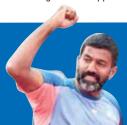
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ARMY IS THE BOSS TERRORISTS ELIMINAT



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

MOHIT KANDHARI JAMMU

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

A group of heavily armed terrorists, dressed in combat fatigue, were spotted by the local villagers in the Batal area early Monday morning after three school-going children came in contact with them in the close vicinity of a religious place. The terrorists, it is believed, were tasked to target an army convoy in the area to disturb peace.

Brig Kapil Taneja, Commander

28 Infantry Brigade told reporters, the Indian Army

successfully thwarted a terror

ambush in the dense jungles of

Batal, Jammu, on October 28,

elimination of three terrorists.

Srivastava said the terrorists

who targeted the army convoy

were present in the area for

some time and had not

infiltrated recently. He said the

operation which started around 7.20 am on Monday

was completed in a record time

without suffering any collateral

damage on Tuesday. He said

the operation demonstrated

synergy with the Jammu and

Kashmir Police (JKP) and the

Special Operation Group

General

Major

resulting in the

Sameer

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

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

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

intelligence and community assistance. Troops maintained comprehensive domination of the area, operating under challenging conditions during the night. Major General Sameer Srivastava said Special Forces

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

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

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



Disengagement almost complete

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

Sources last week said the agreement was arrived at only for these two friction points, and "talks were still underway" for other areas.

calls, three arrests

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI/NAGPLIR

More than 100 flights operated by various Indian airlines received bomb threats on Tuesday. In 16 days, over 510 domestic and international flights have received threats that later turned out to be hoaxes. The threats were issued mostly through social media. Meanwhile, the Nagpur police arrested a 35-year-old man from Maharashtra's Gondia, who was allegedly behind the spate of hoax bomb threats that triggered panic, caused flight delays, and led to increased security at airports and other establishments. Air India received threats for around 36

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

In a related development, designated terrorist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun

has also issued a threat specifically named several Air India flights in his recent video message, focusing on routes between New Delhi and Toronto (AI 187, AI 189), Vancouver (AI 185), London (AI 111, AI 161), Frankfurt (AI 121), Sydney (AI 302), and Melbourne (AI 308). Additional threats target Mumbai-London routes (AI 129, AI 131). Meanwhile, the Nagpur police Special Branch has identified him as Jagdish

Uikey, an author of a book on terrorism, who had been arrested in 2021 in a separate case. Uikey was identified after the hoax emails were traced back to him. So far three persons have been arrested in the hoax bomb threats probe. One was arrested from Indira Gandhi International Airport, and the second arrest was made from Chhattisgarh. The investigation, led by Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Shweta Khedkar uncovered detailed information linking Uikey to the

emails. According to Nagpur police, Uikey sent emails to various government bodies, including the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), Railway Minister, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and his deputy, airline offices, the Director General of Police (DGP) and the Railway Protection Force (RPF).

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

stations, the official said

surfaced on social

Noida man arrested for death Ghaziabad court turns battlefield as lawyers, judge clash threats to Salman, Zeeshan

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBA

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

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

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

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

Salim Khan are already facing multiple threats and attacks, from the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, and even some wannabe law-breakers who have targeted the celeb duo in recent months. The Nirmal Nagar Police have booked

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

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



district court in Ghaziabad Awitnessed massive chaos and drama after heated arguments between the Judge and lawyers. The ruckus broke out around 11 am in the court complex following a heated altercation between an advocate and the judge over the hearing of a matter related to confrontation began lawyers gathered outside the judge's room to voice their grievances regarding specific rulings that they deemed unjust. The judge then alerted the police, who arrived at the scene and



began to remove the lawyers. The situation escalated quickly, leading to a lathi charge by police to disperse the protesting lawyers. The confrontation began when lawyers gathered outside the

judge's room to voice their grievances regarding specific rulings that they deemed unjust. On condition of anonymity, a lawyer said that a group of advocates had demanded that District and Sessions Judge Anil Kumar should hear the case of anticipatory bail on priority, which he denied and stated that the case would be entertained as

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

showing police using force to evict lawyers from the court premises. In the video, a policeman is seen taking a chair and threatening lawyers as if he would throw it on them after which lawyers are seen running through the corridor as cops continue to disperse them. Chairs were also hurled in the courtroom However, purported video clips of situation under control.

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

Over 150 injured in fireworks accident at Kerala temple

PTI ■ KASARAGOD (KERALA)

 $A^{ ext{fire}}$ accident during a Theyyam performance at a temple near Neeleswaram late last night left 154 people injured, eight of them seriously, when firecrackers stored in the vicinity exploded, police said on Tuesday.

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

that the additional divisional magistrate has been directed to carry out an inquiry separately into the incident and submit a

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

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

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

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



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

The Special Dell of the Delhi

Police was also roped in by the federal anti-narcotics agency as "the drug network has footprints across several places in the National Capital Region". NCB's deputy director general (DDG) Gyaneshwar Singh said a Mumbai-based chemist and a Tihar jail warden are among the four people arrested and sent to

three days police custody. Singh said that a West Delhi businessman and a Tihar Jail warden were in the factory at the time of the raid.



Cometh VIP, cometh traffic snarls in the heart of delhi

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

BY SAUMYA SHUKLA

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

Restrictions for the 'Run For Unity', organised to celebrate Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary, were effective around India Gate, C-Hexagon from 6.45 am till the completion of the event. The Delhi Traffic police said, "Special traffic arrangements have been made in view of 'Run For Unity' from Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium on October 2024 in celebration #RashtriyaEktaDiwas." The police announced diversions have

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

With the already existing problems commuters face including that

House



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

roads narrower, frequent breakdown

of buses, illegal parkings that cramp up roads and restrict the free flow of

traffic, public shared that such

restrictions make their commute even

office goers on the roads.

return from their assignments. Perfect a media These diversions not just affect the people only travelling in Central Delhi but all over the city. A commuter

shared that he was stuck in traffic for

construction works that make the about half an hour due to VIP roads narrower, frequent breakdown movement. "Traffic is stopped for the last 25 to 30 minutes on Badarpur flyover towards Delhi because of VIP movement. Can't what type of system is there as even ambulances are stuck, more difficult especially in the he said. morning hours when there is rush of n Centr

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

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

Assembly polls: Candidates embrace social media as key campaign tool

s Assembly elections approach, candidates across Jamshedpur are turning to social media to amplify their reach, marking a shift from traditional doorto-door campaigning. Platforms like Facebook and X have become central in candidates' strategies, allowing them to share views. engage with voters, and

unprecedented immediacy. This digital trend is reshaping campaign strategies as almost all major candidates in Jamshedpur have established robust online presences, using these plat-

mobilize support with

answer questions, and promote events. The move to social media has added a dynamic element to the election atmosphere, bringing candidates closer to the public and intensifying competi-Congress candidate Dr.

Ajoy Kumar, one of the most active online figures, has effectively tapped into digital engagement, gaining over 25,000 followers in recent months. Known for his sharp commentary and direct questions to his opponent, BJP's Raghubar Das, Dr. Kumar's posts have sparked widespread discussions among voters and increased his



"Social media offers us a direct link to the community," said BJP candidate Purnima Das, who also recognizes its importance. Although her team continues on-ground efforts, they maintain a strong social media presence to ensure visibility. "It lets us engage with people quickly and broadly," she added, underscoring that keeping up with digital trends is essential. Das's campaign is managed by a dedicated team who ensures real-time updates on her initiatives and policy stances. Independent candidates have embraced the platform for its cost-effective outreach, help-

ing them compete with the resources of established parties. "Social media spreads information faster than traditional methods and allows genuine two-way communication," noted a local BJP worker, pointing to the value of this approach for smaller campaigns. Jamshedpur has long been a pioneer in political tech adoption. The wife of former Chief Minister and Jamshedpur MP Arjun Munda famously used SMS and website campaigns early on to engage constituents, setting a digital precedent that laid the groundwork for today's social media focus.

JMM activist Shailendra Mahto commented on the

describing it as "a hassle-free method of connecting with a broad audience." For candidates looking to engage younger, tech-savvy voters. social media has become indispensable. "As more candidates log

in, social media has become a critical battleground for the Jamshedpur Assembly elections," said a BJP IT cell member. With direct voter real-time interactions, updates, and campaign insights just a click away, digital engagement is transforming the political landscape in lamshedour making this Jamshedpur, making this election cycle the most interactive yet.

Shweta Singh files nomination for Bokaro embodying Samresh Singh's legacy

Congress candidate Shweta Singh submitted her nomination papers for the Bokaro constituency (Seat 36) before the election officer and Sub-Divisional Officer of Chas, Pranjal Dhanda. The event took place with notable support from senior Congress leader Rajesh Thakur, who accompanied Singh, underscoring the party's confidence in her candidacy.

The announcement of Shweta Singh's candidature was

marked by significant suspense and anticipation. Her name was declared after days of speculation and strategic discussions within the Congress ranks, reflecting her prominence and the weight of her political legacy. Shweta Singh is the daughter-in-law of the late Samresh Singh, a revered political figure in Jharkhand and a respected leader who had a longstanding impact on the state's political landscape

Samresh Singh, who served in multiple leadership roles and was well-regarded for his advocacy of Jharkhand's development, remains a prominent figure in the region's political memory. His legacy continues to resonate with voters, and Shweta Singh's candidacy is seen as a continuation of his vision and dedication to public service.

As election campaigns intensify, Shweta Singh's entry has added new momentum to the political race in Bokaro, with Congress supporters rallying behind her as a symbol of integrity, leadership, and continuity of Samresh Singh's legacy. The coming weeks will reveal how her candidacy shapes the electoral landscape and resonates with voters in Bokaro



Congress candidate in Dhanbad and BJP in Tundi

disappoint workers PANKAJ: DHANBAD

The Congress party appears to have conceded defeat as far as fielding a candidate against the sitting BJP candidate for Dhanbad assembly seat is concerned, said party workers here on Tuesday.

On late Monday night Congress announced the candidature of Ajay Dubey against Raj Sinha for this seat and astonished not only voters but Congress party cadre too as Dubey had been missing from party activities in district since had lost Lok Sabha elections in 2014 contesting against PN Singh of BJP.

Since then his political activities were too limited as far as other leaders of Congress party in the district are concerned. Raj Sinha had defeated Congress candidate and former minister Mannan Mallik twice with a comfortable margin both times. Congress has polled 90,144 votes in 2019 here whereas Raj had got 1,20,773 votes increasing his vote percentage since 2014.

The announcement seems to have given upper hand to BJP nominee Raj Sinha who is sitting MLA for two terms and is trying to hit a hat trick. Keeping in consideration the caste equation of Dhanbad assembly seat that had around 20 percent votes of upper caste followed by 15 per cent Muslims and rest OBC, ST and ST voters voters have Baring minorities Raj is popular among others be it any section of community in comparison to Ajay Dubey

Though both BJP and congress candidates face factionalism within respective party fold but since Raj had been in public he happens to be in a comfortable position.

On other hand Vikas Mahto, who was made the candidate by BJP from Tundi assembly segment, though his name was not there in any opinion poll of the party, faces a similar position like Ajay Dubey faces in Dhanbad. Despite this he was made the candidate. It is being said that BJP has made Vikas Mahto the candidate on the basis of youth quota. Vikas Mahto is a Zila Parishad member. He is also the state vice president of BJYM. It is said that BJP had promised to bring some young leaders into electoral politics. Under that Vikas Mahto has been made the candidate from Tundi. However, his fight is with sitting MLA and veteran JMM leader Mathura Prasad Mahto, who is in fray for the third successive time. Since Jharkhand was carved out from Bihar BJP has never represented this seat in Jharkhand assembly, though it has represented it in Bihar assembly. It appears that BJP has surrendered before Congress- JMM alliance here in the same way the alliance has surrendered as far as Dhanbad seat is con-

Palamu police thwart TSPC ultras' move to disturb polls



SP Reeshma Ramesan holding press conference along with ASP (ops) Rakesh Singh, SDPO Lesliganj Manoj Kr Jha and others in Daltonganj on Tuesday

PNS: DALTONGANJ

Palamu police foiled a plan of the TSPC's ultras to affect and derail the assembly election in Panki constituency where polling is due on November 13.

SP Reeshma Ramesan said the TSPC's ultras had a plan to affect the assembly election in Panki but the police aborted their plan. She declined to elaborate on what the planning was or how the TSPC's ultras were plotting to execute it.

Ramesan said "We got their planning but it can't be bought in the public domain.

Naxals have different ways to derail elections. They torch the polling office of the contestant. Naxals have done it in Palamu in the past where the BJP polling office or kidnap the contestants are also done by the naxals. Chhaterpur assembly constituency has seen such cases where naxals wanted to either kill or kidnap the contestants.

The last nefarious game of the naxals is to terrorize the voters. They beat up the supporters of such a candidate whose electoral fortune the naxals want to destroy or fin-

Ramesan refused to tick off any of these three plannings as mentioned above which the naxals invariably indulge in.

Naxals go for anti electoral things all for hefty sums of money that comes from the contestant against a contest-

Police have recovered one Ak 47 rifle, one desi pistol, one desi katta, 79 rounds of live fire of 7.62 mm bore cartridges and 2 cell phones. Police have also recovered TSPC's literature.

Police have arrested 3 TSPC's ultras identified as Shrawan, Prem and Shantu who were remanded to judicial custody today.

The TSPC's ultras were caught napping as they just couldn't put to use their Ak

There was no exchange of fire between the combined team of Panki and Manatu police stations and the TSPC's ultras.

Police team was led by SDPO Lesliganj Manoj Kr Jha. ASP (Operation) Rakesh Singh under the directives of the SP Reeshma Ramesan

oversaw the cordon and search operation. Palamu police outnumbered, outwitted and outsmarted the TSPC's ultras who had no inkling of the

SP Reeshma Ramesan said "The way our police got men and machines is both easy and difficult."

police reaching their throat

The TSPC's ultras were The event commenced with senior officials paying beneath a Sakhuwa tree near the infamous Karee Mati jungle under the Panki police station when they were swooped down by the police.

SAIL and BSL begin Vigilance **Awareness Week 2024**

Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) have jointly launched the Vigilance Awareness Week 2024, commemorated from October 28 to November 3. This weeklong initiative aims to instill values of integrity, transparency, and ethical practices across all levels of the organization.

In Bokaro, BSL's Director In-Charge, Birendra Kumar Tiwari, inaugurated the Vigilance Awareness Week at the Ispat Bhavan. Senior executives, including Executive Director (Projects & Material Management) C.R. Mahapatra, Executive Director (Finance Accounts) Suresh Rangani, Executive Director (HR) Rajan Prasad, and Executive Director (Mines) Jaydeep Dasgupta, attended the event. Chief Vigilance Officer and General Manager Gyanesh Jha addressed the gathering, outlining various activities planned under the theme "Prosperity of the Nation through Integrity."

tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, an icon of national integrity. DIC Tiwari then administered the integrity pledge to all present, emphasizing the importance of honesty and ethical



values in professional con-

Simultaneously, SAIL headquarters in New Delhi marked the week with a ceremonial tribute to Sardar SAIL Chairman Amarendu Prakash, alongside Director (Commercial) V.S. Chakravarthy, Director (Finance) A.K. Tulsiyani, Director (Personnel) K.K. Singh, Director (Technical, Projects & Raw Materials) A.K. Singh, and Chief Vigilance Officer Mr. S.N. Gupta, led the event. Chairman Prakash also administered the pledge of integrity to SAIL employees, reaffirming the organiza-

tion's commitment to ethical

DIC Tiwari, in his speech urged all employees to embody integrity in their roles, advocating professionalism and ethical standards in daily operations. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Senior Manager (Vigilance) Chitra Parashar, who underscored the importance of collective responsibility in building a corruption-free society.

