societies, agricultural production organisations and self-help groups (SHGs), which is in line with the Prime Minister's vision. It reflects the strong participation of farmers in providing farm-gate level infrastructure.Prime Minister Modi is very committed towards strengthening farm gate infrastructure to solve the major problem postharvest losses in agricultural produce. He prioritised the development of infra-



Similarly, for horticulture produce, about 441.9 lakh metric tonnes of cold storage is available in India, while the cold chain capacity is only 15.72 per cent of the production of fruits and vegetables in the country. AIF initiative has helped bridge the storage capacity gap by approximately 500 lakh metric tonnes. Contributing to saving about Rs 5,700 crore post-harvest losses for the nation. Furthermore, under the leadership of the Prime Minister, the development of proper cold storage facilities has reduced the loss of horticulture products by 10 per cent, due to which 3.5 lakh metric tonnes of produce is being secured post harvest and about Rs 1,250 crore is being saved every year. This commitment of the Prime Minister towards the agriculture sector and farmers will not only ensure economic empowerment but also raise their standard of living. Under the AGRICULTURE
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guidance of the Transconding new impetus to the growth and development of agricultural infrastructure. As of August guidance of the Prime Minister, the 2024, as many as 74,695 agriculture infrastructure-related initiatives across the country have been approved under AIF. These include 18,508 custom hiring centres, 16,238 primary processing centres, 13,702 warehouses, 3,095 sorting and grading units, 1,901 cold stores and cold chains, and 21,251 other types of infrastructure facilities. These 74,695 projects have attracted a total investment of Rs 78,702 crore in the agriculture sector since 2015, which marks significant progress in the sector. Prime Minister Modi has encouraged entrepreneurship among farmers, as approximately 50,000 new agricultural enterprises have been set up in the country. These efforts have helped create more than 8,00,000 employment opportunities, and this number

will only increase in the future, even-

tually leading to the creation of 2.5 million jobs, directly or indirectly. The Prime Minister's welfare policies have brought about positive changes in the working style of farmers. The creation of advanced infrastructure on farms has facilitated farmers to sell directly to a wider consumer base, thereby enhancing price realisation and increasing their overall income. Due to modern packaging and cold storage systems, farmers can time their market sales more strategically, resulting in better value realisation.

On average, this infrastructure initiative has enabled farmers to get 11-14 per cent higher prices for their produce. Prime Minister Modi's policies will not only encourage the development of agricultural infra-structure but also reduce credit risk. Through credit guarantee support and interest subvention, lending institutions can give loans with minimal risk, thereby helping their customers. This helps in expanding their base and portfolio diversification. Significantly, this fund is involved in the creation of agricultural infrastructure in collaboration with the refinance facility of NABARD, reducing the effective interest rate for Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) to

1per cent. This has brought significant benefits to thousands of farmers associated with such PACS. Under AIF, 9,573 PACS projects have been approved with a loan amount of Rs 2,970 crore to date by NABARD. In an important step under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the central government has approved the progressive expansion of the ambitious Agriculture Infrastructure Fund scheme, making it more inclusive and substantially more influential. The make agriculture a profitable business we have come up with a six-point strategy to increase the income of farmers, such as increasing production, reducing the cost of farming, fair prices for production, providing the appropriate amount of relief during natural disasters, diversification of agriculture and natural

farming.
At present, some promising projects

aeroponic farming, polyhouse and greenhouse, are reserved for only farmer groups and collectives.

Now by expanding the scheme

coverage to include integrated pro-

cessing projects, farmers will get better prices for their produce through the creation of integrated processing plants, which include both primary and secondary processing.In addition to this, component A of PM-KUSUM (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan) Yojana provides the facility for the installation of solar power plants up to 2 MW on barren, fallow, cultivable, pasture or marshy lands, and it can be easily be converged with the AIF scheme. This strategic convergence will help individual farmers and empower farmer groups, enhancing their role from being 'Annadaata' (food givers) to 'Urjadata' (energy providers). The dedicated credit guarantee cover window, which was exclusively kept for FPOs, i.e. NAB Sanrakshan Trustee Company Private Limited, will remain open for AIF beneficiaries as well, where they will be eligible for guarantee fee reimbursement. These changes will increase processing capabilities, diversify food production, and increase and improve the quality of the yields.

They will increase the shelf life of the produce, boost transport capacity and improve rural supply by link-ing it to the urban demand. Additionally, these changes will help in generating rural employment opportunities. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund is making a significant contribution towards the development of the agriculture sector and empowerment of Indian farmers, by providing a sustainable solution. Due to the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, even the minutest problems faced by farmers are being resolved, intense communication and combined efforts have brought a new dawn in the context of farmers' welfare, and this will prove to be a key milestone to fulfil the dreams of a developed agriculture sector of a 'Viksit Bharat.

(The writer is the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Rural Development; views



THE PRIME MINISTER WITH A VISIONARY **APPROACH** LAUNCHED THE INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (AIF) WAY **BACK IN JULY** 2020 AS A TRANSFORMATIVE

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for agricultural asset development, such as hydroponic farming, mushroom cultivation, vertical farming,

### Navigating manufacturing landscape: Bridging growth, disparities, and industrial ambitions

### India stands as the world's fifth-largest manufacturing powerhouse, generating nearly \$560 billion in goods annually

ndia is the world's fifth largest manufacturing pow-Lerhouse producing nearly 560 Billion Dollars' worth of goods per year but our share in global manufacturing output is below 3 per cent. And the share of manufacturing in India's Gross Value Added (GVA) is stuck at just 17 per cent, not far ahead of the share of agriculture. It is often stated that India seems to be transitioning directly from a primary sector-dominant economy into one dominated by the service sector.

The question often asked is whether manufacturing is going to play its part in India's often paradoxical and counterintuitive growth story. However, one element of India's industrial landscape is



of growth poles first propounded by the French Economist Perroux along with its accompanying concepts of the inevitability of unbalanced regional growth in industrial clusters, with an agglomeration effect that will accentuate regional diversity, seems pretty close to India's development experience.

Thus, even where India had set

places like Rourkela, Bokaro or even Jamshedpur in an earlier era, these do not appear to have led to broader regional development, with the nearby hinterland areas remaining under-developed for the most

part.
The broader issue of regional disparities that have emerged in India has been sought to be addressed institutionally by various Finance Commission's devolution formula which gives overwhelming weightage to per capita income and, therefore, ensures higher resource flows into backward areas.

The market, on the other hand, has responded to these disparities by the movement of migrant labour to the faster growing parts of the country, quite predictable. The concepts up new industrial townships in with the migrant labour being

the unsung hero of the construction and manufacturing growth in these areas. The concepts of growth poles and growth centres are now being supplemented by the phenomena of port-led industrial growth with major ports, old and new, serving as growth centres in many countries.

The National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP) takes on the challenges of accelerating India's manufacturing growth, creating multiple industrial growth foci and linking industrialisation to transport nodes,

The NICDP has focused on the development of industrial townships adjacent to 11 key transport corridors.

Eight such townships had been approved till the current



year, four of which are shovel-ready with the industrial plots being allotted, and four others are being implemented with trunk infrastructure being set up. As against eight projects implemented or under implementation over the last 17 years, the Government has recently approved twelve such smart industrial cities in 10 States, at one go, with a big bang approach which is characteristic of PM Modi's style which focuses on Speed and

All these sites have been validated using the geospatial data on the PM Gati Shakti National Platform to minimise disturbances to existing habitations and ecology, with prioritisation to availability of land parcels with the State Governments, covering land of relatively lesser agricultural value, with proximity to major transport modes for multimodel connectivity.

A new aspect of using PM Gati Shakti to not only ensure the enhancement of transport infrastructure for improved connectivity but also to combine such network planning with an area planning approach by asking States to start filling social infrastrucgaps (schools, Anganwadis, ITls, accommodation) concurrently with project implementation, has been initiated.

This combination of transport network planning and area planning should lead to these green field industrial cities getting plug and play infrastructure and multi-model transport links ahead of demand for the private sector and particularly for foreign investors who wish to participate in India's growth story.It may be recalled that India's Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) ranking had improved from 143 in 2014 to 63 in 2020, in the last year that such rankings were published by the World Bank. While contract compliances and improvement are linked to the broader issue of judicial reform, the NICDP programme will substantially address, along with

parallel initiatives by the States, the issues of land availability and its transparent administration, for any investors seeking industrial sites in these cities. The NICDP Programme also de-risks the investor from one key compliance burden that new investors are concerned about, the issue of environmental clearances by ensuring that full environmental clearance for the entire township is already in place and is backed up by a full spectrum of utility services like power, sewage and waste treatment, roads etc., in a smart city with stateof-the-art infrastructure and digitized grievance redressal

(The writer is former Secretary, DPIIT and currently OSD, Ministry of Defence; views are

### I pleaded guilty to journalism for freedom: Assange

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange said Tuesday that he was freed after years of incarceration because he "pled guilty to journalism." Assange gave evidence of the impact of his detention and conviction to the legal affairs and human rights committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France. The Parliamentary Assembly includes lawmakers from 46 European countries.

A group of supporters, holding a banner that said "Thank you, Julian" greeted Assange as he stepped out of van smiling and raising his fist in defiance along with his wife, Stella, and WikiLeaks editor-in-chief Kristinn Hrafnsson.

"Assange is free! We are here. The world is with you," one supporter shouted before Assange entered the Council of Europe building for his first public address since his release from



Wikileaks founder Julian Assange and his wife Stella Assange raise their arms as they arrive at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, eastern France, Tuesday. AP/PTI

prison in June "I am not free worked," Assange said. "I am today because the system free today after years of incar-

ceration because I pled guilty to journalism."

He added: "I pled guilty to seeking information from a source. I pled guilty to obtaining information from a source. And I pled guilty to informing the public what that information

Assange was released in June after five years in a British prison after he pleaded guilty to obtaining and publishing US military secrets in a deal with Justice Department prosecutors that concluded a drawn-out legal saga. Prior to his time in prison, he had spent seven years in self-imposed exile in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, where he claimed asylum on the grounds of political persecution

The transition from years in a maximum security prison to addressing the European parliamentarians has been a "profound and a surreal shift," Assange said as he detailed the experience of isolation in a

"It strips away one's sense of self,

leaving only the raw essence of existence," he said, his voice cracking while he offered an apology for his "faltering words" lives — such as people who provided information to US forces in Iraq and Afghanistan — at risk, and strayed far beyond the and an "unpolished presenta-

"I'm not yet fully equipped to speak about what I have endured — the relentless struggle to stay alive, both physical-ly and mentally," Assange said. The Australian internet publisher was accused of receiving and publishing hundreds of thousands of war logs and diplomatic cables that included details of US military wrongdoing in Iraq and Afghanistan. His activities were celebrated by press freedom advocates, who heralded his role in bringing to light military conduct that might otherwise have been con-

Among the files published by WikiLeaks was a video of a 2007 Apache helicopter attack by American forces in Baghdad that killed 11 people, including two Reuters journalists. Critics say his conduct put American national security and innocent

risk, and strayed far beyond the bounds of traditional journalism duties.

The yearslong case ended with Assange entering his plea in a US district court on the Northern Mariana Islands, an American commonwealth in the Pacific. Assange pleaded guilty to an Espionage Act charge of conspiring to unlaw-fully obtain and disseminate classified national defence information. A judge sentenced him to the five years he had already spent behind bars in the UK fighting extradition to the United States. Assange returned to Australia a

free man in late June. At the time his wife, Stella, said he needed time to recuperate befre speaking publicly. His appear-ance on Tuesday comes after the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly published a report on Assange's detention in a high-security UK prison for five years.

### Japan's parliament elects Ishiba as PM

Tapan's parliament on Tuesday formally elected Shigeru Ishiba, head of the governing Liberal Democratic Party, as the country's new prime minister. Ishiba was chosen as the party's leader on Friday to replace Fumio Kishida, who then stepped down earlier on Tuesday to pave the way.

