

## NO PANACEA FOR COMMONERS AT AIMS, DELHI two weeks and have been coming

#### ARCHANA JYOTI - NEW DELHI

 $2^{018:}$  A four-month-old infant whose parents brought her to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi, for urgent surgery for a hole in her heart was given a slot for the corrective surgery operation in 2023, resulting in a five-year wait.

Fast forward to June, 2024: A sixyear-old from Begusarai, Bihar, has been left waiting for a heart operation at the premier health institute for the past six years due to "dates changed thrice." Despite the best efforts of his

father, Ankit Kumar, who had been running from pillar to post gathering funds and blood, it was long wait for treatment. However, it was only after the issue was highlighted in the media and the NHRC took suo motu cognisance that the hospital formed a panel to investigate the delays.

These are likely some of the longest waiting periods for patients at AIIMS Delhi and have been reported as such.

Welcome to India's most prestigious medical institution, established as the country's foremost centre of medical excellence. The bustling scene outside the hospital, with relatives of the patients lying by the roadside waiting for their turn outside the emergency wards, is a telling example of the stark disparity in healthcare access in the country.



While this flagship hospital draws thousands daily, it also highlights a critical shortage of specialist doctors and medical facilities both at the hospital and in rural areas, where the majority of India's 1.4 billion people struggle with the challenge of reaching distant healthcare facilities.

AIIMS Delhi and spoke with the

conditions like blood cancer, some of them admitted in the emergency departments while a few were waiting for their turn. The hospital is visited by around 20,000 patients daily from across various states, particularly populous ones like Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha, and even far-On Thursday, The Pioneer visited off States of North-East. Take the case of 45-year-old Jagan

relatives of ailing patients, most of Ram from Kanpur. He has been whom were suffering from serious running from pillar to post to

arrange blood for his ailing relative, Radha Gupta (24), who is suffering from blood cancer. "We came here yesterday. Radha has been in an emergency, and her blood counts have gone down. The doctors said they have arranged one unit of blood, and since she will need blood transfusions whenever it is low, we are now arranging donors."

Jagan Ram who lost his 18-yearold son to blood cancer a few vears ago has a better understanding of the condition. The doctors back home in Kanpur did not disclose the disease my son was suffering from. But now I have learned a lot about this health condition and what may come, I will ensure that this girl (Radha) does not meet the same fate."

People come here seeking care, advanced medical specialised treatment, and expert

consultations that mig available in their local hospitals. The reputation of AIIMS for its high-quality healthcare services, cutting-edge research, and a wide range of specialties contribute to its status as a go-to destination for many seeking comprehensive medical care.

But for Mammu, a 20-year-old youth from Jaganpura Kauch, Jalon in Uttar Pradesh, it has been a restless day as he silently writhe in pain on a stretcher in the open with the weather behaving nastily. His attendant said he's having thick blood problem.

'The concerned doctor is not here. So we have been asked to wait outside," said 40-year-old Jagat Singh, attending to the patient. The medical report showed that Mammu's hemoglobin level has shot up to 25, contrary to the normal 14-15 hb. He might be suffering from a disorder that causes the body to produce too many red blood cells. Yet another relative of a patient with co-morbidity such as TB and diabetes outside the emergency ward said he is trying for a 'recommendation' so that his ward could get a bed. This hospital has its own reputation, with doctors dedicated to their profession. This is what makes patients flock to this hospital, he said matter-of-factly. Outside the hospital, one can see the adjacent streets are crowded with patients and their families from distant places, all seeking remedies for their or their loved ones' health issues. "We've been living on the footpath for the past to the hospital for the last five years for my son's treatment," rued Ramwati from Rajasthan's Alwar district.

Her son suffers from chronic asthma, a condition marked by inflammation that restricts airflow from the lungs. As securing a hospital bed is a significant challenge, they are doing everything they can to ensure the little boy receives the necessary treatment. In fact, this is the travail of almost every other patient and their relatives on the roadside.

Conceding that the six new AIIMS like hospitals at underserved States in Bhubaneswar, Ranchi, Patna, Raipur, Bhopal, Jodhpur and Rishikesh have failed to ease the pressure on AIIMS Delhi, a senior official in the Union Health Ministry blamed faculty shortages, resource crunch, and infrastructural deficiencies. Besides these six States, more AIIMS like institutes are coming up in other States too.

Public health specialists believe that this state of affairs is largely due to flawed health policies adopted by successive Governments. Anant Bhan, a researcher in global health, said merely naming an institute 'AIIMS' does not guarantee it will be held in the same esteem as the one in Delhi. "AIIMS Delhi has earned a reputation for quality and affordability, but the new centres face challenges that need to be overcome," he stressed.



#### **Dhaka issues warning of discomfort REBEL TROUBLE FOR** THE BJP IN HARYANA with Delhi, if Sheikh Hasina speaks RAJESH KUMAR/AGENCIES NEW DELHI

PTI DHAKA

Muhammad Yunus, the head of Bangladesh's interim Government, has said former Prime Minister Sheikh political Hasina making remarl from "unfriendly gesture", asserting that she must remain silent to prevent the discomfort to both countries until Dhaka requests her extradition.



firmly that she should keep quiet

Evervone understands it. We have said quite firmly that she should keep quiet. This is an unfriendly gesture towards us; she has been given shelter there and she mnaionino from there. It is not that she has gone there on a normal course. She has fled following a people's uprising and public anger," he said. Yunus stated that the interim Government is committed to ensuring justice for the people of Bangladesh against the atrocities, and justice requires that she be brought back to the country. "Yes, she has to be brought back or else the people of Bangladesh won't be at peace. The kind of atrocities she has committed, she has to be tried in front of everyone

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## **SC** reserves order on Arvind Kejriwal

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

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m he}$  Supreme Court on Thursday reserved order on Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's separate pleas seeking bail and challenging arrest by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the excise policy "scam". After concluding arguments from both sides, a bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan said, "Thank you for the assistance. Judgment reserved.

Additional Solicitor General SV Raju represented the CBI and Senior Advocate Abhishek Singhvi appeared for the AAP chief. The apex court was hearing two separate petitions challenging his arrest by the CBI and the denial of bail in the corruption case filed by the agency.

The AAP convenor has challenged the August 5 order of the Delhi High Court dismissing his plea against his arrest by the agency. He has also filed a Special Leave Petition against the High Court's refusal to consider his bail plea. The CBI had arrested Kejriwal on June 26.

Questioning the maintainability of Kejriwal's pleas seeking bail and challenging his arrest, the CBI told the Supreme Court that he should have first approached the trial court for bail in the corruption case linked to the alleged excise policy scam. "He has approached Delhi High Court directly without going to sessions court. Under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), both have jurisdiction. concurrent preliminary objection is he must first

go to trial court," ASJ Raju said. "He has approached the Delhi High Court directly without going to sessions court. My preliminary objection is he must first go to trial court," Raju argued. The CBI did not issue a notice to Kejriwal under section Section 41A of the CrPC as he was already in judicial custody, he said. Raju said if the Supreme Court which grants bail to Kejriwal, it will demoralise the Delhi High Court, which had upheld his arrest."Don't say that. Whatever order we pass, we will ensure nothing like that happens," the bench assured Raju.

leaders expressed their dissatisfaction, on Thursday.

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day after the BJP released its first

Alist of 67 candidates for the October 5 Haryana Assembly

elections, discontent among party leaders, including Ministers in the

Navab Saini Cabinet, flared up. Several

Among them were Haryana Energy Minister Ranjit Singh Chautala, Minister of State Bishamber Singh Balmiki, Ratia MLA Laxman Napa, former Ministers Karan Dev Kamboj, Kavita Jain, MP Savitri Jindal, MLA Lakshman Napa who had raised the banner of revolt. The rebel trouble for BJP started shortly after it came out with the first list of candidates as it left many sulking.

Interestingly, the BJP has named former prison official Sunil Sangwan - who recommended parole for Dera Sacha Sauda chief and rape convict Ram Rahim six times — on its list of candidates for next month's Haryana Assembly election.

Sangwan will contest the Dadri seat which former BJP leader Somveer Sangwan won as an Independent in 2019 that was after the party favoured



decision after a meeting with his supporters and will now enter the fray as an Independent. Ranjit Chautala called a meeting of his supporters after the party ignored his candidature from Rania segment in Sirsa district."I had good relations with them (BJP). They ave me the Lok Sabha ticket (from Hisar, which fought he unsuccessfully). But don't know on whose advice they have acted. I will say anyone who has given them this advice has caused damage to the party," Chautala said.

"I am Chaudhary Devi Lal's son. I have some stature... I have decided to contest as an Independent," he said, while wrestler Babita Phogat over him. Energy and Jail Minister Ranjit Singh Chautala (79), son of former Deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal said he took a

"If India wants to keep her until the time Bangladesh (Government) wants her back, the condition would be that she has to keep quiet," he said. In an interview with PTI at his official residence in Dhaka, Yunus, who was appointed the country's Chief Adviser after Hasina's ouster, stressed that while Bangladesh values strong ties with India, New Delhi must move "beyond the narrative that portrays every other political party except Awami League as Islamist and that the country will turn into Afghanistan without Sheikh Hasina."

"No one is comfortable with her stance there in India because we want her back to

try her. She is there in India and at times she is talking, which is problematic. Had she been quiet, we would have forgotten it; people would have also forgotten it as she would have been in her own world. But sitting in India, she is speaking and giving instructions. No one likes it,"

he said. "It is not good for us or for India. There is discomfort regarding it," he told PTI. Yunus was apparently referring to Hasina's statement on August 13 in which she demanded "justice", saying those involved in recent "terror acts", killings and

vandalism must investigated, identified and punished. This has been the only statement made by Hasina after she fled. It was posted on her US-based son Sajeeb Wazed Joy's X handle. Following unprecedented anti-Government protests that peaked on August 5, Hasina resigned as Prime Minister and fled to India. Her presence in India for nearly four weeks has fuelled speculation in

Bangladesh. asked whether When Bangladesh

communicated its stance to India, Yunus said it has been conveyed verbally and quite

here," he emphasised. Discussing the future of the I n d i a - B a n g l a d e s h relationship, Yunus expressed a desire for good ties with India but insisted that New Delhi must abandon the narrative that only Hasina's leadership ensures country's stability. the

## **Rural collides with urban Delhi over Lal Dora**

The bench has issued notices

to the Land & Development Officer (L&DO) of the

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Chairman,

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Commissioner,

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 $T_{ ext{taken}}^{ ext{he Delhi High Court has}}$ L taken suo motu cognisance of the challenges faced by residents of Delhi's urbanised villages when it comes to the mutation (entry in revenue records) of their land.

This development comes after Supreme Court judge, Justice Sanjiv Khanna, along with Acting Chief Justice, Manmohan, visited Jaunti village in North-West Delhi

pursuant to an event organised by Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLSA) on August 10 focused upon addressing the multifaceted challenges faced by the remote and underdeveloped areas of Delhi.

During interaction with the judges, the villagers voiced concerns regarding the difficulties faced by them

pertaining to mutation in the land records. They said they wished to get

their immovable properties inherited from ancestors mutated in their names in the land records as per law, but mutation applications with all the necessary documents attached gather dust endlessly in the concerned departments despite persistent efforts over the years, the aggrieved villagers complained.

Mutation is the process of changing the title of a property in the records of the local authorities. Ministry of Urban D e v e l o p m e n t , Commissioner, Municipal A Division Bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela noted that the problem regarding the mutation of Delhi's properties in urbanised villages has persisted for the last two decades after these villages turned into urban



Secretary, Delhi State Legal Services Authority

As against today's complex mutation process, a simple method known as Lal Dora was used in the past to demarcate the jurisdiction of a village on lands where populations resided. When the po

Authority, When the population increased and villagers got a ecretary (Revenue)/Development homestead plot against their Delhi scattered agricultural land holdings under the Government and Member-

'chakbandi' scheme, the concept of extended Lal Dora was introduced.

As a result, thousands of As a result, thousands of people living in the Capital city's villages, both rural and urban, do not have clear ownership rights to their properties since the 'abadi' area (the part of a village with residential structures when the rest is farmland) was earlier considered as one khasra, or plot of land. To add to their woes, despite the division of land among the members of extended families, the names of the next generation inheritors were never entered in the

revenue records. In its order, the bench said "The absence of a documentation mechanism by land-owning agencies post-urbanisation disproportionately affects the urban poor.



### **Putin seeks Modi's** intervention in Ukraine

#### PNS/AGENCIES NEW DELHI/MOSCOW

Days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged Russia and Ukraine to talk to each other to end the ongoing conflict and said India is ready to play an "active role," President Vladimir Putin on Thursday named India among the three countries he is constantly in touch over the issue. He also said these countries are sincerely making efforts to resolve it. Modi made these assertions during his talks with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy during his historic visit there on August 23. He conveyed to Zelenskyy that both Ukraine and Russia should sit together without wasting time to end the ongoing war and that India was ready to play an "active role" to restore peace in the region.



## New technology should be best utilized in public interest: CM

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hief Minister Mohan Yadav has said that Junder the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country is running at full speed on the path of economic progress. Infrastructure works are the backbone on which economic and inclusive development policies take shape. We should recognize the power of technology, make good use of it, and fulfill the resolve in the interest of society so that along with this generation, the coming generations too can benefit

Yadav was virtually addressing the conference organized in Bhopal by the Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC) from Ujjain. Chief Minister Yadav also virtually inaugurated the conference on

"Incorporation of innovations in infrastructure construction". The Chief Minister said that the conference should consider infrastructure development, environment, health, innovations, etc. holistically. In the era of new technology, only con-tinuous discussions on one platform will open new paths and doors for inclusive development. Every possibility should be explored for the betterment of the state and construction.

Yadav said that we have to emphasize building effective and flexible infrastructure to protect against natural disasters and climate change crises. The pace of construction will also have to be increased by adopting new methods. There are immense possibilities in the field of construction. There is also scope for improvement in changed to Kulgurus.

be in a do-or-die protest.

police station.

reducing construction costs and resources. Today there is a need to adopt environmentfriendly construction materials and construction processes. Weather-based construction also needs to be considered holistically.

Yaday congratulated everyone for this important event on the occasion of Teacher's Day. He said that today we will get new inspiration on Teachers' Day dedicated to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. You all know that the Guru-Shishya tradition has special importance in Indian culture. Keeping this in view, the Madhya Pradesh government has decided to celebrate the festival of Guru Purnima at the government level. It is a matter of happiness that the name of Vice Chancellors has now been

The Chief Minister said that researchers are like scientific gurus. The spirit of public interest in the field of research has been in our tradition since ancient times. On this occasion, MLA Satish Malviya, Ujjain Divisional Commissioner Sanjay Gupta, Inspector General of Police Santosh Kumar Singh, etc. were present at the Chief Minister's residence in Ujjain. Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Backward Classes and Minority Welfare, Krishna Gaur said that we are moving forward in the age of technology but there is need to move ahead while solving today's challenges so that we can secure the future of the coming generations.

Minister of State Gaur was

Construction Industry Development Council at AMPRÍ, Bhopal today on 'Incorporation of Innovations in Infrastructure Building". Minister Gaur said that this two-day conference will be fruitful with your excellent ideas and suggestions. I strongly believe that empowering future infrastructure with innovative technology and brand connect are very important steps for the progress of any country. She congratulated the organizers for selecting the subject of the conference.

On this occasion, Director AMPRI Dr. Avnish Srivastava, Director General of Construction Industry Development Council PR Swaroop, former DGP and President ICC Chapter Swaraj addressing the IDC, ICC pro-gram organized by the Munish Moudgil were present.



Principal Secretary of the State Assembly AP Singh felicitates teachers during 11th annual Rotary Inter school general knowledge guiz competition and teachers' felicitation programme on Teachers' Day at State Museum in Bhopal on Thursday. Pioneer phot

#### BJP councillors protest at municipality office, Sehore Monsoon weakens, no heavy rains over next 3-4 days in MP

#### PNS SEHORE

the BJP councillors in Sehore staged a sit-in protest, neither any officer arrived nor any public representative took any notice, councillors staged a symbolic protest in front of the gate of the municipality demanding the removal of traffic police personnel who misbehaved with a BJP councilor in Sehore. The Bharatiya Janata Party, which operates on the ideology of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas, are themselves yearning for justice.

Actually, this is being said because an incident has happened in Sehore, in which BJP councilors also staged a sit-in and the SDM office was also informed about it.

All the councilors continued to sit-in at the Nagar Palika gate for about 2 hours, but neither any officer of the district traffic police personnel.

administration came to discuss In protest against this, BJP with them nor any public repcouncillors staged a symbolic

protest at the gate of the Nagar resentative came to meet them. Now all the councilors seem to Palika on Thursday. The councillors say that if action is not taken against the police per-According to the information, sonnel who misbehaved with on August 29, at around 6 pm, BJP councilor husband of the councillor representative, Ward 23 Dilip Rathore was then they will now stage a leaving Kotwali intersection on protest in front of the SP his motorcycle, when the trafoffice. On this occasion, Nagar

fic police personnel Dilip Sisodia and Rampal Singh Palika Vice President Vipin present there stopped the Sasta, councillor representamotorcycle of councilor hustive Rahul Rai, councillor band Dilip Rathore and mis-behaved with him and abused him, during this time he Arun Malviya, Rajesh Malviya, Pradeep Bijoria, Vijendra Parmar, Dinesh Kushwaha, Lokendra Varma, accepted to pay fine but the Arjun Rathore, Santosh Shakya, Kamlesh Rathore, police made him sit in the All the BJP councillors had Deependra Kasautia, Pradeep submitted a memorandum to Gautam, Narendra Rajput, the Superintendent of Police Ajay Pal Rajput, Mukesh demanding action in this mat-Mewada, Satyanarayan Waria ter, but till now no action has and Mangilal Malviya, Azam been taken against the two Neta etc. were present at the protest site.