Through these initiatives, SAIL and BSL aim to foster a workplace culture where integrity drives prosperity, contributing to the nation's

Police invoke Crime Control Act against 21 in Garhwa NITYANAND DUBEY :

Police have invoked the stringent Crime Control Act (CCA) crime drives.

Garhwa SP Deepak Out of the 645 registered firearm licence-holders within the district, 605 have surrendered their weapons following an appeal after announcement of the model code of conduct for the assembly election. The move is part of district police's multi-pronged actions ahead of the election.

In the last 14 days, various material like contraband substances, liquor, arms, weapons and dangerous sub-

1.86 crores have been seized during pre-election anti-

Kumar Pandey said, "Police have invoked the stringent Crime Control Act (ČCA) against 21 dreaded goons, while there are proposals for many others adding police launched anti-crime drives against goons in the respective areas, undertake operations to flush out anti-social elements from their areas, recover and seize arms and weapons apart from taking actions against illegal activities like gambling and liquor dens." During 13 days drive

three live bullets, three KG ID bomb, 1270 gram ganja (opium), 6505 liter illegal english wine, 95 liter bear, 321 liter country made wine. cash Rs.2,88900/ cash and other artical.

For maintain better law and order during assembly election police execute 238 non-bailable warrant, and action has been taken against 1938 people under 107 Criminal Procedure Code and out of these, 944 people have been bound down, SP informed. Police also focused actions against top criminals, their gangs, and

DPS Bokaro students celebrate Diwali and Chhath festivals



PNS: BOKARO

Bokaro celebrated Diwali and Chhath with a special assembly, where students, dressed in vibrant traditional attire, showcased cultural performances. The event at Ashvaghosh Kala Kshetra began with a devotional song, setting a spiritu-

al ambiance. Students presented thoughts, news, and poems celebrating the triumph of good over evil, while a group Chhath songs, adding devotional energy. Primary students also joined with enchanting group dances and songs dedic Diwali and Chhath. dedicated to

Principal Dr. Gangwar praised the performances, extending festive wishes and encouraging students to embrace knowledge and tradition. The campus, adorned with diyas and colorful decorations, added to the celebration's charm.

BJP leaders reaching out to Congress to end Jamshedpur East 'Dynasty' Rule'

As the political temperature continues to rise with poll date inching closure, the national spokesperson of the Congress Party Alok Sharma on Tuesday dropped a bombshell claiming that the BJP and RSS leaders are in touch with them to ensure that the BJP candidate from Jamshedpur East (Purnima Sahu Das) is defeated in this election. Without taking names of any party leader, Sharma said that even the workers and leaders of the saffron party do not want that a 'particular family' is given the reign to rule the city for another five years.

It is really surprising that for the first time the BJP and RSS are reaching to us to ensure that their candidate is made to lose the elections," he claimed.

Sharma took pot shots on Das's tenure, alleging his inaction and false promises had left residents of East Jamshedpur struggling. Sharma claimed that over 25 vears. Das's promises of development and new business ventures failed to materialize. "He made tempting promises but neither secured



ownership rights nor attracted new companies. Many businesses closed or relocated, leaving workers jobless while Das, the so-called 'messiah of workers,' remained silent," he stated Sharma mocked Das's

grand schemes, saying, Jharkhand saw nothing from 'Momentum Jharkhand' but an empty treasury spent on grand but unproductive ventures." He further noted that if Congress candidate Dr. Ajoy Kumar wins, they will prioritize securing ownership rights and reopening businesses, providing muchneeded employment to locals. Additionally, he pledged to improve educational and healthcare servic-

Highlighting the significance of ownership rights, Sharma said the Congress party would conduct surveys in major cities, including Jamshedpur, Ranchi, Dhanbad, and Bokaro, to address this long standing issue. "We aim to pass an ordinance to bring legal stability to ownership issues," he stated

In the field of education, Sharma announced plans for "15 CM Model Schools" to cater to students from economically disadvantaged families. These schools would offer English-medium education, and a relief fund would support financially weaker families in paying school fees.

Dr. Ajoy Kumar, Congress's candidate from East Jamshedpur, also aims to revive closed businesses and encourage Tata Steel to reintegrate these ventures. Sharma highlighted incidents of business closures, like Toyo Rolls and Tata Agrico in 2016, attributing them to Das's lack of support.

Furthermore, the Congress spokesperson highlighted Jharkhand government's recent initiatives under the Congress-JMM coalition, including the increase in monthly financial aid to women from ?1,000 to ?2,500, benefiting nearly 50 lakh women. He also noted that the coalition had introduced a 10% reservation for economically weaker sections among upper castes and simplified access to caste certificates for SC, ST, and OBC communities in Jamshedpur.

Sharma concluded by emphasizing the need for change, saying, "People of East Jamshedpur have been demanding accountability. A vote for Dr. Ajoy Kumar would bring development, end local political domi-nance, and support the peo ple's welfare.

Bodies of three students recovered from Koel River

The bodies of three school students who drowned while bathing in Koel river at Nandgaon picnic spot were taken out after 25 hours by local village method. The efforts of the NDRF team also continued. It may be noted that the bodies of three school students who drowned on Monday in Nandgaon Koel river located in Bhadgaon Panchayat of Senha police station area under Lohardaga district, were recovered after 25 hours of the incident with the help of local villagers and the fruitful efforts of the NDRF team. Provided. With the full help of the rural swimmers, all the bodies were taken out and sent to Sadar Hospital for post-mortem. It is known that on Monday, four school children did not go to school and reached Koel river where three children drowned in deep water while bathing. After the same incident, the district administration team was engaged in relief and rescue work and after 25 hours, all three bodies were recovered. All three students died due to drowning. The three deceased students have been identified as Neelkanth Nilambar Mahali, Ayush Kumar and Navneet Bhagat. All three were residents of different police station areas of Lohardaga district and were studying in class XI in Vidya Mandir School. . District administration said that after the incident, the body was recovered with the successful efforts of local villagers and the NDRF team. But all the dead bodies found on the second day of the incident will be recovered, post mortem will be done and handed over to the family members and further action will be taken. Also, it was told by the administration that the family members of the deceased due to drowning will be given compensation as per the government provision under the disaster



BJP using investigation agen-

cies to win elections: JMM

ED raids at various locations linked with liquor scam

he Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday conducted raids at different locations linked to Jharkhand-cadre IAS officer Vinay Kumar Chaubey, excise department officer Gajendra Singh, and several firms in connection with the Chhattisgarh liquor

"Number of locations must be 15 where the ED raid started early in the morning," people aware of the development in ED said. A senior ED officer acknowledged that the raids took place in Ranchi and

Notably, Chhattisgarh's Anti-Corruption Bureau and Economic Offence Wing (EOW) have filed a first information report (FIR) against seven people, including the IAS officer, for allegedly creating a massive loss to the state exchequer



and changing the state's liquor laws.

The ED action comes after the Supreme Court denied joint excise commissioner's request to quash the FIR.

September, Chhattisgarh's anti-corruption bureau and Economic Offence Wing (WOW) filed an FIR against a syndicate comprising seven individuthe neighbouring state. The premises of Choubey,

currently the secretary of Jharkhand Panchayati Raj department, joint secretary of excise department of the state Gajendra Singh, liquor traders and linked persons were searched.

said the ED sleuths seized some incriminating papers during raids, which will prove vital for the ongoing investigation. There was no report of seizure of any cash till the report was filed.

Enforcement Directorate (ED) has already interrogated both the officers in the context of their alleged involvement in the liquor scam.

Chaubey happens to be the fifth IAS officer in Jharkhand who is being investigated by the ED. included Pooja Others Singhal, Chhavi Ranjan, Manish Ranjan and Ram

The timing of ED raid is important when the process for Assembly election has commenced. BJP state president Babulal Marandi on several occasions has raised the voice about liquor scam in Jharkhand.

Marandi had said that like the liquor scam in Delhi and Chhattisgarh, a similar scam has been committed in Jharkhand too and the chief minister is also an "equal partner" in it.

He had raised the question about interrogation of two state cadre officers in a liquor scam in Chhattisgarh.

Both the officers have been questioned by the ED about the supply of liquor from Chhattisgarh. Liquor is being sold in Jharkhand under the new liquor policy on the Chhattisgarh model for the last one year. Due to this, the Jharkhand government had lost revenue of about 450 crores in the last

care of. This is a well-

planned conspiracy to com-

pletely ruin the education system. Pratul said that if

we talk about teachers in

the state, then 68% of the

total teacher posts are

vacant in all categories. The

Hemant government had promised to regularize

60,000 Para teachers. But

still no concrete action has

been taken on this. On the

contrary, this government

brutally lathicharged the

Para teachers who were

protesting in a democratic

manner and booked them

with fake cases.

you bring out things by citing sources," he said. Bhattacharya cited the statement of the Supreme Court in which it is said that ED's action is done under political motive. Attacking the BJP, he said that they do not have any issue today. After so much time, it has been proved that these people cannot speak on infiltration and neither can they say

anything about nepotism. He

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Spokesperson

win elections.

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) General Secretary and

Bhattacharya, on Tuesday,

attacked BJP and said that

these people are using inves-

tigation agencies as tools to

had said this five days ago.

He said that due to BJP's

political failure, they have to

take the help of investigation

agencies and BJP wants to

JMM

Secretary said, I want to ask

the investigation agency how

do you choose the time and

from where do you get the

characters, if this is what you

have to do then what is the

result of it. "You are investi-

gating; there is nothing

wrong in that. But what is the

result of that, this should be

made clear. Asked why do

use them as their tool.

Bhattacharya said that he

JMM General Secretary Supriyo Bhattacharya addresses media persons at the party office in Ranchi on Tuesday. PNS

said that even after repeated questions, the central government is not telling where the infiltration has taken

Bhattacharya said that these people could not bring even a single meaningful issue in the middle of the elections. He said, we had raised the question yesterday that the returning officer is from Garhwa, following the order from above, the nomination of a candidate was accepted but the nomination of our candidate was rejected on the same issue, which means that the Election Commission has also been instructed to ensure a onesided victory of the BJP or else action will be taken against you.

General Secretary said that today the BJP leaders have forgotten the limits of their language. some talk about killing and chasing, while others talk about division and cutting. Bhattacharya said, today

the nomination for the second phase has been completed. Now it is being heard that the PM will come here every two days and the Home Minister is coming as a filler. "Leaders who say if we divide, we will cut are also coming. This language is not right for democracy," he said.

The JMM General Secretary said that it is not clear where the state leadership of BJP is amidst all this.

Marandi stresses on NRC for tribal existence in Santhal

who was the

implemented in

Principal

Principal Secretary to Chief

Minister Hemant Soren

when the 2022 Excise Policy

Jharkhand. Choubey is cur-

Secretary of the Panchayati

Raj Department. According

to the FIR, the syndicate

allegedly caused a huge loss

to the exchequer, thereby



State BJP President Babulal Marandi addresses a gathering during an election rally in Pakur on Tuesday. Pix by **Vinay Murmu**

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On the last day of nomination, BJP candidates including Gamliyel Hembrom from Barhet, Littipara candidate Babudhan Murmu, Navneet Hembram from Maheshpur Assembly and Vikas Mahato from Tundi filed their nomination papers. The candidates were accompanied by BJP state president Babulal Marandi and other senior BJP leaders. After the nomination process, BJP state president Babulal Marandi targeted the Hemant Soren government and said that it is very important to implement tribals in the state and to stop Santhal Pargana which is witnessing a demography change.

He said that under the protection of JMM-Congress, illegal documents are being prepared for Bangladeshi infiltrators in the state, which are signs of serious danger for the state. Presenting the census data of 1951. he expressed concern about the decreasing population of tribals. He said that the tribal population in the state was 36%, which has decreased to 26% in the 2011 census. At the same time, the population of Muslims has increased from 9% to about 14.5%. He further said that the population of Hindus in the state has

Education and health collapsed under JMM Govt: Pratul

96% of the principal posts

BJP state spokesperson Pratul Shahdev, while addressing a press conference at the state headquarters today, said that in the last 5 years, the Hemant government has given the most corrupt government in the history of Jharkhand. The politics of appeasement and communalism reached its peak. But basic systems like education and health have completely collapsed under this government. Pratul said that accord-

ing to government data,

from 88% to 81%. Babulal Marandi said that the population of tribal communities has decreased by 16% in six districts of Santhal including Sahibganj, Pakur, Dumka, Godda and Jamtara. At the same time, the population of Muslims has increased by 13%. He said that the number of Muslims has increased the most in

He said that in the area of Santhal Pargana, Muslim youth are trying to change the demography by marrying

Sahibganj and Pakur by 35%.

are vacant in various middle schools of Jharkhand. Everything is running on charge. Out of a total of 3218, 3163 posts are lying vacant in middle schools. Education is not at all in the priority list of this government. The government is not concerned about the future of the children of Jharkhand. Pratul said that in districts like Dhanbad and Saraikela, not a single full-time principal is working in any middle school. Due to this, the education of the children is not taken

tribal sisters. He said that as soon as the BJP government is formed in the state, the infiltrators will be thrown out

He said that BJP does what it says. The way the Hemant government has cheated the people of the state by making promises like five lakh jobs, stove expenses. If the BJP government is formed in the state, then 2 lakh 87 thousand posts of the state will be filled. Women will be given Rs 2100 per month under the Gogo Diggi

scheme. Jharkhandis will be given gas cylinders for Rs 500 and 2 gas cylinders will be given free during festivals every year. He said that the Hemant government did not allow PM housing to reach the poor of the state. But after the formation of the BJP government, 21 lakh people in the state will be given the benefit of PM housing. To teach a lesson to this useless Hemant government, the public has made up its mind

743 candidates remain after scrutiny for 1st phase of polls \oplus



The scrutiny process of nominations for the first phase of Jharkhand assembly elections has been completed After scrutiny on 43 assembly seats, 743 candidates are in the fray.

A total of 805 candidates had filed nominations from 43 assembly seats. October 30 is the last day for candidates to withdraw their nominations. After scrutiny, Jamshedpur Barkagaon, West and Hatia have the highest number of 28-28 candidates. 633 candidates contested on these 43 assembly seats in the 2019 assembly

elections, whereas 743 candidates are in the fray for the 2024 assembly elections. Before the withdrawal of the names of the candidates, 90 more candidates are in the electoral fray this time. Meanwhile,

Electoral Officer K. Ravi Kumar appreciated the work of all the volunteers assisting in the Lok Sabha. He said that all the volunteers selected for the polling day should ensure their participation in the festival of democracy. He was addressing lakhs of volunteers from schools for assisting the voters on the polling day today from the Election House during the training of what to do and what not to do through online

Addressing the students, Kumar said that through this training, point-wise training has been given regarding your participation in the polling. Along with this, all the training material related to this has been made available to your teachers, so that

while performing their duty, in case of any kind of doubt, they can get information from their teachers.

On this occasion, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer Dev Das Dutta explained the guidelines related to the work of volunteers to all the students through PPT. In which mainly the help of Divyang and elderly people at the polling station, precautions to be taken while helping with wheelchair, availability of voter slip or token given to the voters standing in queue for voting, queue management system, voting under chain system etc., the work related to volunteers on polling day were explained pointwise.