. Ishiba will announce his new Cabinet later on Tuesday. Kishida took office in 2021 but left so his party could have a fresh leader after his government was dogged by scandals. Ishiba plans to call a parlia-mentary election for October "I believe it is important to

have the new administration get the public's judgment as soon as possible," Ishiba said Monday in announcing his plan to call a snap election. Opposition parties criticised Ishiba for allowing only a short period of time for his policies to be examined and discussed in parliament before the national election.

Kishida had announced in August he would resign at the end of his three-year term. Kishida and his ministers stepped down at a Cabinet meeting on Tuesday morning, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi said. Kishida left his office after a brief send-off ceremony in which he was presented a bouquet of red roses and applauded by his staff and for-

mer Cabinet members. "As we face a critical moment in and outside the country, I earnestly hope key policies that will pioneer Japan's future will be powerfully pursued by the new Cabinet," Kishida said in a statement, citing the need to bolster security amid a deepening global divide, such as Russia's war in Ukraine, while tackling a declining birthrate and population, as well as economic and political reforms at home. Ishiba earlier announced his



party's leaders ahead of naming his Cabinet. Former Minister Environment Shinjiro Koizumi, who came in third in the party leadership race, will head the party's election task force. He is expected to name defense experts Takeshi Iwaya as foreign minister and Gen Nakatani as defense chief.

The majority of his Cabinet ministers, like Ishiba, are expected to be unaffiliated with factions led and controlled by party heavyweights, and none are from former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's powerful group linked to

damaging scandals. Ishiba's lack of stable power base could also mean a fragility of his government, and "could quickly collapse" even though Ishiba hopes to build up party unity as it prepares for the upcoming election, the liberal-leaning Asahi newspaper said. The move is also seen as

revenge by Ishiba, who was largely pushed to the side during most of Abe's reign. Ishiba has proposed an Asian version of the NATO military alliance and more discussion among regional partners about the use of the US

He also suggested a more equal Japan-US security alliance, including joint management of US bases in Japan and having Japanese Self Defense Force bases in the United States. Ishiba outlined his views in an article to the Hudson Institute

nuclear deterrence.

### Gunmen kill 6, including local paramilitary Guard chief in Iran

**AP** TEHRAN

 $U_{\text{six people}}^{\text{nidentified gunmen killed}} \\ \text{local chief of the paramilitary}$ Revolutionary Guard, in two separate attacks on Tuesday, state TV reported. The head of a town council

and two volunteer members of the Guard were also among the dead in the first attack, it

It occurred after the victims participated in a school ceremony in Nikshahar town, about 1,350 kilometers (840 miles) southeast of the capital, Tehran, the report said.

chief as Parviz Kadkhodaei but provided no other details of the attack in the southeastern province of Sistan and Baluchistan.

It identified the town council

Two police officers were killed



in the second attack, which took place in Khash town in the same province, it said. No one immediately took responsibility for the attacks. In September, gunmen killed four border guards in the province in two separate attacks. The militant group Jaish al-Adl, which seeks greater rights for the ethnic Baluch minority, claimed responsibility for one the attacks, in which one officer

and two soldiers in the border guard were killed.

The province, bordering Afghanistan and Pakistan, has been the site of occasional deadly clashes involving militant groups, drug smugglers and Iranian security forces. It is one of the least developed parts of Iran. Relations between the predominantly Sunni Muslim residents of the region and Iran's Shiite theocracy have long been strained.

### UK chartered plane to fly out British nationals from Lebanon

A UK government-chartered flight will on Wednesday fly out of Lebanon those British nationals who want to leave following escalating violence in the region. UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy's announcement on Monday evening comes amid growing safety concerns following the killing of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah in Israeli airstrikes on Beirut at the weekend. Prime Minister Keir Starmer previously called on British nationals in Lebanon to "leave immediately" as tensions continue to mount in West Asia. Lammy, who described the situation in Lebanon as "volatile" and warned it could "deteriorate quickly", said in a statement: "The safety of British nationals in Lebanon continues to be our utmost priority." "That's why the

UK government is chartering a flight to help those wanting to leave. It is vital that you leave now as further evacuation may not be guaranteed," he said. According to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), British nationals, their spouse or partners and children under the age of 18 are eligible to be accommodated on the charter flight which is due to leave Beirut-Rafic Hariri International Airport on Wednesday. The FCDO said it has been working with partners in recent weeks to increase capacity on commercial flights to enable British nationals to leave, with the chartered flight intended to provide additional capacity. Those who have registered their presence with the FCDO will be sent details on how to request a seat. "If you are a British national in Lebanon

who has not already registered your presence, please do so immediately. Vulnerable British nationals and their spouse or partner, and children under the age of 18, will be prioritised for this flight," the FCDO said. The UK government said it would pay to charter the flight, with British nationals expected to pay a fee of GBP 350 per seat. It reiterated that no one should arrive at the airport unless they have a confirmed seat on the plane. Any non-British dependants boarding the flight will require a visa granted for at least six months to enter the UK in line with usual immigration rules and entry process, it said.Meanwhile, 700 British troops alongside Border Force and Foreign Office officials have been deployed to Cyprus to continue contingency planning for a range of scenarios in

#### Walz and Vance to face off in their only VP debate anonymity to discuss strategy. with Walz, saying he was "not

**AP** WASHINGTON

Tim Walz and JD Vance will meet for their first and possibly only vice presidential debate Tuesday, in what could be the last debate for both campaigns to argue their case before the election. The debate in New York hosted by CBS Republican freshman senator from Ohio, and Walz, a twoterm Democratic governor of Minnesota, the chance to introduce themselves, make the case for their running mates, and go on the attack against the opposing ticket.

Tuesday's matchup could have an outsized impact. Polls have shown Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump locked in a close contest, giving added weight to anything that can sway voters on the margins, including the impression left by the vice presidential candidates. It also might be the last debate of the campaign, with the Harris and Trump teams failing to agree on another meeting.

The role of a presidential running mate is typically to serve as an attack dog for the person at the top of the ticket, arguing



against the opposing presidential candidate and their proxy on stage. Both Vance and Walz have embraced that role. Vance's occasionally confronta-

tional news interviews and appearances on the campaign trail have underscored why Trump picked him for the Republican ticket despite his past biting criticisms of the former president, including once suggesting Trump would be "America's Hitler.

Walz, meanwhile, catapulted onto Harris' campaign by branding Trump and Republicans as "just weird," creating an attack line for Democrats seeking to argue Republicans are disconnected from the American people. A new AP-NORC poll found

that Walz is better liked than Vance, potentially giving the Republican an added chal-After a Harris-Trump debate

in which Republicans complained about the ABC News moderators fact-checking Trump, Tuesday's debate will not feature any corrections from the hosts. CBS News said the onus for pointing out misstatements will be on the candidates, with moderators "facilitating those opportunities." Ahead of the debate, allies of both men were lowering expectations that their candidate

will have a decisive performance. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., called Vance "an accomplished debater" and contrasted that a lawyer-debater type."
Klobuchar said Walz spent
time growing up thinking
about football, not debating.
Jason Miller, a senior adviser
to Trump, portrayed Walz
much differently than
Klobuchar Klobuchar.
"Tim Walz is very good in debates, really good. He's been

He'll be very well prepared for tomorrow night," Miller told reporters Monday. He predicted the Democratic governor of Minnesota will be much more "buttoned up" than he is on the campaign trail and ready to defend his record, but added, 'That's not to say that JD Vance won't be prepared tomorrow, or that somehow he isn't up to the challenge."

Vance, speaking to reporters last week, said he didn't "have to prepare that much" for the debate because he had "welldeveloped views on public pol-

But Vance has been doing debate prep sessions where he's been joined by his wife, Usha Vance, Miller, senior Vance aides, and Rep. Tom Emmer, R-Minn., who has played Walz, according to a person familiar with his preparations who requested

Moderating their mock debates was Monica Crowley, who served in the Trump administration, hosts a podcast and contributed to Project 2025, a conservative blueprint for remaking government that Trump claims he knows " nothing about?

"JD Vance is prepared to wipe expose him for the radical liberal he is," Emmer told reporters on Monday.

Walz's debate prep has included sessions hunkered down in a Minneapolis hotel, with Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg standing in for Vance, according to a person familiar with the process who requested anonymity to discuss the campaign's internal dynamics. Others helping in the preparations include Rob Friedlander and Zayn Siddique, who helped Harris prepare for her debate with Trump, along with other aides to Walz and the cam-

paign. Klobuchar said Walz will show the American people "a real person" who brings "buoyancy" and positivity to the debate stage that will contrast with Vance, but "he is not going to be shy about pointing out the problems?

### Suspected Yemen Houthi rebel attack targets ship in Red Sea

AP DUBAI

Asuspected attack Tuesday by Yemen's Houthi rebels targeted a ship in the Red Sea, likely marking their first assault on commercial shipping in threatens to become a regional conflict

The attack comes as Israeli ground forces entered Lebanon after days of Israeli airstrikes that killed Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah and other top leaders and the earlier explosions of sabotaged electronic devices used by the Shiite militia. The Houthis had threatened "escalating military operations" targeting Israel on Monday after they apparently shot down a US military drone flying over the country.

The attack Tuesday morning took place some 110 kilometres off the port city of Hodeida in the Red Sea, which has become a battlefield for shippers since the Houthis began their campaign targeting ships travelling through a waterway that once saw USD 1 trillion a year of cargo pass through it. A captain on a ship saw four



"splashes" near his vessel, the British military's United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations centre said in a warning. That likely would have been missiles or drones launched at the vessel.

"All crew are safe and the vessel is proceeding to (its) next port of call," the UKMTO said. The Houthis did not immediately claim the attack. However, they sometimes take hours or days to acknowledge one of their assaults.

Houthis have targeted more than 80 merchant vessels with missiles and drones since the war in Gaza started in October. They have seized one vessel and sank two in the campaign that has also killed four sailors. Other missiles and drones have either been intercepted by a US-led coalition in the Red Sea

or failed to reach their targets, which have included Western military vessels. The rebels maintain that they

target ships linked to Israel, the US or the United Kingdom to force an end to Israel's cam-However, many of the ships attacked have little or no connection to the conflict, including some bound for Iran.

The last attack on a merchant ship by the Houthis came on September 2.

The Houthis claimed an attack targeted American warships last week. The rebels fired more than a half dozen ballistic missiles and anti-ship cruise missiles and two drones at three US ships that were travelling through the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, but all were intercepted by the Navy destroyers, a US official said Friday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss details not yet publicly released.

The Houthis also continue to launch missiles targeting Israel, drawing retaliatory airstrikes from the Israelis this weekend on Hodeida.

### Congo rebel group generates \$300,000 monthly from seized mine, says UN

An armed rebel group in Congo generates around USD 300,000 a month in revenue through its control of a mining area in the east of the country, the UN Security Council heard

In April, the M23 - a rebel group with alleged links to Rwanda — seized the Rubaya mining area in eastern Congo, which holds deposits of a key mineral used in the production of smartphones and computers. Over 15 per cent of the world's supply of tantalum, a rare metal extracted from coltan, comes from Rubaya, Bintou Keita, head of the UN mission in Congo, told the Security Council

"Unless international sanctions are imposed on those benefiting from this criminal trade, peace will remain elusive and civilians will continue to suffer," Keita

Tantalum is among the minerals that was identified earlier this year in a letter from Congo's government questioning Apple about the tech company's knowledge of "blood minerals" being smuggled in its supply chain. The decadeslong conflict in eastern Congo has produced one of the world's worst humanitarian crises, with more than 120 armed groups fighting for power, land and valuable mineral resources while others try to defend their communities. Some armed groups have been accused of mass killings, rapes and other human rights violations. The violence has displaced some 6 million people in

the country's east. M23, or the March 23 Movement, is a rebel military

group mainly made up of ethnic Tutsis that broke away from the Congolese army just over a decade ago. They staged a large offensive in 2012 and took over the provincial capital of Goma near the border with Rwanda. the same city they are threatening again. Congo alleges that Rwanda has been involved in war crimes in the east and US and UN experts accuse it of giving military backing to M23. Rwanda denies the claim, but in February admitted that it has troops and missile systems in eastern Congo to safeguard its security, pointing to a buildup of Congolese forces near the border. In July, UN experts estimated that between 3,000 and 4,000 Rwandan government forces are deployed in eastern Congo alongside M23, which has been making major



A man walks through a damaged street after Hurricane John passed through Coyuca de Benitez, Guerrero state, Mexico

### Biden administration doubles down on asylum restrictions per day. The daily numbers Washington (AP): The

Biden administration said on Monday it is making asylum restrictions at the southern border even tougher, as it's increasingly eager to show voters uneasy over immigration that it is taking a hard stance on border security. The new rules, which tough-

en restrictions announced in June, bar migrants from being granted asylum when US officials deem that the southern border is overwhelmed. Under the previous rules, the

US could restrict asylum

access when the number of

migrants trying to enter the

country between the official

border crossings hit 2,500

for asylum in the US.

had to average below 1,500 per day for a week in order for the restrictions to be lifted. The version rolled out on Monday says the daily numbers will have to be below 1,500 for nearly a month before the restrictions can be lifted. And the administration is now counting all children toward that number, whereas previously only migrant children from Mexico were counted. These changes, which go into effect on Tuesday, will make it much more difficult to lift the restrictions and allow people entering the country between the official border crossings eventually to apply

### School bus in Bangkok catches | S Korea unveils its most powerful missile fire, more than 20 feared dead

Abus carrying young students with their teachers caught fire in suburban Bangkok on Tuesday, with more than 20 of those on board feared dead, officials and rescuers said.