#### **STAFF REPORTER** BHOPAL

n the next 3-4 days the state would witness relief from heavy rain. The reason for this is the weakening of the current low pressure area and the advancement of the monsoon trough On the other hand, due to

heavy rains in Bhopal on Wednesday, the water in the Upper Lake increased, after which water was released by opening one gate each of Bhadbhada-Kaliyasot and Kolar Dam on Thursday. Heavy rain is likely in 6 districts

including Chhatarpur, Panna. At the same time, light rain may continue in other districts including Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain, Jabalpur.

According to the Meteorological Department, the quota of normal rain will also be full as soon as 2 inches of rainfall is wit-

nessed in the season an average of 35.4 inches of rain has occurred.

Meteorological Department, Bhopal, said, 'The low pressure area has weakened and moved forward. Monsoon trough is passing through Guna, Seoni. The system will weaken in the sluice gates of Kaliyasot and 4 next 24 hours. There will be no

heavy rain till September 8. Due to rain in the catchment area of Bhopal, the big pond of Bhopal has overflowed again. Due to this, one sluice gate each of Bhadbhada and Kaliyasot dams had to be opened. Both the sluice gates were opened on Thursday as well. One sluice gate of Bhadbhada dam was opened on Wednesday evening itself. After this, the sluicegate of Kaliyasot was also opened. Due to high water, the second sluicegate of Kaliyasot dam was opened for some time at night. However, only one sluice gate is

open on Thursday. This season, the sluicegates of Kaliyasot have been opened 7 times, Bhadbhada 6 times, while the sluice gates of Kolar dam have been opened for the fourth time. Maximum 8 out of 11 sluice gates of Bhadbhada, all 13

out of 8 sluice gates of Kolar dam have been opened. The normal rainfall of the district is 37.6 inches. Due to heavy rains in July and August, the quota of the season was full. Earlier on Wednesday, it rained in 4 districts of the state including Bhopal. In Bhopal, the sun shone brightly in the morning, but the rain started in the afternoon. Apart from this, it also rained in Chhindwara, Seoni, Raisen. The balcony of a house collapsed in Guna. Vedvati Bai Rathore died after being buried under the debris. Two sluicegates of Halali Dam

in Raisen were opened by half a meter each. The level of the Thursday dam's catchment area was full at 459.59 meters. 92.74 cumecs of water was released from both the gates. Ajnaal river was overflowing in Harda. Due to this, water flowed over the bridge. Due to rain in the catchment

area, Bhopal's big pond over-flowed again. Due to this, one sluice gate each of Bhadbhada and Kaliyasot Dam had to be opened. Both the sluice gates are open on Thursday also. One sluice gate of Kolar Dam near Bhopal is also open.

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was recorded in Bhopal in the last 24 hours. With this, the rainfall figure has crossed 43 inches. One gate of Bhadbhada Dam was opened in Bhopal on Wednesday. Ajnaal river is in spate in Harda. On Wednesday morning, two sluice gates were opened when the catchment area of Halali

More than 45 inches of rainfall

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Dam was full. A woman died in Guna when the balcony of a house fell on her. A young man trying to cross the river in Harda got washed away.

Chhatarpur, Panna, Satna, Dindori, Anuppur and Balaghat may receive heavy rain on Thursday. On the other hand, light rain, sunshine and thundershowers will continue in Bhopal, Indore, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Ujjain and other districts of the state.



### Parents, teachers give direction to person's life: VD Sharma

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

**R** JP state president and Khajuraho MP B Knajurano Vishnudutt Sharma on Thursday felicitated teachers and professors on joining the party in a program organized by District Bhopal at the state office on Teachers' Day. Sharma, while congratulating the teachers who joined the party, said that the organisa-tion festival is not just for increasing numbers or gaining power. Our Prime Minister Narendra Modi has pledged to make the country a developed India by 2047

that will lead the country at

Pachauri also addressed the

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program.BJP state president times have changed, the role and MP Vishnudutt Sharma, while welcoming the teachers, said that after parents, only and children listen to them. teachers work to give direc- Teachers can guide children child's life on to the Teachers build personality and give direction to the society. Sharing his experiences with the teachers, Sharma told how his mother taught him the lesson of harmony and how his teacher gave him the necessary confidence to speak from the stage. Sharma said that even though

said that the governments of the Bharatiya Janata Party are working for social change. Schemes like Ladli Laxmi implemented in Madhya Pradesh for the protection and empowerment of daughters are examples of this, due to which there has been a significant change in the sex ratio in the state. Teachers can also play an important role in such social welfare cam-

of a teacher has not changed. Teachers are still respected

paigns. Sharma said that even today many people in the society are spreading confusion through lies, deceit and fraud, and are trying to divide the society. Teachers can spread the ideas

Madhya Pradesh Guest Teachers stage a protest demanding to fill lying vacant posts of the teachers including several other demands, on Teachers' Day in Bhopal on Pioneer photo

Avujam- A musical instrument LPG filling centre raided, exhibit for September at IGRMS

#### STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

nder the popular muse-um series 'Exhibit of the Month' of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, a traditional object is displayed in the appearance for a whole month.

The exhibit for the month of September 2024 Avujam- A Musical Instrument is on display in the indoor exhibition building-Veethi Sankul. The 'exhibit of the month' was inaugurated by V.Ranganath, Additional Commissioner, Employees Provident Fund Organisation, Government of India Bhopal on the occasion many dignitaries were present. This object has been composed by Assistant keeper DrÅshok Vardhan.On this occasion, the Director of the Museum, Amitabh Pandey welcomed V.Ranganath, Additional Commissioner by giving him a bouquet and honored him by presenting him the logo of the Museum.

About the exhibit displayed in the exhibition, Assistant keeper Dr Ashok Vardhan.said that the most important cultural object of Konda Reddies community is Avujam or Auzam, a percussion instrument in cylindrical shape with double mem-

brane is collected during the fieldwork from the Urrinka vilgas cylinders, a large number of commercial and small cylinders lage, of West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh. It is the symbol and cultural identity of Konda Reddis without which gally. This action was taken against no festivals or ceremonies are

celebrated. It is said that if the village has more Avujams there will be more festivals. The elders of the village believe that the village community is united by this musical instrument. Avujam is played by the male and other members of the community join for the celebrations here. In the raid 16 domestic gas in the form of dance. While col-

lecting all the materials for making Avujam, all the members must observe some norms, such as Upavasam means fasting, and take a head bath every day. For the collection of monkey skin, a special team is selected by the village headman. Art and Craft:

The Konda Reddis are skilled artisan communities in preparation of domestic objects, basketry, and musical instruments. Their art and craft not only reflect their creative skills but also illustrate their cultural identity. Usage of bamboo has ritualistic, livelihood, domestic and nutritional significance in Konda Reddis.

cylinders seized in his leg accidentally at Kolar road Bhopal: Officers of the Food STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL and Civil Supplies raided a refilling center in Ashoka Garden and seized 16 domestic

were also seized from the spot which were used to refill ille-

Rishi Enterprises located in Ashoka Garden. The team raided under the leadership of District Supply Controller Meena Malakar. Apart from cylinders, gas refilling items have also been seized from

cylinders were found from the spot, 8 of them were filled, 1 commercial cylinder of 19 kg, 28 empty 5 kg substandard level, 6 empty 8 kg substandard level, one partially filled and one gas transfer device were seized. During this, a case has been registered under the Essential Commodities Act 1955 while making a panchnama.

District supply controller Malakar said, the case will be presented in the collector's court and further action will be taken.

Junior supply officers Pushparaj Patil, Mohit Meghvanshi and Mayank Dwivedi were also present during the action.

are being verified. After which an FIR will be regis-

20-year-old habitual A criminal was shot in his leg at Kolar area, he A shis leg at Kolar area, he has been admitted to JK Hospital, he was shot acci-dentally by his friend, claimed the injured youth. The injured said that the one who shot him was his friend. He had loaded the pistol and aimed towards him mockingly and it opened fired by mistake. Meanwhile, the police said

20-year-old habitual offender shot

that the injured had earlier said that three unknown people had shot him. His statements are being verified. After this, an FIR will be registered.

TI Sanjay Singh Soni said that Altaf Ali, resident of Gehunkheda, is a school van driver. He said that he was going to his friend's house in Lalita Nagar on a bike at 10 am on Thursday during which three unknown youths brought their bike close to his bike.

He fired a shot, the bullet hit his leg and then fled. However, in a short while, Altaf changed his statement and said that a young man fired the shot. His statements

tered.

The injured said that the pistol was loaded in front of his eyes and fired. The injured Altaf said that he had left from his house in Gehunkheda in the morning to meet his friend Raj Singh Rajput. When he went to his house in Lalita Nagar, he said wait, I will show you something special. Raj brought a pistol from inside. He had a bullet in one hand, I asked what is this, then he told me that this is a real pistol

Meanwhile, he loaded the bullet in the pistol and loaded it. He taunted and as soon as I lowered my hand, it fired by mistake. The bullet hit my leg. Raj took me to the hospital. Got me admitted and ran away seeing the police coming. According to Altaf, accused Raj has cases registered against him in Kolar and other police sta-tions. His father also has several cases registered against him, who is currently out of the district. Altaf said that Raj had no intention of killing me. The bullet was fired by mistake.

and direction.

BJP State President and MP Sharma said that when a king becomes autocratic, the teacher also has the power to bring him on the right path, just as Chanakya ended the autocratic rule of Ghanananda by molding Emperor Chandragupta. He

of BJP through their contacts in the society and can answer those who spread confusion. On this occasion, District General Secretary Ravindra Yati, Municipal Corporation President Mr. Kishan Suryavanshi, Mr. Jagdish Yadav, Mr. Rahul Rajput and officials of the District and Teachers' Cell were present.



Devotees carry an idol of Lord Ganesha for installation at a puja pandal ahead of the Ganesh Chaturthi festival in Bhopal on Thursday Pioneer photo

### MPTB showcases Madhya Pradesh in Hyderabad

Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board's roadshow on theme of 'Green, Clean & Safe Madhya Pradesh' in Hyderabad aimed at showcasing the state's incredible tourism offerings and fostering collaboration between key industry stakeholders, concluded here on Thursday.

The event at the Radisson, witnessed enthusiastic participation from Madhya Pradesh's tourism sector and Hyderabad's local stakeholders, resulting in promising partnerships and greater prospects for tourism in the Heart of Incredible India, a

press release said. Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board Additional Managing Director, Bidisha Mukherjee said the roadshow not only deepened the understanding of Madhya Pradesh's tourism potential amongst the stakeholders but also established strong bonds

between the two regions, encouraging travellers to explore the offerings of Madhya Pradesh."

The roadshow delivered the state's offering especially spiritual offering from two Jyotirlingas, Mahakal Lok in Ujjain, the Raja Ram Lok, Devi Lok in Salkanpur, Salkanpurand the tallest statue of Adi Shankracharya in India (108 ft.) in Omkarsehawar.

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## **Guru plays an important role in life: Chief Minister**

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hief Minister Mohan Yadav emphasized the crucial role a Guru plays in our lives, explaining that the word "Guru" signifies one who guides us from darkness to light. He highlighted that former President of India, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, dedicated his birthday to honoring teachers.

While extending his Teacher's Day wishes to all educators across the state, Yadav praised their dedication to shaping a better generation through their diligent efforts. Speaking at the Teachers' Day function in Ujjain on Thursday, Dr. Yadav noted that Goswami Tulsidas contributed to establishing and honoring Hindi and Sanskrit as the primary languages of Indian society. He remarked

Secretary Dr. Sanjay Goyal, Commissioner of Public that our dialects evolve into languages over time. He also acknowledged the significant contributions of noted litterateurs Madhavrao Sapre and Makhanlal Chaturvedi to the development of Hindi as a cers national language. Additionally, the Chief Minister congratulated the teachers who were honored on Teacher's Day. Yadav was addressing the

Shikshak Samman Samaroha-2024 organized at Government Higher Secondary School of Excellence, Madhav Nagar in Ujjain. Among those who were present on this occasion were Rajya Sabha MP Balayogi Umeshnath Ji Maharaj, MLA Anil Jain Kaluheda, MLA Ghatitaya area Satish Malviya, Bahadur Singh Bormundla, Local Corporator Durga Shakti Singh Choudhary, public rep-resentatives, School Education

Instructions, Shilpa Gupta, Divisional Commissioner Sanjay Gupta, Collector Neeraj Kumar Singh and other offi-Chief Minister Dr. Yadav explained that the word "Guru" originates from Sanskrit, emphasizing that by upholding the Guru-Shishya tradition,

we remain connected to Sanatan culture. He highlighted the Guru's vital role in guiding us from darkness to light and stressed that a Guru's wisdom is essential for transforming bad governance into good governance. Dr. Yadav also expressed his satisfaction with the government's decision to rename the title of Kulpati (Vice Chancellor) to Kulguru. Teachers of Ujjain district who gave 100 percent results in high school and higher secondary board examinations were honored by Chief Minister Dr. Yadav with shawls, shriphal, and certificates. Besides, 11 ISO-certified cluster principals of Ujjain were also honored with ISO certificates.

In his address, while remembering former President Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Chief Minister Dr. Yadav noted that dialects gradually evolve into full-fledged languages. He remarked that Hindi has undergone significant development over the past thousand years. The Chief Minister highlighted that, despite being a Sanskrit scholar, Goswami Tulsidas played a crucial role in establishing Hindi as the language of society. By composing the Ramcharitmanas in Hindi, Tulsidas ji brought the platforms.

Ramayana into every home. Reflecting on his father, Chief Minister Yadav shared that while the body is mortal, his father taught him the importance of making good use of time by following the path of truth. The Chief Minister extended his warm wishes to all the teachers present at the event on the occasion of Teachers' Day. He also took a group photograph with the teachers during the programme.

Yadav's was heard at the Teacher's Day function organized at the Government Subhash Higher Secondary School of Excellence, Shivaji Nagar and Bhopal besides several other places in the state. Also, a large number of teachers and students heard his address on various social media



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav felicitates teachers during a programme on Teachers's Day in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh on Thursday

1st foundation day of Happiness Centre observed

Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind State President Mufti Ahmed Khan addresses a press conference on Supreme Court's decision on Pioneer photo

## APS celebrates Teachers' Day

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¬he Teachers' Day celebration at Army Public L School, Mhow, was marked by enthusiasm and reverence. The event commenced with a vibrant cultural program organized by the students in honour of their mentors during the special assemblv.

In a unique gesture, Class XII students took on the role of Student-Teachers, conducting classes and showcasing their appreciation for their educators. The occasion was graced by the esteemed presence of Senior Patron, Lt Gen KH Gawas, PVSM, VSM, Commandant address gathering and presented gifts to the Principal, Vice Principal and all Coordinators. Also in this auspicious day the school had MoU Signing Ceremony between Army Public School, Mhow and Lt Gen (Dr) SP Kochhar, AVSM\*, SM, VSM, ADC (Retd), former Signal Officer-in-Chief (SO-in-C) was signed in memory of the Late Cheistha Kochhar, an alumna of APS, Mhow, known for her exemplary achievements in both academics and co-curricular activities. Her parents, with the intent to inspire and nurture the talents of future students. proposed the establishment of a series of competitions to encourage excellence in Public Speaking, Critical Thinking, and Writing Skills. The MoU, signed between APS Mhow and Lt Gen (Dr) SP Kochhar, AVSM\*, SM, VSM, ADC (Retd), former Signal



place approximately 5660 can-didates. This initiative is in Officer-in-Chief (SO-in-C) and direct response to the recent father of the Late Cheistha government budget announce-Kochhar, institutes an annual ments advocating for enhanced award system to recognize and skill development. reward outstanding perfor-The company has been activemances in the proposed Debate ly engaging with several muland and Essay Writing Competitions. These competi-Writing tiple government organizations and state schemes, including tions will be held annually, the Himachal Pradesh Kaushal ning trophies, medals of excellence, and certificates. The unveiling of these trophies and medals was done by Lt Gen and (Dr) SP Kochhar, AVSM\*, SM, VSM, ADC (Retd), former Signal Officer-in-Chief (SOin-C) along with his wife Mrs. Deepti Kochhar, their son-inlaw Prashant, and the Senior Patron Lt Gen KH Gawas, accompanied by Mrs. Shilpa Gawas. Lt Gen (Dr) SP Kochhar shared his heartfelt thoughts on the occasion, reflecting on the legacy of his daughter and the importance of the newly instituted awards. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the Principal, Mr. PK Tiwari. The ceremony showcased the school's commitment to fostering academic excellence and holistic development among students.