On this occasion, officials of the School Education Department of all the districts, teachers and lakhs of students in all the schools of the state were present through online medium including Additional Chief Electoral Officer Dr. Neha

Joy of Giving at SBPS



To foster a culture of generosity and community support among the students, Sarala Birla Public School, Ranchi organised the Joy of Giving week as a part of the Community Outreach gramme. Students visited various organizations viz. Karuna Orphanage, Bariatu Road, Apna Ghar Old Age Home, Guru

Nanak Home for Handicapped Children, Bariatu and Rajkiya Utkramit Madhyavidyala, Mahilong to share their happiness of 'Joy of Giving'. SBPS students overwhelmed the inmates of the organizations by presenting them gifts and items of daily use. They also expressed their love, concern and gratitude towards them. Visiting these places made our children realise the value of appreciating what they have in life and will help to make them responsible individuals.

National Unity Day at RRD

National Unity Day is celebrated every year on 31st October on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Due to holiday on 31/10/2024 in



the divisional office, National Unity Day was celebrated today on 29/10/2024 by organizing various programs in Ranchi Railway Division. The National Unity Day oath was taken by DRM Jasmeet Singh Bindra on the premises of DRM office with all the officers, employees and players of the division present. After this, unity race was organised. On this occasion, ADRM Hemraj Meena, CMS Dr. Raju Tirkey, Sr DCM cum CPRO Nishant Kumar, Sr DPO Raja, Sr DS and TE Neeraj Panchal, Sr DME Balram Prasad Sahu and other officers, employees and

Scholars felicitated at DPS Ranchi



On October 29, 2024, DPS Ranchi organised a grand Felicitation Ceremony to honour the academic excellence of its students for the session 2023-2024. The event, attended by proud parents, was by distinguished esteemed guests, A.K. Mistry, CGM (Iron), RDCIS, S.M. Omair, Manager, CM School of

Excellence and Former Vice Principal, DPS Ranchi, Prabhat Kumar, IG, Intelligence and Special Branch and Sumant Singh, DIG, Eastern Sector, CISF who applauded the school's commitment to nurturing academic brilliance. Principal, Dr. R.K. Jha, congratulated the students and emphasized the school's role in fostering an environment conducive to academic growth.

-POLL WATCH

Renowned Ophthalmologist Dr BP Kashyap challenges stalwarts of Ranchi



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One of the most renowned retina surgeons in Eastern India Dr Birendra Prasad Kashyap has plunged into the electoral battle from Ranchi Assembly constituency this election. The seat being one of the safest seats for BJP in Jharkhand and a challenging constituency for the JMM and Congress, will perhaps for the first time witness the entry of a highly skilled medical professional in the political arena, said

experts. The Ranchi seat is being continuously won by BJP's Chandreshwar Prasad Singh since 1996. Dr BP Kashyap (67), who has treated over 1.86 lakh patients of Ranchi in his career spanning over 40 years, aims to serve the society with a new role. He wants to build a network of infrastructure in Ranchi, especially in the field of health and roads. Creating employment for locals, providing basic amenities to the residents would be his prior-

Dr Kashyap's father Dr Bharat Prasad Kashyap conducted the first eye transplant in unified Bihar. Dr BP Kashyap established Jharkhand's largest super specialty eye hospital in Ranchi that has specialist doctors for cornea, retina and eye tumor, cancer and glaucoma. Treatment of even the most serious eye diseases is done in the hospital.

On an average 100 eye transplants are performed every year at Dr Kashyap's hospital. In January 1996, he started 'Eye Donation Awareness Campaign' with the help of his wife Dr Bharti Kashyap. The first eye donation and eye transplantation became possible in Jharkhand with their efforts. The doctor couple also established the Kashyap Memorial Eye Bank in the year 2002.

Dr Kashyap and his wife Dr Bharti Kashyap have till date treated eyes of over 20 lakh children studying in government schools, given

them free spectacles and medicines. He also organises free eye camps in far off areas of the State including Kolhan, Santhal Pargana, Palamu, Saranda, Khunti and other remote areas.

Dr BP Kashyap has been

awarded the Gold Medal and the honorary degree of Phaco. On August 3 this year, he was awarded the ISCKRS Excellence Award in New Delhi for his excellent work in the field of eye disease treatment. His son Dr Vibhuti Kashyap, who is a Vitreo Retina Specialist from AIIMS New Delhi, sent the highest research data of diabetic retinopathy from Jharkhand to the All India Eye Society in the year 2019. For this, he was honoured by the society. Dr Bharti Kashyap has been honoured with many awards including 'Nari Shakti Puraskar 2017' by President of India.

Achievements of Dr BP Kashyap * First retina treatment in

Ranchi in 1984 * Only retina surgeon in Jharkhand-Bihar between 1984 and 2004

* Retina treatment of premature babies since 2003 * Intravitreal injection for retina treatment since 2006 * Brought Constellation machine for retina surgery

to Jharkhand *xBrought Electrophysiology machine for retina treatment to Jharkhand in 2018

* Started clinical trials of retina medicines in 2021 * Started Jharkhand's only nationally recognized training facility in 2022

British Dy High Commissioner to Kolkata, Dr. Andrew Flemming visits Ranchi

Dr. Andrew Flemming, the British Deputy High Commissioner to Kolkata, recently visited Ranchi, where he engaged in a fruitful discussion with Ganesh Reddy, founder of Citizens Foundation, Joint Secretary of the United Nations Global Compact Network India (UNGCNI), and Counselor Warden for the British

Deputy High Commissioner. During their meeting, Dr. Flemming and Reddy explored key aspects of sustainable development in Jharkhand, focusing on areas of mutual interest such as community welfare, rural

Six Paisa Only) (plus interest and

charges thereon)



development, and skill-building initiatives. The dialogue emphasized collaborative approaches to address local challenges and enhance the quality of life in the region. Flemming's

underscores the shared commitment between the United Kingdom and Jharkhand to drive impactful development programs, paving the way for potential future partnerships aimed at strengthening the

₹ 41,77,008.00

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Bid Increment

Amount ₹ 10,000.00

Mr. Srikant Singh,

(Branch Head of

Ranchi Main Branch

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES DATE OF E-AUCTION : 30.11.2024, between 11:00 AM to 05:00 PM

E-Auction Sale notice for Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to UCO Bank, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of UCO Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 30.11.2024, for recovery of amounts due to UCO Bank from the following Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit amount are as mentioned in the table below

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ontact: 8294033690

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Date: 28.10.2024 | Place: Ranchi Authorised Officer, UCO Ban

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

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

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



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

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

Caribbean Sea), Fair Play Sport LLC, Fairplay Management DMCC at Dubai and Play Ventures Holding Limited in Malta for the operations of the website. Fairplay is being "operated" from Dubai, the ED found.

"Incriminating documents seized during the search show purchase of high value immovable and movable assets in India by the persons involved and this amounts to more than Rs 100 crore," the agency said. The ED has thrice earlier conducted raids in this case

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

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

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

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

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



have a direct bearing on

outdated technologies used to be brought to the country, he employment. The prime minister said it is added. "A mindset existed that believed modern technologies his government's commitment cannot develop in our country. to give jobs to the maximum This mindset did us a lot of number of people and cited harm," he said, stressing that if the all-around infrastructure industries which generated works such as the construction employment in the modern of expressways, highways, ports, rail networks and world did not exist in the country, then creating new airports underway in the country. Water and gas employment opportunities would be difficult. "We began pipelines are being laid, and work to rid the country of this schools and universities are old mindset of earlier governments," Modi said, being opened, he said, asserting that development works are not only giving adding that policies and decisions of the government facilities to people but also

opportunities Highlighting his government's efforts to create more employment opportunities, he referred to the Productionlinked Incentives (PLI) scheme to encourage domestic manufacturing.

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

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

into agreements with 21 countries to facilitate immigration and employment for Indian youths. He asked government officials

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

PM Modi declares this Diwali historic



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This Diwali will be historic as after a 500- year-wait thousands of lamps will be lit in the temple built on the birthplace of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya on the festival, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on

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

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External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday

be prepared to adapt to rapid-

ly evolving geopolitical threats

He also emphasised that a

more "whole-of-government"

approach is needed to

effectively advance national

security. He said this in his address at

the closing day of the second

phase of the Army Commanders' Conference

2024 that witnessed the

Armv's

leadership deliberating on

affecting both border security

The conference happened at

disengagement at the two

friction points at Demchok

and Depsang Plains in

eastern Ladakh is in its "final

stages", following a key

Jaishankar's address was

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The prime minister made the remarks after launching development projects worth nearly Rs 12,850 crore and extending his government's flagship health insurance scheme Ayushman Bharat to all senior citizens aged 70 years and above.

An idol of Ram Lalla was consecrated at the Ayodhya temple in January this year, a landmark event led by Prime Minister Modi who had also given a clarion call to go beyond the grand temple's construction to build the foundation of a "strong, capable and divine" India of the next 1,000 years.
Lakhs of people had watched

the consecration ceremony on television in their homes and neighbourhood temples, savouring the

to evolving geopolitical threats

Chief

Upendra Dwivedi shared the

dais with the Union minister.

In a social media post,

Jaishankar wrote, "Pleased to

the

Commanders Conference in

Delhi today. Discussed the intricacies of

current geopolitics, as well as

its challenges, possibilities

Urged that a more 'whole of

the Government' approach is needed to effectively advance

The Ministry of Defence later

issued a statement on the

reaffirmed the Indian Army's

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challenges, ensuring a progressive, resilient, and

future-ready force aligned

The external affairs minister

underscored the intricate

global and geopolitical

dynamics that impact India

India's

interests, it said.

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EAM urges military leadership to adapt

UP CM announces satellite AIIMS centre in Ghaziabad PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

MEERUT/NEW DELHI

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Tuesday a process is afoot to have a satellite centre of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi in Ghaziabad.

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

Adityanath said this as he participated in the ninth All India Avurveda Conference chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi through virtual medium from Meerut. 'Today Uttar Pradesh has two AIIMS (Gorakhpur and Raebareli). We have requested AIIMS Delhi to build a satellite centre in Ghaziabad that on land given by us, so that the residents of Hapur, Ghaziabad,



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

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

prime The minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various

forces and the preparedness required to address the

challenges of the current world order", it said.

"urged the leadership to be

prepared to adapt to rapidly

evolving geopolitical threats

emphasised the importance

advancements and the

lessons drawn from ongoing

global conflicts in shaping

Over the last two days, the

hierarchy engaged in in-depth discussions on

of Staff(CDS)General

Chauhan has addressed the

gathering, reflecting on the recent success of the Joint

Commanders' Conference in

security situation, General

Chauhan stressed the importance of jointness and

the roadmap for enhanced

integration across domains,

which is critical for future

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

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

Along with this programme, Adityanath, while addressing Adityanath, while addressing there were only 17 medical the foundation stone laying there were only 17 medical colleges in Uttar Pradesh till

ceremony of ESIC Hospital at Marshall Pitch, Kankarkheda, Meerut, said, "Meerut has emerged infrastructure. Expressway, Rapid Rail have been found. Ganga Expressway is being built, go for Kumbh bath through this." Modi performed the virtual Modi virtual Bhoomi Pujan of the hospital. On this occasion, the chief minister said Meerut is making its mark in the world in sports under ODOP (One District-One Product). The state's sports university is being built in Meerut. When the sports university will be ready, it will produce Olympians and new players will be discovered and

groomed, he said. Adityanath said the workers of Meerut will get facilities like the hospitals of Lucknow and Gorakhpur. He also said

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

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

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

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

Rajnath Singh calls for cleanliness drive at Ministry of





Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday exhorted the officials in Ministry of Defence to contribute indiof shramdaan every week to maintain cleanliness at the workplace, emphasizing that a cleaner and decluttered workplace leads to enhanced productivity.

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

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

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

and redress of VIP references and grievances. The Ministry of Defence and subordinate offices together conducted Swachhata Abhiyan at 3,832

locations/sites across the country. The overarching thrust of the Campaign has been on gainful utilization of available resources and generation of revenue from

disposal of scrap. Keeping with this spirit, obsolete office equipment/IT equipment organizations condemned and revenue was generated by way of their disposal during the disposal

Campaign. More than 2.81 Lakh square feet of space has been freed pan India for better utilization. A total of 36,444 physical files has been reviewed. 169 public grievances on CPGRAMS and 45 MP/VIP references have been addressed during

the Campaign.

EC dismisses Congress allegations on Haryana poll irregularities

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



towards timely grievance

redressal. At the same time, the Commission sincerely urges INC to take firm and concrete steps, matching with the party's long and illustrious standing, to amend their afore stated approach and in doing so set an example for emulation by one and all to responsibly conduct themselves at sensitive electoral stages so as to avoid possibilities of precipitation of public unrest and chaos," the EC said in its order. The Congress had made several complaints to the EC, including allegations of a slowdown in the vote counting process on October 8, the day results of the Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir elections were declared. The Congress had also sought clarification on display of 99% battery status on the control units (CU) of electronic voting machines (EVM), during counting in some polling stations of 26 assembly constituencies. The Commission said "It is

needless to remind that such frivolous and unfounded doubts have the potential of creating turbulence when crucial steps like polling and counting are in live play, a time when both public and political parties' anxiousness peaking. carrying communications

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

Run for unity marks tribute to Indian unifier: Amit Shah

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

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

Lakshadweep

Junagarh, Hyderabad and all Shah said while addressing other princely states were merged with India. "But there were efforts to

enormous contribution of

Sardar Patel to the country.

participants at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium. erase and undermine the

Prime Minister Narendra Modi installed the tallest statue of Patel in Kevadia, He was also deprived of honoured him in a befitting Islands, Bharat Ratna for a long time," manner and has kept his

memory alive, he said. Modi inaugurated Patel's 182metre statue - Statue of Unity

at Kevadia in Gujarat in 2018. He laid the foundation stone for the project in 2013 when he was the Gujarat chief minister.

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

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

country are now united and

have dedicated themselves to

fulfilling the prime minister's

dream of turning India into a

country's highest civilian

fully developed nation by

"The prime minister has put forth before all countrymen the pledge to build a fully developed India by 2047, which would be at the top of the ladder in every field in the world," he said.

He said now India stands before the world as a flourishing, developing and strong nation.

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

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

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

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

Patel was born on October 31, 1875, at Nadiad in Gujarat.