The bus was carrying 44 passengers from central Uthai Thani province for a school trip in Ayutthaya and Nonthaburi provinces, Transport Minister Suriya Jungrungruengkit told reporters at the scene.

Videos posted on social media showed the entire bus engulfed in fire with huge

plumes of black smoke pouring out as it stood on the side of the road. Bodies were still inside the bus hours after the fire. The students on the bus were reported to be in elementary and junior high school. Interior Minister Anutin Charnvirakul said officials could not yet confirm the number of fatalities because they had not finished investigating the scene. He said the driver survived but appeared to have fled and could not yet be found. Anutin had earlier said 25 were feared dead, but Piyalak Thinkaew, a rescuer of the Ruamkatanyu Foundation

told reporters later that two more survivors had been found, reducing the number of those still missing to 23 three teachers and 20 stu-

Rescuers and officials were able to access the bus hours after the fire was put out. Pivalak said they were still unable to identify the bodies, most of which were found in the middle and back seats, leading them to assume that the fire started at the front of the bus. Thai media reports and rescuers said the bus was heading to Nonthaburi when the fire started around noon in Pathum Thani province, a northern suburb of the capi tal. A rescuer at the scene told Suriva that the fire likely started after one of the tires exploded and the vehicle scraped against a road barri-Prime

Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra offered her condolences in a post on social media platform X, saying the government would take care of medical expenses and compensate the victims' families. The patRangsit Hospital, which is located near the scene, said in a news conference that it admitted three young girls one of whom suffered burns to the face, mouth and eve.

Couth Korea unveiled its ) most powerful ballistic missile and other weapons that could target North Korea during a massive Armed Forces Day ceremony on Tuesday, as the South's president warned the North's regime would collapse if it attempts to use nuclear weapons.

South Korea's weapons displays and warning against North Korea came after its northern rival recently rose regional animosities by disclosing its uranium-enrichment facility and tested missiles ahead of the US presidential election in November. "If North Korea attempts to use nuclear weapons, it will face the resolute and overwhelming response of our military and the (South Korea)-US alliance,"

President Yoon Suk Yeol told thousands of troops gathered at a military airport near Seoul. "That day will be the end of the North Korean regime." "The North Korean regime must abandon the delusion that nuclear weapons will protect them," Yoon said. During the ceremony, the South Korean military displayed about 340 military equipment and weapons systems. Among them was its most powerful Hyunmoo-5 ballistic missile, which observers say is capable of carrying an 8-ton conventional warhead that can penetrate deep into the earth and destroy underground bunkers in North

It was the first time for South Korea to disclose that missile. The United States flew a longrange B-1B bomber during the ceremony in an apparent demonstration of its security commitment to its Asian ally. South Korea also flew some of its most advanced fighter jets. Later Tuesday, South Korea paraded its troops and weapons through the streets of Seoul, the country's capital, as part of efforts to boost military morale and demonstrate its deterrence capabilities against potential North Korean aggres-

Since taking office in 2022, Yoon, a conservative, has put a stronger military alliance with the US and an improved trilateral Seoul-Washington-Tokyo security cooperation at the centre of his security polices to cope with North Korea's advancing nuclear programme.

In recent years, North Korea has performed a provocative run of missile tests and threatened to use

nuclear weapons preemptively in potential conflicts with South Korea and the United States. Last month, concerns about North Korea's bomb programme further grew after it published photos of a secretive facility to enrich uranium for nuclear weapons. It was North Korea's first unveiling of a uranium-enrichment facility since it showed one at the country's main Yongbyon nuclear complex to visiting American scholars in 2010, South Korean officials say North Korea will likely try to further dial up tensions with high-profile weapons tests ahead of the US election to increase its leverage in future diplomacy with a new US government.Experts say North Korea likely thinks an expanded nuclear arsenal would help it win bigger US concessions like extensive sanctions relief.

### Road ahead may be stormy, Xi warns as China celebrates 75th National Day

**PTI** BEIJING

hina celebrated its 75th National Day Tuesday, with President Xi Jinping issuing a stern warning that the road ahead for the Communist nation won't be smooth as it is weighed down by economic headwinds coupled with intensifying rivalry with the US and growing tensions with neighbours, including India. A large number of people attended the ceremonial flag hoisting at the sprawling Tiananmen Square in Beijing on Tuesday to celebrate the National Day as the country shut down for a week-long holiday.

Other than this, there were no festivities nor grand military parades displaying China's military might like in the 60th and 70th anniversaries of the National Day, but a rallying call from Xi asking people to prepare for hard times

"The road ahead won't be smooth and flat, there will be difficulties and obstacles. [We] might face high winds and rough

PUBLIC NOTICE

### Be it known to all that my client Sh. Bahadur S/o Sh. Pardeshi, R/o G-73, Block-G,

Saurabh Vihar, Jaitpur, Badarpur, New Delhi 110044 hereby debars his son Mr. Anand Kumar from all his moveable & immovable properties and has severed all his relations from them. Anybody dealing with them in any manner shall be doing so entirely at his/her cost, risk & consequences & under no circumstances my client shall be liable for T.S. VARUN (Advocate) Mob.: 9891588500

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Annual General Body Meeting of AMIA-TUL-BANAT-AL-ISLAMIA (Educational & Social Society) Registered under the Societies Registration Act-XXI of 1860, is going to be held on 27.10.2024 at the Madarsa premises Plot No. B-112, Zyed College, Shaheen Bagh, Street No. To confirm the Minutes of the last Meetin

To confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting 2. Discussion on ongoing situation of the society and other legal steps.
 To discus the auditor report and income & expenditure report with balance sheet for the financial year 2023-24.
 To elect the members of the society and confirm the membership of the applicants.
 To consider the annual report of the society.
 To appoint the auditor of the society.
 Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

the chair.
All the members of the Society i.e Life Members General Body Members are requested to attend the meeting positively.
N.B. Kindly bring your Identity Proof.
Mohammad Zakarya

(Chairman of Managing Committee

#### **VARIOUS TYPES OF BRIDGE** RELATED WORKS

E-Tender Notice No. DCBL/12/ 2024/MLG, dated: 28-09-2024. Open E-Tenders are invited by the undersigne for the following works: Tender No. DCBL212024MLG; Name of works: 3-D scanning of River bed in identified bridges of N.F. Railway under Dy. CE/BR-Line Maligaon, Approximate Tender Value ₹2,89,08,960.90; Bid Security ₹2,94,600.00. Tender DCBL232024MLG; Name of works Supplying, Installation, Testing and commissioning of Intelligent Water Level Monitoring Instruments (WLMI) for two years for Identified Important/Major oridges under Dy. CE/Br-Line/Maligaon Approximate Tender Value ₹1,90,59,101.7; Bid Security Approximate ₹2,45,300.00. Tender DCBL252024MLG; Name of works Under water inspection in identified oridges by RORV. Approximate Tende Value: ₹66,41,899.23; Bid Security 1,32,800.00.Tende DCBL262024MLG; Name of works Portable Train Detection and Alarr system in identified bridges of N.F. Railway under Dy. CE/Br-Line/Maligaon Approximate Tender Value ₹52,80,000.00; Bid Security ₹1.05.600.00.Tender DCBL272024MLG; Name of works Assessment of fatigue load at 09 no major bridges (Br. No. 44UP, 73UP, 32UP 3UP, 40UP, 59DN, 209, 293DN & 270DN by doing instrumentation and REM nalysis as per relevant Railway codes Approximate Tender 45,69,997.00; Bid Security ₹4.22.900.00. Tender DCBL282024MLG; Name of works Assessment of the strength of the Pier & Abutment with RDSO standard of 251 loading-2008 standard PSC Slab Approximate Tender Value ₹5,31,86,581.6; Bid Security ₹4,15,900.00.Date of closing of Tender 21-10-2024 at 15.00 hrs. Date of Opening of Tenders: 21-10-2024 at Engineer/Bridge-Line/Maligaon

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seas, even stormy seas," Xi said at a banquet on the eve of the anniversary as China tries to regain economic momentum amid an increasingly challenging set of geopolitical headwinds. "We must be vigilant in times of peace, plan ahead, and rely

closely on the entire (Communist) Party, the entire army, and people of all ethnic groups across the country," he said. "No difficulties can stop the Chinese people from moving forward," he said. Heading the

Public Notice

This is to inform the general public that Mrs. Kiran Verma, Mrs. Virinda & Mr. Vivan are the Owners of DLF property bearing no. D-6/5, (block no. D-6 & olot no. 5). Area measuring 97.40 sq. mrs. Situated in the layout plan of "Krishan Nagar", In the area of village Ghondii, Shahdara, Delin 110051. Mr. Rajesh Verma was the owner of said property through 2 Sale Deed ie. Sale deed dated 18.06,2012 regd. as doc 11673 executed by Mr. Krishan Lalin favour of Mr. Rajesh Verma in respect of half undivided share of area measuring 116.5 sq. yds. of said property and Sale deed dated 01.08.2012 regd. sas doc. No. 15414 executed by Mr. Krishan Lal Lalin favour of Mr. Rajesh Verma in respect of half undivided share of area measuring 116.5 sq. yds. of said property Later on, Rajesh Verma expired on 24.09.2012 leaving behind Har Devi. Mrs. Virinda & Mr. Vivan as his legal heirs. Mrs. Har Devi relinquished her 1/4th undivided share to Mrs. Kiran Verma wich Relinquishment deed dated 15.05.2014 regd. as doc. No. 3604. Mrs. Kiran Verma wich region or concerns regarding this transaction should be raised within a period of 7 days from the date of this public notice. Ary objections submitted after the completion of this 7-days period will not be considered binding with respect to the said property or the interests of sur client.

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Re: Built-up Plot No. 97, area measurin 132 sq.mtr., Khasra No. 10/18, in Villag Qutubapur, Situated in Unauthorize

the "Said Property").

Notice is hereby given to the general public including Banks, Financial Institutions, etc. that, as informed by our clientess, Mrs. Hem Lata, she is the sole and absolute owner of the said property vide Conveyance Deed executed by POI through DDA (PM-Unauthorized Colonies in Delhi Awasadhikar Yojana Cell) and registered as Document No. 11381, in Book No. 1, Volume No. 12431, pages 55 to 59 on 22.09.2023 (SRO-IX). Earlier, the said property was transferred to her by Mr. Vijay Pal vide POA documents viz., Redd. GPA Document No. 7991)) ATS and Will date 1/12/2004. Now our clientess intends t nortgage the said property with SMFC availing loan facility.

any person, society, bank, financia stitution or other institutions have an objection against the ownership of ou clientess on the said property and ubsequently rightful mortgage of the sail roperty in favour of SMFG India Hom Finance Company Ltd., by our clientess may raise his/her/their objection/s, i writing, by Registered AD post, to the undersigned, within 07 days, on addres entioned below. Otherwise after expiry days from the date of publication of the tice, the said property shall bortgaged by our clientess in favour of IFG India Home Finance Company Ltd d no objection shall be acceptable

SHIVKANT ARORA, ADVOCATE FOR M/S INTELLECTIVE LAW OFFICES. A-74, LOWER GROUND FLOOR

#### **ENGINEERING WORKS** OVER LUMDING DIVISION

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www.ireps.gov.in Divisional Engineer/GHY, Maligad **NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY**  Party, the military and the Presidency, 71-year-old Xi is currently in his unprecedented third five-year term and expected to continue life-long in power. The People's Republic of China (PRC) was formed in 1949 after the Communists headed by Mao Zedong seized power in the civil war while the nationalists led by Chiang Kai-shek retreated to Taiwan, which over the years emerged as the self-governing island adhering to a democratic system.