### President honors seven teachers from the State with national award

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resident Draupadi Murmu awarded the National Teacher Award 2024 to seven state teachers during a ceremony at Vigyan Bhavan. Honorees included Sunita Godha, Madhav Prasad Patel, and unita Gupta from the Department of School Education and Literacy; Prof. Neelabh Tiwari and Prof. Kapil Ahuja from the Department of Higher Education; and Premlata Rahangdale and Prashant Dixit, who were rec-ognized by the Ministry of Skill Development and

Entrepreneurship.

Sunita Godha was recognized for fostering a positive environment at Government High School, Khajuria Sarang, District Mandsaur. She has cultivated a welcoming classroom atmosphere through engaging assignments and activities, which have improved student attendance. Godha consistently conducted parent-teacher meetings (PTMs), provided individual attention to students, and dedicated herself to increasing enrollment among students with special needs and those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

FY23-24 and aims to train and Madhav Prasad Patel is a science teacher at Government Naveen Madhyamik School, Lidhora, District Damoh. He has built a science wall in his school where students can display their curiosity. To develop the habit of reading in rural communities, he has started a mobile library by carrying books on a motorcycle. Through learning boards and khet pathshala, he

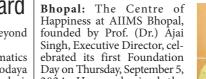
has taken education beyond the classroom.

Sunita Gupta, a Mathematics teacher at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in District Dindori, has made the subject more accessible by creating low-cost teaching materials and utilizing animated videos and technology. She has developed e-content and video scripts for platforms like DIKSHA and SWAYAM, enhancing the understanding of solid shapes. Neelabh Tiwari, Head of the

Education Department at Rashtriya Sanskrit Sanstha, Bhopal, has been teaching for 18 years and has made notable contributions to the National Education Policy 2020. He edited 34 books and authored 37 research papers, significantly advancing the psychology and curriculum development of Indian knowledge traditions in Sanskrit studies and educa-

Prof. Kapil Ahuja of IIT Indore has 14 years of experience in teaching in the US. Along with research and investigation in computer science and engineering, he has given new dimensions to education by starting the first MS course in IIT. He has also been awarded the Best Teacher Award four times by IIT Indore.

Training Officer of Bhopal's Divisional ITI, Premlata Rahangdale has imparted skill Rahangdale has imparted skill training to visually impaired students in Computer Operator and Programming Assistant trade. With her effective guidance, many ITI students have made their career in reputed institutions like railways and banks.



2024. He emphasized the Centre's role in promoting mental well-being and opti-mism through a scientific approach to happiness.

In his address, Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh highlighted the importance of practicing happiness as a science, especially for healthcare professionals, medical and nursing students, and paramedics, who often face high levels of stress due to long working hours and intense responsibilities.

He also acknowledged the emotional, physical, and financial pressures caregivers and patients endure, stressing that the Centre aims to improve resilience and optimism in



such individuals. He noted, "Happiness and good health are interconnected, and our goal is to develop a scientific understanding that can foster both."

As part of the celebration, Prof. Manas Mandal from IIT Kharagpur delivered an insightful talk titled "What Makes Us Happy - The Science Behind Happiness." The event also featured musical performances, dances, and other cultural activities. Attendees included residents, nursing staff, students, faculty members, patients, and their families, all coming together to celebrate the occasion.

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Prof. Ajai Singh commended the work of the Centre of Happiness and suggested integrating happiness-related topics into academic curriculums to encourage a broader scientific understanding of wellbeing in society.

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Password) verification, enabling easy authentication from anywhere. However, in the age of cybercrime, the ease of Aadhaar can inadvertently expose individuals who lack the knowledge to safeguard their identity. PhonePe's cyber safety experts share some crucial tips to protect the citizens from Aadhaar Fraud. Scamsters exploit the linkage

and bank accounts to siphon off money or perform unauthorized transactions, in several ways. They often employ tactics like phishing attacks, vishing calls, and SIM swap fraud to obtain Aadhaar and banking details. Phishing involves fraudulent

emails or messages asking users to update their Aadhaar details or UPI PIN and sharing sensitive information under false pretenses. Vishing calls use similar tactics but over the phone wherein fraudsters call individuals claiming to be from a bank or UIDAI. asking for Aadhaar numbers, UPI PINs, or OTPs under the pretext of account verification or problem resolution. SIM swap fraud involves duplicating a victim's SIM card to intercept OTPs. Additionally, scammers create fake apps and websites to mimic legiti-

sensitive information. To safe-

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### **Rajnath Singh calls for evolving joint** PM Modi to launch water conservation scheme in Surat military vision at commanders meet nity participation, has been a pioneering example in India. The launch of the "Jal Sanchay

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday stressed upon the significance of evolving joint military vision and preparing for the type of challenges the country may face in future wars, while emphasising on synergised, swift and proportionate response to provocations.

He also called upon the Commanders to identify and include the right mix of traditional and modern warfare equipment in the Armed Forces arsenal. He stressed on capability development in space and electronic warfare, describing them as integral to tackle modern-day challenges.

"Referring to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Hamas conflicts and the current situation in Bangladesh, the Defence Minister exhorted the Commanders to analyse these episodes, predict the problems that the country may face in the future, and stay prepared to deal



with the "unexpected" "The Defence Minister made these assertions while addressthe maiden Joint ing Commanders' Conference in Lucknow on the second and final day of the apex-level military leadership meeting. "He commended the Armed

Forces for their invaluable contribution in safeguarding national interests and advancing the vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', and appreciated the efforts being undertaken for furthering jointness and integration among the three Šervices. "In line with the theme of the



pared for war in order to preserve peace "He emphasised on the need of broader and deeper analysis by the top military leadership in view of the situation along the Northern border and the happenings in neighbouring countries, which are posing a challenge to peace and stability in

the region. 'Despite global volatility, India

is enjoying a rare peace divi-

dend and it is developing peace fully. However, due to the increasing number of challenges, we need to remain alert. It is important that we keep our peace intact during Amrit Kaal. We need to focus on our present, keep an eye on the activities happening around us at present, and focus on being future-oriented. For this, we should have a strong and robust national security component. We should have fail-proof deterrence," the Defence Minister said.

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The Defence Minister also urged the military leadership to focus on increasing the use of latest technological advancements in the fields of data and artificial intelligence.



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Prime Minister Narendra "Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari" initiative in Gujarat's Surat on Friday, a step aimed at strengthening community involvement in water conservation

The initiative aligns with the ongoing "Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain" campaign, reinforcing Modi's vision of collaborative water management to ensure long-term water security, according to an official statement.

"The initiative seeks to mobilise citizens, local bodies, industries and stakeholders in Gujarat to implement rainwa-

ter-harvesting structures. These efforts are expected to serve as a model for other States, promoting sustainable water-management practices and enhancing water security across the country.

"The programme underscores Modi's call for a "whole-ofsociety" approach, urging for collective action towards turning every drop of rain into a valuable resource. The structures built under this initiative will play a pivotal role in rainwater harvesting, showcasing Gujarat's success in community-driven water conservation and encouraging Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) involvement.

ment under the theme "Nari "Gujarat's model of water con-Shakti se Jal Shakti", the stateservation, rooted in commument said.



### Phishing fraud mimics MoD website to harvest officials credentials, NIC issues advisory

"The Prime Minister has often PIONEER NEWS SERVICE highlighted water conservation NEW DELHI as a national mission, reflect

Jan Bhagidari" initiative is

being seen as a landmark

moment, designed to inspire

other States to replicate these

ing his long-standing advoca-

cy for sustainable water man-

agement. With the involve-

ment of State nodal officers

from across the country in this

launch, the event signifies the

national importance of creat-

ing a sustainable, water-secure

future for generations to come.

"The initiative builds on the

success of the "Jal Shakti

Abhiyan: Catch the Rain" cam-

paign, which began in 2019.

Despite disruptions due to the

COVID-19 pandemic, the

campaign has grown into an

annual nationwide effort. Its

current edition, launched in

March, emphasises women's

leadership in water manage-

tion of transformative sanita-

tion programmes can deliver population health benefits in

low and middle-income coun-

tries. This significant impact

underscores the crucial role of

improved sanitation in reduc-

ing infant and child mortality

rates, highlighting the success

of the program.

efforts, the statement said.

Indian cyber-security agencies have detected a phishing fraud that "mimics" the official website of the Ministry of Defence to "harvest" the log-in credentials of officials to "steal" sensitive Government documents. An advisory issued this week by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) has identified two phishing links mod.Gov.In.Aboutcase.Nl/publ ications.Html mod.Gov.In.Army.Aboutcase. Nl/publications.Html.

'The communication says both the URLs seek NIC-provided log-in credentials of Government officials through a fake e-mail that comes attached with a "fake" document titled "Hackers Targeted Defence Personnel in Mass Cyber Attack".

"Ónce individual credentials like log-in IDs and passwords are punched, the links re-direct the users to a "login-

error.Html" page. "Both the phishing URLs have mirrored the original MoD website (www.Mod.Gov.In) to lure end users into believing they are legitimate MoD websites," the communication says. 'The two links are "mimicking' the Department of Defence under the Ministry of Defence and the phishing campaign is primarily aimed at harvesting the NIC credentials of

The research delves into data spanning two decades, uncovering a significant link between improved sanitation and reduced child mortality. By examining changes in toilet access across the states, the study demonstrates how each 10-percentage-point increase in district-level sanitation correlates with marked declines in both infant and under-5 death

Government officials to steal sensitive documents pertaining to the Indian Government, the communication says. The NIC serves as the backbone of Internet-based Government communication. "A phishing attack is defined as the fraudulent practice of impersonating reputed and official names and identities

through e-mails, text messages or phone calls to trick the victims into sharing sensitive personal information like banking and credit card details and login or identity information.

## Home Secretary: Global police cooperation key to tackling crime

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NFW DFI HI

Criminals and fugitives Should not receive safe havens by exploiting differences in international jurisdictions and they should be brought to justice, Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan said here on Thursday.

In his inaugural address at the 10th Interpol Liaison Officers (ILOs) Conference organised by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Mohan said the safe havens for crime, proceeds of crime and terrorism anywhere in the world pose a "serious threat to every country".

"An increasingly interconnected world needs internationally-connected policing. Criminals and fugitives from law should not receive safe havens by exploiting differpolice liaison officers from sev-



ences in international jurisdictions and they should be brought to justice," he said.

"Strengthening International Law Enforcement Partnerships" ahead of the upcoming UN International Day of Police the Centre, states and Union territories and international

eral countries. "Law-enforcement personnel from across India and the member countries of Interpol, Europol and GlobE Network joined the session virtually. The Home Secretary highlighted the importance of international police cooperation in tackling the rapidly-evolving landscape of technologyenabled crimes, which transcends borders.

The international dispersal of crime and criminals has enhanced the need for investigation abroad. Prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of crime is increasingly reliant on digital evidence and foreign-located evidence," he said.

"Mohan said the spectre of transnational crimes and organised crimes require real-time international police cooperation

India takes part in heads

of Asia Coast Guards meet

India's move to build toilets has saved up to 70,000 infant lives annually: Study ing approximately 60,000 to 70,000 infant deaths annually." It added that the implementa-

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

ndia's initiative focused on building toilets has potentially saved up to 70,000 infant lives annually, a recent study published in the British journal 'Nature' has revealed, in a testament to the impact of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's pet project, the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM).

Lauding the observations, the report was shared by the Prime Minister on Thursday stating that access to proper toilets plays a crucial role in reducing infant and child mortality.

The Mission is a country-wide campaign initiated by the Central Government on October 2, 2014, to eliminate open defecation and improve solid waste management. In a social media X, the Prime Minister posted saying that improved sanitation has



become a "game-changer" for public health in India. "Happy to see research highlighting the impact of efforts like the Swachh Bharat Mission. Access to proper toilets plays a crucial role in reducing infant and child mortality," Modi said.

'Clean, safe sanitation has become a game-changer for public health. And, I am glad India has taken the lead in this." he added

under the Swachh Bharat Mission and infant mortality in

India", said toilet construction increased dramatically across India following the implementation of the SBM in 2014 adding that the post-mission period in India exhibited accelerated reductions in infant and child mortality compared to the

pre-SBM years. Researchers had analysed infant and under-5 mortality data from 35 states in 640 districts and came to the conclusion that "based on regression estimates, the provision of toilets at scale may have contributed to avert-



sion's crucial role in advancing public health and saving lives. Meghalaya bans two- finger test

rates, highlighting the mis-

Parliamentary Panel apprised of Wagf properties belonging



"The

conference on

Cooperation saw the participation of senior officers from all law-enforcement agencies of

Ministry were unable to respond

to questions from members on

the land acquisition process

undertaken by the British administration. "There were

also attempts to suppress certain

information," claimed an

Opposition member of the

Committee chaired by BJP

member Jagadambika Pal.

Parliamentary sources said

DMK member A Raja pointed

out that a Waqf Act was passed

in 1913 and there was no men-

tion of it in the presentation by

the Urban Affairs Ministry

about it. "According to the pre-

sentation by the Ministry, the

Waqf Board made claims

between 1970 and 1977 on 138

properties that were acquired for

building New Delhi by the

"A total of 341 sq km of land was acquired to build the National

Capital region and due com-

British Government.

## to Ministries of Road Transport

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELH

The Parliamentary panel L examining the Waqf (Amendment) Bill was on Thursday apprised of the Waqf properties in the National Capital Region and those on the land parcels belonging to the Ministries of Road Transport and Railways. Urban Affairs and Road Transport Secretary Anurag Jain and Anil Kumar Khandelwal, Member Infrastructure, Railway Board, along with the officials from the respective Ministries made presentations to the Joint Committee on the Waqf (Amendment) Bill.

"The officials of the Urban Affairs Ministry briefed the panel on the land acquisition process undertaken by the then British Government in 1911 to build the city of Delhi.

pensation was paid to the affect-"Parliamentary sources said there were heated moments ed persons, a claim that was contested by the members. during the meeting when the

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI officials of the Urban Affairs

Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Iparticipated in the 20th Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM) from September three to four at Incheon, South Korea. During the meeting, various issues of significance, such as maritime law enforcement, safety and security of life at sea, marine environment protection, illicit trafficking of drugs, weapons and humans and future cooperation were discussed, Defence Ministry said here on Thursday.

On the sidelines of the HACGAM, the 12th annual bilateral meeting between ICG and the Korea Coast Guard was also held on Wednesday under the provisions of the MoU signed between the two agencies in March 2006.

"The meeting focused on augmenting operational-level interaction and capacity building in the areas of maritime search and rescue, pollution



response and law enforcement "The HACGAM primarily focuses on fostering cooperation between the Coast Guards of the member Asian states to ensure and promote safe, secure and clean seas in the region. It is an independent forum with 23-member Coast Guard Agencies and also two associate members in the form of Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

'It comprises four Working Groups to enable a focused and goal-oriented approach towards coordinated response & synergy towards common maritime issues.

## India, Saudi Arabia hold 6th defence cooperation meet

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

In an effort to further strengthen their bilateral defence ties, India and Saudi Arabia conducted the sixth edition of Joint Committee on Defence Cooperation (JCDC) meeting in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on Wednesday, defence ministry said here on Thursday

Giving details, officials said the two countries discussed new avenues to further strengthen the long standing and multifaceted defence cooperation. Detailed deliberations were held to expand the scope of engagement and cooperation in areas such as military, training, defence industry and

research and development(R&D).

"India and Saudi Arabia enjoy cordial and friendly relations founded on the centuries old economic and socio-cultural ties. The MoU on Defence Cooperation provides a framework for defence collaboration between the two countries. Joint Defence Cooperation Committee is an institutional mechanism under the MoU to promote the objectives of defence cooperation.

'The Indian delegation, led by Joint Secretary Amitabh Prasad, included officials from the Ministry of Defence. The meeting was co-chaired by Major General Salman Bin Awadh Al-Harbi from the Saudi Arabia delegation.

## to confirm rape

PTI NEW DELHI

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m has\ informed\ the\ Supreme}$ Court that it has prohibited the 'two-finger test<sup>'</sup> which was conducted to determine whether a survivor of rape or sexual assault was habituated to sexual intercourse.

The State Government told the apex court that a circular dated June 27, 2024, was issued by the Health and Family Welfare Department of Meghalaya prohibiting the test and disciplinary action will be taken for non-compliance. A bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and Sanjay Karol, which referred to a top court's order passed on May 7, noted that the apex court had strongly deprecated the practice of conducting a 'two-finger test'. "Amit Kumar, the Advocate General appearing for Meghalaya, has tendered a circular dated June 27, 2024, issued by the Government of Meghalaya, Health and Family Welfare Department. This circular has been issued prohibiting the 'two-finger test' and also disciplinary action for its non-compliance," the bench

said in its September 3 order.

The bench passed the order

while dismissing a petition

filed by a convict who had chal-

lenged the Meghalaya High

Court's verdict delivered on

The high court had affirmed

his conviction for the offences

punishable under the provision

of the Protection of Children

The bench noted that the con-

vict was sentenced to 10 years

In a judgement delivered in

October 2022, the apex court

deprecated the "regressive" and

"invasive" practice of the 'two-

finger test' on rape survivors

and said it has no scientific

basis and instead re-victimises

from Sexual Offences Act.