As India's first home minister and deputy prime minister, Patel is credited for the merger of over 550 princely states into the Union of India. Various programmes, recalling Sardar Patel's contribution to unifying India, are being organised as part of the National Unity Day celebrations. Last week, Shah announced

that the government would commemorate the 150th birth anniversary Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel with a twonationwide year-long programme from 2024 to 2026 to honour his monumental contribution to

Defence



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Ayodhya prepares for historic Deepotsav with three Guinness World Records in the making

BISWAJEET BANERJEE

The holy city of Ayodhya is set to celebrate a historic Deepotsav, marking the first festival since the Pran Pratishtha (consecration) of Ramlala. This year, Ayodhya aims to achieve three Guinness World Records, a feat symbolic of its grandeur and spiritual significance. On Wednesday, the festival

will witness an unprecedent-ed lighting of 25 lakh diyas (earthen lamps), a simultaneous Maha Aarti by 1,100 priests on the Saryu riverbanks, and a breathtaking display of eco-friendly "green" fireworks at the Saryu bridge. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will also join the Maha Aarti, with the first rehearsal for this remarkable event held on the banks of the

Saryu on Monday night. In anticipation of the massive influx of pilgrims and dignitaries, security has been ramped up throughout Ayodhya. Security forces, including over 200 STF, ATS, and CRPF commandos, are deployed across the temple premises and surrounding areas. Technical surveillance has been enhanced, and plainclothes intelligence agents are stationed at key points to monitor for potential distur-

A multi-layered security setup is in place, employing bomb detectors, dog squads, face recognition technology, and drones for real-time monitoring. Verification of guests at local hotels, lodges, and dharamshalas has also been conducted to ensure public

SSP Rajkaran Nayyar con-



firmed the extensive security arrangements, emphasizing a strict response to any disturbances. Armed personnel will also be positioned along the route of the processions, with security forces having undergone multiple training sessions to maintain order while interacting cordially with devotees. Security has been reinforced

at the district borders, with a rigorous checking of vehicles from nearby regions. Various points throughout Ayodhya Dham are under heightened surveillance to preempt security threats. As the three-day Deepotsav began on Monday, Ayodhya

dazzled onlookers with its grand two-kilometer decoration. From Udaya Chowk to Nayaghat, and Dharampath to Saryu Bridge, the city's historical essence is reawakened and cultural performances, captivating thousands. Ayodhya transformed into Ramnagari

through vibrant laser shows

The city has been transformed into a Ram-centric nagri, resounding with bhajans, devotional and of Lord Ram. By Wednesday evening, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will illuminate a diya at Ram Ki Paidi, igniting a total of 29 lakh lamps across Ayodhya, casting the city in radiant light. From Ram Ki Paidi to Saryu Ghat and Ram Katha Park, the cityscape mirrors the reverent era of Treta Yuga. Thousands of students are creating a decorative garland of lamps at Ram Ki Paidi, adding to the enchantment with a laser show depicting the Ramayana,

allowing visitors a glimpse

main highway enhance the Deepotsav ambiance, while traditional folk culture is also prominently featured. On the auspicious day, Bharatkund, a mythological site associated with Bharat, Lord Ram's devoted brother, will also be adorned with 25,000 diyas. For this purpose, 700 volunteers from six schools have been designated, with Shri Bharat Intermediate College serving as the nodal school to orchestrate a grand event. The spirit of Ayodhya's Deepotsav, infused with reverence, historical significance, and unity, promises an unforgettable spectacle for devotees and visitors alike. This year's festivities are anticipated to set a new standard, embedding Ayodhya's Deepotsav in the annals of history.

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PM Modi to visit Gujarat to participate UP by-election heats up as Mayawati in Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations

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 $P_{\text{Modi will visit Gujarat on}}^{\text{rime Minster Narendra}}$ October 30-31 during which he will participate in Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations, and inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of various development projects worth over Rs 280 crore.

During the visit, the prime minister will also address the Officer Trainees of the 99th Common Foundation Course in Aarambh 6.0.

On October 30, he will travel to Ekta Nagar, Kevadia, where at around 5:30 pm, he will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of various infrastructural and development projects worth over Rs 280 crore, a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said here on Tuesday.



Thereafter, at around 6 pm, Modi will address the Officer Trainees of the 99th Common Foundation Course in Aarambh 6.0.

The theme for this year's programme is 'Roadmap for Aatmanirbhar and Viksit Bharat'. The 99th Common

Aarambh 6.0 - includes 653 Officer Trainees from across 16 civil services of India and three civil services of Bhutan. On October 31, at around 7:15 am, Prime Minister Modi will offer floral tribute at the Statue of Unity, which will be followed by Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations.

The Prime Minister will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of projects in Ekta Nagar aimed to enhance the tourist experience, improve accessibility and support sustainability initiatives in the

Modi will administer the Ekta Diwas pledge and witness Ekta Diwas Parade which will comprise 16 marching contingents from nine states and one UT police, four Central Armed Police Forces, NCC and a marching band.

Special attractions will include Hell March contingent of NSG, daredevil show by BSF and CRPF women and men bikers, a show on combination of Indian Martial Arts by BSF, piped band show by school children, 'Surya Kiran' flypast by Indian Air Force, among others, the statement said.

accuses BJP, Congress of anti-dalit conspiracy

BISWAJEET BANERJEE

The Uttar Pracesh by Castle has reached a fever pitch, as The Uttar Pradesh by-election BSP Chief Mayawati, in a strong statement, accused the BJP and Congress of being "two sides of the same coin" and alleged a conspiracy to divide the Dalit community through new reservation policies.

She claimed that after Haryana, Telangana, and Karnataka governments have hurriedly implemented "reservation within reservation" systems, which she warned could fragment the Dalit community.

"Casteist parties like BJP, Congress, and SP pose a threat to the unity of Dalits," Mayawati said. "To protect the legacy of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, we must remain vigilant against the divisive tactics of these parties." She urged her supporters to stay



united to prevent what she described as an attempt to weaken reservation policies and the strength of the Dalit com-

"This is a deliberate attempt to render reservations ineffective, weakening the unity and progress of exploited and neglected Dalits across the nation," Mayawati said and added that the implementation of this policy by both BJP and share the same stance on reservation, which she contends is detrimental to the principles of social justice upheld by Dr. Ambedkar.

Mayawati urged vigilance, particularly against tactics like "Saam, Daam, Dand, Bhed" (negotiation, incentives, punishment, and division), which she claims are used to undermine the influence of margin-

police, against police," highlighting what he sees as a breakdown in law and order. With the scrutiny of nomination papers concluded, the picture for the by-election is now clearer. Out of the 149 filed nominations, 54 have been rejected, with Muzaffarnagar's Meerapur seat witnessing the highest rejection -22 nominations were disqualified. In Phulpur, an FIR has been lodged against SP candidate Mujtaba Siddiqui under the SC/ST Act, adding

further complexity to the elec-

tion dynamics.

alized communities in politics.

Adding to the pre-election fer-

vor, Samajwadi Party (SP) Chief

Akhilesh Yadav took to X (for-

merly Twitter) to criticize the

UP government's management

of law enforcement, citing internal discord within the state police. He wrote, "Such is the

condition of UP police: FIR of

Police arrest eight cadres of banned outfit UNLF(P) in Manipur

The police have arrested eight members of the banned United National Liberation Front of Manipur (Pambei) for allegedly threatening residents and obstructprocess in Thoubal district, police said in a statement on

Police recovered a substantial cache of arms and ammunition from the suspects, including five AK-47 assault rifles, one M-16 rifle, and a 9mm pistol, the statement said.

The arrest highlighted growing concerns among security agencies regarding escalating violence linked to the UNLF(P), despite the group having signed a ceasefire agreement with the Union government last November. The UNLF(P), led by Kh Pambei, became the first Meitei armed group in the Imphal Valley to enter into a ceasefire agreement with the government on November 29,

This agreement was aimed at renouncing violence, yet officials have criticised the group for failing to provide a list of its cadres who were expected to surrender their weapons. The arrested individuals have been identified as Laishram Atangba Meitei Ningthoujao

Leishangthem Nongpok Meitei alias Singajit (26), Thongam Khangakpa Meitei alias Jatra (45), Thiyam Ningthou Meitei alias Ingocha (46), Akoijam Thoupangba Meitei alias Thoiba (24), Thounaojam Sugnu Ngakpa alias Yaiphaba Meitei (26), Ngasepam Nongthouba Meitei alias Romio (40), and Sorokhaibam Nganba alias Dayananda Singh (27).

According to the police, these individuals were involved in illegal activities involving sophisticated firearms.

The police also seized 16 mobile phones and a Sports Utility Vehicle during the operation.

Security agencies have raised alarms over the UNLF(P)'s violent actions against both law enforcement and civilians, which have persisted since the ceasefire agreement. Notably, UNLF(P) members



have been accused of participating in violent incidents, including looting of arms from the 5th India Reserve Battalion in February.

Additionally, police apprehended a cadre from the proscribed People's Liberation Army in Imphal West for allegedly involved in extor-

Despite the tense atmosphere in Manipur, police reported that the situation has remained under control over the past 24 hours, with security forces conducting search operations in vulnerable areas. Authorities have increased security along National Highways 37 and 2 to ensure the safe passage of vehicles, especially those carrying essential goods.

In light of recent events, the police have urged the public not to succumb to rumours and have called for the return of any looted arms and ammunition.

Intelligence reports indicate that UNLF(P) members have been establishing camps in areas predominantly inhabited by the Kuki population, raising fears of targeted violence against the tribal com-

Despite the ceasefire aimed at curbing hostilities, incidents have shown that UNLF(P) cadres continue to operate freely, armed and seemingly beyond the reach of law enforcement.

The ongoing ethnic clashes between the Meitei and Kuki communities have resulted in over 200 fatalities since May last year, underscoring the urgent need for lasting peace in the region. The UNLF, founded in 1964,

has a long history of insur-gency in both Indian and

neighbouring territories. The Centre has previously engaged with various armed groups in the Northeast to promote peace and develop-

Ranjanth Singh exhorts innovators to build products which can become necessity for armed forces

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday here exhorted innovators and start-ups to come up with products, which can become necessity for the Armed Forces. He also said the government's self-reliance efforts have made science, technolotionary idea in the country. He made these assertions during Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) seminar 'Swavlamban' at Bharat Mandapam. The defence minister also unveiled the third edition of Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX (ADITI 3.0) challenge and 13th edition of Defence India Start-up Challenges (DISC

Citing the success of digital transactions, Rajnath stated that today India has emerged as the world's largest country in terms of the value of digital payments. He also spoke of the Jan Dhan, Aadhaar and Mobile Trinity, which has ment schemes easy and trans-

You don't wait for the right time, you bring the right time. You're fully capable. You must come up with new ideas through innovation," he said, assuring all possible help of the government in this



The ADITI 3.0 features a challenge from the Indian Navy to design a High-Power Microwave Weapon System. The DISC 13 presents seven challenges - three from

Indian Army and two each from Indian Navy and Indian Air Force – in the domains of Artificial Intelligence, military communication autonomous bots among oth-

The defence minister highlighted the self-reliance efforts being made by the Government, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, stating that the changes brought about in the last few years have created an innovative culture in India, keeping national security in mind. Acknowledging the vital conprivate sectors in realising the vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', Rajnath reasserted the Government's commitment to march ahead on the

'Continuous Innovation," he The defence minister added

road to progress by taking all

the stakeholders together.

that the Government's concerted efforts have not only reduced import dependency and ensured public and private sectors to work together for 'Aatmanirbharta in defence, it has also resulted in the emergence of science, technology, innovation and self-reliance as a revolutionary idea throughout the coun-

Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi reiterated the Indian Navy's commitment to safeguard national maritime interests, adding that to facilitate this journey, a solemn resolve has been made to become a 'Fully Aatmanirbhar Force'

India, Spain must contribute in building open, secure Indo-Pacific: Pedro Sanchez

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Underlining the need to protect freedom of navigation amid assertiveness of Beijing in the South China Sea, Pedro Sanchez, President of the Government of Spain, on Tuesday said his country and India must contribute in building an Indo-Pacific region that is open and secure. Speaking at an event organised

by the Spain-India Forum and the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) in Mumbai, Sanchez maintained that the rules-based international order is at stake and hence Madrid and New Delhi must defend and work towards strengthening multilateral institutions. He said the world's centre of power has shifted towards Asia where India plays a key role. Sanchez announced that Spain is working to launch a new strategy for Asia which will revitalize his country's relations with the largest continent in the world. The central Indo-Pacific region accounts for 36 per cent of the world's GDP, pointed out the Spanish leader who is on an official visit to India. He said the vital region accounts for 60 per cent of world population and 50 per cent of global maritime trade which faces security challenges such as piracy, terrorism, natural disasters, arms and drug trafficking and illegal fishing.

As this region has significant



dom of navigation and overflight. India and Spain must contribute to a secure Indo-Pacific," he said. Sanchez maintained that to ensure peaceful existence among countries, principles like territorial integrity and sovereignty of nations must be abided by. He said India and Spain must work together in areas like the protection of civilians and delivery of humanitarian aid to those in need, and defence of human rights and democracy. Sanchez said Artificial Intelligence (AI) has extraordinary potential, but stressed the need to calculate the risk of misuse of this transformative technology. "As our countries improve their technological capabilities, AI cooperation

can also help address challenges related to the spread of false information that threaten our democracies," Sanchez noted. International cooperation in AI is essential for a safer, more egalitarian and open world, emphasised the visiting Spanish leader. "AI must be ethical. We must establish strong ethical standards and accountability mechanisms to ensure that it respects human rights and promotes social good," he added. "We should all participate in the establishment of this comprehensive framework for the global governance of digital technology and AI," Sanchez said. In order to do so, building AI apparity in the Clobal ing AI capacity in the Global South is critical. This involves creating a global network of AI research and development centres, providing targeted training programmes and ensuring access to high performing computing resources, he observed.

Irregularities in conduct of exam for Gujarat HC: Delhi HC asks NTA to file detailed affidavit

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The Delhi High Court has directed the National Testing Agency (NTA) to file a detailed affidavit on a plea alleging gross irregularities in the tender process for the conduct of an examination for recruitment of various posts in the Guiarat high court

the Gujarat high court.
The petitioners SKS Visions and its proprietor Sonu Goel, represented by senior advocate Pinaki Misra and assisted by advocates Anurag Chandra, Raj Kamal and Rohit Raman among others challenged the NTA in the recent tendering process for the recruitment in the Gujarat high court.

In the writ petition, it was alleged that there were substantial procedural irregularities in the tender dated October 15 2024 issued for "Hiring of experienced agencies firms" to provide ancillary security services on turnkey basis during Offline examination conducted by the NTA in Gujarat on pilot basis".

The petitioner alleged that the tender was issued with minimal notice, providing inadequate time for bid submissions, and that it favoured a predetermined bidder "Sai Educare Pvt Ltd", compromising transparency and accountability in public procurement.

Noting the gravity of the allegations, the Delhi high court directed the NTA to submit a detailed affidavit justifying its



The petition claimed specific violations by the NTA, including deviation from Central Vigilance Commission guidelines in which the NTA reportedly accepted offline bids in place of the standard online bidding mechanism, thereby undermining transparency.

The NTA also lacked adherence to General Financial Rules (GFR) as it allegedly circumvented essential protocols, such as employing a singlepacket bid system rather than the mandatory two-packet system for complex tenders, thereby bypassing compre-hensive technical evaluation, the plea alleged.

The petition claimed the NTA allegedly caused a loss of over Rs 75 lakh to the public exchequer. The testing agency is also allegedly accused of not conducting a pre-bid conference despite the technical complexities, a key procedural lapse that purportedly affected the tender's integrity, it

The petitioner sought a directive from the court to set aside the tender allocation, citing a violation of Article 14 of the Constitution, which mandates fairness and transparency by the state or its instrumentali-

During the hearing, the NTA counsel admitted that it was the testing agency's decision to release the short tender on October 15. The petitioner, however, stated that relying on NTA Public Notice dated September 27, NTA itself published that the notification by Gujarat High Court to conduct exam was notified in the month of May, which is five months before the October 15 public notice.

Notwithstanding the importance of the examination to be conducted, NTA deliberately chose not to publish the tender in time and chose to publish it online in October giving a 24hour window to submit the bid offline, which can easily be manipulated and lacks transparency, the petitioner alleged. The plea also highlighted that the NTA did not publish the tender online or through mandatory GeM portal just to avoid transparency and accountability in order to allegedly favour the bidder "Sai Educare Pvt Ltd".