But 75 vears on Taiwan's integration with the mainland continues to be an unfinished agenda for China's Communist Party, especially for Xi, who has been vowing to reunify it with

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To be known to all that, Smt. Promila Raweri wife of Late Shri Satish Kumar Raweri, R/o 4/
63, First Floro, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi-110
015, is the absolute owner/mutate of physical ossession of D.D.A. BUILT-UP SFS FLAT NO. BG-138-B, ON FIRST FLOOR, BLOCK-BG-1, STUT/FBB-7, DR-7, DR clients Mr. Ratan Kumar Sharma s/o Sh. R F ma and his wife Mrs. Rajni Sharma r/ A-3/34-D, Green Apartment, Paschim Vihar New Delhi-63 have severed all relations with their son Udit Sharma and his wife Himanshi Sethi due to their bad habits and bad conducts as well as being out of control of my clients in al manners. My above named clients have also from their movable and immovable properties Anybody dealing with Udit Sharma and his wife Himanshi Sethi will do so at their own risk and responsible for any act, deed or dealing done by Udit Sharma and his wife Himanshi Sethi SANJEEV DWIVED! (ADVOCATE) 48. Gaianand Block, Tis Hazari Courts, N.D-54

TO WHOMSOEVER MAY IT CONCERN

Limited, having their corporate office at G-34, Sector 63, Noida – 201301, is in the process of canceling the allotment of the residential unit bearing No. 1006, Tower-C2, in the project Panchsheel Greens-II, located at Housing Plot No. GH-01A, Sector-16, Greater Noida District Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.), which was initially allotted to Mrs.Santosh Verma. Following her demise, the said unit was transferred to her son, Mr. Mohammad Nayil. The general public is hereby notified that our client intends to cancel the allotment of Uni

No. C2-1006 at Panchsheel Greens-II, situated at Plot No. GH-01A, Sector-16, Greater Noida. District Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.), due to the inability to trace the current address of the Allottee. Several notices have been sent to the Allottee, but no response has been eceived to date. The Allottee has failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Builder Buver Agreement.

In light of this, the Allottee is hereby called upon to settle their account in accordance with he terms and conditions of the Builder Buyer Agreement within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Should the Allottee fail to come forward and settle the account within this period, any claims by the Allottee will not be entertained and shall be deemed waived and/or abandoned. Our client shall be compelled to cancel the said unit and proceed with the necessary steps to conclude negotiations, and no claims will be

SANJEEV ARORA (ADVOCATE) Enrol. No. D-259/03

Ch.-Lawver's Chamber No. K-48, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

TO WHOMSOEVER MAY IT CONCERN The general public is hereby informed that our client, M/S Panchsheel Buildtech Private

Limited, having their corporate office at G-34, Sector 63, Noida – 201301, is in the process of cancelling the allotment of the residential unit bearing No. 1902, Tower-C2, in the project Panchsheel Greens-II, located at Housing Plot No. GH-01A, Sector-16, Greater Noida, District Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.), which was initially allotted to Mrs.Rinky Kumari and Mr. Vinod Kumar Kaul.

The general public is hereby notified that our client intends to cancel the allotment of Unit No. C2-1902 at Panchsheel Greens-II, situated at Plot No. GH-01A, Sector-16, Greater Noida, District Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.), due to the inability to trace the current address of the Allottee. Several notices have been sent to the Allottee, but no response has been received to date. The Allottee has failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the

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#### NOTIFIED AREA COUNCIL, PATNAGARH



Letter No...1882/ Dated: ...26/09/2024 1st Corrigendum

Financial BID For providing smooth sanitation services, the Tender committee has decided that each bidder must quote his rate not less than 3.85% and not more than 7% on T & P and Contractor

For reference Estimate is enclosed

icle (Tractor) with driver along with fuel 4 non actor (Detained hour 8 hrs & working hours 6

ND TOTAL (Per Day

hours) @ 357.55 per hours

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liable for rejection.

Detaestimate for sweeping of streets, collection of garbage, cleaning of drains & lifting of garbage from Ward No.1 to 15 of Patnagarh NAC

Profit only, unless bid shall be rejected. Also, wrong computation in finance bid will be

Current Population (Approx.)				27000	
Total nos. of labour required				(88) Nos. 25km 38 km 5528	
Length of drain					
Length of Road No. of Households					
SI No	Details	Required Labour	Rate	No of Days	Cost (In Rs)
1	Sweeping of Road (Lane/by-lane) as per requirement, bush cutting and shifting of dead animals, transportation of solid waste. (Un-Skilled )	80	450.00	1	36,000.00
2	Labour (Semi-Skilled) Supervisor	Required   Rate   Labour     Rate   Labour   Rate   Labour   Rate   Rate   Labour   Rate   Rat	500.00	1	2,000.00
	Labour (Skilled) Driver	4	550.00	1	2,200.00
3	TOTAL	88			40,200.00
4	EPF (13%)				5226
5	ESI (3.25%)				1306.5
6	Tools & Plants and Contractor profit (5% + 5% =				4.020

365 Days 2,16,56,801.00 **Executive Officer NAC Patnagarh** 

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**NORTHERN RAILWAY** 

Korea.

**OPEN TENDER NOTICE** The Divisional Engineer/IV, Northern Railway, DRM Office, Delhi Division, State Entr Road, New Delhi-110055, for and on behalf of the President of India invites sealer

1 Providing and fixing single piece spring inserted 8171136.40 1,63,400 Months reusable seize nut for size M-25 lock nut M-25 for fish plate bolt over DLI Division. (Cost is inclusive of GST)	io	Name of Work	Approx Cost of Work	Earnest Money to be deposited	Completion period	Date of opening
	1	piece spring inserted reusable seize nut for size M-25 lock nut M-25 for fish plate bolt over DLI Division.	8171136.40			22.10.2024

The tender is to be submit through railway website 'https: ireps.gov.in The tenders can be submit on website up to 15:00 hrs. on 22.10.2024 and shall be opened then after. NO: 128-W/Sr.DEN-C/NIT-15-2024-25-WC Date: - 01.10.2024

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

#### **E-AUCTION PROGRAMME FOR THE MONTH** OF OCTOBER'2024

-Auction programme for Sale of Railway Scrap material unde urisdiction of Dy.CMM/NFR/New Jalpaiguri for the month of OCT'2024 is hereby fixed as under:

**NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY** 

SN	Month	Date Fixed		
1	OCTOBER'2024	07-10-2024		
		t to bid through IREPS website n, training, participation in e-auction. Dy. CMM, New Jalpaiguri		



Phone: 0832-2225837, Fax 0832-2222037 No: DHS/NVBDCP/CYP/2024-25/636

#### TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme for supply of Cyphenothrine 5% EC (300

The Tender forms with terms and conditions may be purchased from the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme. Directorate of Health Services, Campal, Panaji Goa on all working days during office hours on payment of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) (Non-refundable) till 03.00 pm on or before 14/10/2024 The tenders will be opened on 17/10/2024 at 3.30 pm in the office of

D1/Advt/991/2024

ELECTRICAL TRD WORKS AT ALIPURDUAR DIVISION

F-Tender Notice No. AP-FL-TRD-

05-24-25-RT2, F-Tenders are invited

by the undersigned for the following

works: Tender No. AP-EL-TRD-

05-24-25-RT2. Name of work

with OHE modification work for

provision of additional goods line at

Dhupguri for simultaneous loading

unloading and handling and holding

two rakes at a time. Tender Value

₹90,49,521.03/-. Earnest Money:

₹1.81.000/-. Date & time of closing

of tender: 15.00 hrs. of 21-10-2024

& opening at 15.30 hrs.of 21-10-

2024 at DRM/Elect (TRD)/Alipurdual

Jn. office. The complete information

with the tender document of above

e-tender will be available in website

Sr DEE/TRD, OP & GS

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Reg. Upper First Floor without/roof/terrace rights, referred to as the "Said floor" built or portion of area measuring 50 Sq. Yds. "Saic portion" part of Property Bearing No. NW-23 measuring 100 sq. yds., out of Khasra No 4/11/2, 10/1, situated in the area of Village Khyala, Delhi state Delhi, Colony known styishnu Garden, New Delhi-110018 (Hereinafter referred to as the "Said Property".

Ivishnu Garden, New Delhi-110018 (Hereinafter referred to as the "Said Property"). Be it known to all that our client, Mrs. Nahir Khan (hereinafter called the "Purchaser' intends to purchase the said floor from Mr. S Satnam Singh (hereinafter called the "Attorney-holder). In this connection, the Attorney-holder has informed the purchaser that he is the sole and absolute attorney of the said floor vide Pod documents viz., GPA, ATS and Will dater 19.12.2023 executed by Mr. Mahesh Pal in his favour. The Attorney holder has further informed the purchaser that the said property was owned by Mr. Krishan Pal vide Pod documents viz., GPA, ATS, and Will dated 02/11/1988 executed by Ms. Kalawati, Mr. Narinder Kumar and Mr. Mahinder Singh in his favour. Mr. Krishan Pal expired and the said property devolved on his legal heirs viz. Ms Asha Rani, Mr. Mahesh Pal, Ms Seman Pal, and Ms Sunita Pal. Later on, Ms Asha Rani, Ms. Seema Pal, Ms Suman Pal and Ms Sunita Pal. Later on, Ms Asha Rani, Ms. Seema Pal, Ms Suman Pal and Ms Sunita Pal, in respect of their shares in the said portion. The said Relinquishment Deed in favour of Ms. Mahesh Pal, in respect of their shares in the said portion. The said Relinquishment Deed was registered as Document No. 14526, Book No. 1, Volume No. 26782, pages 138-142, on 23/11/2022 (SRO.)