March 23 last year.

for the offence.

women who may have been sexually assaulted, and was an affront to their dignity.

In its order passed on September 3, the top court referred to the circular issued by the Meghalaya Government. The Supreme Court of India

and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have prohibited the practice of conducting the two-finger test (TFT) on survivors of sexual assault. This practice is scientifically baseless, traumatising, and violates the survivor's dignity and

rights," the circular said. "All Government doctors and medical practitioners in the State of Meghalaya are hereby directed not to conduct the two-finger test on survivors of sexual assault. Adherence to this directive is mandatory for all Government medical personnel," it said.

The circular further said any doctor found conducting the test will be held guilty of misconduct and strict disciplinary action will be initiated in accordance with the Meghalaya Discipline and Appeal Rules, 2019. It said the survivors of sexual assault must receive compassionate, respectful and sensitive care, including psychological support and counselling services.

"We hope and trust that the circular referred to above issued by the State of Meghalaya is implemented and abided in its letter and spirit. We hope that in future we may not have to once again condemn the State of Meghalaya for such a serious lapse," the bench said.

Frequent mobile phone use linked to increased risk of cardiovascular diseases: Study

#### ARCHANA JYOTI NEW DELHI

 $D_{your}^{o\ you\ spend\ hours\ glued\ to}$ for social media or work? It's better if you reassess your habits. For, a new study published in Canadian Journal of Cardiology has suggested that frequent mobile phone use is linked to an increased risk of cardiovascular diseases (CVD), particularly among current smokers and individuals with diabetes.

The study is particularly relevant for India, where, as of January 2024, there were 1.12 billion mobile connections, encompassing 78 per cent of the country's population.

Study author Dr Yanjun Zhang from Nanfang Hospital,

Southern Medical University, China, warned that, "Given the pervasive nature of mobile phone use, understanding its health impacts is crucial. Radio-frequency electromag-netic fields (RF-EMF) from these devices can disrupt the hvpothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis, cause inflammation, and induce oxidative stress. This can affect heart health and blood vessels. However, the precise connection between mobile phone use and CVD

remains uncertain." His colleague and co-investigator Dr. Ziliang Ye echoed similar views. "We found that regular users face a significantly higher risk of developing these conditions compared to those who use their phones less fre-



quently.

The research, which analysed data from 444,027 individuals in the UK Biobank with reported mobile phone use from 2006 to 2010, defined regular use as making at least one call per week. Over a median follow-up period of 12.3 years, the study assessed incidences of stroke, coronary heart disease, atrial fibrillation, and heart failure, while also exploring the

role of sleep patterns, psychological distress, and neuroticism.

Co-investigator Xianhui Qin, MD, emphasised that poor sleep patterns and mental health issues could exacerbate the risk of cardiovascular diseases through disrupted circadian rhythms, endocrine and metabolic disturbances, and increased inflammation. "Chronic RF-EMF exposure from mobile phones, combined with smoking and diabetes, may further amplify this risk." Dr Vivek Shama, Associate consultant cardiology, Fortis Greater Noida who though not connected with the study, agreed.

"Yes, we do agree that mobile phone usage can adversely

affect heart health. Excessive use of mobile phones, particularly during long conversa-tions, exposes the body to high-frequency magnetic field waves. These waves can interfere with the heart's function, leading to symptoms such as palpitations, dizziness, headaches, and even heart arrhythmias in some cases. We've particularly observed this in individuals who frequently use devices like EarPods. Although companies claim that these devices are safe, excessive usage can still result in complications for both the heart and brain," he said. Additionally, sleeping with your phone nearby can lead to headaches, migraines, and potentially other health issues.

It is essential to minimize screen time, especially before bed, Sama warned and cautioned that excessive phone use, especially among the younger generation, can lead to insomnia, anxiety, and stress.

This is largely due to the constant engagement with virtual platforms, which can result in unhealthy comparisons with others, leading to mental health issues. Prolonged screen time also reduces physical activity, contributing to obesity, particularly in children who are often given phones as distractions," he said.

"Phones should be kept away while sleeping, and screen time should be minimized, particularly first thing in the morning," he suggested.

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# After Mollywood, MeToo surfaces in Kerala politics

#### KUMAR CHELLAPPAN 📕 KOCHI

The Me Too fusillade that has literally send actors and movie makers in Kerala for cover has tightened its hold over politics. A woman senior Congress leader Simi Rosebell John who alleged that she did not get prominence in the party because of her refusal to vield to the demands of Leader of Opposition V D Satheesan finds herself expelled from the primary membership of the

oarty. But Simi disclosed the names of a group of women leaders including Padmaja Venugopal who left the party or suffer silently by continuing in the GOP as victims of Me Too phenomenon in the State's Congress party.

This is the first such disclosure that shook the Congress party in Kerala though senior leaders like K C Venugopal and Haiby Eden have been named by the solar scam accused Sarita Nair as persons who have tormented her. In the case of Venugopal, she has reportedly used harsh words while Eden has been portrayed as a chocolate hero



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the resukt of the Nair v

Eezhava fight in the party, said a source close to P K sasi

K M Shajahan, who had

served as secretary to former

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lady. the Similarly, Shobhana George, a two-time MLA of the Congress party was eased out by the leadership and she had no other way but to embrace the CPI(M).

Achuthanandan, told The The CPI(M) stands out as the Pioneer that film actor party with maximum number of Casanovas and this has Mukesh, who is an accused in been stated by none other than late V B Cherian, who sexual abuse case filed by actresses is a notorious character. "His first wife had served as the all India Sarita, herself a lead artist in secretary of the party's trade union wing CITU. P K Sasi, South India, has said in a TV interview how Mukesh had the former MLA from Shornur whom the media kicked her regularly when she describes as a modern day was pregnant with his child. Romeo in the party is "Saritha "famous" for his escapades. uncontrollably Many party insiders have demanded the ouster of Sasi recounting her experiences as Mukesh's wife and she was from the post of Kerala State chased out of her house by Development Mukesh. I feel pity for the Tourism Corporation as his name CPI(M) leaders who could not figures regularly in cases of find an effective candidate to

said Shajahan. The disclosure by Simi Rosebell is sure to dampen the

fight the assembly election,'

prospectus of Satheeshan's chance of becoming the next chief minister of the State that goes to the polls in 2026. There are strong contenders like Ramesh Chennithala, Sasi Tharoor, K Muraleedharan Venugopal and K Sudhakaran. 2001-2006 UDF The Government led by A K Antony and Oommen Chandi suffered a major setback as the then Industries Minister and Muslim League leader P K Kunhalikutty came under attack for allegedly molesting

a woman hailing from Kozhikode. Even BJP leaders in the State are not free from allegations of misdemeanor against young and middleaged women.

Politics and cinema make strange bedfellows but in matters of man's age old weeping instinct, they are the same one. Former Prime Minister P Narasimha Rao had mentioned this aspect in his novel The Insider (1998) based on real life incidents faced by Rao in his political career.

## Central team begins tour of flood-hit districts in Andhra

#### PTI VIJAYAWADA

An inter-ministerial team from the Central the Thursday government on began its visit of the floodaffected districts in Andhra Pradesh.

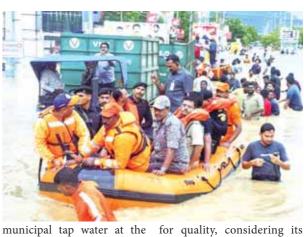
The team headed by Sanjeev Jindal Kumar visited Vijayawada, the worst affected place, to estimate the losses and destruction, said an official press release. The Central team visited the

State Emergency Operations Centre in the Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) office in Tadepalli, where officials explained about the torrential potable rains and floods.

Later, the officials also visited Prakasam Barrage, which was recently hit by three large drifting boats, damaging a concrete beam.

As the flood waters began to recede at many places here, personnel of the Vijayawada civic body are busily engaged in sanitation work and also restoring water supply, an official said on Thursday. However, Vijayawada Commissioner Municipal

HM Dhyanachandra said people must refrain from drinking the restored drinking



muddied nature due to the unprecedented deluge. moment as it was not in a

He said the authorities will Today, we are focusing on inform people after carrying municipal water resumption out tests but hinted that it and sanitation. By today 'could' be used for bathing evening, the water supply will be restored. But they (people) purposes. Meanwhile, drinking water is also being supplied to the cannot drink water because there will be a lot of silting, flood-hit areas through water Dhyanachandra told PTI.

He said the civic body will launch a campaign to from dissuade people drinking tap water. On Wednesday,

Chief drinking water. Minister N Chandrababu Further, the Commissioner noted that Naidu said water supplied by the municipality should not flood water had 'receded be used for the first two days at least as it has to be tested

accessible, except some wards in and around Nunna area.

There is no information that (water level) Budameru will increase...The Irrigation Department is also trying to close the Budameru breach," he said, adding that civil supplies could begin distribution of provisions from Friday.

A resident of Ajit Singh Nagar, the worst-affected area, told PTI that many people returned to their homes as flood water had receded.

As several neighbourhoods have become accessible, Dhyanachandra said sanitation work is underway at a brisk pace, supplemented by 6,000 workers from about eight districts to bolster the local effort.

Excise Minister K Ravindra Thursday visited on Jakkulanekkalam village in Gannavaram mandal of Krishna district, where the swollen Budameru rivulet inundated thousands of acres. Along with Gannavaram MLA Y Venkata Rao, he toured the flooded areas on boats and tractors. Flood waters reached up to 4-ft on the road there, said an official

#### Haryana Assembly elections: Several Nation's saints always upheld 19-year-old woman raped, murdered its spiritual traditions: Yogi leaders unhappy with ticket denial

while

#### PARVESH SHARMA GURUGRAM

A fter BJP released its first list of 67 candidates for the Haryana Assembly elections on Wednesday, dissatisfaction has intensified across the State. Some party leaders quit the party after being denied tickets. BJP State Vice President GL Sharma, along with his supporters on September 6, quits the party, claimed that only one person was distributing tickets in Harvana.

Sharma is likely to join along Congress with supporters. While speaking to The Pioneer Sharma said, "Only one person in the party is distributing the ticket. I have met Congress MP from Rohtak Deepender Hooda and will soon join Congress without any promise. Sharma became angry after he

failed to get a ticket as BJP had the Gurgaon seat. Another BJP leader, Naveen Goval, BJP's business cell's state convenor along with his support, has also resigned



from all the party posts with immediate effect. Mukesh Sharma was declared as the candidate from the Gurgaon assembly, after which Naveen Goyal took a rebellious stance and announced to contest the election as an independent.

Naveen Goyal said that this was not his own decision but the voice of the people of Gurgaon.

While addressing a press conference on Thursday, conference on from Naveen Goyal said, "He has Mukesh engaged in the service of the party since the beginning. For seven years, he has been engaged day and night to serve people and propagate the party's policies Patudi's seat but the party ignored his services." "The voters of Gurgaon constituency love me a lot. On election.

October 5 poll day, the people of Gurgaon constituency will cast their vote in my favour and allow me to Chandigarh," he told The Pioneer.

Naveen Goyal said that only the love of the people will make me win and take me to Chandigarh. The party has fielded Mukesh

Sharma from the Gurgaon constituency, replacing sitting MLA Sudhir Singla. The saffron party declared tickets for 67 of the 90 seats, including 3 constituencies in the Gurugram district, denying nominations to two sitting MLAs — Kunwar Sanjay Singh from Sohna and Sudhir Singla from Gurgaon.

The BJP has nominated former minister Rao Narbir Singh Badshahpur seat Sharma from Gurgaon, and former MLA Tejpal Tanwar from Sohna, Pataudi (SC reserve), is yet to be decided. Satya Prakash is a sitting MLA from

#### PTI AYODHYA

**¬**overnments may have Gchanged over time, but the nation's saints have always upheld the strength and continuity of India's spiritual traditions, said Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at the 'Pran-Pratishtha ceremony on Ramnathaswamy Temple here on Thursday.

During his address, he said that Ayodhya and Tamil Nadu share a deep historical connection that goes back thousands of years.

'Thousands of years ago, when Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram set out to search for Mother Sita in Sri Lanka, he worshipped his beloved Lord Shiva after building the bridge in Rameshwaram, Nadu," Adityanath Tamil said.

Adityanath participated in the grand 'Kumbhabhishek' Pratishtha' of the anc rana

performed circumambulation ritual at this South Indian-style temple.

He hailed the construction of the Ramnathaswamy Temple as a significant contribution to strengthening the vision of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat." He said, this serves as a reminder of India's unity, where spiritual consciousness continues to rise. These efforts are aligned with Prime Minister Modi's "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" vision, further reinforcing the idea of national oneness, the

statement read. Governments



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#### PTI BIDAR (KARNATAKA)

case of rape and murder Acase of rape and has been registered after the body of a 19-year-old woman was found with multiple injuries days after she went missing from her home at Gunateerthawadi village in this district of Karnataka, police said on Thursday.

Three people have been arrested in connection with the incident which allegedly happened on August 29, they said.

She was allegedly killed after being hit on her head with a stone and later her body was dumped in the bushes, police said, adding, they suspect she was sexually assaulted. However, investigators are awaiting medical reports for confirmation.

The victim was missing since August 29 and her parents from the same village, was in lodged a complaint at lvana no e sta on



body injuries on her including head. We registered him from far away during the a case of murder initially and incident," he said. the accused were unknown. Then based on the technical the incident have been arrested. We are waiting for evidence, we started searching for the accused and the medical reports of the we found three people who victim. She sustained head were in contact with her on the day of her disappearance," a senior police officer said. One of them, who also hails

injuries among other injuries. On suspicion of sexual assault and based on interrogation, we have added sections of rape in the FIR," he said.

'All three accused involved in

e prime accused and victim knew each other well, police said, adding her parents were unaware of it. Further investigation is underway.

Meanwhile, the Congress is yet to release its list for the upcoming Haryana Assembly

newly-renovated Ram Natha Swamy Temple in Ayodhya. After offering prayers at the newly-consecrated Shivalinga, Adityanath

changed over time, but the nation's saints have always upheld the strength and continuity of India's spiritual traditions," he remarked.

two days later, police said. 'We registered a missing case and we started investigating. On September one, her body was recovered with multiple

we picked the accused and during interrogation, he confessed to murdering her. During interrogation, he said that he went along with two

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direct contact with

the Assembly.

### Ensure leave applications of prisoners processed scrupulously as per rules: HC to TN DGP

#### PTI 🗖 CHENNAI

The Madras High Court has directed the Director General of Prisons to issue consolidated instructions to all the subordinate prison authorities to ensure that the leave applications filed by or on behalf of the prisoners were processed scrupulously in accordance with the rules and decisions were taken within a period of 28 days as contemplated under Rule 24(5) of the Tamil Nadu Suspension of Sentence Rules, 1982

In a recent order, a division bench comprising Justices S M Subramaniam and N Senthil Kumar said failure in complying with the Tamil Nadu Suspension of Sentence Rules, 1982 regarding adherence of time limit contemplated was to be construed as lapse, dereliction of duty or negligence, as the case may be and appropriate disciplinary actions were to be initiated against the who all officials were for responsible such misconduct.

The bench said the writ petitions filed prematurely before expiry of the statutory time limit of 28 days as contemplated under the Tamil Nadu Suspension of Sentence Rules, 1982 were not entertainable for grant of ordinary leave. Applications for emergency leave were to be considered forthwith by the competent authority without causing any delay. An

## order of rejection of leave

application would provide a cause for instituting the writ petition challenging the same, the bench added.

The bench gave the above directives while disposing of a petition filed by Usha, wife of Karthi, a convict prisoner confined in Vellore Prison, seeking a direction to the authorities to grant 28 days ordinary leave to her husband

The bench said in the present case, the petitioner filed an application seeking leave on June 27, 2024. The writ petition was filed on July 15, 2024, even before the date of expiry of the statutory period as per the rules to dispose of the leave petition by the competent authority under the Tamil Nadu Suspension of

Sentence Rules, 1982. the present writ Thus, petition was premature on the date of filing. "However, we are inclined to take an exception in the present case, since during the pendency of the present writ petition, the statutory period expired and again remanding the matter became unnecessary", the bench added.

Pointing out the submission the Additional Public of Prosecutor that the prisoner was eligible for ordinary leave for 21 days, the bench granted ordinary leave for 21 days commencing from September 6, 2024 with certain conditions to the convict prisoner.

## Lightning strikes claim 1,625 lives in Odisha in last 5 years: Minister

#### **PTI** BHUBANESWAR

Odisha reported 1,625 deaths due to lightning strikes in last five years, state Revenue and Disaster Management minister Suresh Pujari told the state Assembly on Thursday.

Replying to a question by BJP legislator Tankadhar Tripathy, the minister said a total of 1,625 people have been killed by lightning strikes across the state during 2019-20 and 2023-24. While 372 persons were killed due to lightning strikes during the financial year 2019-20, 338 such death cases were reported

in 2020-21 and 294 during

lightning death cases in 2022-23 and another 287 such death cases during 2023-24, Pujari said in a written reply to the House.