After the hearing, the Delhi high court directed the NTA to file a comprehensive affidavit detailing their stand and addressing the allegations.

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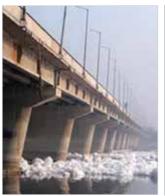
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Delhi water woes

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

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



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

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



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

A mirage of progress on the LAC



ASHOK K MEHTA

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

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

ITBP officer mentioned losing

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

idea of the framework agreement China calls the 'solution' and India's 'RSQA'. It must share it with Parliament as any agreement on full disengagement must not create a 2017 Doklam-like situation where Defence Planning Staff, curthe Chinese hoodwinked India and Bhutan and established full control over the personal)

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

India has gone cold over its

treaty commitment with

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

deterrence. Far from it. (The writer, a retired Major General, was Commander, IPKF South, Sri Lanka, and tounder member o rently the Integrated Defence Staff. The views expressed are

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHARGERS?

The forgotten legacy of Odisha's unsung iron lady



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

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

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



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

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

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

know about her case. Dani, Superintendent of Police, Vigilance, led to a historic 1978 Supreme Court judgment that expanded the scope of the right against selfincrimination and provided guidelines for police interrogation, ensuring individuals could not be compelled to provide evidence against themselves at any stage.

This came about when Satpathy, then former Chief

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

Court and paved the way for reaffirmation of the Right to Silence as a fundamental right, protecting individuals from being compelled to answer incriminating questions during police interroga-tion and the Right to Legal Assistance allowing individuals to consult with a legal practitioner before answering any questions during police interrogation, promoting fair treatment and safeguarding against coercive practices. Importantly, the judgment continues to remain a key reference today for ensuring the protection of individual rights during the investigative

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

THE MENACE OF DIGITAL ARREST

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

N Sadhasiva Reddy | Washington

HATHRAS ADULTERATION SCAM

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

Who cares about Delhi air pollution?



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

malpractices.

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

FOLLOW THE PROCESS

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

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

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

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

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

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



RAJYOGI BRAHMA KUMAR **NIKUNJ JI**

he biggest and the brightest of all the festivals celebrated across India as well as the whole world is about to arrive and fill our lives with joy and happiness. Yes! We all know that's none other than "Diwali" or as we say "Deepawali" in India.

Such is the magic of this festival that throughout the 4-day celebrations, illuminates the whole nation with its brilliance, and dazzles all with its joy. Though each of the four days during Diwali is separated by a different tradition, what remains true and constant is the celebration of life, its enjoyment and goodness. We all know that as per the Hindu calendar,

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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The web of conspiracy theories and the US election



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

may be one of the most persistent conspiracy theories, as it continues to captivate audiences more than 50 years later. As much as conspiracy theories

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

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

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

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

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Bootstrapped startups: The resilient path to sustainable growth

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

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



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

This provides the founder with elbow room to be flexible and agile in decision-making. The challenge to sustain is difficult, being bootstrapped

the startup brings out creativity and resourcefulness in problem-solving. Combined with lean operations and focus on revenue generation, the founder manages to survive and thrive which leads to high founder satisfaction, selfreliance and long-term sustainable growth. Although it is difficult to

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

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

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



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

So, are bootstrapped companies less valuable than funded companies? This is a quintes-

sential question. Well, to answer this, let's try to see what is value. For starters, a company is valuable if, irrespective of its size, can develop a product or service and generate rev-

By doing so, over some time, the revenue base starts helping the company to grow organically and lo behold, it manages to cross the 'valley of death'. So, a company that can grow with its revenues and survive and sustain on a long-term basis is far more valuable than a funded company that can show growth metrics only on the backing of funding received, which may be short-lived, if it is unable to generate revenuebacked growth quickly. Therefore, in a start-up world where 9 out of 10 startups fail,

greater chance of survival as they are 55 per cent more likely to establish positive cash flows within the first three years of operations and generate a sustainable revenue stream.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The head of UNRWA, Philippe Lazzarini, said the new laws were part of an "ongoing cam-

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

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

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

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

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

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said UNRWA would be prevented from doing UN General Assembly-mandated work if the laws are implemented. "There is no alternative to UNRWA," he said in a statement issued Monday night.

Guterres called on Israel "to act consistently with its obligations" under the UN Charter and international law, as well as the privileges and immunities of the United Nations. "National legislation cannot alter those obligations," Guterres stressed in a state-

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

International aid groups and a handful of Israel's Western allies, including the US, have voiced strong opposition.
US State Department

spokesperson Matthew Miller,

speaking to reporters in ing on a hospital from where Washington before the votes, said the administration was operating. Israeli forces raided Kamal "deeply concerned" by the legislation. "There's nobody that

can replace them right now in the middle of the crisis," he said. UNRWA provides education, health care and other basic services to millions of Palestinian refugees across the region, including in the Israelioccupied West Bank.

The laws would go into effect 60 to 90 days after Israel's Foreign Ministry notifies the UN, according to the spokesperson of lawmaker Dan Illouz, one of the co-sponsors of one of the laws.

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

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

The rising death toll comes as Israel refocuses its offensive on Gaza's hard-hit north, includ-

the military says militants were

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

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

World Health Organisation accused Israel of detaining 44 male hospital staff. It was not immediately

clear why there was a discrepancy in the figures. Palestinian medical officials said the hospital, which was treating some 200 patients, was heavily damaged in the raid.

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

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

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

engaging in open fighting. International mediators renew efforts for a Gaza ceasefire: After collapsing in late summer, international mediators were trying to jump-start cease-fire efforts between Israel and Hamas. Israel said it would continue discussions on a halt

in fighting after the head of the

Mossad agency, David Barnea,

returned from a meeting in

who had long kept their con-

flict a shadow war but are now

Qatar with the head of the ČIA, David Burns, and the Qatar prime minister. Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi has suggested a two-day cease-fire in exchange for the release of four hostages.

Israel appeared responsive to One Israeli official said Israel was discussing the proposal both internally and with Egyptian officials. A second official said Netanyahu expressed enthusiasm for the proposal in a meeting with his

Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to discuss

Likud party on Monday.

Satellite photos show Israeli strike hit Iran Revolutionary Guard missile base

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

enough imagery to show there's

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

major building at the Shahroud Space Centre had been destroyed, the shadow of its still-standing frame seen in the image taken Tuesday morn-

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

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

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

US President Biden hosts Diwali

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n Israeli strike on a five-An islaen suite of story building where displaced Palestinians were sheltering in the northern Gaza Strip killed at least 60 people early Tuesday, more than half of them women and children, Gaza's Health Ministry said.

In a separate development, Lebanon's militant group Hezbollah said it has chosen Sheikh Naim Kassem to succeed longtime leader Hassan Nasrallah, who was killed in an Israeli airstrike last month. Hezbollah vowed to continue with Nasrallah's policies "until victory is achieved.

Israel also faced backlash from aid groups after its parliament passed legislation that could severely restrict the ability of the UN agency for Palestinian refugees to operate in the

Palestinian territories. The agency, known as UNRWA, is the largest aid

provider in Gaza. Israel has ong accused it of militant ties, allegations denied by the spokesperson for the UN children's agency said the deci-

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



backs. Hezbollah began firing rockets into Israel, drawing retaliation, after Hamas' surprise attack out of Gaza on October 7, 2023, triggered the war there. Iran, which backs both groups, has also directly traded fire with Israel, in April and then again this month. The tensions with Hezbollah boiled over in September, as

Israel unleashed a wave of

senior commanders. Israel launched a ground invasion into Lebanon at the start of October. Hezbollah fired dozens of rockets into northern Israel on Tuesday, killing at least one person in the north-ern city of Maalot-Tarshiha, authorities said. Strike in northern Gaza

heavy airstrikes and killed Nasrallah and most of his

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

of the field hospitals' depart ment at the Gaza Health Ministry, announced the toll from Tuesday's strike in the northern town of Beit Lahiya at

Petition seeking ban on Awami League withdrawn

Acourt in Bangladesh seeking a ban on ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League and several other parties was withdrawn on Tuesday.

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

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

Awami League to power. The elections were staged amid allegations of massive vote manipulation or boycott by the

main opposition Bangladesh ed an apology from the petition-Nationalist Party (BNP) led by ers. Khaleda Zia and several other parties. The movement leaders, however, preferred not to proceed with the second writ either that questioned the legitimacy of these three parliamentary elections. The two writs, listed by a two-member high court bench for hearing on Tuesday, were withdrawn as the proceedings began in the morning. The petitioners' lawyers informed the bench that their clients would

not proceed with the writs. Alongside Awami League, the writ petition was filed against Jatiya Party (Ershad), Jatiya Party (Manju), Ganatantri Party, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh, Bangladesh Tarikat Federation, Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), Communist Party of Bangladesh (Marxist-Leninist) (Barua), and Workers Party of Bangladesh. In response to their inclusion in

the petition, the LDP demand-

The CPB said they might have been mentioned out of a misunderstanding, and the Jatiya Party (Ershad) said they would address the matter through legal means. The right-wing LDP and leftwing CPB were harsh critics of the Awami League regime and did not take part in the elections. The BNP, which has appeared as the major political force in Bangladesh politics following Hasina's ouster, however, said they opposed a ban on any political party for inclusiveness in elections. Meanwhile, the interim government on Monday evening said it had yet not decided upon banning any political party.

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

Boat carrying migrants capsizes off Libyan coast

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

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

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

nation has become the dominant transit point for migrants fleeing war and poverty in Africa and the Middle East. Last month, a migrant boat car-

rying 32 people capsized off the Libyan coast due to engine failure, leaving one person dead and 22 others missing, according to Libyan authorities

and the United Arab Emirates

have been admitted as new

members. Brazil will be the sec-

ond member of the BRICS

after India not to endorse the

BRI. India was the first coun-

try to voice reservations and

stood steadfast in its opposition

to BRI, a pet project of Chinese

President Xi Jinping to further

the global influence of China

with investments to build infra-

celebration at White House US President Joe Biden on Monday hosted a Diwali celebration at the White House

that was attended by more than 600 eminent Indian Americans, including Congressmen, officials, and corporate executives, from across the country. "As President, I've been hon-

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

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

by Vice Admiral Vivek H. American community has Biden said. Sunita Williams, Retired Navy Officer and NASA Astronaut who sent a recorded video message from the International Space Station and Shrusti Amula, Indian-American Youth Activist who introduced the president.

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

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

American life. "That's the truth. That is among the fastest-growing, most engaged communities in the country you are now," he

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

According to Amorim, the aim is to use some of the Belt and Road framework to find "synergy" between Brazilian infrastructure projects and the investment funds associated with the initiative, without necessarily formally joining the group, the Hong Kong-based South China Morning

Post quoted him as saying. The Chinese "call it the belt [and road] ... and they can give whatever names they want, but what matters is that there are projects that Brazil has defined as a priority and that may or may not be accepted [by Beijing]", Amorim said.

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

Officials from Brazil's economy and foreign affairs ministries recently voiced opposition to Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia,

the idea, it said.

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

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

Brazil, Russia, India, China

and South Africa. Egypt,

the Post reported.

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

they should be based on uni-

versally recognised interna-

tional norms, good governance,

and the rule of law and follow

principles of openness, trans-

parency and financial sustain-China subsequently faced crit-

icism that the BRI projects in smaller countries like Sri Lanka, especially for its takeover of the Hambantota for a 99-year lease as a debt swap turned out to be debt traps resulting in a deep financial crisis in both smaller countries. three annual high-profile meetto voice its opposition to it both in the BRICS and Shanghai US the proposal to join BRI through an "objective lens" and "risk management".

Indian diplomats here point out that besides staying away from ings of the BRI in Beijing in the past few years, India continued Cooperation Organisation, Trade Representative Katherine Tai recently urged Brazil to view

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

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

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

order. This trend is something

that Washington cannot stop

"Currently, the US is attempting to build a "small yard, The Foreign Ministry wrote on high fence" against China in Brazil and other Latin American countries", it said. The cooperation between China and Brazil not only aligns with the interests of both countries but also meets sures". It didn't elaborate. the need for the Global South At the same time, German to build a more just and equi-Ambassador Markus Potzel table international economic "protested in the strongest

Germany recalls envoy from Iran

AP BERLIN

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

the social network X that Iran's charge d'affaires in Berlin was summoned to hear "our sharp protest" against Tehran's action and added that it reserves the right to take "further mea-

terms against the murder of Jamshid Sharmahd" to the Iranian foreign minister, it

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

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

He was one of several Iranian

dissidents abroad in recent

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

Trump, Harris trade bitter attacks as US Presidential election race enters last leg

s the US presidential race enters the Alast leg, Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump traded bitter attacks while racing to woo the voters in key battleground states that could decide the outcome of the razor-tight contest.

On Monday, Trump, the Republican nominee, addressed a rally at the McCamish Pavilion on the campus of the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta where he rejected attempts by Democrats to compare him with the Nazis. "The newest line from Kamala and her campaign is that anyone who isn't voting for her is a Nazi," he said at

Georgia is one of the seven key battleground states that could decisively swing the November 5 election in favour of either candidate.

"I am not a Nazi ... I am the opposite of a Nazi," the former Republican President said. Trump also slammed Harris for calling him a fascist. "She is a fascist." Following Trump's Sunday rally at Madison Square Garden in New York, Harris's campaign team likened it to a 1939 Nazi gathering at the venue. In that rally, Trump also announced a slew of major policies, including on tax. 'I am announcing a new policy today that I will support a tax credit for family caregivers who take care of a parent or a loved one," he said. Harris on Monday campaigned in Michigan, another battleground state. At a rally in Warren, she highlighted

how the Biden administration focused on creating more jobs in the state. "He (Trump) is not working for or con-

cerned about working people, middleclass people," she said, training her guns on the Republican leader. The US presidential race remained very tight with both Harris and Trump locked in a dead heat for the popular votes in most swing states. The final nationwide CNN poll found this week that 47 per cent of likely voters support Harris and an equal 47 would endorse Trump in the elections. In the final New York Times/Siena College national poll from October 20 to 23, the two aspirants are tied at 48 per cent. The remaining four per cent

are yet to decide on their preference A separate poll conducted by the Financial Times and the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business, showed that 44 per cent of respondents trust Trump to handle the economy as

opposed to 43 per cent for Harris. An analysis by FiveThirtyEight poll tracker, however, showed that Harris is having a slight edge over Trump with 1.7 percentage points. To win the race for the White House, the successful candidate will have to secure 270 of the 538 electoral votes up for grabs. The seven key swing states which are seen to be crucial to determine the election results are Georgia, Michigan, Arizona, Pennsylvania, North Wisconsin and Nevada.

Duterte's jarring testimony into drug killings relives nightmare for many

The cockiness, expletives and threats unleashed by former President Rodrigo Duterte in a Senate inquiry brought back the nightmare of the bloody "war on drugs" for many families of the thousands of victims who were gunned down under his rule. Speaking under oath in Monday's

televised hearing into the killings, a defiantly combative Duterte $returned \ \dot{to} \ the \ national \ spotlight$ for the first time since leaving office in 2022 with little show of remorse. He got away with it again, critics say.

"If I'm given another chance, I'll wipe all of you," Duterte, 79, who is seeking a new term as mayor of his southern home city of Davao next year, said of drug dealers and criminals.

Duterte again denied that he authorized extrajudicial killings of drug suspects, saying there were no "state-sponsored killings". But he acknowledged that as mayor of Davao, before becoming president, he kept a small "death squad" of gangsters whom he had ordered to eliminate other criminals.