Document No. 14526, Book No. 1, Volume No 26782, pages 138-142 on 23/11/2022 (SRO-II). Finally, Mr. Mahesh Pal transferred the said floor to Mr. S Satnam Singh vide POA documents viz., GPA, ATS and Will dated 19.12.2023. Thus, Mr. S Satnam Singh (the present Attorney- Holder) became the sole and absolute attorney of the said floor. The Attorney-holder has further informed the purchaser floor is not mortage.

nywhere and there is no charge or dispute

M/s Intellective Law Offices

A-74, LGF, Defence Colony,

New Delhi-110024

www.ireps.gov.in

(Dr. Kalpana Mahatme) Dy. Director, NVBDCP, DHS

Email: nvbdepgoa@gmail.com

### PUBLIC NOTICE To be known to all that we, ANJANI KUMAR To be known to all that we, ANJANI KUMA BISHNOI son of SH.MADAN LAL BISHNOI an RUPA VARSHNEI wife of SH. SUNIL KUMA

RUPA VARSHNEI wife of SH. SUNIL KUMAR VARSHNEI, have applied for conversion of H. NO.5-241,PANCHSHILA PARK,NEW DELHI from lease hold to free hold vide Request Id No.LD41178C5/CON/18072024 in DDA. The original document i.e.PERPETUAL SUB-LEASE DEED dt. 25.03.1970 of the above sabeen lodged in P.S.Crime Branch,Delhi.Any person(s)claiming any right,interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above Address, Phone No.9999257387 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The erson claiming any right, interest, objectio vith respect to this property, can personal form or write to Deputy Director (CS)/Ass

is is to inform the Public at large that Sh. Mohi, mar Mundra along with Smt. Sushma Mundra the Title Holders' in possession of 'Entire cond Floor of Freehold Built up Residentia operty Bearing Plot No. 4, Block No. F-31 sinan Nagar, Shahdara, New Delhi-51' vide lie Deed duly registered as Regn. No. 2941, Bool of No. 10, No. 3668, pp. 158-169 on 27. 03.23 in the fire of the Suin Registra - USA Vivek (Vihar, New Title Suin Registra - USA) vivek (Vihar, New Suin Registra - USA) vivek No. 1 Vol. No. 3688, pp. 158-169 on 27.03.23 in the Office of the Sub Registrar –IV-B, Vivek Vihar, Ne Delhi. And Sh. Manish Kumar Mundra along wish. Uma Mundra are the "Ifle Holders" possession of 'Entire Thier Floor with Roc Terrace Rights of Freehold Built up Residenti Property Bearing Plot No. 4, Block No. 5-1 Krishan Nagar, Shahdara, New Delhi-51' vic Sale Deed duly registered as Regn. No. 2942. Boc No. 1, Vol. No. 3688, pp. 170-181 on 27.03.23 in the Office of the Sub Registrar–IV-B, Vivek Vihar, Ne. Delhi. That the original documents in relation to the Comments of the Sub Registrar–IV-B, Vivek Vihar, Ne. mentioned lost/misplaced documents or otherwis having any claims, rights, title, interests possession etc. in the Schedule Plot/Schedul Floors as mentioned herein above, by way of Ownership, Succession, Inheritance, Sal Mortgage (except for the ongoing loan with RB Bank Ltd. of the Title Holders as mentioned herein Exchange, Charge, Lien, Gift, Trust, Encumbranc etc., may come forward with supportin documents, to be delivered to the undersigne within 15 days from the date of this Publication, possible of the provided of the control of the c

My client Javed Malik and Mohd Israfil the owner of built up property bearing no. B-48/B area measuring 100 sd.yds out of Khasra no. 442 situated at Villagi Uldhan Pur in the abadi of Gali no. 4 and 5 Kanti Nagar extn., illaqa Shahdara Delhi-110051 through gistered Sale Deed Dated 22 04 2022 executed by Sh. Mahender Singh and others vide Reg. no. 3675 at SR-IV B Delhi the above–mentioned property is going to be mortgage with SMFG India Credit Co. Ltd . If any person/ bank/ financial institution having any claim, right, lien, any objection whatsoever in regard to the above property, should notified to the undersigned Adv Vishal Mehan E-713 karkardooma court delhi 110092 along with documentary evidence under address through registered within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which any laim, lien or objection shall be deemed to have been Court, Delhi-110092; Mobile No. 9811215181

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

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#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, Shivendra Pratap Singh R/o 3358/4, 3rd Floor, Narang Colony, Tri Nagar Delhi-35, Informed you the my minor son Shravan Pratap Singh and Sarvan Pratap Singh both are the same and one person and shall hereafter be known as Shravan Pratap Singh.

I, Dharam Wati W/o Sh. Govind Ram R/o VPO: Baghola, Tehsil & Distt. Palwal, Haryana-

121102 declare that my name has been wrongly written in my son Ravinder Vashisth Army Service record as Dharam Vati. my correct name is Dharam Wati for all future purposes vide afidavit no. 36AA773657 dated 30 sep 2024.

Section(s) of Acts

concerned and brief

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

**DECLARATION ABOUT CRIMINAL CASES** (As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP(Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.) Name and address of candidate: RABIA KIDWAI at 1081-P, Sector-47,

Gurgaon District Gurgaon-122108

Name of political party: AAM AADMI PARTY Name of Election: Haryana Legislative Assembly Election-2024

Name of Constituency: **79 –NUH** 

I, RABIA KIDWAI (name of candidate), a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

#### (A) Pending criminal cases Name of Case No. Court

Sr. Name of Work/Item

No.

				description of offence(s)
1.	SAKET COURT DELHI INDIA	C.C No. 41418/2019	PENDING 2019	SECTION OF U/s 138 INDIAN PENAL CODE ACT
D) Details about acces of conviction for ariminal offences				

and dated

(E) Botano about cases of contribution for criminal choices					
SI.	Name of Court &	Description of offence(s)	Maximum		
No.	No. date(s) of order(s)	& punishment imposed	Punishment Imposed		
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NA	NOTAPPLICABLE	NOTAPPLICABLE	NOTAPPLICABLE		
*In the case of election to Council of States or election to Legislative Counc					

by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of constituency.

Status of

case(s)

#### verka

SCO 153-155. SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH-160022. EPABX NO. 0172-5041812,66 **Notice Inviting Tender** Tenders are hereby Invited for the purchase and supply of following items

pouches, kheer cups, ghee, paneer and yoghurt packaging and requireme recombination of white butter and reconstitution of SMP.  2. For Verka Bathinda Dairy Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Wifi & LAN networking infrastructure complete in all respects for Verka Bathinda Dairy.  3. For Verka Ludhiana Dairy a) Hiring of passenger vehicles Innova crysta without driver for minimum running of 2000 kms per month on lump sum basis.  b) Pest control service, DIET (GADVASU) and MCCs which include control of flies, mosquitoes, lizards, rodent etc.	No.	value of Workhelli	Qty
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		<ul> <li>a) Lifting/Sale of Paneer whey from Verka Jalandhar Dairy.</li> <li>b) Labour contract for loading /unloading of milk products (SMP/WMP, Dairy Whitener, White Butter, Ghee, Pio etc) and empty tins, cartons,</li> </ul>	Annual Annual
5. For Verka Sangrur Dairy Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Wi-Fi, LAN networking infrastructure complete in all respects for Verka Sangrur Dairy.		Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Wi-Fi, LAN networking	-
operative sugar mills ltd. to Verka cattle feed plant, Battian (Khanna).		<ul> <li>a) Transportation of Molasses from The Budhewal and The Morinda co- operative sugar mills ltd. to Verka cattle feed plant, Battian (Khanna).</li> </ul>	Annual

- 1. For complete details regarding above tender (NIT), please visit our website i.e. www.verka.coop & e Tendering portal i.e. eproc.punjab.gov.in. 2. Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website only.
- panywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending regarding the said floor. Any person including Bank/s, Financia Institution/s, relative/s having any claim, right title or any interest of any nature whatsoever into or upon the said floor is hereby called upor to make the same known, in writing, wit documentary evidence, by RegisteredAD Post to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 07 days of publication or this notice and in the event of no response having been received to the notice, the title of the Attorney-holder in respect of the said floor shall be deemed to be clear of any charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever and any subsequent claim shall not bind our client/Purchaser, in any manner-whatsoever.

b) Disposal of old bardana (Jute & P.P Bags)

NA/12/25746/2023/38151 Dated CHD :- 10/1/2024 Dy. General Manager (Purchase)

# India's manufacturing growth hits | Car sales fluctuate in September

# eight months low in September

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m ndia's}$  manufacturing sector growth fell to an eightmonth low in September amid softer increase in factory production, sales and new export orders, a monthly survey said on Tuesday.

The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMIfell from 57.5 in August to 56.5 in September, registering the weakest pace of growth since January.

In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below 50 denotes contraction. India's

"Momentum in manufacturing softened in September from the very strong growth in the summer months. "Output and new orders grew

at a slower pace, and the deceleration in export growth



especially evident as the new export orders PMI was the lowest since March 2023," Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC, said.

The September PMI data revealed a mild setback in manufacturing growth across India. For the third straight month, rates of expansion in factory production and sales Moreover, international orders rose at

the slowest pace in a year-

On the price front, there were moderate increases in input costs and selling charges.

purchasing prices, as well as greater labour costs and favourable demand conditions, Indian manufacturers marginally increased their charges in September.

As a result of rising

According to Bhandari, input prices rose at a faster rate in September, while factory gate inflation

intensifying the compression on manufacturers' margin. Weaker profit growth might impact on companies' hiring demand, as the pace of employment growth slowed for a third month," Bhandari noted. Hiring growth also receded in September, reflecting a reduction in the number of

workers. Going ahead, the overall level of business confidence fell to its lowest since April 2023. Around 23 per cent of Indian manufacturers forecast output growth in the year ahead, while the remaining firms predict no change. HSBC

part-time and temporary

Manufacturing PMI is compiled by S&P Global responses questionnaires sent purchasing managers in a panel around

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The Indian automotive market has showcased a diverse performance among key players in September, reflecting varying consumer preferences and market conditions.

Talking about the stats, Mahindra & Mahindra reported a notable 24% surge in SUV sales, achieving 51,062 units compared to 41,267 units in the same month last year. The company also saw overall sales, including commercial vehicles (CVs) and three-wheelers, rise 16% year-on-year to 87,839 units. the festive season approaches, Mahindra is aloso set to launch the muchanticipated Thar RoXX on October 3. Conversely, JSW MG Motor

India experienced an 8% decline in retail sales, with only 4,588 units sold compared to 5,003 units in 2022. September automaker noted that new energy vehicles (NEVs) accounted for 49% of their total sales, emphasizing a shift in consumer interest amidst market challenges.





Kirloskar Motor reported a 14% increase in wholesales, reaching 26,847 units, up from 23,590 units last year. The brand's success is attributed to significant growth in its SUV, MPV, and

strategic operational

small car segments, bolstered

improvements that reduced waiting periods for popular models

Hyundai Motor India faced a 10% dip in total sales, down to 64,201 units from 71,641 units in the previous year. Domestic dispatches also fell by 6%, with exports down 25%. The

company noted that SUVs now comprise 70% of its overall sales and introduced new models to attract consumers during the festive season. In addition the domestic dispatch of vehicles to dealers saw a 6 per cent dip to 51,101 units last month from 54,241 units in the year-

ago period.
Finally, Maruti Suzuki India showcased a slight 2% increase in total sales, reaching 1,84,727 units, up from 1,81,343 units a year prior. Sales of compact cars, including Baleno, Celerio, Dzire, Ignis, Swift, Tour S and WagonR, however, declined to 60,480 units as compared to 68,551 units in the year-ago month.

However, domestic passenger vehicle sales declined by 4%, despite growth in utility vehicle sales. Exports showed positive momentum, rising to 27,728 units from 22,511 units last September. Overall, the fluctuating sales

figures reflect a complex landscape in the Indian automotive market, influenced by consumer trends, economic conditions, and approaching festive season.

### Andhra Pradesh notifies new liquor policy

Andhra Pradesh I government has notified a new liquor policy, allowing private retailers to sell spirits on the lines of Haryana and others with the state expecting to rake in Rs 5,500 crore revenue.

In a complete overhaul of excise policy based on best practices from other states Andhra Pradesh has decided retail sales of liquor through 3,736 notified private shops across the state.

The new policy will take effect from October 12, 2024, as per the notification dated September 30, 2024.

The permission to sell IMFL (Indian-made foreign liquor) and and FL (foreign liquor) will be granted to private persons or entities through a selection process, notification said.

The period of licence for



selling IMFL and FL by shops shall be from October 12, 2024 to September 30, 2026, it

shops to be licensed in 2024-26, as many as 3,396 will be in the open category, while 340 shops will be reserved for allocation to 'Geetha Kulalu'

(a toddy tapping community) with a view to empower them and promote equity and social

Out of the total number of 'The selection process for granting licence will be through a draw of lots and an applicant can apply for more than one shop. There shall be

justice.

of shop licences a person can hold, it added.

Applicants will have deposit a non-refundable fee of Rs 2 lakh for each shop. As per the notification, the retail excise tax (RET) ranges from Rs 50 lakh for locality with population of 10,000 to Rs 85 lakh per annum for a

corporation having population above 5 lakh during the fiscal 2024-2025. It will be increased by 10 per cent for 2025-26.

The overall exercise is

estimated to result in the state

government raking in Rs 5,500 crore. The RET per annum shall be paid in six equal advance

instalments as applicable for each year during the licence period 2024-26. As per the notification, the

retailer margin will be 20 per cent on issue price across all categories of IMFL and FL, including beer, wine and RTDs (ready to drink).