During the discussion on the question, the minister said the state recorded the highest lightning-related fatalities in the country during the period, adding that states with higher mineral deposits tend to record more lightning fatalities because minerals are good conductors of electricity.

As per the statement of the minister, the lightning death cases were registered in all 30 districts of Odisha. A maximum of 151 people were 2021-22. killed due to lightning strikes in The state has reported 334 tribal-dominated Mayurbhanj



district, followed by Ganjam district, where 114 people lost their lives due to the natural disaster. Keonjhar, the home district of

Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Balasore district each reported 111 lightning deaths during these five years while Boudh district witnessed 14 such death cases, which is the lowest in the state, he stated. The Disaster Management

minister further told the House that the Odisha government had declared lightning as a state-specific disaster in April 2015 as lightning has not been declared as a natural disaster by the government of India. The state has been providing an

ex-gratia of Rs 4 lakh each to the next of kin of those killed in lightning strikes from the State Disaster Response Fund SDRF), he added.

The government has also made a provision for a compensation of Rs 16,000 if a person requires hospitalisation for more than a week due to a lightning strike. Moreover, Rs 5,400 is provided to a person injured in lightning and hospitalised for less than a week, the minister informed

Analyzing the data of the past With the help of real-time data provided by Pune-based Indian six years, Pujari said, on an average, more than six lakh Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), the Odisha State Disaster lightning strikes are reported in Odisha every year, of which, the highest 4.31 lakh lightning strikes occurred in Mayurbhanj district (approximately 72,000 each year) while it was 3.02 lakh (50,000 in a year) in Sundergarh district and 2.75 lakh times (46,000 in a year) in Keonjhar district.

districts like Moreover, Ganjam, Angul, Sambalpur, Dhenkanal, Balasore, Koraput, Kandhamal, Bargarh, , Bolangir, Rayagada, and Cuttack witnessed more than one lakh lightning strikes during the past six years, Pujari

Management Authority (OSDMA) is providing early warning and advisory on lightning to the people through the Satark mobile app, which was developed with technical support from Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES). Pujari said that palm trees are being planted to mitigate the

effects of lightning. The Revenue Department has allocated Rs 7 crore to the Forest Department for palm tree plantation.

## Six Maoists killed in exchange of fire with police in Telangana, two commandos injured

PTI HYDERABAD

 $S_{\rm CPI}^{\rm ix\ cadres\ of\ the\ banned}\ including$ two women were killed after an exchange of fire between the ultras and police in Bhadradri Kothagudem district of Telangana on Thursday, police said.

Two commandos of the Greyhounds, the elite antinaxal force of Telangana Police, were also injured in the exchange of fire and were shifted to a hospital, they said. The incident happened in a forest area under Karakagudem police station limits of the district, a senior

police official told PTI.

Based on inputs that a Maoists team crossed over to Telangana from neighbouring Chhattisgarh, special police parties took up combing in the area when the incident happened, he said.

Bodies of the six Maoists including two women cadres were recovered from the spot and their identification was being done, police said.

The dead included a senior cadre of the Maoists, he said based on preliminary investigation.

Police seized six weapons including 2 AK47s, SLRs and others from the spot.

## Photo emerges showing Renukaswamy pleading for life before murder

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Aday after police filed a against Darshan Kannada actor Thoogudeepa and other accused in the Renukaswamy murder case, a photograph of the victim pleading for life emerged on social media on Thursday. "Fear writ large on a shirtless Renukaswamy's face as he stared at the camera, the image is a tell-tale about the trauma he endured as he was given a torturous death," a

police official said, adding, several injury marks are also seen all over his body. In another picture, the victim is

seen lying on the ground near a



parked truck. According to police sources, he was beaten up with clubs, given electric shock in his private parts, and thrown against the wall leading to multiple fractures.

The chargesheet filed on Wednesday has the forensic report which confirms that Renukaswamy's blood stains

were found on Darshan's clothes, the sources said. Darshan along with his friend Pavithra Gowda and 15 others, who are accused in the case, are currently under judicial custody in different prisons in the state.

According to police sources, 33-year-old Renukaswamy, a fan of the actor, had sent obscene messages to Pavithra, which enraged Darshan, allegedly leading to his murder. His body was found near a stormwater drain next to an apartment in Sumanahalli here on June nine.

Raghavendra, one of the accused who is part of Darshan's fan club in Chitradurga, had brought Renukaswamy to a shed in R R Nagar here, on the pretext that the actor wanted to meet him. It was in this shed that he was allegedly tortured and murdered.

According to the post-mortem report, Renukaswamy, a native of Chitradurga, died due to shock and haemorrhage as a result of multiple blunt injuries Police sources said Pavithra, who is accused number one, was the "major cause" for Renukaswamy's murder, claiming that it has been proved from the probe that she instigated other accused, conspired with them, and took part in the crime.

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## **India shines at Paralympics**

### India puts up best-ever show at Paralympics; PM Modi lauds athletes' perseverance and talent

India's performance at the 2024 Paralympics will be etched in the annals of sporting history, as the country witnessed its best-ever showing at the Games. With a recordbreaking tally of medals, the athletes' determination, grit, and sheer willpower resonated deeply with millions. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, visibly elated, interacted with the Paralympic contingent, hailing their indomitable spirit as an inspiration to the nation. India sent its largest-ever contingent of 84 athletes to the 2024 Paralympics, competing across various disciplines like archery, athletics, and shooting. Among the many standout performances, Indian archer Sheetal Devi captured the world's attention, competing without hands and displaying an extraordinary level of precision and resilience. Her triumphs, alongside other athletes, served as a testament to the extraordinary abilities of differently-abled individuals who continue to defy the odds and break barriers. PM Modi, in his conversation with the athletes, expressed his deep admiration, stating,



"Your hard work and dedication have brought glory to the nation ... You have shown that challenges, no matter how daunting, can be overcome with perseverance." The success of Indian Paralympians is not merely a result of their training, but a culmination of years of battling personal and societal obstacles. These athletes have defied their disabilities, proving that with determination, no hurdle is insurmountable.

Each medal won at the Paralympics tells a story of immense struggle, dedication, and the refusal to accept limitations. Take, for instance, the journey of Bhavina Patel, a para table tennis player who became a beacon of hope after her exceptional performances on the

global stage. Diagnosed with polio at a young age, Bhavina's journey from rehabilitation to becoming a Paralympian exemplifies the strength of human willpower. Such athletes embody the essence of perseverance, redefining success not by their victories alone but by their unwavering resolve to overcome challenges. As India celebrates its best-ever Paralympics performance, the spotlight on para-athletes has intensified, garnering widespread support from all sections of society. What makes these athletes stand apart is their ability to transform adversity into strength. Despite the physical and emotional challenges, they face, they continue to push boundaries, proving that talent knows no bounds. For every medal India wins at the Paralympics, there are countless hours of practice, numerous setbacks, and a tireless pursuit of excellence. As India celebrates the achievements of its Paralympic athletes, their stories remind us that greatness is often born out of struggle. Their success is a beacon of hope for millions, showcasing that with determination, talent, and an unbreakable spirit, anything is possible. India's Paralympians have made the nation proud, and their stories will inspire generations to come. As they continue to rise and break records, their message is clear: Perseverance, dedication, and talent can overcome even the greatest of challenges.



# IC-814: Lessons beyond the binary-



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The web series 'IC-184: The Kandahar Hijack' has reignited debate over the moral and strategic dilemmas faced during hostage crises

eb series IC-184: The Kandahar Hijack, has triggered debate on the complexities and 'greys' that accompany such incidents. Beyond obvious things like the lack of coordination, responsiveness or even allowing the flight to take off from Amritsar - one important query is if India did wrong in negotiating with terrorists. Given the handiwork of these released terrorists in the subsequent terror attacks, the question acquires even gravity. However, beyond the simplistic and binary 'yes' or 'no' position that is often postulated in the argument, lies the necessity of nuance in attempting to answer the same. It is universally agreed that negotiations with terrorists are a bad idea, however, sometimes, the consequences of not negotiating can have far more debilitating and costly consequences.

Sifting the wheat from the chaff of the supposed 'no-negotiation' stance of some countries (as often bandied) is important. It is frequently argued that countries like Israel or the United States of America do not negotiate with terrorists. It is further claimed that because of such an unbending posture, the Israelis and Americans avoided being taken as hostages. But such beliefs are untrue, misplaced, and belie the wheels-within-wheels of the American or Israeli reality, beyond the publicly stated position of 'no-negotiation'.

It is the worst-kept secret that such countries have funnelled money through proxies, 'friendly countries, or even masked the same as 'aid' to secure their citizens, whilst maintaining the official stance. The Iran-Contra affair (1981-86) during the Reagan era wherein American hostages held by the Lebanese group, Hezbollah, were exchanged for weapons for Hezbollah itself, exemplifying the deals cut beyond the public gaze. As recently as 2014, the Americans had released rive failban prisoners from Guantanamo, to secure an American hostage. discovering broader networks Last August, the United States is and bases to take down the ter-

lion of Iranian funds in South Korean banks to secure the release of five US citizens. It is now argued that the same money could have been invaluable for the cashstrapped Iranians (widely believed benefactors of Hamas) in launching the subsequent '7th Oct' attack on Israel. Israelis themselves are the masters of the backdoor negotiations, irrespective of the belligerent stand adopted for public consumption. In the Gilat Shalit (Israeli prisoner) exchange of 2011, it is believed that Israelis released 1027 prisoners who were held in jails. Even now as the bludgeoning of the Gaza Strip continues, the Israelis in parallel (and in support of the Biden administration) are still negotiating with Hamas for the release of their citizens held hostage. Often, the aggrieved government can end up losing a lot of leverage and lives when they refuse to engage with bad actors. Negotiations help immediate outcomes, buy crucial time for alternate reactions, and most importantly, help establish critical information and 'leads' about the captors that could be

invoked, productively. Lastly, a well-managed ransom off (with marked bills and telltale trails) can also lead to discovering broader networks believed to have unfrozen \$6 bil- ror infrastructure, subsequent-

ly. Negotiations or engagement does not have to be tantamount to surrender or even a 'bad deal', necessarily. From the post-released activities of the three terrorists in the IC-814 case, it was a costly 'deal' but was there an alternative? The hijacked plane was parked in the backyard of Pakistani ISI's supported Afghan base (at least then) with 158 precious lives (not including the 5 terrorists). The terrorists in this case THE (under the direct supervision of CALCULATION the ISI and Taliban) were not exactly known to be reasonable, AND and if anything, had given a glimpse of their intent with the **OPPORTUNITIES** brutal and fatal stabbing of pas-WOULD HAVE senger, Rupin Katyal. Even an Entebbe-like commando oper-**BEEN FAR** ation using Indian Special Forces was impractical and MORE CREATIVE fraught with additional risks. WITH POSSIBLE With the clear intention of harming Indian interests with-SOLUTIONS, out an iota of any fear of getting caught (given the location) -HAD IC-814 the risk to the lives of all pas-BEEN HELD UP sengers and crew of IC-814 was not possible, but imminent. IN AMRITSAR, The calculation and opportunities would have been far AS OPPOSED more creative with possible authorities when its Embassy staff was held hostage or did it steadfastly hold to the 'nonegotiation' posture? The 'nonegotiation' is more of an ideal, but a fuzzy line, practically. It is a deterring policy but has never been an ironclad law, anywhere in the world. However, countries like Israel (or even India) do convey behaviorally is the guarantee of serious reprisals and redeeming their

losses. For example, 'Operation Hot Pursuit, the cross-border operation against NSCN-K insurgents in Myanmar 'normalised' the expectation for bad actors, hereinafter - this, when done systematically, surgically and purposefully conveys solid sovereign intent. So, there is no silver bullet or inviolable guardrails in tackling terror, except adapting and responding according to the situation, whilst ensuring the overall objectives are not lost to inflexibility, weakness, or indecision. IC-814 was indeed a lapse of immense proportion but the complexities of the eight-day ordeal necessitated negotiations in that specific case, as insisting any other way is easier said than done, as instructed by history anywhere in the world. (The writer, a multar veteran, is a former Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry. The views *expressed are personal)* 



orsaken the lives of its citizens? Has any other country ever forsaken lives in similar circumstances? Did the USA attempt negotiating with the Iranian

solutions, had IC-814 been

held up in Amritsar, as opposed

to Kandahar. Could India have

Nuns offer prayers during observance of the death anniversary of Mother Teresa, in Kolkata

## Childhood trauma and its lasting impact on adult relationships



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Recognising the impact of childhood trauma on adult relationships is crucial. By seeking therapy individuals can heal emotional wounds and foster healthier relations

hildhood trauma, a deeply distressing experience that occurs before the age of 18, can have a profound and lasting impact on an individual's life. One of the most significant areas where this influence is felt is in adult relationships. Understanding the connection between childhood trauma and adult relationships can help individuals recog-nize the patterns that may be affecting their lives and seek appropriate support. When a child experiences

trauma, it can disrupt their development and create a sense of insecurity and fear. This can lead to difficulties in forming and maintaining healthy relationships in adulthood. Individuals who have experienced childhood trauma may struggle with trust, communication, and emotional intimacy.

They may also be more prone to attracting or engaging in toxic relationships.One of the most common ways that childhood trauma can manifest in adult relationships is through difficulties with trust. Individuals who have been betrayed or abused as children may find it chal-



lenging to trust others, even in seemingly harmless situations

This can lead to feelings of isolation and loneliness, as well as difficulties forming deep connections with others.Communication can also be a challenge for individuals who have experienced childhood trauma.

They may struggle to express their emotions or be overly sensitive to criticism. This can lead to misunderstandings and conflict in rela-

tionships. Additionally, individuals who have been traumatized may be more likely to engage in unhealthy coping mechanisms, such as substance abuse or avoidance, which can further hinder their ability to communicate effective-

ly.Emotional intimacy is another area where childhood trauma can have a significant impact. Individuals who have been traumatized may find it difficult to open up to others and share their feelings.

They may fear rejection or abandonment, and may instead withdraw from relationships. This can lead to feelings of isolation and loneliness, as well as difficulties forming deep and meaningful connections with others.

Another way that childhood trauma can manifest in adult relationships is through the attraction to or engagement in toxic relationships. Individuals who have been traumatized may be more likely to attract or engage in relationships that replicate the abusive or neglectful dvnamics of their childhood. This can be a way of unconsciously reliving past trauma and seeking to resolve it.It is important to note that not everyone who experiences childhood trauma will develop these patterns in their adult relationships.

However, understanding the connection between childhood trauma and adult rela-

tionships can help individuals recognize the patterns that may be affecting their lives and seek appropriate support.

If you are struggling with the impact of childhood trauma on your adult relationships,

it is important to seek help. Therapy can be a valuable tool for understanding and addressing the underlying issues affecting your relationships.

A therapist can help you develop healthy coping mechanisms, improve communication skills, and build stronger, more fulfilling relationships.

Additionally, support groups can provide a safe and supportive space to connect with others who have experienced similar challenges.By understanding the connection between childhood trauma and adult relationships, individuals can take steps to heal from past wounds and build healthier, more ful-filling relationships.

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### **SOCIETAL ATTITUDE CHANGE A MUST**

LETTERS

Madam - Nirbaya's case and Abhaya's cases caught the attention of the public and attracted stir. The Mollywood case got the importance of retired judge's involvement and submission of a report which, with four year's dust got released last week and the different associations rather than taking action on the perpetrators crime abdicated their responsibility and resigned.

A woman from Hyderabad came out in to the streets and complained that she was sexually assaulted promising her roles in movies

The exploitation of the fairer sex has been happening every where and every day. The fast track courts which PM was talking about in the SC's 75th year celebrations is not a solution to the problem and President calling it "enough is enough" is not an answer. It is not long ago when the then CJI in 2019 was accused of sexual torture and victimization by a staff member.Since then four CJI s have changed. Still there has been neither an institutional response nor a fair investigation and due process in case of a sexual-harassment allegation against a CJI.

These allegations illustrate a structural issue with the judiciary;the question of sexual harassment should not be dismissed as harming judicial independence. Similairly when there was a similar complaint against a sitting Governor, police was not allowed to investigate in the matter citing the immunity enjoyed by the constitutional head.

The same logic or the thought process goes in the minds of the people who are decision makers in these cases for they try to protect the image of the household or the institution where the exploitation is reported.

Law and judiciary can come in to play only when the matter is brought out but when the same is suppressed for whatever reason the women who are addressed as fair sex suffers with an unfair treatment.We need an attitudinal change to address the problem!

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### Bengal passes Aparajita bill

THE EDITOR



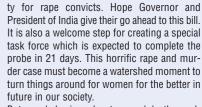
**TO KANDAHAR** 

propos to news report "WB Governemnt passes anti-rape Aparajita bill" published on 4th September, here is my response. West Bengal government must be applauded for passing Anti rape bill and seeking death penal-

#### **TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION**

Madam-As we celebrate yet another teachers day to commemorate the birth anniversary of our great teacher president Dr S Radhakrishnan and to honour the architects, the creators and producers of tomorrow's citizens a look into the world's noblest profession goes to show that it's not all well in the teaching field in the present fast paced global scenario. According to the 2018 Global Teacher Status Index India ranks eight in the top ten countries where teachers are held in the highest esteem . Though it is a matter of pride it is not all smiles for the teaching community . Exploitations, coercion and threats loom above the teaching fraternity. Thousands of teachers get very poor salaries inspite of the hard work they do. Poor working conditions, continuous work, discrimination, pressure from the higher ups and regulatory bodies have driven many teachers to leave the profession. Time has changed and this is not a society that once not long ago revered the Guru next to the father and the mother.