Duterte's profanity-laced out-bursts scared Randy delos Santos, who was invited by the Senate to speak about the killing of his nephew, Kian, by police under Duterte's "war on drugs". It felt, he said, like a nightmare had returned.

'I had this frightening feeling that thousands of innocent people may be gunned down again," delos Santos told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "I was wondering why he was allowed to speak with disrespect and given a stage to vent his past excuses.

The thousands of killings which human rights groups estimate could exceed 20,000 under Duterte were unprecedented in recent Philippine history and triggered an International Criminal Court investigation as a possible crime against human-

They have also become a delicate

NOTICE is hereby given to the General Public that Ms. Aditi Pancharia & Mr. Jitendra Kumar Pancharia (hereinafter "Seller") intends to sell the Freehold Residential Flat No. F-3 on First Floor area Pancharia (hereinatter "Seller") intends to sell the freehold Residential Flat No. F-3 on First Floor area 39.81 sq. mtr. of built on Plot No. F-57, situated at Block-F. Dishad Colony, New Delhi-110095. The property belonged to Mrs. Gaytri W/o Mr. Jitendra Kumar and upon her death, the Seller acquired the title to the property by virtue of Surviving Member(s) Certificate bearing reference no. 20660000207389 dated 12.10.2023. The property is now being sold to Mr. Zahir Abbas. & Mrs. Ramijanu. (Intending Borrowers), and being financed by SMFG India Home Finance Co. Ltd. General Public hereby informed that if anybody has any claim or objection upon the said property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners, or encumbrance, however or otherwise, is required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publica-tion of this notice with supporting documents. After the expiration of notice period, the claim(s), if any documents. After the expiration of notice period, the claim(s), if any documents. After the expiration of notice period, the claim(s), if any documents. After the such person shall be treated as null and void and be

TAPAN RAGHAV (Advocate G-220, Karkardooma Court, Delhi- 110032

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Maneesh Jain S/o Mahesh Iain R/O Panchsheel Primrose, Opposite Govindpuram Anai Mandi Hapur Ghaziabad-201002 (U.P.) hereby declare that my Son's educational governments documents name has been wrongly written in as Manish Jain instead of Maneesh Jain henceforth both the name Manish Jain and Maneesh Jain both are

same and one person. My correct name is Maneesh Jain. PD(888)C

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Be it known to all that our clients, Mr. Son rchaser") intend to purchase the said floo and Mrs. Surinder Kaur, all legal heirs of late Mr. Gurcharan Singh (hereinafter called the eller"). In this connection, the seller have formed the purchaser that they are the joir wners of the said floor. They further informe ne purchaser that earlier, the said floor wa wned by Ms Sushma Sharma W/o M ukhdev Raj Sharma vide POA docume iz., GPA, ATS and Will dated 12/09/1997. Sushma Sharma expired and the said floo was inherited by her legal heirs viz., Mr. Girish Sharma, Ms Pooja Arora, and Mr. Sukhdev Raj. Later on, Mr. Girish Sharma, Ms Pooja Arora relinquished their shares in the said floor in favour of Mr. Sukhdev Raj vide Relinquishment Deed registered as Document No. 15211 on 21/12/2017 Subsequently, Mr. Sukhdev Raj sold the said floor to Mr. Mahinder Kumar Gupta vide Sale Deed registered as Document No. 6029 datec 27/04/2018 and Shri Mahinder Kumar Gupta sold the said floor to Mr. Gurcharan Singh vide Sale Deed registered as document No. 8923 Add Book No. 1, Volume No. 7631, pages 191-198 on 21/06/2018 (SRO-VI-A). Mr. Gurcharan Singh expired and after his death. shma Sharma expired and the said flo

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(IICA), Plot No. 6.7. 8. Sector 5. IMT Manesa District Gurgaon (Haryana), Pin Code-122050 within twenty one days from the date

publication of this notice, with a copy to the

recently a drug den was raided within the Malacanang complex," Duterte said, referring to the presidential palace in Manila. "Purveyors of this menace are back in business. Duterte has previously accused

with the United States and its Western allies. 'It's unfortunate that drug-related crimes are on the rise again. Everyday you can read about children being raped, people getting killed and robbed and just

fault line in the increasingly hos-

tile rivalry between Duterte and

his children, including Vice

President Sara Duterte, and President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.

They had a bitter political fallout

over key issues. While Duterte

had nurtured cozy ties with

Chinese President Xi Jinping

Putin, Marcos has broadened

defense and military relations

and Russian leader Vladimir

Marcos of being a drug addict and weak leader. Marcos had retorted that Duterte was a user of fentanyl, a painkiller and powerful opioid. Looking frail and misstating his age as 73 at one point, the daylong Senate hearing also served as the latest reality check on the political restraints that Duterte and his family face after he relinquished his grip on

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway, Trainset Depot, Shakurbas for and on behalf of President of India, invites GeM portal (https://gem.gov.in) fo

Provision for mechanized cleaning and OBHS services of Vande the Work | Bharat Rakes at Trainset Depot, Shakurbasti for a period of 4 years Approximate Cost ₹41,17,91,202,80 (including GST) ₹22,08.960/ Completion Period of work Date & Time for opening of Tender 18.11.2024 at 19:30 hrs. Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender No.: 258856DSLSSBR Dated : 29.10.2024

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Form No. URC-2 Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI ursuant to section 374(b) of the companies Act. 2013 and rule 4(1) of the companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014]

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of s section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act 2013, an application has been made to the Registrar at Registrar of Companies, Central Registration centre that M/s Uttam Chand Rakesh Kumar a partnership firm may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the

Companies Act 2013, as a company limited The principal objects of the company are a

To prepare, manufacture, process, market trade, import, export, improve, sell or deals with agro/agri/food products including but not limited to spices, oil seeds, grains, vegetables, herbs, pickles, dry nuts and other items derived from agricultural, farming or relevant activities
A copy of the draft memorandum and articles association of the proposed company may be

. company at its registered office Name(s) of Applican For M/s Uttam Chand Rakesh Kuma 1. Mr. Rakesh Kumar Bhati

Dated this 29th Day of October 2024

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Tender No.: DCBL222024MLG; Name of Work: Conducting LiDAR Survey with Airborne ground surface survey, access the health of the bridges, Sub-Structure and Super-structure along with

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DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Residential house in the name of Mrs. Indrawati W/o Khajan Singh part of Khasra No. 426

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This case is very simple because America PAC and Musk are violating indisputably Pennsylvania's statutory prohibitions against illegal lotteries and deceiving consumers," the suit

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China to launch its 4th manned

March-2F carrier rocket, said Lin

Xiqiang, the deputy director of

CMSA, at a press conference at

the Jiuquan centre. Shenzhou-19

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(for immovable property) [(Rule 8(1)]

BARARI-MATHURA, Barari,under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of

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of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Securit

Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 18/12/202

ENTERPRISES GATE NO. 09, INFRONT, OF MOHINI PUMP, BHAGWATI NAGAR GATE NO. 9 BARARI MATHURA, UTTAR PRADESH, 281005;

VARSHA KUMARI D/O KHAJAN SINGH R/O BHAGWATI NAGAR GATE

NO. 9 BARARI MATHURA, UTTAR PRADESH, 281005 AND INDRAWATI

W/O KHAJAN SINGH R/O BHAGWATI NAGAR GATE NO. 9 BARARI

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on 20.12.2023 with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc ti

(1) The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to

the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken

possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the

(2) The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned

the charge of Indian Overseas Bank for an amount of Rs 16.94.236.17

Sixteen lakh, ninety-four thousand- two hundred and thirty six point one

seven) as on 16.12.2023 with interest thereon at contractual rates & rests as

till date of payment less repayments, if any, made after issuance of Demand Notice. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is Rs

18.85,325.00 payable with further interest at contractual rates & rests, charges

(3) The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of the

not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be

date of realization within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

MATHURA, UTTAR PRADESH, 281005, (hereinafter re-

said Rules on this 25" Day of October of the year (2024).

ed being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Overseas Bank

(CMSA) announced.

"totally inappropriate."

Some attending Musk's events have a different view. Michele Costantino, 64, a retired health care administrator from: Elverson, Pennsylvania, said she thought the giveaway was a

"I think he's playing the same game as the other side," said Costantino, standing outside Musk's rally Saturday in Lancaster. "If you need to flash some big money to get people's attention, I think it's a good idea." Musk's giveaway requires entrants to sign a petition backing the First and Second Amendments of the Constitution and calls for them to serve as spokespeople for the organization as a condition of

The woman awarded the USD 1 million check that was presented by Musk on stage Saturday in Lancaster declined to comment about it afterward to a reporter, saying she was directed to leave the town hall event before it was:

Musk, who founded SpaceX and Tesla and owns X, has gone all in on Trump this election, saying he thinks civilisation is at stake if he loses. He is undertaking much of the get-out-the-vote effort for Trump through his super PAC, which can raise and spend

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core module Tianhe in about 6.5

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craft, state-run Xinhua news

WAZIRABAD HARYANA the above-mentioned property i

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agency quoted Lin as saying.

Cornel West in digital ads aimed at young voters Democrats are spending about USD 5,00,000 for a

Democrats go after Jill Stein,

last-minute push to persuade voters in battleground states to reject third-party candidates Jill Stein and Cornel West, warning a vote for them will help Republican Donald Trump. The Democratic National Committee said Monday that the digital ads will run on Instagram and YouTube, targeting younger voters and college campuses. They use video of Trump from a June rally in Philadelphia, when he said: "Cornel West. He's one of my favourite candidates, Cornel West. And I like her also, Jill Stein, I like her very much. You

cent from them. He takes 100 per cent. Stung by narrow losses in 2000 and 2016 that they blame in part on support for Green Party nominees, Democrats have put a major emphasis this year on discouraging left-leaning voters from backing thirdparty candidates. They pushed back aggressively against No Labels, a nascent third-party movement, and the independent candidacy of Robert F. Kennedy Jr. before turning attention to Stein and West.

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Sd/- Superintending Engineer (E), (Port Electrical Division)

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given on behalf of SANGEETA who is purchasing the Property No.D-1/23-A, area measuring 60.25 Sq. Yds., out of Khasra No. 643, situated in the area of village Nawada, Majra Hastal, colony known as Nawada Extn., Uttam Nagar Delhi-110059, from MR. PRADEEP GUPTA who had ourchased the same by virtue GUPTA who had ourchased the same by virtue Nagar Delin-11009; irom MR. PRADELE GUPTA who had purchased the same by virtue of vide Notarized General Power of Attorney, Agreement to sell and Will date 18.06.1999 from Arun Kumar, and intend to mortgage against the financial assistance from Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited. To comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any Person having any type of claim/right/title/interest/creating mortgage over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below

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Chirag Delhi, New Delhi-110017.

LESS TRACK

E-Tender Notice No. GMW-072024-MLG Dated: 28-10-2024. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: Tender No GMW-072024-MLG. Name of work: (a) Provision of Ballast Less Track at loop line no. 1,2,3 & 5 at Dibrugarh in Tinsukia Division. (B) Provision of Ballast Less Track at New Tinsukia yard (L/No. 1,2,3) at Safrai, Selenghat (L/No.1) in Tinsukia Division. Approximate Tender Value: ₹45,96,13,468.11/-, Earnest Money: ₹24,48,100/-. Date & Time of Closing of Tender: 15.00 hrs. of 22-11-2024 & opening at 15.05 hrs. of 22-11-2024. The complete information with tender documents of above e-tender will be available in website www.ireps.gov.in. Deputy Chief Engineer/Track, Maligaon

pressure to vote for the "lesser evil" between Trump and Democrat Kamala Harris, alleging both are "genocidal candidates" because of their support for Israel. vote for what we want. "There is absolutely nothing to lose," she added.

No.EM/PED/TECH-07/2023/423, dt.17.10.2024 Name of the Work "Design, Engineering, Procurement and Supply, Construction, Erection Testing, Commissioning and Comprehensive Operation and Maintenance for 10 Years of 10 MW (AC)/12 MWp Solar Photovoltaid Grid-Connected Power Plant at Paradio Por Authority". Estimated Cost: Rs.87.63 Crore/dt.20/11/2024 Up to 18:00 Hrs. refer our website for details https://eprocure.gov.in/

mortgage over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within 7 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien etc. Lucem Legal LLP Plot No.136, (Basement) Uday Park, New Delhi-110049, Contact # 011-40046316

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Tender Notice No.: DCBI /13/2024 MLG, Date: 25-10-2024. E-Tender are nvited by the undersigned for the following work: Tender No. DCBL292024MLG; Name of Work Manufacturing, Supplying and installation of Pathway in Plate & Composite Girder Bridges, Man refuge n PSC Girder Bridges in NFR under Dy.CE/BR/LINE. Approximate Tender Value: ₹ 44,23,35,178.89/-; Earnest noney: ₹ 23,61,700/-;

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143UP) by doing instrumentation and REM analysis as per relevent Railway ₹3.92.500/-: Tender No.: DCBL312024MLG; Name

The tender document can be received upto 18-11-2024 at 15:00 hrs. Date & time of opening of tender at 15:05 hrs. on

Dv. CE/Bridge-Line, Maligaor

Sd/- Authorised Officer

the capital city of Georgia. Philadelphia DA sues Elon Musk's America PAC over its \$1m giveaway

The district attorney of Philadelphia has filed a lawsuit to halt $\bar{\text{Elon}}$ Musk 's USD 1 million giveaways as part of his political organisation's effort boosting Donald Trump's presidential campaign.

The suit by Democratic District Attorney Larry Krasner is the first legal action to be brought over the America PAC's sweepstakes offering USD 1 million every day until November 5 to a person in a battleground state who has signed a petition supporting the Constitution.

Krasner's office said the lawsuit, coming just over a week before Election Day, doesn't preclude potential criminal action.

The Philadelphia District Attorney is charged with protecting the public from public nuisances and unfair trade practices, including illegal lotteries. The DA ment published on its website.

is also charged with protecting the public from interference with the integrity of elections," Krasner's office said in a state-A spokesperson for the billionaire tech mogul's America PAC, emailed for comment on the law-

suit and asked if the cash awards

would continue, responded with

a link to an X post, which

showed the latest USD 1 million

winner holding an oversize

Uplans to launch its fourth

manned mission to replace the

crew of its space station and

named a three-member squad,

including a woman, to man the

low-orbit station for the next six

months. China's crewed space-ship Shenzhou-19 is scheduled to

be launched at 4.27 a.m.(Beijing

Time) on Wednesday from the

Iiuguan Satellite Launch Centre

in the country's northwest, the

Before the lawsuit, election law experts raised questions that it violates federal law barring anyone from paying a person to vote or register to vote. The issue, they say, is that winning the award requires contestants to be registered to vote in one of a handful of battleground states. Musk has cast the money as both a prize as well as earnings for work as a spokesperson for the group.

But the lawsuit makes clear that it's not about vote-buying. Instead, the DA says, the case centers on running a lottery.

winners are selected. Reflecting the state's importance in the election, both Harris and Trump have made numerous recent visits to Pennsylvania, including Trump's photo op at a suburban Philadelphia McDonald's and Harris' Sunday visit in the city that included stops

winning.

ing his ballot Monday, President unlimited sums of money.

: Stein was the Green Party

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श्री आदेश जैन पंच/पंच पैनल वादी/CLAIMANTS:

Mansarovar Building 90, Nehru Place New Delhi 110019 Through Its Prop Sh.