For the premium stores, the notification said, "In order to provide an enhanced and high-end retail experience within the state of Andhra Pradesh, a total of 12 Premium Store Licenses shall be granted as a separate

These premium stores shall be strategically located across major municipal corporation cities namely Vijayawada, V i s a k h a p a t n a m, Rajamahendravaram, Kakinada, Guntur, Nellore, Kurnool, Kadapa, Anantapur or any other city as notified by the state government from time to time, it added.

A cabinet sub-committee of the state government had studied the excise policies of states such as Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Ňadu, Kerala, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh and also took extensive feedback from key stakeholders, before framing the latest policy.

had assessed performance of the existing policy with respect to public health impact and other critical metrics including revenue generation efficiency

### SEBI to enhance F&O regulations

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Capital markets regulator Sebi is expected to take measures regarding the Futures and Options (F&O) segment very soon, in a bid to enhance investor protection, its senior official said on Tuesday. In addition, Sebi has urged the

government to introduce tax breaks for subscribers of municipal bonds, which are crucial infrastructure development. The regulator will make a case

for a tax break for municipal

bonds during a meeting with the finance commission, the regulator's whole time member Ashwani Bhatia said Since 1997. municipalities have raised Rs 2,700 crore through bonds for infrastructure projects. Talking about F&O, Bhatia said," Sebi is very soon going to do something about F&O.

Study has come (recently)".

The regulator, in its consultation paper recently, tighten the rules for index derivatives-revise the minimum contract size and require upfront collection of option premiums intra-day monitoring of position limits, rationalisation of strike prices, removal of calendar spread benefit on expiry day and increase in near contract margin.



In its consultation paper, the regulator had suggested to

revise the minimum contract size for index derivatives in phases, considering market growth. In phase 1, the minimum

contract value at the time of introduction should be between Rs 15 lakh and Rs 20 lakh. After six months, phase 2 will raise the minimum value to between Rs 20 lakh and Rs 30 lakh. The current minimum contract size of Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh was last set

A recent study by Sebi revealed that 93 per cent of over 1 crore individual F&O traders incurred average losses of around Rs 2 lakh per trader (inclusive of transaction costs) during the three years from FY22 to FY24. The aggregate losses of individual traders exceeded Rs 1.8 lakh crore over the three-year period between FY22 and FY24

# implemented, these measures

### CAG: Development of hinterland essential for India's goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047

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Without the development of hinterland, India cannot become Viksit Bharat or a developed nation by 2047, Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) Girish Chandra Murmu said on Tuesday.

Noting that decentralisation of power has not taken to the extent it should have happened, he said, gram sabha or rural bodies are yet to get its due importance in the federal structure.

"Without the development of grassroots level at the local level, we cannot achieve

Viksit Bharat. More than 50 per cent people live in rural area, and until their governance, their development. their

administration, their resources are not augmented, we will not be able to reach (Viksit Bharat goal).

As our prime minister says that if everyone take one step, we will have 1.4 billion steps... That is why Jan Bhagidari is important," he

There are about 2,60,000 panchayats and 7,000 urban local bodies in the country. He empahsied the need for strengthening of local bodies

so that efficiency of government schemes are achieved and the sooner it happens, the better it is for the country. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) cannot be achieve without strengthening local bodies, he said, adding, that accounting and auditing play important roles in flow of funds to the local bodies.

With regard to urban local bodies, the CAG said, municipal corporations cannot be given permission to raise resources from market if they have not followed proper accounting

### **Lenders recover ₹ 3.5 lakh crore** through IBC: IBBI Chairperson

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Last lake crore through enders have recovered Rs resolution of stressed assets under the insolvency process in the last eight years, a period during which NCLT approved 1,000 resolution plans, IBBI Chairperson Ravi Mital said on Tuesday.

Insolvency The Bankruptcy Code (IBC) provides for a market-linked and time-bound resolution of stressed assets. The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of (IBBI) are



institutions in the IBC ecosystem.

In the last two years, NCLT has cleared 450 resolution plans. This accounts for 45 per cent of the 1,000 such plans approved in the last eight years, Mital said at a function to mark the eighth foundation day of the IBBL According to him, Rs 3.5 lakh crore has been recovered

directly by lenders, of which Rs 1 lakh crore was in the last two years. Under the IBC, the recovery is about 84 per cent of the assets' fair value, as per official data.

Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran said a continuously improving and evolving bankruptcy system is important for economic

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#### **INBRIEF**

#### PARAMJEET SINGH GETS WARM FAREWELL

PATIALA: Er Paramjeet Singh, Director Generation, Punjab State Power



#### **MOU BETWEEN CCRH AND SRMIST**



Homoeopathy has officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST). The partnership aims to enhance collaborative research efforts by leveraging the advanced infrastructure of SRMIST.

#### **5000 LIGHTS TO BE INSTALLED IN NARELA**

NARELA: On Sunday a ceremony was held in the Comfort Zone to commemorate the birth anniversary of martyr Bhagat Singh. The event's organizer Dheeran Maan shared that hundreds of tractors and vehicles

formed a rally.



#### .GNDU 'B' ZONE ZONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL CONCLUDED



AMRITSAR: Zonal Youth Festival of Zone 'B' of the Guru Nanak Dev University was concluded in Dasmesh Auditorium of the

### **REC SIGNS MOU WITH GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN**

NEW DELHI: REC Limited has signed MoU with Govt of Raiasthan, Department of Finance during the Rising Rajasthan Investors meet today. As per MoU, REC will provide Rs. 50,000 Crore annually to finance projects for a period of six years.



### Digi Yatra to be made available in regional, international languages

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Digi Yatra, which seeks to provide seamless movement at airport check points, will be made available in regional and international languages, according to a senior official.

The facility is now available at 24 airports and is expected to be rolled out at 4-5 more airports in the coming months.

Digi Yatra Foundation CEO Suresh Khadakbhavi on Tuesday said a pilot project is likely by June next year for connecting two countries with

Digi Yatra. Under the pilot project, foreign citizens will be able to use Digi Yatra.

Speaking at the CAPA India Digital Aviation Summit in the national capital, Khadakbhavi said a campaign will be started to sensitise passengers about the facility.

While Digi Yatra is slowly gaining traction, concerns have been expressed in various quarters about the privacy of data of the passengers. He said Digi Yatra will be made



available in regional and international languages. Based on Facial Recognition Technology (FRT), Digi Yatra provides for contactless, seamless movement passengers at various check points at airports.

not-for-profit entity, the foundation is the nodal agency for Digi Yatra, which was introduced in December 2022. The shareholders of the foundation are Airports Authority of India (AAI), Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL), Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL), Delhi International (DIAL), Ltd Airport Hyderabad International Airport Ltd (HIAL) and Mumbai International Airport

Ltd (MIAL).

### Jet fuel prices cut, LPG hiked

Mumbai was reduced to Rs

81,866.13 per kl on Tuesday from Rs 87,432.78 previously.

Prices differ from state to

state depending on the incidence of local taxes.

Alongside, oil firms increased

the price of commercial LPG



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Tet fuel, or ATF, price was on Tuesday reduced by 6.3 per cent to its lowest level this year, while the rate of commercial LPG used in hotels and restaurants was hiked by Rs 48.5 per 19-kg cylinder in the monthly revision done in line with international oil price trends. Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) price was cut by Rs 5,883 per kilolitre, or 6.29 per cent, to Rs 87,597.22 per kl in the national capital, according to state-owned fuel retailers.

on August 1 and by Rs 39 on September 1. The three rounds of increase follow monthly reductions. In four price reductions, rates were cut by Rs 148 per 19-kg cylinder and now in three

bottle.

Commercial LPG now costs Rs 1,692.50 per 19-kg cylinder in Mumbai, Rs This is the lowest price of jet fuel this year. The price 1,850.50 in Kolkata and Rs 1,903 in Chennai. The rate of reduction, the second in a month, will help ease the burden of airlines for whom cooking gas used in domestic households, however, fuel makes up for almost 40 per cent of the operating cost. Prices were on September 1 cut by Rs 4,495.5 per kl, or 4.58 per cent. The ATF rate in

rounds of increase, prices have gone up by Rs 94 per

remained unchanged at Rs 803 per 14.2-kg cylinder. State-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL), and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) revise prices of ATF and cooking gas on the first of every month based on the average price of benchmark international fuel and foreign

exchange rate.

#### approves US \$ 350 million by Rs 48.5 to Rs 1,740 per 19-kg cylinder. This is the third straight **fundraise** monthly increase. Prices were hiked by Rs 6.5 per cylinder

PNS NEW DELHI

The Board of Directors of Reliance Infrastructure Limited (Reliance Infrastructure) on Tuesday approved raising of funds upto US\$ 350 million (INR 2,930 cr) to VFSI Holdings Pte. Limited, an affiliate of Värde Investment Partners, LP, a leading global alternative investment firm. The FCCBs will be unsecured and will have ultra-low cost coupon of 5% p.a. with a long maturity of 10 years. The FCCBs will be convertible into Equity Shares at INR 330 per share. The Board of Directors also

approved an Employees Stock Option Scheme (ESOS) for all employees of the Company and its Company and its subsidiaries. ESOS provides for grant of upto 2,60,00,000 fully paid-up equity shares of INR 10 each, representing approximately 5% of the Company's fully diluted

Cornoration Limited was given farewell on his retirement on Monday



## MANE LEADS AIR RIFLE DOMINANCE WITH DOUBLE GOLD

It was double delight for Parth Rakesh Mane as he was crowned junior world champion in 10m air rifle and also claimed a team gold to lead India's impressive performance at the ongoing ISSF Junior World Championship in Lima, Peru. In a thrilling 24-shot final, the 16-year-old Mane overcame a field oozing class with consummate ease, shooting 250.7 to edge out reigning junior Asian champion Huang Liwanlin of China by 0.7 points.

Braden Peiser of the USA took the bronze medal. Paris Olympic silver medallist Victor Lindgren of Sweden was fourth while reigning double junior champion Romain Aufrere was sixth.

Parth's own compatriots, the in-form Ajay Malik and the seasoned-at-15 Abhinav Shaw finished fifth and seventh

in shoot-off to Lindgren to finish with 186.7 while Abhinav bowed out in seventh with 144.2.

Mane also won the men's team event alongside Ajay Malik and Abhinav Shaw. India's third gold of the day came when Gautami Bhanot, Sambhavi Kshirsagar and Anoushka Thakur also picked up the junior women's 10m

Earlier in the 62-strong qualification round, Malik secured second place with a score of 628.8, followed by Mane in fourth with 627.7, and Shaw in sixth with 627.0 after 60 shots.

air rifle team title.

Their combined total of 1883.5 easily surpassed teams from the USA (1877.6) and Germany (1873.9) to win the team gold.

Two other Indians in the fray Umamahesh Maddineni (625.5) and Talwar Singh (625.2) finished 13th and 14th respectively.



Three Indians also made the junior women's air rifle final but missed out on individual

Gautami Bhanot finished second in the 90-strong qualification field with a score qualification field with a score of 634.7 as China's Wang Zifei topped with a junior world record score of 635.7.
Shambhavi Kshirsagar finished fourth (632.6) and

Ojasvi Thakur (631.4) qualified in fifth place. Anoushka Thakur was 17th with 627.5, while Saumya Khedkar was 20th with 627.4. Gautami then finished fourth in the final going down to the in the final, going down to the bronze-winning US athlete by 0.2 after the 20th shot. She finished with a score of 209.3. Shambhavi (188.4) was fifth and Oicyi (146.1) howed out and Ojasvi (146.1) bowed out in seventh place.

Gautami and Shambhavi, however, combined effectively with Anoushka Thakur to clinch the team competition, bossing USA with a junior world team

Norway was third.