M Pradyu | Kannur



But merely having a law to award death penalty to rape convicts may not suffice as unfortunately rapes incidents both in West Bengal and elsewhere in the country have not stopped even after this tragic RG Kar Hospital rape and murder case on 9th August. What is required is strict and unbiased implementation of the rule and law at the ground level. Because we have had tough laws in our country but what we lack is serious implementation which defies the whole purpose of framing a law

Bal Govind | Noida

#### **J&K ELECTIONS**

Madam — In Jammu & Kashmir, political parties must prioritize growth and avoid revisiting the legacy of Article 370, as its abrogation is irreversible. They should instead highlight how this move will drive development, curb terrorism, and strengthen national security along the Pakistan and China borders, where POK, Aksai Chin, and Shaksgam Valley remain under illegal control.

Avoiding conflicts with the Central Government is crucial, given J&K's strategic location and heavy reliance on central financial aid. Campaigns focused on regional, caste, or religious divides will only harm Kashmir's political future. The era of the 1990s must not return, and a Pakistan-centric approach will be disastrous, as seen in POK's decline. Parties should honestly work for unification and the betterment of the state.

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## **FIRSTCOLUMN**

### **INDIA BOLSTERS 'ACT EAST' POLICY**

PM Modi's Brunei visit highlights India's commitment to strengthening ties in Southeast Asia



#### KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

rime Minister Modi is wasting no time in walking the talk as far as his foreign policy goals are concerned. This week, with a clear focus on Look East policy the Indian PM was in Brunei and Singapore. The Brunei visit was the first state visit by an Indian PM, after establishing diplomatic relations in 1984. The Indian Mission in Brunei came nearly a decade later in 1993. PM Manmohan Singh had visited Brunei Darussalam in 2013 to attend multilateral meetings of ASEAN and East Asia Summit. Highlighting the importance of the first bilateral visit to Brunei, India's High Commissioner Alok Amitabh Dimri, told news agency ANI " In our four decades of diplomatic relationship, this is the first bilater-

al official visit by the Prime Minister of India to Brunei Darussalam. It is a historic moment in our bilateral relationship and also for the Indian community in Brunei Darussalam that high-level bilateral engagement between Prime Minister Shri Modi and His Majesty the King is going to take place. This visit is historic in many ways that Brunei and India have been civilizational neighbours as you know that India shares deep historical roots and bonds with Southeast Asia. The Malayan tradition of this geography which is located in the Borneo Island of Southeast Asian Seas derives deep linkages be it, linguistic, anthropological, ethnic, architectural, religious motives, customs and traditions, norms from India, South India." Defence relations between the two countries have been on an upward trajectory since the establishment of formal diplomatic



There have been several official-level defence exchanges and visits of navy, coast guard ships and joint exercises. India has MoU in in defence sector with Brunei till 2026. Several Indian Navy ships and coast guard ships such as INS Rana, INS Airavat, INS Shivalik & INS Kadmatt, and Samudra Pahereda to name a few, have been in Brunei waters, given the maritime security concerns. The trade relations between the two countries are not what one can boast of, however, it is of strategic importance

The recently concluded Brunei trip by the Indian PM has enhanced and deepened the partnership between the two countries. The joint statement issued after the leader's meeting stated "Both leaders held discussions for enhancing cooperation on a wide range of issues including defence, connectivity, trade and investment, energy including renewables, space, ICT, health and pharmaceuticals, education and capacity building, culture, tourism, youth and people-to-people exchanges, as well as regional and international issues of mutual interest." However, the real area of cooperation would be in maintaining international rules of law deep in the Indian Ocean. Brunei is located in the South China Sea region, where China has a significant presence and has been increasingly threatening the bordering countries with its coercive tactics. These issues were raised by the Indian PM in his meeting with his Counterpart on Darussalam. The joint statement read, "Both leaders reiterated their commitment to work closely together in mutually beneficial areas to further strengthen the ASEAN - India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.Both leaders reiterated their commitment to maintaining and promoting peace, stability, maritime safety and security, as well as respecting freedom of navigation and overflight and unimpeded lawful commerce, consistent with international law, notably the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) 1982. The leaders also urged all parties to resolve disputes through peaceful means in accordance with international law, particularly UNCLOS 1982.' The first state visit by an Indian PM to Brunei just months after taking charge for a third time is a long-term strategic move to secure India's interests for the future.

#### n August 24, 2024, the Union government announced the new Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) for central government employees. In fact, what looked like a well-orchestrated action plan, on the following day the BJPled government in Maharashtra approved the implementation of the Scheme for its employees. Madhya Pradesh government is likely to implement the UPS soon. The above announcements are in response to the earlier decisions of Opposition-ruled States, including Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh (before the November 2023 elections), Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh (HP) and Punjab to revert to the old pension system (OPS) which it felt tilted the electoral pendulum towards those parties, particularly in HP. Fearing a repeat during the upcoming elections and Congress having already announced its intent to revert to OPS in Maharashtra, Modi seems to have gone for a preemptory move. Generally, employees of both the central and State governments who joined service after January 1, 2004, and are covered under the national pension scheme (NPS) have

been uncomfortable with it. They have een demanding the restoration of the OPS which opposition-ruled states promised. Now, the Centre and BJP-ruled states have come up with the UPS hoping this will satisfy them. Will it? Under the OPS, retired employees received 50 per cent of their last drawn salary as a monthly pension. Just as the government offers its employees an adjustment in dearness allowance or DA to offset the increase in the cost of living, the monthly payouts of pensioners also increase to provide for DA. A government employee under OPS could not have got anything better. He was entitled to a decent 'pre-determined' monthly amount; the pension was fully protected against inflation and got it as long as he lived. After death, his wife gets the same amount for seven years and thereafter the family pension is around 60 per cent of this amount till she is alive. However, from the perspective of the government, the arrangement could not have been worse.Under OPS, there was an inherent tendency for pension liabilities to balloon



due to the addition to the pensioners' club every year, higher salaries of those joining, inflation indexation, increased longevity and so on. In 1990-91, the Centre's pension bill was Rs 3,272 crore. By 2020-21, it had jumped 58 times to Rs 190,886 crore. For all states, it shot up from Rs 3,131 crore in 1990-91 to Rs 386,001 crore in 2020-21 or 125 times.

Financial prudence requires that every year, the government set aside capital which together with return accruing thereon would create a growing corpus sufficient to pay for the pension liabilities on a sustainable basis thus avoid-ing any stress on the budget. But, that was never done. Instead, both the Centre and states have followed what in jargon is known as 'pay-as-you-go'. This has made the present generation of taxpayers bear the continuously rising burden of pensioners.

To deal with these pitfalls, the then UPA dispensation intro-ENTITLED TO A duced the NPS for government employees joining service from

ee gets a good pension depending on the contribution made, the age of joining, the type of investment, and the income accruing from that investment. The NPS is good for the fiscal health of the government. However, from the pensioner's angle, it doesn't match the OPS. Modi has brought a new UPS to bridge the gap between the two. Does it?Under UPS, which kicks in from April 1, 2025, employees who joined the service after January 1, 2004, and have worked for 25 years or more, after retirement, will be given 50 per cent of their basic average salary of the last 12 months as pension every month. However, employees who have served less than 25 years will get proportionately less or Rs. 10,000 per month minimum pension to employees who have served for a minimum of 10 years.If an employee dies on or before retirement, then the husband or wife will be given a pension, but the pension amount will remaining 8.5 per cent contribution of the government.

The employee can exercise an investment choice for the IPF alone. The employees looking for higher pensions will have the option to get their pension monies (from IPF alone) invested in high-risk instruments for better returns. However, they will have to forego the UPS guarantees viz. monthly pension payouts of 50 per cent of the final service year's monthly pay, with full inflation adjustment.UPS guarantees will only be for those who opt for the "default investment option" which means an employee should leave it entirely to the government to manage the IPF besides the 'pool corpus' the former has anyway no claim. Needless to say, the 'pool corpus' will be used to make up for the shortfall in the returns generated from the investment of the IPF to ensure a 50 per cent pension.

Under UPS, there is no provision be 60 per cent of the pension for the return of capital to the received by the employee imme- heirs of the pensioner in the event of her death. This makes perfect sense as one can't have the cake and eat it too. The shift to UPS is a good move. It gives what the OPS gave even while preserving the good features of NPS like self-financing for dis-charging pension liabilities. It puts a little extra burden on the taxpayers being the extra 4.5 per cent of the government's contri-bution (18.5 per cent under UPS against 14 per cent under NPS). One wonders whether this will fully satisfy the employees. The answer is 'Yes' if they see reason. It will be 'No' if they don't. For instance, they could still argue under OPS, they were getting a 50 per cent pension without having to contribute even a Rupee whereas under UPS, an employee has to contribute 10 per cent of basic pay plus DA every month.

# Unified pension scheme: Balancing the old and new-

Modi Government unveils unified pension scheme to bridge old and new, aiming to satisfy Central and State employees







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DECENT ' PRE-DETERMINED<sup>3</sup> MONTHLY AMOUNT; THE PENSION WAS FULLY PROTECTED AGAINST INFLATION AND GOT IT AS LONG AS HE LIVED

January 1, 2004. Unlike OPS where the employee doesn't con-tribute anything, NPS is a contributory pension scheme under which employees contribute 10 per cent of their salary (Basic + DA). The government also contributes 14 per cent towards the employees' NPS accounts. The money is invested in multiple investment avenues i.e. equity, government bonds etc where it grows into a sizeable corpus by the time an employee reaches retirement age.On retirement, she is allowed to withdraw 60 per cent of the corpus (this is tax-free), and buy an annuity from the remaining 40 per cent. NPS offers a selffinancing and fully funded arrangement for discharging pension liabilities in which the state knows 'how much it has to contribute'.

There won't be any major stress on the budget even as the employ-

diately before her or his demise. Employees who have already retired or retiring on or before 31 March 2025, with arrears, will be eligible under UPS.The Scheme offers an adjustment in DA on assured pension, assured family pension and assured minimum pension. The DA will be calculated based on the All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (AICPI-IW) as in the case of service employees.How will the government fund it?It will build a pension corpus out of the employee contribution of 10 per cent (of basic pay plus DA) and the government's contribution of 18.5 per cent. The pension corpus will be divided into two portions: an individual pension fund (IPF) to which the employee's contribution of 10 per cent and matching government contribution will be credited; and a pool corpus created out of the

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Cloud seeding, climate change, and agriculture: A call to action

While cloud seeding holds promise for supporting agricultural livelihood, this intervention also raises questions about its sustainability

The increasing severity of climate change makes it all the more urgent to consider creative ways to lessen its effect, particularly in vulnerable sectors like agriculture. One of the current alternatives is cloud seeding, a technical intervention designed to increase precipitation.While cloud seeding has the potential to alleviate drought, it also raises important considerations about sustainability, effectiveness, and long-term influence on agriculture. It is now up to us to investigate this developing practice and decide whether or not to incorporate it into our fight against climate change. Cloud seeding, which involves introducing compounds such as silver iodide



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or even plain salt into the sky strategy. to increase cloud condensation and thus precipitation, is becoming a more popular practice in water-scarce places. The highest ideal that cloud seeding can achieve is increasing rainfall to replenvariations in growing seasons. ish reservoirs and rivers, as These changes pose serious well as soil moisture, all of threats to global food securiwhich feed agriculture. ty, necessitating an integrated approach to adaptation However, cloud seeding has shown to be a vital weapon in and resilience building. This combatting long-term is where the challenge of

droughts, rescuing crops, and relying on cloud seeding for sustaining livelihoods in agria solution arises. Though it culture-dependent countries such as the United States, seems like a quick answer for severe water shortages, its China, and the United Arab long-term viability and envi-Emirates.Yet, cloud seeding ronmental impact are unknown. If not properly will provide short relief, so climanaged, the chemicals used mate change and its farreaching effects on agriculin cloud seeding can hurt soil ture require a comprehensive adaptation and resilience fertility, water quality, and even human health. This approach is unpredictable and dependent on meteoro-Climate change is more than just a temperature rise; it logical circumstances, thereincludes changes in precipifore it is not a fixed tation patterns, increasing cure.Furthermore, cloud frequency and severity of seeding doesn't address the underlying reasons for climeteorological events, and mate change.

Agriculture is one area that is deeply connected with climate systems and cannot be solved just through technological means. Other key modalities for achieving cli-



a variety of ethical concerns.

mate change resistance include sustainable farming, which can be improved by effective irrigation systems, soil conservation, crop diversification, and the introduction of drought-resistant crop types.Furthermore, the topic of cloud seeding must address cumstances in another.

Determining these multifarious problems will necessitate a free and open worldwide conversation to ensure that this technology is used equally and by justice values. Negotiating the tumultuous currents of climate change, and cloud seeding serves as both a beacon of hope and a warning lesson. It demonstrates our ingenuity-

-the ability to think up some-thing new when confronted with a challenge--while also conveying a message about our need to proceed with caution and planning.

Who gets to pick where and Agriculture is the lifeline of when the clouds are seeded? What are the geopolitical many communities around consequences of influencing the world, particularly in the weather? Seeding clouds developing countries, and its over one location may inadresilience is crucial to our shared future. vertently create adverse cir-

While cloud seeding may serve

as a temporary solution to the impending problem of water scarcity and its impact on agriculture, it cannot replace truly effective techniques for combating the bigger challenge

posed by global warming. If we want to ensure a future in which the Earth and all of its people thrive, we must make prudent investments in long-term mitigation methods centred on resilience, sustainability, and international collaboration. Let it be viewed as a severe challenge that requires immediate attention; it should raise consciousness and move us beyond symptomatic solutions to create a world that is robust and sustainable. (The author is a freelance

writer and a motivator:

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President Emmanuel Macron named EU former Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier as France's new prime minister on Thursday after more than 50 days of caretaker government. The appointment of the 73vear-old Barnier follows weeks of intense efforts by Macron and his aides to find a candidate who might be able to build loose groupings of backers in parliament and survive possible attempts by Macron's oppo-

nents to quickly topple the ter and the future government new government that Barnier would meet the conditions to will now put together and lead. A statement from Macron's office announcing Barnier's appointment said he'd been tasked "with forming a unifying government to serve the country and the French peo-

"This appointment comes after an unprecedented cycle of consultations during which, in accordance with his constitutional duty, the president ensured that the prime minis-

be as stable as possible and give themselves the chances of uniting as broadly as possible," the statement said. Barnier, a career politician proud of his humble roots in France's Alpine region of Haute-Savoie, is no stranger to complex and difficult tasks: He was the European Union's chief negotiator in the difficult talks with Britain over its Brexit

departure from the bloc. Barnier replaces Gabriel Attal, who resigned on July 16.

## Macron names Barnier Netanyahu demands control of Gaza's border with Egypt

#### **AP** JERUSALEM

sraeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Wednesday that Israel must keep open-ended control of Gazas border with Egypt, digging in on his stance on an issue that has threatened to derail cease-fire efforts.

Netanyahu's comments came as the United States is developing a new proposal for a cease-fire and hostage release, hoping to break a long deadlock and bring an end to the nearly 11-monthold war. The question of Israeli control of the Philadelphi corridor -- a narrow strip of land along Gaza's border with Egypt, seized by troops in May -- has become a central obstacle in the talks. Hamas has demanded an eventual full Israeli withdrawal from Gaza in the multi-phase truce deal.Egypt, a mediator in covered dozens of tunnels the talks along with the U.S. and under the border.He said Israel Qatar, has also demanded a concrete timeline for Israeli troops to leave the Philadelphi corridor. And on Wednesday, the United Arab Emirates, which established formal ties with Israel in the 2020 Abraham Accords, also criticized the Israeli stance. Speaking to foreign journalists, Netanyahu repeated his stance that Israel must maintain its hold on the border to prevent Hamas from rearming by smuggling weapons into Gaza. He said it was a vital part of the war goal of ensuring Hamas cannot repeat its Oct. 7 attack on Israel.

"Gaza must be demilitarized, and this can only happen if the Philadelphi corridor remains under firm control," he said, claiming Israeli troops had dis-

would only consider withdraw ing from the corridor when presented with an alternative force to police it."Bring me anyone who will actually show us ... that they can actually prevent the recurrence" of smuggling, he said. "I don't see that happening right now. And until happens, that we're there."Families of remaining hostages have stepped up their demands that he agree to a deal after Hamas killed six hostages last week as Israeli troops appeared to be moving to rescue them. In angry public statements, hostage families have accused Netanyahu of blocking a deal and potentially sacrificing their loved ones' lives for the sake of holding the border

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Israelis have taken to the streets in recent days, calling for a deal and saying time is running out to bring home the hostages alive.Netanyahu pushed back against the pressure, saying his stance was necessary to "ensure Hamas doesn't pose a threat to Israel."