Jatin Arora प्रतिवादी / RESPONDENTS: 1. M/s. Aanchal Chanda LLC, Plot No.916/5 Karkhana Bagh Mathura Road Old Faridahad -121002

Through Its Proprietor Poonan Poonam Chanda Proprietor M/s Aanchal Chanda LLC, R/o House

No.919 Sector 15. Faridabad H.R 121002

PUBLIC NOTICE

Wy client Sh. Subhash S/o Sh. Ram Kishan owner of a Plot area measuring 305 sq. yds. i.e. 0 Biga 2 Biswa 2 Biswansi i.e. 2/16 Share of Kita 1 area 0 Bigha 16 Biswa, out of Khewat / Khata no. 173/203, Khasra no. 324 (0-16) Waka Sivana Mauja Nathupur Tehsil Wajirabad District Gurugram Haryana Through Registered Transfer Deed Dated 11 0.8 2021 executed by Sh. Ram Kishan S/o Sh. Sunehri in favour of Sh. Subhash S/o Sh. Ram Kishan Vide Reg. no.5838, at SR-WAZIRASAD HARYMA kite above: mentioned property is (FOR PUBLICATION) The Claiments have filed subject case walkingbu man har have a labove - membrane a google to be mortgage with Fedbank Financial Services Limited. If any person/bank/financial institution having any claim/right, lien, any objection whatsoever in regard to the above properly, should notified to the undersigned/Adv. Vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardooma agianst you before the D.H.M.A for Arbitral Award. Hence you are directed to before above mentione Arbitrator/Panel of Arbitrators on 05-1 2024 at 04:00 O'clock in person of through your authorised representative to represent yourself & to reply the same. In case of your absense, the matter will be

undersigned/Adv. Vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-110092 along with documentary evidence under address through registered within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which any claim lien or objection shall be deemed to have been waived. Adv. Vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-110092; Mobile No. 9811215181 कार्यालय नगर निगम, देहरादून

सार्वजनिक निविदा सूचना। नगर निगम क्षेत्रान्तर्गत राजपुर रोड पर विभिन्न 7 स्थलों पर निविदा के माध्यम से पार्किंग संचालन हेतु अनुबन्ध की तिथि से कुल 02 वर्ष हेतु निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि से दिनांक 12.11.2024 की अपरान्ह 2.00 बजे तक ई० निविदायें आमंत्रित की

(2) पंजाब ज्वैलर्स के सामने से होटल पार्क व्यू तक राजपुर रोड तथा गांधी पार्क के आगे राजपुर रोड पर-80 टू व्हीलर तथा 35 फोर व्हीलर

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निविदा के साथ निविदा सूचना प्रपत्र में निर्धारित धनराशि रू०— 400000 / — की एफ०डी०आर० / सी०डी०आर० तथा निविदा शुल्क का डिमांड ड्राफ्ट रू0—11,800 / – जो वरिष्ठ वित्त अधिकारी, नगर निगम, देहरादून के नाम प्लेज होगी। निविदायें ई॰निविदा के माध्यम से निर्धारित तिथि एवं समय पर उपलब्ध करायी जायेगी। निविदादाता को निविदा हेतु निर्धारित शुल्क का डिमांड ड्राफ्ट / एफ०डी०आर० को मूल रूप में दिनांक 11.11.2024 की अपरान्ह 4.00 बजे तक निगम कार्यालय में जमा कराना अनिवार्य होगा जिसका परीक्षण दिनांक 12.11.2024 की सांय 4.00 बजे गठित समिति के समक्ष किया जायेगा। तकनीकी निविदा के परीक्षण के उपरान्त तकनीकी निविदा में सफल निविदादाताओं की वित्तीय निविदा समिति द्वारा खोली जायेगी। निविदा प्रपत्र एवं शर्ते विज्ञप्ति प्रकाशन की तिथि से यू०के० टैन्डर की वेबसाईट से भी डाउनलोड की जा सकती है अथवा किसी भी कार्येदिवस में नगर निगम कार्यालय से प्राप्त की जा सकती है। निविदा ई॰निविदा के माध्यम से www.uktenders.gov.in पर उपलब्ध करायी नगर आयुक्त, नगर निगम, देहरादून

1,32,000 votes across Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania. Democrat Hillary Clinton lost by a combined 77,000 votes in those states. This year, Stein has broadened the Green Party's

Israel and its military strikes in Gaza, Lebanon and elsewhere. Critiques of Israel and support for Palestinians made up the bulk of her 45-minute appearance at a coffee shop in suburban Phoenix on Monday. Stein urged dozens of supporters not to be intimidated by

> "If we are to be a democracy we have to stand up for what we want," Stein said. "We have to

traditional pro-environment

base by fiercely denouncing

gain by voting for either one of them and there's everything to PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY

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

Sanchez on Tuesday said he looks forward to advancing EU-India FTA negotiations highlighting the "enormous" potential for a stronger relationship between India and the 27-nation European Union bloc, including Spain. The European Union (EU)-

India proposed a free trade agreement (FTA) aimed at further boosting bilateral trade and investments between the two regions. The two sides are negotiating FTA, investment protection treaty agreement indications

(GIs)."The potential for a

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stronger relationship between India and the European Union (including enormous. Spain is one of the largest economies in the world and has invested USD 4.2 billion in India... We look forward to advancing negotiations on a European Union-India free trade agreement. This will help our markets grow in size and



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

"We have a lot to offer to India with our experience in solar and wind power. Our expertise can help India reach its goal of 500 gigawatts of renewable energy by 2030. We are committed to partnering with India to boost its energy

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

.He expressed willingness on part of Spanish engineering firms in terms of sharing their expertise in creating efficient and sustainable transport systems. During the summit, Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways of India, said, "Our Prime Minister's dream is to make India carbon neutral by 2070. Whether it's fossil fuel or energy, green energy and green mobility are now priorities. I am pleased that technologies available in Spain that have great potential in India. Joint ventures can reduce costs and increase

competitiveness in the global

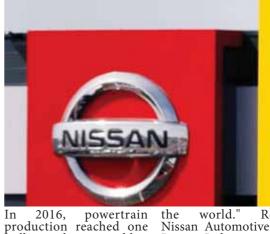
Renault Nissan Automotive's Tamil Nadu plant produces over 45 lakh units

The manufacturing facility of automaker Renault Nissan Automotive India Pvt Ltd in Tamil Nadu has reached a milestone of producing over 45 lakh powertrain units since commencing operation in 2010, the company said. The 600 acre facility at

Oragadam near here, caters to domestic and overseas market requirements for Renault and Nissan. Since the

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

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



world." Nissan Automotive India Pvt Ltd managing director Keerthi Prakash said."Looking to the future, as part of the USD

produces various engine units and components to other countries around parts, such as cylinder head, cylinder block at

Government asks manufacturers to

cut price of three anti-cancer drugs

perfect dimensions at the machining shop and

1500 cc. It also houses facilities required for manufacturing gearboxes including gear and shaft machining, clutch house machining and gear heat treatment, the statement

million milestone and has also produced more than assembling them at the Assembly shop. The plant has the capacity to produce engines with ranges from 800 cc to 1.60 lakh units of "electric reducer vehicle reducer components" for exports. "The production of 4.5 million powertrain units is a very important milestone for RNAIPL. In addition to powering the cars produced at our Chennai plant, we have also exported powertrain 600 million investment announced by the Renault Nissan alliance, we are readying our infrastructure to produce the engines and gearboxes for our new models," he added. The facility also also exported powertrain

No shortage of crude oil in world: Hardeep Singh Puri

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

Referring to geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, the minister said it was his personal assessment that things will calm down, noting that it is in everybody's interest not to allow exaggeration to take place because everyone suffers.

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



amount of crude, which was produced in the world, was close to 105 million barrels a day. OPEC+, a group of tensions. What happens in producing countries, voluntarily cut about 5 million barrels (a day).

"If you talk to them, they will say they do not deal with prices but if you limit the quantity which comes into the market, then you are obviously affecting prices. It

came down to 97 (million barrels)," he said.

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

refiners' margin and dealers'

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

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

"We have about 270 million metric tonnes per annum and are already raising it to 310. "There is enough crude available in the market, there is enough refining capacity and we have a very good distributors network. We have a very good arrangement with them. So there is no apprehension there," the minister said.

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

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

getting another 4,00,000 barrels a day. The US is likely Durvalumab. This is in pursuance to the to bring more oil to the market," he said. announcement made in the Union Budget for the year

Osimertinib

drugs,

The government has asked the companies to reduce prices of three anti-cancer

drugs to pass on the benefit of

customs duty exemption and

GST reduction to the

In line with the government's

commitment to ensure the

availability of drugs at

affordable prices, the National

Authority (NPPA) has issued

an office memorandum

directing the concerned

manufacturers to reduce the

MRP on three anti-cancer

Pricing

Trastuzumab,

consumers.

Pharmaceutical



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

duties should be passed on to the consumers," the ministry Hence, NPPA has directed all the manufacturers of above-

mentioned drugs to reduce their MRP, it added. manufacturers required to issue a price list or supplementary price list to

the dealers, state drugs controllers and government indicating changes and to submit information regarding price changes to ministry said.

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

IRF seeks reduction of GST on helmets to zero per cent

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

To enhance road safety and protect consumers from substandard helmets, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs (MCA) has written to district collectors (DCs) and district magistrates (DMs) to launch a



nationwide campaign targeting manufacturers and who sell nonretailers compliant helmets for twowheeler riders.

"IRF welcomes the campaign against substandard helmets but also demands reduction of GST on helmets to zero per cent from the present 18 per cent as India accounts for

about 11 per cent of road accident deaths worldwide, IRF President Emeritus K K Kapila said in a statement. Kapila added that helmet

usage in India has been found to be low and it has been noticed that most twowheeler riders fall in the economically weaker and lower income groups and prefer to purchase helmets that are cheaper and inferior in quality.

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

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

in India.

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

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

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

Deepesh Nanda, CEO & MD,



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

Ultra-luxury real estate market gains momentum

PNS NEW DELHI

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

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

affluent buyers and set new standards for luxury living.The five-year expansion strategy includes acquiring prime land across Golf Course Road, Southern Peripheral Road, South Delhi, and the Noida Expressway. Targeting high-end clientele, KREEVA plans to launch at least one flagship project each year, with a commitment to innovation, exclusivity, and sustainability. Dr. Gautam Kanodia, Founder of KREEVA and Kanodia Group, stated, "We see immense potential in the evolving luxury market. Our projects will redefine luxury living through excellence and sustainable practices." KREEVA CEO Mayank Jain added, "Our goal is to deliver projects that exceed market expectations, reinforcing KREEVA's reinforcing position in the segment.

Significant growth opportunity for renewable energy sector in India

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There is significant growth 1 opportunity renewable energy sector in India, as the country's growing energy demand along with industrialization needs all resources of energy, including solar and wind, according to an international sustainable development agency in Vienna.

The Indian government has shown both a deep as well as a continued commitment to renewable energy, Kanika Chawla, Director and Chief of Staff at 'Sustainable

Energy For All' (SEforALL). Speaking to PTI on the sidelines of Singapore International Energy Week held in October 21-25, Chawla said there is more manufacturing (renewable energy) happening within India which also improves security and reduces import dependence.

"India is using policies like performance-linked



compared to thermal. India is also exploring geothermal options in Himachal Pradesh, Kashmir and Ladakh, she said, adding that the offshore exploration underway for wind energy, and the large-scale options are available in Gujarat and

Tamil Nadu.

a very price sensitive market and as such calls for reducing the cost of renewable energy

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

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

Chawla. However, India will have to and security concerns. manufacturing. All this is She noted that India remains learn from the global subsea Comparatively, solar projects

projects and technologies for such transmission methods.

and efforts that underway, such partnerships with international companies and technological transfer

She noted priorities set by

the Green Hydrogen Mission

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

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

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

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

They announced a Net Zero target year of 2070.

I-T department notifies range for transfer pricing cases

PTI NEW DELHI

 $T^{\text{he income tax department}}_{\text{has notified the tolerance}}$ range for variation between arm's length price and transfer pricing for international and specified domestic transactions for Assessment Year 2024-25.

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

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

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

INBRIEF

POWERGRID EMBARKS VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK

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



D-ZONE YOUTH FESTIVAL FROM OCTOBER 29



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

CELESTIAL CARNIVAL ORGANIZED AT GNDU

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



SPANIARDS RODRI, BONMATÍ WIN BALLON D'OR AWARD

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

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

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

"Incredible night for me," said Rodri, who is out for the season after injuring his ACL last month and arrived on crutches to the ceremony.

"One of my key things is I always try to improve every

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

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

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

winner Natalie Portman.

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

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

cup and the Champions a person who works with League. Bonmatí joined Barca Vinícius and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak about the player's whereabouts publicly.

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

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

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

times with him in the side, while his excellent technical ability enabled him to slot smoothly into the quickpassing style made so effective



by Spain at Euro 2024. Bonmatí scored 19 goals for

the second straight season for Barca and this year has netted five in five games for Spain, taking her international tally to 26.

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

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

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

and Barca won the best women's team award.

Real Madrid was voted the best men's team. Former PSG forward Kylian

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

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

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

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



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

PTI ■ BENGALURU

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

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

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

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

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

"At least 12 players in the team were playing a big tournament for the first time. They had earlier played the Test series but they were new to a tournament setup. Sree bhai

(Sreejesh) is the best mentor we could have had," Ali said. "He constantly spoke to us about enjoying the matches and we played without taking any pressure. This was largely why we bounced back even after conceding goals and ended up winning those matches too," said the member of the Indian team that won the Sultan of Johor Cup in

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

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

The Junior Asia Cup begins on November 26 in Muscat,

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

"Being in the same campus as the senior team helps us a lot. Even for me personally, the experience I gained playing with the senior team has helped in guiding the newcomers in the junior side. I have learnt a lot from Harmanpreet Singh and Manpreet," he said.





PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

The Indo-Aussie duo secured their place

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

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

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

Bopanna and Ebden launched their season with a bang, winning the Australian Open as the Indian became the oldest man at 43 years, 331 days to become a world No 1. Bopanna and Ebden later added a Miami Open title to their resume. They also reached the final in Adelaide and the semi-finals at Roland Garros. This marks their second consecutive year qualifying for the ATP Finals; in 2023,

before being defeated by Granollers and For Bopanna, this event holds special significance as he eyes his maiden ATP

Finals title Previously, he finished as the finalist in 2012 with Mahesh Bhupathi and again in

2015 alongside Florin Mergea. Bopanna's ATP Finals journey began in 2011 with Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi.

Top-ranked Jannik

Masters, citing a virus.

Sinner pulls out of Paris

Masters citing "a virus"

Top-seeded Jannik Sinner has pulled out of the Paris

The Italian player, who is

guaranteed to finish the year as

No. 1, said in a message relayed

by organizers that he is unable

to play this week.
"I came very early here to prepare then I fell sick, I'm

having a virus at the moment,

which is going to pass the next

two-three days, so body-wise

I'm not ready to compete,"

Sinner is the second high-

profile player to pull out of the final Masters 1000 event of the

year following seven-time champion Novak Djokovic.

Sinner earlier this month beat

Djokovic in straight sets to win

the Shanghai Masters, giving

the Italian his tour-leading

Sinner became the first man to

win more than six titles in a

season since Andy Murray

Sinner's victory came after he

lost the final of the China

Open in Beijing to Carlos Alcaraz and amid an ongoing

seventh title of the season.

won nine in 2016.

doping case.