Indians also competed in the junior men's and women's skeet competition at the shotgun ranges but couldn't

reach the finals. Gurfateh Singh Sandhu finished 29th with a score of 112 in qualification, while Bhavtegh Singh Gill shot the same score in the junior men's skeet to finish 31st on

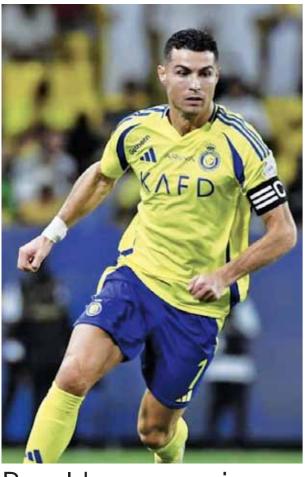
Harmehar Singh Lally was 44th with 107.

countback.

In junior women's skeet, Mansi Raghuwanshi was the best placed Indian in shotgun. Her score of 109 giving her 8thplace as she missed out on qualification by a point. Mufaddal Dessawala and

Shivani Raikwar shot scores of 98 each to finish in 30th and 31st positions respectively. With five gold medals till

date, India continues to lead the overall medal tally at the championship.



### Ronaldo scores winner for Al-Nassr in AFC Champions League Elite

**AP** ■ RIYADH

ristiano Ronaldo scored Cthe winning goal as Al-Nassr of Saudi Arabia defeated Al-Rayyan of Qatar 2-1 in the AFC Champions League Elite group stage on Monday. The five-time Ballon d'Or

winner missed Al-Nassr's opening 1-1 draw against Al-Shorta of Iraq two weeks ago because of a viral infection. On Monday, he had a goal ruled out for offside, but his shot into the top corner with 14 minutes remaining in Riyadh proved to be decisive.

Former Liverpool forward Sadio Mane headed home for Al-Nassr just before the break and the points seemed secure when Ronaldo added a second.

Al-Rayyan came back in the game three minutes from the end when Roger Guedes scored from close range. Al-Nassr, seeking a first Asian title, hung on, however.

Riyad Mahrez scored his first goal of the season as Al-Ahli of Saudi Arabia won at Al-Wasl of the United Arab Emirates 2-0 for a second straight win.

The Algerian attacker, who joined the Jeddah club from Manchester City in 2023, had been struggling for fitness. Mahrez opened the scoring after just three minutes. He

ran on to a long pass from defender Roger Ibanez and shot home from inside the area. He returned the favor seven minutes before the break as his corner was headed home powerfully by Ibanez. Elsewhere, Al-Sadd of Qatar defeated Esteghlal of Iran 2-0, whose Tehran rival Persepolis drew with Pakhtakor of Uzbekistan 1-1.

### HI announces 40 probables for national camp to prepare for home series against Germany PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Hockey India on Tuesday announced a 40-member core probable squad for the senior men's national coaching camp in Bengaluru to prepare for the upcoming two-match home series against world champions Germany.

The team for the two matches against Germany to be played at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium here on October 23 and 24 will be selected from the camp. The camp will run from October 1 to 19.

The team heads into this camp following their recent successes that include a second consecutive bronze medal at the Paris Olympics and a successful title defence at the Asian Champions Trophy in

The focus will be on honing



skills of the players and strategies during matches, a Hokey India release said. India captain Harmanpreet Singh said the camp will help in ensuring that the team is well-prepared and in peak

before facing condition Germany. 'Playing against the world champions is a tremendous opportunity for us to showcase our abilities, and having an exciting mix of players in this camp will allow us to improve our strategies and build the cohesion needed," he said.

"Each player in this core group brings unique strengths and varying levels of experience and we'll be focusing on how to harness these individual talents and help us grow as players. "Our objective is to create an environment where everyone

pushes each other and by the

Singh; 2. Amit Rohidas; 3. Harmanpreet Singh; 4. Sumit; 5. Sanjay; 6. Jugraj Singh; 7. Amandeep Lakra; 8. Nilam Sanjeep Xess; 9. Varun Kumar; 10. Yashdeep Siwach; 11. Dipsan Tirkey; 12. Mandeep

Midfielders: 1. Rajkumar Pal; Midtielders: 1. Rajkuma 2..., 2. Shamsher Singh; 3. Manpreet Singh; 4. Hardik Singh; 5. Vivek Sagar Prasad; 6. Nilakanta Sharma; 7. Moirangthem Rabichandra Singh; 8. Mohammed Raheel Mouseen; 9. Vishnukant Singh; 10. Rajinder Singh; 11.

Forwards: 1. Abhishek; 2. pusnes each other and by the end of this camp, we want to be an even stronger and better coordinated team."

THE PROBABLES:

Goalkeepers: 1. Krishan Bahadur Pathak; 2. Pawan; 3. Suraj Karkera; 4. Mohith

Defenders: 1. Jarmanpreet

Forwards: 1. Abnishek; 2. Sukhjeet Singh; 3. Lalit Kumar Upadhyay; 4. Mandeep Singh; 5. Gurjant Singh; 6. Angad Bir Singh; 7. Aditya Lalage; 8. Boby Singh Dhami; 9. Sudeep Chirmako; 10. S. Karthi; 11. Maninder Singh; 12. Shilanand Lakra; 13. Dilpreet Singh.

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### **Pegula out of China Open after a 4th** round loss to Badosa

Daula Badosa reeled off 11 of The last 12 games in a 6-4, 6-0 victory over US Open finalist Jessica Pegula at the China eighth career quarter-final at a WTA 1000-level event.

From 3-1 down in the opening set, former No. 2-ranked Badosa dominated in her firstever win over third-ranked Pegula.

"She's one the of the players I never want to face -- she's very solid, hits very flat, changes very well direction," said Badosa, who was 0-3 previously against Pegula. "I prepared myself for a battle, but I think today everything worked pretty well.

"Every point was very important for me, especially against Jessica, because she can come back at any moment." Badosa next faces 35-year-old Chinese player Zhang Shuai, who continued her resurgence with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Magdalena Frech of Poland.

Zhang entered the China Open on a 24-match losing streak and ranked No. 595, but she's yet to drop a set in four

matches this week. includes eliminating US Open semi-finalist Emma Navarro in straight sets for her first win over a Top 10 player in two years.

hang women's tour quarter-final since Tokyo in 2022, and her first at a WTA 1000 tournament since Cincinnati in the same year.

Later Tuesday, No. 14-ranked Anna Kalinskaya was scheduled to meet Yuliia Starodubtseva of Ukraine, before the marquee women's match of the day between fourtime major winner Naomi Osaka and sixth-ranked Coco Gauff.

It will be the first meeting between the two Grand Slam champions in over two years, with the head-to-head series tied at 2-2.

On the men's side, Carlos Alcaraz was playing fifth-ranked Daniil Medvedev in the first semi-final, with the Spaniard holding a 5-2 advantage in their head-tohead history.
Defending champion and top-

ranked Janner Sinner was set to face No.

### Mumbai City FC hope happy homecoming against high-flying Bengaluru FC

 $M^{\mathrm{umbai}}$  City FC would look to notch their first win of the Indian Super League (ISL) this season and move up the points table when they face high-fl Bengaluru FC in a clash between two heavyweights here on Wednesday.

Bengaluru have made a commanding start, winning all their three outings so far to sit atop the points table, while Mumbai are surprisingly placed at 11th after two away matches, with just one

Mumbai have found the back of the net in their previous eight matches at home and are looking to equal their longest such ISL run, having done so in nine meetings between October 2022 and February

Interestingly, they have also won their previous three matches versus Bengaluru. Bengaluru have scored one-third of their goals in the competition this year within the opening 15 minutes, the highest such rate for any team so far.

Mumbai City head coach Petr Kratky said his team needs to avoid conceding goals from set-pieces.

We need to get better in the area where The 24 teams are divided into two groups of 12 - one based in the west and one in the east -with the top eight from each progressing to the round of 16.



"We have to keep working and keep going. We need to analyse and identify what's (going) wrong and have to find why. The 'why' is very important.

"If we know why we're conceding, why we're losing, or why we're not getting the points, then we can figure out what to fix. So, this is our and my first goal."
On the other hand, BFC head coach

Gerard Zaragoza expressed his happiness at the impressive start but admitted that they cannot afford to slow down yet. "Let me enjoy. Three games, three wins, and we are happy. But it's too early," he

"Mumbai City FC will be there, and Odisha FC will be there. We are going to Mumbai, and it will be difficult there. The two sides have face each other on 16 occasions in the tournament, with Mumbai winning on eight instances, as against seven victories for Bengaluru. One match ended in a draw.

Meanwhile, Bengaluru FC legend and former India captain Sunil Chhetri has netted nine times versus Mumbai City in the competition. He will be aiming to become the first Indian to score on 10 occasions against a single opponent in the

# Women's soccer on a high as new Asian Champions League launches

Women's soccer is on a high in Asia after some World Čup performances that captivated nations, raising expectations for the new AFC Champions League.

North Korea's win over Japan in the women's Under-20 World Cup last month has the women's game back in focus across the continent.

Australia's run to the semifinals at the Women's World Cup it co-hosted last year with New Zealand drew record crowds and attention to the talent in the region.

Now, the continental club championship has been revamped and the group stage of the Women's Asian Champions League launches this week with the Urawa Red Diamond Ladies flying the flag

for Japan. The Reds defeated South

Korea's Incheon Red Angels in the final of the Women's Club Championship in May, a pilot tournament for the AFC's Women's Champions League, and would like nothing page and would like nothing more than to repeat that success.

"To have two Asian nations in the (under-20) World Cup final is good for Asia and good for us, too, as we have rivals to compete with," Urawa coach Naoki Kusunose said.

We are grateful for this new challenge in club soccer - and we want to move on to the next step and win the Women's AFC Champions League."

12-team tournament,

including four teams that advanced through a through preliminary stage, is divided into three groups of four. Urawa kicks off against India's

Odisha on Thursday and will go on to face Ho Chi Minh City and Taiwanese team Taichung Blue Whale.

The Group C games will take place in Vietnam as each group is played in a single venue over nine days, with the placed teams. The semi-finals

top two advancing to the quarter-finals next March along with the two best third-

and final will be held in May of Australia's Melbourne City is in Group B and kicks off against Iran's Bam Khatoon in Thailand. Melbourne City who will also face Kaya-Iloilo of the Philippines and Thailand's College of Asian Scholars.

"For women's football in general in Asia, it's a great opportunity," Melbourne City coach Michael Matricciani

"To be in the inaugural campaign, it's an honor for us representing Australia , and also an opportunity for silverware and to test ourselves against the best in Asia."
Incheon Red Angels are in

Group A along with Sabah of Malaysia, China's Wuhan Jiangda and Abu Dhabi Country Club from the United Arab Emirates.

Football Asian Confederation has confirmed that the champion will receive at least USD 1.3 million in

prize money.
"We are confident that the

competition will empower women in Asian football, contributing to gender equality and breaking down societal barriers, to make a positive impact on the growth of the women's game," AFC president Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa said in a

With varying degrees of professionalism in the women's game across the continent, going deep into the tournament can make difference financially.

statement.

There are concerns, however, that the new tournament does not reflect the reality of

women's soccer in Asia. FIFPro Asia/Oceania, part of a worldwide organization representing 65,000 soccer players, compiled a report on the tournament in August

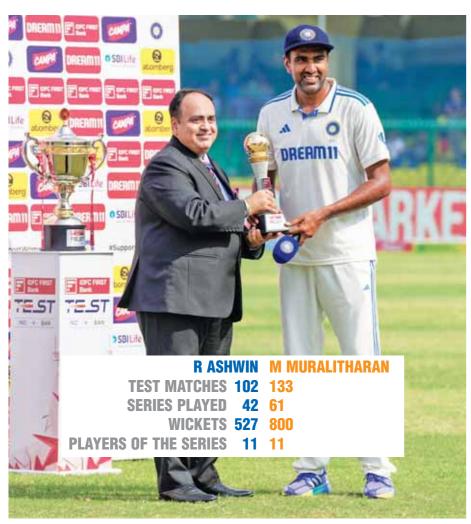
based on 88 players who participated in the pilot Women's Club Championship.

It found that just 62% of players in the tournament identified as professional, less than half earned more than USD 10,000 from soccer per season and a quarter reported that the sport was not their primary income. FIFPro wants more cooperation between the AFC

and other stakeholders. "Whilst the potential of the

women's game in Asia is immense, we must ensure it is developed in a way that is responsive to the lived realities illustrated in this report," said Kathryn Gill, a FIFPro board member and former Australia international.