"I can understand the torment of families," he said. "But the responsibility of leaders is not merely to share the sentiment, the emotion, but also to exercise judgment."Asked by journalists for a timeline on ending the war, he refused to give one. "How long can we do this? As long as it takes to achieve this victory. And I think we're getting a lot closer," he said. Netanyahu repeatedly insisted

holding the border would also

pressure Hamas to release

hostages. At one point, he erro-

The Israeli military said in a statement that it carried out "three targeted strikes on armed terrorists that posed a threat on the soldiers," without immediately elaborating. For more than a week, hundreds of Israeli forces have been carrying out the deadliest operation in the occupied West Bank since the Israel-Hamas war began.

(Multi State Scheduled Bank) Regd Head Office : Zain G. Rangoonwala Building, 78, Mohammed Ali Road, Mumbai - 400 003. Tel : 022-23425961/62/63/64, For Account Balance Enquiry Missed Call : 9512004406

BOMBAY MERCANTILE CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

#### NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given that the 87th Annual General Body Meeting of the Members (Shareholders) of BOMBAY MERCANTILE CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED will be held on 30" September, 2024 at 10.00 A.M at, Baitul Hujjaj (Haj House), 2nd Floor, 7-A, M.R.A. Marg (Palton Road), Mumbai – 400 001, to transact the following business / agenda :

#### AGENDA

- 1. To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18" September, 2023.
- To consider and adopt the report of the Board of Directors and the Audited Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss 2. Account and Auditors Report for the year ended as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024
- To appropriate Net Profit as recommended by the Board of Directors for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024
- 4. To approve the appointment of Statutory Auditors for the Bank for the year 2024 2025 and fix their remuneration
- To consider the Annual Budget of the Bank for the year 2024 2025. 5.
- To grant Leave of Absence to the Members of the Bank who have not attended this 87th Annual General 6. Meeting
- Any other issue / business with the permission of the Chair.

Date :17th August, 2024

Place: Mumbai

(Estd:1939)

8. To elect 18 Members of the Board of Directors for a term of 5 years i.e from 30" September, 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> September.2029

Note : The information regarding the election programme are annexed hereto

By Order of the Board of Directors Sd/-(DR. M. SHAH ALAM KHAN)

MANAGING DIRECTOR If there is no quorum within half an hour after the appointed time, the meeting shall stand adjourned to 10.30a.m. the same day and agenda of the Original Meeting shall be transacted at the said venue,

irrespective of the rule of quorum, in terms of the Bye laws Any Member desiring information pertaining to Accounts, is requested to write to the Bank, at least six days

in advance of the date of the Annual General Meeting.

Copies of the Annual Report are available at the Head Office and the branches of the Bank

Election under Agenda item No. 8 of 18 members of Board of Director, shall be conducted by the Returning Officer, District / Magistrate / Collector Mumbai City, as per the schedule Election programme under order dated 16.08.2024 of Co-operative Election Authority, Government of India, Ministry of Co-operation, New Delhi.

Note: The information regarding the election program has already been published in newspapers or 19th August 2024 by the Returning officer appointed by the office of Co-Operative Election Authority New Delhi.

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#### SUNIL HEALTHCARE LIMITED

Regd. Office: 38E/252-A, Vijay Tower, Shahpurjat, New Delhi-110049 CIN-L24302DL1973PLC189662/Email ID: - info@sunilhealthcare.com/ Web:- www.sunilhealthcare.com

Tel:-+91-11-49435555/00, Fax: +91-11-43850087

NOTICE OF THE 50TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, THE 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2024 AT 12:30 P.M./IST THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING ("VC") OR OTHER AUDIO VISUAL MEANS ("OAVM"), E-VOTING AND BOOK CLOSURE Notice is hereby given that the 50th Annual General Meeting of the members of the Company will be held on

## 5th Floor, AIPL Business Club Sector 62, Gurgaon, Haryana Contact No. +91-921116888

### **RLF LIMITED**

CIN: L74999HR1979PLC032747 Reg. Office: 14Kms, Gurgaon Pataudi Road, Village Jhund Sarai Veeran, Distt. Guraon, Harayana-122001 Email:teamunited83@gmail.com: Tel: 011-41644995/49075251

Website: www.rlfltd.com

NOTICE OF THE 44<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, REMOTE E-VOTING & BOOK CLOSURE NOTICE is hereby given that the 44th Annual General Meeting of the Members of RLF LIMITED will be held on Monday, 30th day of September, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at "14 Kms, Gurgaon Pataudi Road, Village Jhund Sarai Veeran, Distt. Guraon, Harayana-122001 to transact the business (es) as mentioned in the notice of AGM which is being circulated for convening the AGM. The Company has sent the notice of AGM for Financial Year 2023-24 on September 05, 2024 through electronic mode to the members whose 'ema

Sent the indice of Adam for Financial Year 2023-24 on September 05, 2024 (finding) electronic mode to the interheters whose email addresses are registered with the Company/Depositories. The Annual Report for Financial Year 2023-24 is available and can be downloaded from the Company's website (<u>www.rtfitd.com</u>). In compliance with section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with rule 20 of The Companies (Management & Administration) Rules, 2014("the Rules") including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force, guidelines prescribed by the MCA, the members are provided with the facility to cast their votes on all resolutions set forth in the notice of AGM using electronic voting system (insta-vote) provided by Link-Intime India Private Limited. The voting of members shall be in proportion the equity shares beid by them in the paid-un equity share canital of the Company as on Monday 23rd Sentember 2024 ("Cut-off date").

held by them in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on Monday, 23rd September, 2024 ("Cut-off date"). The remote E-Voting period commences on Friday, 27th September, 2024 (9:00 am) and ends on Sunday, 29th September, 2024 (5:00 pm). During this period members may cast their votes electronically. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by Link intime insta-vote thereafter. The facility for voting, either through electronic voting system or polling paper shall also be made available at the AGM and Members who have not already cast their vole by remote e-voling shall be able to exercise their right at the AGM. The Member who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again The documents pertaining to the items of business to be transacted in the AGM are open for inspection at the Registered Office of th Company during business hours on any working day. Pursuant to regulation 42 of SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements Regulations, 2015 and section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013, The Register of Members and Share T ransfer Books of the Compar will remain closed from Tuesday, 24th September, 2024 to Monday, 30th September, 2024 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of 44t AGM of 'the Company.

Any person who acquires shares and become member of the Company after the dispatch of notice of the AGM by the Company ar whose name appear in the register of members of the Company of in the statement of beneficial ownership maintained by the Depositories as on cut-off date ie. 23rd September, 2024 can view the notice convening the AGM on the website of the Company via www.rtfitd.com website of stock exchange viz BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and on the website of Link Intime viz https://instavote.linkintime.co.in Such members can exercise their voting rights through e-voting by following the procedure a mentioned in the said notice of AGM, Members are also informed that In case shareholders/ investor have any queries regarding E voting, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions ('FAQs') and insta-Vote e-Voting module available and the sailable and ntps://instavote.linkintime.co.in under download section or you can email us to enotices@linkintime.co.in or call us at: 022 - 4918 6000 For RLF LIMITE

#### UNITED LEASING AND INDUSTRIES LIMITED

CIN: L17100HR1983PLC033460 Reg. Office: Plot No. 66, Sector-34, EHTP, Gurgaon-122001 (Harayana) Email:teamunited83@gmail.com; Tel: 0124-4200274 Website: www.uliilitd.com

NOTICE OF THE 40TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, REMOTE E-VOTING & BOOK CLOSURE

NOTICE is hereby given that the 40th Annual General Meeting of the Members of UNITED LEASING AND INDUSTRIES LIMITED will be held on Saturday, 26th day of September, 2024 at 10:30 A.M. at "PLOT NO. 66, SECTOR-34, EHTP. GURUGRAM, HARYANA-122001" to transact the business (es) as mentioned in the notice of AGM which is being circulated for convening the AGM. The Company has sent the notice of AGM for Financial Year 2023-24 on September 05, 2024 through electronic mode to the members whose 'email addresses are registered with the Company/Depositories. The Annual Report for Financial Year 2023-24 is

#### **RADICO KHAITAN FINANCE LIMITED**

CIN No. L74899DL1984PLC019092 Regd. Address: 4A, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Masoodpur Dairy Farms, New Delhi – 110070 Telephone No.: 011-71859609

Email: Admin@radicoindia.com, Website: Radicoindia.com

Notice for 38<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, Book Closure and E-Voting

(A) Annual General Meeting: Notice is hereby given that the 38th Annual General Meeting of RADICO KHAITAN

INANCE LTD will be held on Monday, 30th Day of September, 2024 at 2.00 P.M. at Pt. Gyani Ram Farm House C/o Mr. Bijender Sharma, Advocate, Near Syndicate Bank, Main Road Asola, Fatehpur Beri, New Delhi- 110074 (B) Book Closure:

lotice is further given pursuant to section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 10 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, and clause 16 of the Listing Agreement, the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from 24th Day of September, 2024 to 30th Day of September, 2024, both days inclusive.

#### (C) E-Voting:

Date: 05 September, 2024

In compliance with the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended, the Members are provided with the facility of e-voting on all resolutions set forth in the Notice.

he e-voting period commences on Friday, September 27, 2024 from 9.00 a.m. and ends on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 5.00 p.m. The result of the e-voting shall be announced after the AGM of the Company.

For Radico Khaitan Finance Limited

Krishan	Kumar	Sharma
		Director

DIN: 00856406

### Place: New Delhi

#### APPENDIX IV-A

Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ead with proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforce 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 Property mortgaged to Sammaar Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.) [CIN L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 25.09.2024 from 04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 21,12,666/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Six only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLVAS00387234, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till **16.08.2024** with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. **17.08.2024** along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from VINOE TIWARI and RICHA TIWARI.

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 21,38,500/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 2,13,850/- (Rupees Two Lakh Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FLAT NO. UG - 3, UPPER GROUND FLOOR, M. I. G., REAR LEFT HAND SIDE (WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS), AREA ADMEASURING 55.74 SQ. MTR. I. E. 600 SQ. KNOWN AS "DLF DLSHAD EXT. - 2", SITUATED AT VILLAGE BHOPURA, TEH. & DIST. GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH.

BOUNDEDAS :-EAST : PLOT NO. B - 1/152

FLAT NO. UG-4 WEST

Date : 31.08.2024 Place : GHAZIABAD

Dear Members

Sd/-

Anil Kumar Khanna

(Managing Director

COMMON PASSAGE & FLAT NO. UG - 2 NORTH SOUTH OTHER PLOT

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strip. Hundreds of thousands of PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE The Public at large is hereby informed that Mrs. Uma Gupta W/o Late Mr. Mohinder Gupta R/o Indoor Medical Records of all Patients House No 502, Tower 14, Vipul Greens, Sohna Road, Opposite Ninex Mall, Sector 48, Gurgaon Haryana 122018 was the allottee of Unit No. F.L.15, admeasuring 305.20 sq. ft., on the 2nc admitted in this hospital from 01-04-2015 to 31-03-2021 are proposed to be destroyed foor in 'AIPL Central' Sector 65, Gurgaon, a project of M/s Advance India Projects Limited (Company). The said Mrs. UMA Gupta expired on 13th Nov leaving behind Mrs. Aparnaah as per policy of the Hospital. If any patien needs his medical records, he can contac Conja (Daughter), as her only legal heirs. Mrs. Aparnaah Gupta Nasrequested the Company to transfer the above Unit in the name of Mrs. Aparnaah Gupta Wife of Mr. Somil Gupta, after the undersigned within one month or publication of this notice. If no enquiry is the demise of Mrs. Uma Gupta. Any person having any objection to this may please contact the Company officer, details as under, within 15 days of issue of this Public Notice, after received during this period, the Indoo patient record shall the destroyed without which no claims shall be entertained or accepted by the Company. Mr. AIPL Manager M/S Advance India Projects Limited any further Notice. Gupta Multispeciality Hospital Dhandhu Ram Mkt. Mata ki Gali,Bawana,Delhi-39

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Rafah in May forced Hamas'

first release of hostages - which

took place months earlier in

November under a weeklong

ceasefire deal. He then said the

deal was "the result of our

invasion, the military pressure

Palestinian news agency WAFA

reported early Thursday that an

Israeli drone strike killed five

men and wounded another in

a car in Tubas in the West Bank.

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Monday, the 30th September, 2024 at 12:30 P.M./IST through Video Conferencing (VC)/ other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) for which Registered office of the Company at 38E/252A, Vijay Tower, 3rd floor, Panchsheel Commercial Complex, Shahpur Jat, New Delhi-110049, shall be deemed as the venue for the meeting to transact the businesses as set out in the AGM Notice.

Pursuant to General Circular Nos, 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, 17/2020 dated April, 13, 2020, 20/2020 dated May 05, 2020, 02/2021 dated January, 13, 2021, 2/2022 dated May 5, 2022, 10/2022 dated December 28, 2022 and 09/2023 dated September 25, 2023 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and Circular nos. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2022/62 dated May, 13, 2022 and SEBI/HO/CFD/PoD-2/P/CIR/2023/4 dated January 05. 2023 and SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-PoD-2/P/CIR/2023/167 dated October 07, 2023 issued by the Securities Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") ("Circulars"), Companies are permitted to hold Annual General Meeting (AGM) through Video Conferencing (VC)/ other Audio Visual Means (OAVM), without physical presence of the Members at a commo venue.

In compliance of the aforementioned circulars, Electronic Notice of AGM alongwith the explanatory statement as per section 102 of Companies Act, 2013, and procedure of Remote E- Voting/ Evoting, attending of the meeting through Video conferencing details, Annual Report for Financial year 2023-24 etc. has been sent electronically on Thursday September 05. 2024 to the all the members at their email address whose email IDs are registered with Company/RTA/Depository Participant (DP). Further, the same are also available on Company's website https://www.sunilhealthcare.com/annual-reports, website of Stock Exchange i.e. www.bseindia.com, and the website of Link Intime India Pvt. Ltd. i.e. https://instavote.linkintime.co.in

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 as amended from time to time, Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligation & Disclosure Requirement) Regulation, 2015 and the Secretarial Standard on General Meeting issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, members of the Company have been provided with the facility to exercise their right to vote on resolutions proposed to be considered at the 50th Annual General Meeting (AGM) by electronic means through e-Voting services. The company has engaged services of Linkintime India Private Limit for availing of Instavote platform for casting the vote through "remote e-voting"/ e-voting.

The members holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on cut-off date i.e. Monday, the 23rd September, 2024, may cast their vote electronically on the businesses as set out in the Notice of AGM through electronic InstaVote platform of Link Intime India Pvt. Ltd: https://instavote.linkintime.co.in

Pursuant to SEBI circular dated December 9, 2020 on e-Voting facility provided by Listed Companies, Individua shareholders holding securities in demat mode can vote through their demat account maintained with Depositories and Depository Participants only post 9th June, 2021. For detail Remote e-Voting Procedure, please refer Note no. 21 of the Notice of the 50th AGM.

#### The members may note that:

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- The remote e-voting period will commence at 9:00 A.M. on Friday, the 27th September, 2024 and will end at 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, the 29th September, 2024 and thereafter e- voting module shall be disabled by Evoting agency.
- ii) Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the shareholder, the shareholder shall not be allowed to change i subsequently
- iii) The voting rights of Members shall be in proportion to their shares of the paid up equity share capital of the Company as on cut-off date of Monday, 23rd September, 2024.
- iii) Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and become member of the Company after sending of the notice and holding shares as of the cut-off date i.e. Monday, 23rd September, 2024, may obtain the login ID and password by following the instructions of Remote e-voting given in Note no. 21 to the Notice of AGM.
- iv) A person, whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting /voting a the Annual General Meeting through e voting.
- A member may participate in the AGM even after exercising his right to vote through remote e-voting but shall V) not be allowed to vote again at the AGM.
- Mr. Tara Chand Sharma, Practicing Company Secretary (Membership No.5749 and CP no is 4078) and Proprietor of M/s. Jain Sharma & Associates, Company Secretaries, Jaipur has been appointed as the vi) Scrutinizer to scrutinize the e-voting and remote E voting process in a fair and transparent manner
- vii) In case shareholders/ members holding securities in physical mode/ Institutional shareholders have any queries regarding e-voting, they may refer the Frequently Asked Questions ('FAQs') and InstaVote e-Voting manual available at https://instavote.linkintime.co.in, under Help section or send an email to enotices@linkintime.co.in or contact on: - Tel: 022 -4918 6000. The Member may also contact a delhi@linkintime.co.in, cs@sunilhealthcare.com or to our RTA at rta@alankit.com or lalit@alankit.com.
- viii) for details instruction of e-voting and attending meeting through VC or OAVM, the members are requested go through the notice of the meeting (especially note no.22).

Notice is further given that pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with read with Rule 10 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 42 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirement) Regulation, 2015, the Register of Members and the Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain close from Tuesday, 24.09.2024 to Monday, 30.09.2024 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of Annual General Meeting of the Company.