Sinner said.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mohun Bagan Super Giant have netted six times from setpieces in the current campaign — the highest amongst all teams. Three of these goals

have come from corners, showing that the Hyderabad FC backline will have to be extra cautious in their defensive play from such

situations. The Mariners' skill in creating effective attacks from open plays and set-pieces shows their unique strength when

playing cohesively. The two sides have played 12 games in the ISL, with Hyderabad FC winning twice. Mohun Bagan have been triumphant on five occasions, whereas five games have

resulted in a draw Hyderabad FC head coach Thangboi Singto has praised strategies to perfection. He has appreciated individuals for understanding their roles well and hopes that the trend continues in the coming games

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

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

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

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

Tsitsipas overcomes stomach problem to win Paris opener

Stefanos Tsitsipas overcame an upset stomach to beat Roberto Carballes Baena 4-6 6-3 6-3 in the first round of going step by step in the match | the Paris Masters and stay in season-ending ATP finals.

Tsitsipas has reached the Paris semifinals in the last two years and needs another deep run to have a chance of qualifying for the ATP finals tournament for the top eight players in Turin next month. But he said his stomach problem created a "second battle" in addition to his opponent on Monday.

I couldn't even pump myself up at the beginning of the because match. when something is bothering you that much, it takes your entire concentration and focus," Tsitsipas said. American Tommy Paul's hopes of American qualifying for Turin ended with a 6-3 7-5 loss to French veteran Adrian Mannarino.

Earlier, local favourite Hugo Humbert needed more than two hours to beat the 35thranked Brandon Nakashima 6-3 4-6 6-4.

Humbert, who saved two break points in the decider, extended his unbeaten record against Nakashima to 3-0. He will next take on another American player, Marcos Giron, who defeated Shang



Juncheng 7-6(6) 7-6(6). Dutchman Tallon Griekspoor also advanced with a 6-3 6-4 win over Luciano Darderi beat Argentina Zhizhen 6-3 Etcheverry will next face Grigor Dimitrov.

setting up a second-round meeting with third-seeded Alexander Zverev - and Tomas Martin Etcheverry of Zhang 7-6(6).

Among those progressing Monday were also Francisco Cerundolo of Argentina, France and Australian Jordan

Thompson. Defending champion Novak Djokovic is skipping the tournament this year. Jannik Sinner, who is guaranteed to finish the year at the No. 1 spot in the ATP rankings, is the top-seeded player in Paris. Sinner, Carlos Alcaraz, Zverev and Daniil Medvedev have already secured their spot at the ATP finals from November 10-17.



ninth place in the list of top scorers in the Premier League with 57 goals. Since the start of the 2023-24 season, United has a goal difference of minus 4, having scored 65 goals and conceded 69.

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

According to Opta, the Premier League's stats supplier, United has faced 1,739 shots in their 128 games under Erik ten Hag. Man City has faced 717 fewer shots despite playing six more games in that time.

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

season. The 4-0 loss at Brentford was arguably the worst under Ten Hag until United arrived at Anfield for a match against its fiercest rival, Liverpool, last season. United lost 7-0 for its heaviest defeat to Liverpool and its worst competitive defeat in

start with back-to-back losses to

Brighton and Brentford in the

Premier League in the 2022-23

more than 90 years.

The statistics that show how badly Manchester United struggled under Erik ten Hag **AP** ■ MANCHESTER (ENGLAND) group, the most goals it has ever

 $M_{20\text{-time}}^{\text{anchester}}$ United, the record champion, is searching for a sixth permanent manager since Alex Ferguson's retirement in 2013 following the firing of Erik ten Hag. Here are the statistics that show how

low things got at United under Ten Hag - and what his successor will need to improve on:

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

After seven games, United had collected eight points - its fewest in the Premier League era (since 1992) by that stage of a season and its lowest tally since the team had United conceded 15 goals in that

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

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

EUROPEAN FAILURE: It didn't

get any better in Europe for Ten Hag. United finished in last place in its Champions League group last season even though it contained outsiders like FC Copenhagen and

Galatasaray.

conceded in a single Champions League group stage. It was also a record for an English club. This season, United has drawn each

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

WHERE ARE THE GOALS?:

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

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

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

ustralian all-rounder AGlenn Maxwell has revealed that Virat Kohli had blocked him on Instagram after he mocked the Indian batting maestro following his shoulder injury during the 2017 Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

Kohli and Maxwell were not the best of friends until the

the best of friends until the Australian joined IPL franchise Royal Challengers Bengaluru in 2021 for a whopping Rs 14.25 crore.

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

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



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

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

"I'm sure he's on social media somewhere, so I didn't think anything of it. Not really that

maybe he wasn't savvy with Instagram.

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

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

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

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

enough. So yeah, he (then) ended up unblocking me, and we became great friends after

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

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

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



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

 $R^{\text{ookie pacer Harshit Rana}}_{\text{will join the Indian squad ahead of the third Test against}}$ New Zealand in Mumbai after starring in Delhi's first outright win of the ongoing Ranji Trophy season.

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

at home in 12 years. Rana will join the Indian squad in Mumbai on Wednesday, two days before the match gets underway at the Wankhede Stadium. But it remains unclear if his presence in the dressing room will be as a reserve or as a member.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rizwan was initially

accepted Pak white-

ball captaincy: Source

Rizwan, after initial reluctance,

has agreed to the PCB's new selection policy and will not

have any voting right in the short-listing of touring squads

or the playing eleven, according to a source in the

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reluctant but later

\(\Captain

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

PTI DUBAI

India off-spinner Deepti Sharma has been rewarded for her excellent recent form as she moved up two places to reach career-high second spot in the latest ICČ women's ODI rankings for bowlers on Tuesday

On the back of some strong performances in the recent ICC Women's T20 World Cup in the UAE, Deepti has been one of India's best players through the opening two matches of her side's ongoing white-ball series against New Zealand at home.

Deepti has three wickets from two matches against the White Ferns at a miserly economy rate of 3.42.

places to move to second on the table, and the senior India spinner has closed in on England tweaker and No.1 ranked ODI bowler Sophie Ecclestone.

There is also some movement outside the top 10, with the New Zealand trio of Lea Tahuhu (up three places to

spot to 13th) and Sophie Devine (up nine rungs to equal 30th) building on their recent success at the T20 World Cup. Devine (up three rungs to eighth) and Kerr (up one spot to 11th) also gain some ground on the latest list for ODI batters, with compatriots Suzie Bates (up two spots to equal 15th) and Maddy Green (up seven places to 18th) making gains following some decent scores against India.

Right-hander Jemimah Rodrigues (up three rungs to equal 30th) is the big winner on the ODI batter rankings from an India perspective, while Deepti (up one place to third) and Devine (up two spots to seventh) both make some ground on the latest list I all-rounders

There is also some joy for a pair of Zimbabwe players, with Chipo Mugeri-Tiripano gaining 21 spots to move to 28th on the batter rankings and teammate Josephine Nkomo improving 13 places to move to 32nd on the list for ODI bowlers after some impressive efforts in their

Paine says he doesn't regret sledging Ashwin in 2020-21 Sydney Test

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Australia $F^{ormer} \begin{tabular}{ll} Australia & captain & and \\ wicketkeeper \begin{tabular}{ll} batter Tim Paine doesn't \\ \end{tabular}$ regret sledging Ravichandran Ashwin during the third Test of the 2020-21 Border-Gavaskar Trophy, saying he did it to unsettle the India off-spinner, who was "annoying" him by getting his wicket

After losing the series opener at Adelaide, India defied all odds to clinch the series 2-1. Ashwin played a vital role in drawing the third Test in Sydney, batting for 42.4 overs with an aching back alongside Hanuma Vihari.

After failing to break Ashwin's resolve with the bat, Paine started poking the Indian



from behind the stumps. "I can't wait to get you to the Gabba, Ash, I'll tell you what, woohoo," Paine said ahead of an over from off-spinner Nathan Lyon.

But Paine does not regret it. "No, I don't because to this day Ashwin didn't play in that (Brisbane) Test match. I wasn't talking to the Indians, I was talking

to him. I said we cannot wait to get you to the Gabba. "...Because he was annoying us, fair to say. He is a fantastic cricketer. He was getting me out all the time and that was annoying me as well," Paine said in a podcast of 'thegradecricketer'.

Ashwin too replied in kind to Paine, saying: "Just like we wanna get you to India. That will be your last series." Paine said the sledge was aimed at the Indian spinner. "But no, that was purely directed straight at him and he pulled out of that Test match because of back spasm." "Did I had a great game in that match? No, but I fronted up. Actually day one of the Test match he (Ashwin) was jogging laps. Those back spasms couldn't have been that



NZ batter Kane Williamson to miss third Test against India

batter Williamson will miss the third Test against India at Mumbai to ensure full recovery from a groin injury ahead of the home series versus England, starting from November 28. Williamson did not play in the

first two Tests against India, unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series. It also ended India's 18-series

winning streak at home dating back to 2012. The final Test of the rubber will

be played at the Wankhede Stadium from November 1. "Kane continues to show good signs, but isn't quite ready to 12th), Amelie Kerr (up one recent series against the USA. | jump on a plane and join us,"



NZ head coach Gary Stead said in a media release.

While things are looking promising, we think the best course of action is for him to stay in New Zealand and focus on the final part of his rehabilitation so he'll be good to go for England," Štead The first Test between New Zealand and England will be played at Christchurch.

The England series is still a month away so taking the cautious approach now will ensure he is ready for the first Test in Christchurch," Stead

The series defeat against the Black Caps has pruned India's year's World Test Championship (WTC) final despite still holding on to the top spot with 62.82 percentage

points. Now, they need to win the third Test against the Kiwis, and also ensure a series victory over Australia in the fivematch rubber starting next

Aussie wicketkeeper batter Matthew Wade retires, moves to coaching role

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Matthew Wade, a T20 World Cup winner in 2021, on Tuesday retired from international cricket, and will now start working in a coaching role in Australia's white-ball set-up. Wade, a wicketkeeper batter,

will join Australia's coaching staff under Andre Borovec for the upcoming T20I series against Pakistan, and the Tasmanian will also be with the group for the ODI series starting at Melbourne next week.

The 36-year-old has played 36 Tests, 97 ODIs and 92 T20Is in a career that spanned across 13 years, and his last appearance for the national team was in this year's T20 Word Cup.

However, Wade will continue to play domestic cricket for Tasmania and Big Bash League for Hobart Hurricanes at least for the next two seasons.

"I was fully aware my international days were most likely over at the end of the last World Cup. international retirement and coaching have been a constant conversation with George (Bailey) and Andrew

(McDonald) over the past six months," Wade said in a statement released by Cricket Australia.

"Coaching has been on my radar over the last few years and thankfully some great opportunities have come my way, for which I am very grateful and excited," he added.

left-handed batter The thanked CA and teammates for the support throughout his career. "As my international career

closes, I want to thank all of my Australian teammates, staff and coaches. I enjoyed the ride as challenging as it can be at international level," Wade said. "Without good people around me I would have never got as much out of myself as I did," he

added. Cricket Australia CEO Nick Hockley

"Congratulations to Matthew on what has been a wonderful international career during which his skill and versatility has made him an outstanding performer across all formats. 'I'm delighted he will add to his massive contribution by coaching the next generation of stars.

board.

"After discussions with the (Pakistan Cricket) Board chairman, Mohsin Naqvi, and senior selector, Aaqib Javed, Riwan agreed to the new system where his input in the celection process would be selection process would be strictly advisory," a source said. Pakistan's white-ball head coach, Gary Kirsten, resigned on Monday as he did not agree

with the PCB. The source said that Rizwan had been assured by the PCB and Aaqib that he would be consulted in finalising teams but the final decision would rest with the five selectors.

to be a part of the selection

process in an advisory capacity.

He also had some other issues

"Under the new policy, the selection committee is now

responsible for selecting touring squads and the playing eleven," the source said. The new regime was introduced by the PCB after Pakistan suffered a massive

defeat against England in the first Test in Multan earlier this month. Following the innings defeat, new selectors Aaqib, Azhar Ali and Aleem Dar were added to the committee and they were given sweeping powers to select the teams without the consent of the captain or head coach.

The PCB is also sending national selector Asad Shafiq with the team to Australia for the white-ball matches to select the playing eleven after speaking with the other selectors in Pakistan.

After Sumit's ton on day three, pacers power Delhi to 10-wicket win over Assam

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Sumit Mathur's batting heroics coupled with pacers brilliant performance powered Delhi to a comprehensive 10-wicket win over Assam in their Ranji Trophy Group A match to notch up their first victory of the season here on Tuesday.

Courtesy left-handed batter Mathur's 112 off 230 balls, Delhi posted 454 in reply to Assam's first innings total of 330, and reduced the visitors to 44 for 3 in their second essay on Monday. On the fourth and final day, Assam

were bowled out for 182 in 42 overs with the Delhi pacers doing their job to perfection. The pacers accounted for eight Assam batters in their second innings at the Arun Jaitley Stadium. Just after the start of the day, Assam lost three quick wickets for the addition of a mere one run. Sibsankar Roy (4),

Das (1), who retired hurt on Monday but came back to bat on Tuesday, were dismissed in the space of eight balls. Number 7 batter Sumit Ghadigaonkar (76 not out off 96 balls) made a spirited late-order resistance but his colleagues did not give him company and he ran

Bhargav Dutta (0) and captain Denish

out of partners in the end. Delhi Pacer Harshit Rana, who has been named in the Indian squad for the



marquee Test tour of Australia starting next month, took another wicket on Tuesday to add to the one on Monday for innings figure of 2/61.

His pace colleagues Siddhant Sharma (3/24) and Money Grewal (3/50) grabbed three wickets apiece to rattle Assam in the second innings. Offspinner Jonty Sidhu (1/0) also got one wicket, while the other was run-out. Assam added 138 runs for the loss of seven wickets on Tuesday and faced 27

Set a target of 59 runs, Delhi openers Sanat Sangwan (34 not out) and Gagan Vats (25 not out) knocked off the required runs in 16.1 overs without losing any wicket.

Delhi made 62/0 in 16.1 overs in their second innings to collect seven points. Assam did not get any point. Delhi are in third place with 11 points

in Group D, having drawn their earlier two matches.

On Monday, all-rounder Mathur, ignored in the first two games, showed his prowess with a patient century to put Delhi in sight of an outright victory against Assam

BRIEF SCORES: IN DELHI: Assam 330 and 182 all out

in 42 overs (Sumit Ghadigaonkar 76 not out; Siddhant Sharma 3/24, Money Grewal 3/50, Harshit Rana 2/61). Delhi 454 and 62/0 in 16.1 overs (Sanat Sangwan 34 not out; Gagan Vats 25 not out). Delhi won by 10 wickets. **Points:** Delhi 7, Assam 0.

IN COIMBATORE: Chattisgarh 500. **Tamil Nadu** 259 and (f/o) 264/4 in 76 overs (Vijay Shankar 106 not out, Narayan Jagadeesan 60; Ajay Mandal 2/49). Match drawn.

Points: Chhattisgarh 3, Tamil Nadu 0. IN JAMSHEDPUR: Jharkhand 202 and 130 all out in 50.3 overs (Sharandeep Singh 64, Virat Singh 30; Nishunk Birla 3/17, Raj Bawa 3/22, Vishu Kashyap 3/46). **Chandigarh** 290 and 45/0 in 3.3 overs. Chandigarh won by 10 wickets.

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