'This can only occur through establishing a genuine partnership between the AFC, leagues, clubs and players, and not through unilaterally overlaying regulations that are fit for men's competitions onto female competitions.



# **ASHWIN TIES MURALITHARAN**

RISHABH MALIK NEW DELHI

off-spinner Ravichandaran Ashwin has etched his name in the records book once again, equalling the most number of Player of the Series in Test cricket's history, with his stellar performances in Bangladesh series Ashwin now stands with Sri Lankan spinner Muralitharan

They both now shares the 11 Player of the Series accolades, Ashwin performance in the Bangladesh series conquered many records in history of cricket. Ashwin's took 11 wickets and scored 114 runs in both the innings two Test

matches. Ashwin performances throughout his test career gave many cherish moments for India, In first test match in Chennai his crucial knock of 113 runs gave team a fighting total and took 6 wickets in second innings for winning

the Test match. Ashwin awarded his 11th number of Player of the series, Back from his Test debut in 2011 he has only played in 42 hand Sri Lankan legend Muralitharan featured in a total of 61 series for Sri Lanka during his 18-year-long career and won the Player of the Series award on 11 occasions. In the list of most number of Player of the Series Ashwin alongside with muralitharan tops the list followed by Jacques kallis (South Africa)-9, Imran Khan (Pakistan)-8, Richard Hadlee(New Zealand)-8, Shane Warne

For India Sachin Tendulkar and Virender Sehwag are second in the list of India players with most Player of the Series awards in Tests five number of occasions they were rewarded. Virat Kohli has three Player of the Series awards to his name in Tests, whereas Kapil Dev, Anil Kumble, Harbhajan Singh, and Rahul Dravid in their careers with four Player of the Series awards each.

(Australia)-8

Ashwin who considered as an All-rounder batting at number eight scored six centuries allowed him to Vettori who scored five centuries batting at lower

year old spinner currently ranks number two in ICC Test All-rounder rankings.

Ashwin's heroic show in the second Test against Bangladesh has tossed him to the top of the wicket-takers list in the ongoing 2023-25 World Test Championship (WTC) cycle.

He has taken 53 wickets from 10 matches at an average of 21.18 and a strike rate of 37.30, surpassing Josh Hazlewood, who is second in the list of most wicket takers with 51 wickets.

It would be an epic battle to see in the upcoming Border Gavaskar Trophy later this year in Australia which might be his last Border Gavaskar feat in Australia currently he is second most wicket taker after Nathan Lyon in Border Gavaskar Trophy.

This achievement further highlights Ashwin's crucial role in India's Test cricket success marks as one of the greatest spinners of his generation. Ashwin's ability to adapt to different conditions match New Zealander Daniel and bowl effectively in all Vettori who scored five phases of the game and made him a nightmare for batsmen

### We were willing to get all out for 100: Rohit on India's boldplay in Kanpur Test

India were willing to take the risk of being bowled for 100-odd in its bold push for a result in the weather-hit second Test against Bangladesh, said Rohit Sharma after the hosts pulled off a dramatic win here on Tuesday.

India managed to win the game comfortably on day five despite two full days were lost due to wet outfield at the Green Park Stadium. Even on day one, only 35 overs possible. After bowling out Bangladesh for 233, India batted in T20 mode to smash 285 in 34.4 overs before declaring their first innings. Having lost two batters overnight, Bangladesh were bowled out in their second innings at stroke of lunch and India ended the game in the second session.

Once we lost two and a half days, when we came on day 4 we wanted to get them out as quickly as possible and see what we can do with the bat. When they got bowled out for 230, it wasn't about the runs we



get but the overs we got at them," said Rohit at the postmatch presentation.

To make a game out of it on that pitch was a superb effort. It was a risk we were willing to take because when you're trying to bat like that, you can be bundled out for a low score. But we were ready for it even if we got bowled out for 100-120. It was India's record extending 18th series win in a row at home. Among the new players, Rohit was pleased by Akash

Deep's relentless effort.

"He's been good (Akash Deep). Lot of domestic cricket he has played. When you come up through the ranks like that, there are a lot of overs in the legs. He has the quality and the skill. Good body as well - can bowl long spells. You have to make sure you prepare your bench strength," said the skipper.

It was the first Test series under new head coach Gautam Gambhir who overtook the responsibility from Rahul

Dravid. "We had a fantastic time (with Dravid) but life moves on. Gautam Gambhir, I've played with him and know what sort of mindset he comes in with, said Rohit

Ashwin was named player of the series for his all-round show. He rated the improbable win was "massive" in the context of World Test

Championship.
"When we bowled them out

yesterday, it was little after lunch. Rohit was keen that we needed 80 overs to bowl at

"And the moment he came inside out and gave that talk where we're going to go after it even if we get out under 230. It's not only him saying it, he went out there and hit his first ball for six. He set the tone that way," said the premier spinner. Opposition skipper Najmul Hasan Shanto said that team's batting through the two Test series let them down.

"Both the Tests we didn't bat well. In these conditions we need to bat well. If you look at our batters - we played 30-40 balls and got out. It's important in a Test match, when batsmen get in, you should look to score ig runs," said Shanto.

"The way Ashwin and Jaddu batted at that time (in Chennai after India were six down) -they batted really well. As a bowling unit we need to look at those moments - how we can get those wickets. That partnership cost us that game," added Shanto.

### Whenever it comes to the team, I go and give my life out there: Rodrigues

Jemimah Rodrigues feels adaptability and maintaining a team-first mentality will be key for India to achieve their dream of claiming a maiden ICC title at the T20 World Cup beginning here on Thursday. India, who reached the finals of the women's T20 World Cup in 2020, will start their campaign in the ninth

start their campaign in the ninth edition of the tournament against New Zealand on October 4.

"For me, it's all about assessing the conditions and playing the situation. I just want to keep it simple and do whatever it takes to help the team win and whatever the team needs," Rodrigues, who hit a 52 in the first warm-up game against West Indies, told Star Sports.

When I put things in that perspective, it gets the best out of me and motivates me. For me, whenever it comes to the team, I go and give my life out there. That gets me more passionate, energetic, and enthusiastic. I want Team India to win. We, as a unit, want Team India to win. For me, it's all about keeping it in that perspective."
The 24-year-old from Mumbai

emphasised on the importance of playing to the situation irrespective of

"For me, it's not about specific bowlers but about playing to the situation.



batter, I need to assess which bowler to attack and when to hold back. The satisfaction comes from playing smart and doing what's best for the team."
In other ICC events, India has reached the finals of ODI World Cups in 2005 and 2017 but never gone the distance. Harmanpreet Kaur and Co, meanwhile, made a good start by winning the first warm-up match against West Indies by

"For this team, it's a mix of absolute youngsters and some like me who have had experience. Richa (Ghosh) and Shafali (Verma) have also played World Cups before, so we are young but not

"Then we have Harman and Smriti (Mandhana), who have played more World Cups than all of us. That coming together is the strength of this team. This team is special. There's something in this team, a fire to win, and at the same time, an energy and bond that's very special.

"We keep talking about sticking to our processes in team meetings and doing whatever it takes to help Team India win. That's the entire goal of this team."
Talking about New Zealand legend Sophie Devine, Rodrigues said: "I remember watching her hit five sixes in a row at my first Under-19 camp at If I see her lifting the trophy, I know I'll Stadium

incredible, and since then, I've always admired her game. We've prepared well to bowl against her, and now it's just about executing our plans."

India will face Australia in a Group A

clash in Sharjah on October 13, and Rodrigues stated that execution will be

key against the former champions.
"I love playing against Australia because you have to bring your Agame. There's no other option if you want to win. The rivalry has been intense over the years, and it brings out the best in us.

"We've prepared well and put in the work. Now it's time to execute our

Rodrigues lavished praise on senior colleagues - opener Mandhana and skipper Harmanpreet.

"What stands out about Smriti is her maturity. Even though she's young, she understands the game and her role so well. As the vice-captain, her inputs are invaluable, and she's developed a great understanding of players. She doesn't just tell you to do something her way; she puts herself in your shoes and offers advice that works for you."

"Harman di is a big-match player. We've seen it time and again - from her 171 in the World Cup to her performances in key matches. As a team, we know how much this World Cup means to her, and we want to win it for India and for her.

# Associate nations might abandon 'costly' red-ball cricket: Whatmore

**PTI** ■ SHARJAH

World Cup-winning coach Day Whatmore voiced concerns about the sustainability of the ICC's multi-million dollar initiative to support Test cricket suggesting that several countries, especially associate nations, may abandon the "costly" red-ball format entirely.

The International Cricket Council is mulling a dedicated fund of at least USD 15 million for Test cricket that would increase the minimum match payment for Test players and cover the cost of sending teams on overseas

"Saving Test cricket is one of the challenges. The ICC is very keen to maintain some sort of status in Test match cricket. They have created a pool of money to assist countries that are struggling. A step in the right direction, but I'm not sure how sustainable that is," Whatmore told PTI on the sidelines of the Cricket Predicta Conclave here.

"There are a number of countries, particularly the Associates, which may abandon the red ball and focus on the white ball," he added.

The dedicated fund would support national boards that struggle to compete with the wages offered in global T20 competitions.
"It is a very costly format of the game.

A number of countries do it really well, and they're very successful at it, but there's also many who are struggling. India, Australia, and England appear

to be the only three countries

prioritising Test cricket, with India



reaching the finals of the World Test Championship on both occasions. Whatmore attributes this success to

the presence of a strong red-ball domestic calendar.

"It appears as though those three countries are very strong in their domestic red ball tournaments, and that reflects internationally," he said.
"New Zealand played in the championship not all that long ago. They're also keen to be active in that format, but they're struggling when they travel to the subcontinent. They'll be tested again when they

come to India." The 70-year-old, who coached Sri

calendar while adding that the IPL

and the under-19 program contribute significantly to accelerating player development.

"Well, it's very robust. It's a very good, strong, healthy domestic calendar that throws up very good new cricketers that come along, and then you add IPL onto that. It really does accelerate

development for a lot of youngsters. "Add to that the Under-19 program, which is always successful. There's always been one or two boys that continue on with a very good form from every second year in the World Cup, and they've been successful in winning the World Cup too on many occasions. So all in all, it's a very good

While Bangladesh registered a historic Test series victory against Pakistan and host Sri Lanka defeated New Zealand, the two struggled against India and England respectively.

Whatmore, who has coached both the teams in the past, feels they need to be more consistent.

"Sri Lanka were reasonably competitive in England, and they come back to their own conditions, which they are very familiar with and having won some very important tosses in Galle, makes it very difficult for touring teams, particularly the Western countries.

"So they're doing well, and so is Bangladesh. They did well against Pakistan, but then they had a real tough time in Chennai in the first against India.

"So overall, they're very encouraging Lanka to the World Cup in 1996, lauded India for its robust domestic performances, but you've got to have consistency, and that's what will separate the teams," he added.



### Sabalenka extends winning streak, Osaka to play Gauff at China Open

**AP** ■ BEIJING

Aryna Sabalenka's domi-nant hard-court season showed no signs of slowing down as she cruised to a 6-2, 6-2 win over Ashlyn Krueger at the China Open on Monday for her 14th consecutive victo

ry. The three-time Grand Slam winner started her streak with a title at Cincinnati in August and continued with a run to the championship at the U.S. Open earlier this month. She also won the Australian Open earlier in the year. The second-ranked Sabalenka

converted five of her seven breakpoint opportunities in a lopsided contest against Krueger and will next face Madison Keys, hoping to equal her career-best 15 consecutive victories set in 2020-21.

Keys had a 6-3, 6-3 win over Beatrice Haddad Maia of Brazil. Haddad Maia won the

Korea Open last week but advancing to a round of 16 struggled to combat the baseline power of Keys. Former No. 1 Naomi Osaka

continued her positive start with new coach Patrick Mouratoglou with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Katie Volynets,

match against sixth-ranked Coco Gauff.

It will be the first meeting between the two Grand Slam champions in more than two years, with the head-to-head series tied at 2-2.

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