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Place-New Delhi	Email ID: info@sunilhealthcare.com
F7736	Phone No: +91-11-49435555/00 Fax no 011-43850087
COMPANY & COMPLIANCE OFFICER	CIN No: L24302DL1973PLC189662
SATYENDU PATTNAIK	38E/252A, Vijay Tower, Shahpurjat, New Delhi-110049
Sd/-	Regd. Office:
For SUNIL HEALTHCARE LIMITED	
On order of the Board	

variable and can be downloaded from the Company's website (www.ullitta.com). In compliance with section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with rule 20 of The Companies (Management & Administration) Rules, 2014("the Rules") including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force, guidelines prescribed by the MCA, the members are provided with the facility to cast their votes on all resolutions set forth in the notice of AGM

using electronic voting system (insta-vote) provided by Link-Intime India Private Limited. The voting of members shall be in proportion th equity shares held by them in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on Saturday, 21st September, 2024 ("Cut-off date"). The remote E-Voting period commences on Wednesday, 25th September, 2024 (9:00 am) and ends on Friday, 27th September, 2024 (5:00 pm) During this period members may cast their votes electronically. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by Link intime insta-vote thereafter. The facility for voting, either through electronic voting system or polling paper shall also be made available

at the AGM and Members who have not already cast their vote by remote e-voting shall be able to exercise their right at the AGM. The Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again. The documents pertaining to the items of business to be transacted in the AGM are open for inspection at the Registered Office of the Company during business hours on any working day. Pursuant to regulation 42 of SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013, The Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from Saturday, 22nd September, 2024 to Saturday, 28th September, 2024 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of 40th AGN of 'the Company.

Any person who acquires shares and become member of the Company after the dispatch of notice of the AGM by the Company and whos name appear in the register of members of the Company or in the statement of beneficial ownership maintained by the

Depositories as on cut-off date ie. 21st September, 2024 can view the notice convening the AGM on the website of the Company viz www.ulilltd.com website of stock exchange viz BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and on the website of Link Intime viz https://instavote.linkintime.co.in Such members can exercise their voting rights through e-voting by following the procedure as mentioned in the said notice of AGM, Members are also informed that In case shareholders/ investor have any queries regarding E- voting, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions ('FAQs') and insta-Vote e-Voting module available at

https://instavote.linkintime.co.in under download section or you can email us to enotices@linkintime.co.in or call us at: 022-4918 6000 For UNITED LEASING AND INDUSTRIES LIMITED

Date: 05.09.2024 Place : Harvana

Date: 05.09.2024

Place: Haryana

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

#### PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to Rule 8(6)] Notice for sale of immovable asset(s)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financia 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 property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	(Borrower) Mr. Satya prakash Yadav (Co-Borrower/	Flat No. 703, 7th Floor, Wing A, In Finity Towers, Plot No. 18, Land Bearing CTS 35 A And 35A/1 to 12, of Village Pahadi Goregaon East Taluka Borivali, In The Ragistration District. and Sub Distric. Admeasuring an area of 380 Sq ft.	Rs. 1,13,51, 108.72/- (As on May 02, 2024).	Rs. 90,00, 000/- Rs. 9,00, 000/-	September 11, 2024 From 11:00 AM To 02:00 PM	September 25, 2024 From 11:00 AM onward

The online auction will be conducted on the website (URL Link-https://disposalhub.com). of our auction agency M/s NexXes Solutions Private Limited The Wester (OKE Link-Intps://disposation.com/solution/of data data data with further interest by September 24, 2024 before 05:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule. The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Ltd, Plot No. 23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005 on or before September 24, 2024 before 04:00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before September 24, 2024 before 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Ltd, Plot No. 23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005 on or before September 24, 2024 before 05:00 PM Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/

Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Delhi. For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 8879770306/7304915594/9004392416.

Please note that the Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited 2. Augeo Assets Management Private Limited 3. Matex Net Pvt. Ltd., have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s Authorized Officer Date : September 06, 2024 Place: Delhi **ICICI Bank Limited** 

or detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided on the rebsite of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.sammaancapital.com; Contact No : 0124-6910910, +91 7065451024; E-mail id : auctionhelpline@sammaancapital.com. For bidding, log on to www.auctionfocus.in.

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### ADDI INDUSTRIES LIMITED

CIN: L51109DL1980PLC256335 Registered Office A-104, Third Floor, Okhla Industrial Area Phase - II, New Delhi - 110020 Phone: 011-45025469, Email:atul.addi@gmail.com, addiind@gmail.com Website:www.addiindustries.com

NOTICE OF THE 42nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, E-VOTING INFORMATION AND BOOK CLOSURE DATE(S)

The 42nd Annual General Meeting ('AGM') of the members of Addi Industries Limited ('the Company') will be held on Monday, 30th September, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. through Video Conferencing ('VC)/Other Audio Visual Means ('OAAW') facility to transact the businesses as set out in the Notice of AGM in compliance General Circular 10/2022 issued by the Ministry of Corporte Affais (MCA) dated 28th December,2022 and SEBI Circular No. SEBI/H0/CFD/CFD/PoD-2/P/CIR/2023/167 dated 07th October, 2023 and SEBI Circular No. SEBI/H0/CFD/CFD-20-2/P/CIR/2023/167 dated 07th October, 2023 (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Circulars") and all other applicable laws. The methers intending to attend the AGM Notice.

a compliance with the aforesaid Circulars, the Notice of AGM and Annual Report for the Financia Year 2023-24 have been sent on **5th September**, **2024** to all the members, through electron ic mode whose e-mail address are registered / available with the Company / Depositon Participants (DP) / Registrar and Transfer Agents (\*TRA\*).

In compliance with Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013, Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and aforesaid (trouar(s), the Members are provided with the facility to attend AGM through Video Conferencing (VC) Other Audio Visual Means (DAVM), to cast their vote electronically through the Remote e-voting before the AGM and through e-voting during the AGM, through the Authorised Agency, **Central DepositorySecurities Limited (CDSL)**.

he process and manner of Remote e-voting / e-voting during the AGM and instructions fo articipation at the AGM through VC/OAVM are provided in the Notice of AGM.

Pursuant to Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2015 as amended, Members are hereby informed that:

- a) the Ordinary Business and the Special Business as set out in the Notice of 42ndAGM will be transacted through voting by electronic means;

- will be transacted through voting by electronic means; the Remote e-voting shall commence on Friday, 27th September, 2024 at 09.00A.M; the Remote e-voting shall end on Sunday, 29th September, 2024 at 05.00 PM. Thereafter, the facility of Remote e-voting shall be disabled by CDSL. the e-voting rights of the Members shall be in proportion to the paid-up value of their Shares in the Equity Share Capital of the Company. Members of the Company hold-ing Shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date i.e. Monday 23rd September 2024, may cast their vote by Remote e-voting before AGM / e-voting at AGM. d)
- Adm / e-voing at Adm. Any person who acquires Shares of the Company and becomes member of the Company after dispatch of the Notice and holding Shares as on **the cut-off date i.e. Monday 23rd September, 2024** may follow the login process mentioned in the notice. e)
- f) Members may further note that:

Date:06.09.2024

Place: New Delhi

- Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the Member, the Member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.
- Members who have voted through Remote e-voting prior to the AGMmay also attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again at the meeting.
- (iii) A person whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date shall be entitled to avail the facility of Remote e-voting attend the AGM through VC/OAVM and e-voting at the AGM.
- and e-voting at the AGM. The Notice of AGM and Annual Report are available on the website of the Company at <u>www.addiindustries.com</u>, website of the stock Exchange i.e. BSE Limited al www.bseindia.comand website of CDSL at <u>www.evotingindia.com</u>.
- In case of any grievance connected with the facility for voting by electronic means. Members can directly contact Mr. Rakesh Dalvi Sr. Manager (CDSL), Centra Depository Services (India) Limited e-mail (V)

ID:helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com	or call on	Toll Free No.: 1800-22-55-33
Members may also write to the Comi	pany at the	e-mail ID: atul.addi@omail.com

Book Closure :Pursuant to the provisions of Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 and tegulation 42 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, he Register of Members and Share Transfer Books will remain closed from **Tuesday**, 24th teptember, 2024 to Monday, 30th September, 2024 (both days inclusive) for the purpose

The result of voting on the resolutions set out in the Notice of the AGM shall be declared with a 2 working days of conclusion of the AGM. The results declared along with the report o he Scrutinizer shall be placed on the website of the Company <u>www.addiindustries.com</u> and on the website of CDSL immediately after the declaration of result by the Chairman or to berson authorized by him and the results shall also be communicated to the Stock Exchange

For ADDI Industries Limited
Sd/-
Taranjeet Kaur
Company Secretary
Membership No. 8991





## Hasina must stay silent in India till B'desh seeks her extradition: Yunus

Muhammad Yunus, the head of Bangladesh's interim government, has said that former prime minister Sheikh Hasina making political remarks from India is an "unfriendly gesture", asserting that she must remain silent to prevent the discomfort to both countries until Dhaka requests her extradition. "If India wants to keep her until

the time Bangladesh (government) wants her back, the con-dition would be that she has to keep quiet," he said. In an inter-view with PTI at his official residence in Dhaka, Yunus, who was appointed the country's Chief Advisor after Hasina's ouster, stressed that while Bangladesh values strong ties with India, New Delhi must move "beyond the narrative that portrays every other political party except Awami League as Islamist and that the country will turn into Afghanistan without Sheikh Hasina' "No one is comfortable with her

stance there in India because we want her back to try her. She is there in India and at times she is talking, which is problematic. Had she been quiet, we would have forgotten it; people would have also forgotten it as she would have been in her own world. But sitting in India, she is speaking and giving instructions. No one likes it," he said. Yunus was apparently referring to Hasina's statement on August 13 in which she demanded "justice", saying those involved in recent "terror acts", killings and vandalism must be investigated, identified and punished."It is not good for us or for India. There is discomfort regarding it," he told PTI. Following unprecedented antigovernment protests that peaked on August 5, Hasina resigned as prime minister and fled to India. Her presence in

India for nearly four weeks has fuelled speculation in Bangladesh.

When asked whether Bangladesh has communicated its stance to India, Yunus said it has been conveyed verbally and guite firmly that she should keep quiet."Everyone understands it. We have said quite firmly that she should keep quiet. This is an unfriendly gesture towards us; she has been given shelter there and she is campaigning from there. It is not that she has gone there on a normal course. She has fled following a people's uprising and public anger," he said. Yunus stated that the interim government is committed to ensuring justice for the people of Bangladesh against the atrocities, and justice requires that she be brought back to the country "Yes, she has to be brought back or else the people of Bangladesh won't be at peace. The kind of atrocities she has committed

### **Top poll officials resign** amid political transition

Dhaka (PTI): Bangladesh's entire five-member election com-mission, headed by Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Habibul Awal, resigned on Thursday, amid a massive political transition, marking the first time the country's Election Commission has stepped down before the completion of its scheduled term.

Awal was appointed as CEC for a five-year term in February 2022. Army troops were guarding inside and at the election commission office premises as a large number of protestors rallied in front of the building at Agargaon area in the capi-tal, chanting slogans against Awal and other commission members. The commission came under outrage, particularly for conducting the January 7 general election boycotted by most parties, including the main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), which resulted in the re-election of Sheikh Hasina's Awami League for the fourth consecutive term. Addressing reporters at a press conference in his office, Awal said in the 53-year history of Bangladesh, there is no instance that any election commission voluntarily resigned without completing its term. The CEC and the other commissioners - Brig Gen Md Ahsan Habib Khan (Retd), Rashida Sultana, Md Alamgir and Md Anisur Rahman – resigned exactly one month after the fall of Sheikh Hasina's government on August 5.

she has to be tried in front of everyone here," he emphasised. Discussing the future of the India-Bangladesh relationship, Yunus expressed a desire for good ties with India but insisted that New Delhi must abandon the narrative that only Hasina's leadership ensures the country's stability.

"The way forward is for India to come out of the narrative. The narrative is that everybody is Islamist, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) is Islamist, and everyone else is Islamist and will make this country into Afghanistan. And Bangladesh is in safe hands with Sheikh Hasina at the helm only. India is captivated by this narrative. India has to come out of this narrative. Bangladesh, like any other nation, is another neighbour," he said.Referring to the recent incidents of alleged attacks on Hindu minorities in the country and India raising concerns about it, Yunus said

this is just an excuse."The issue of trying to portray the conditions of minorities in such a big way is just an excuse," he said. The minority Hindu pop-ulation has faced vandalism of their businesses and properties, as well as the destruction of Hindu temples, during the student-led violence that erupted following the ouster of Hasina.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his Independence Day address from the ramparts of the Red Fort on August 15, expressed hope that the situation in violence-hit Bangladesh would return to normal soon and stated that 1.4 billion Indians are concerned about the safety of Hindus and minorities in the neighbouring country. The 84-year-old Nobel laureate emphasised the need for India and Bangladesh to work together to improve their currently strained relationship. When asked about ways to

improve the Indo-Bangla rela tions, Yunus said both the countries need to work together and it is on a downhill presently."We need to work together to improve this relationship, which is now at a low, he said.

Speaking about the future of bilateral treaties with India, Yunus said there are demands for a relook at certain treaties such as transit and the Adani electricity deal.

"Everybody is saying that it is needed. We will see what is on paper and, second, what is actually happening on the ground. I can't answer it specifically. If there is any need to review, we will then raise questions about it," he said. The BNP has said if voted to power, it will review and re-evaluate the "questionable" Adani electricity deal signed during the Awami League regime, as it is putting "tremendous pressure" on the people of Bangladesh.

## Suspect killed in Munich shootout was Austrian teen, police say

#### AP MUNICH

The man killed in a shootout with police in Munich Thursday was an 18-year-old citizen of neighboring Austria, police said. Authorities believed he may have planned an attack on the Israeli Consulate in the city. The suspect was fatally wound ed in an area near the consulate and a museum on the city's Nazi-era history after officers were alerted to man carrying a "long gun." There was no indication that anyone else was hurt. According to a police spokesperson, officers were alerted to a person carrying a "long gun" in the Karolinenplatz area, near downtown Munich, at around 9 am. There was then an exchange of shots in which the suspect sustained fatal injuries, but there no was no indication that anyone

else was hurt, spokesperson to the incident. They increased Andreas Franken told reporters. There was no immediate information on the suspect's identity or on any motive, Franken said. The man, who was carrying an old make of firearm with a repeating mechanism, died at the scene. Bavaria's top security official, state Interior Minister Joachim Herrmann, said the suspect had opened fire at police and they returned fire. It was unclear whether the incident was in any way related to the 52nd anniversary Thursday of the attack by Palestinian militants on the Israeli delegation at the 1972 Munich Olympics, which ended with the death of 11 Israeli team members, a West German police officer and five of

their presence in the city, Germany's third-biggest, but said they had no indication of incidents at any other locations or of any other suspects. Five officers were at the scene at the time the gunfire erupted. Police later deployed to the area in force. Israel's Foreign Ministry said the consulate in Munich was closed when the shooting occurred and

that none of its staff had been hurt. nearby Munich The Documentation Center for the History of National Socialism, which opened in 2015 and explores the city's past as the birthplace of the Nazi movement, also said all of its employees were unharmed. Israeli President Isaac Herzog said he spoke with Police said there was no evidence German counterpart Frank-Walter Steinmeier. of any more suspects connected

#### Pope, mosque imam make joint call to fight violence, protect planet that are officially recognized in AP JAKARTA

Indonesia: Islam, Buddhism, Confucianism, Hinduism,  $P_{\text{imam of Southeast Asia's}}^{\text{ope Francis and the grand}}$ Catholicism and Protestantism. Francis and the grand imam, largest mosque vowed Thursday to fight religiously Nasaruddin Umar, stood at the ground-level entrance to the "Tunnel of Friendship," an inspired violence and protect the environment, issuing a underpass which connects the joint call for interfaith friendmosque compound with the neighboring Catholic catheship and common cause at the dral, Our Lady of the heart of Francis' visit to Assumption. Indonesia, which has the world's largest Muslim population, has held out the tunnel as a tangible sign of its commitment to religious freedom, which is enshrined in the constitution but has been challenged by repeated instances of discrimination and violence against religious minorities.

From January 2021 to July 2024, there were at least 123 cases of intolerance, including rejection, closure or destruction of places of worship and physical attacks, Amnesty

International noted on the eve of Francis' visit. Approaching the elevator to the tunnel, Francis said it was a potent sign of how different religious traditions "have a role to play in helping everyone pass through the tunnels of life with our eyes

turned towards the light." He encouraged Indonesians of every religious tradition to "walk in search of God and contribute to building open societies, founded on reciprocal respect and mutual love, capable of protecting against rigidity, fundamentalism and extremism, which are always dangerous and never justifiable." Francis traveled to Indonesia, the first leg on an

11-day, four nation journey through Southeast Asia and Oceania, to encourage it to combat religiously inspired violence and pledge the Catholic Church's commitment to greater initiatives of fraternity. The meeting at the mosque showed the personal side of the policy, with Francis and Umar — the 87-year-old pope and the 65-year-old imam - showing a clear affinity for one another. As Francis was leaving in his wheelchair, Umar bent down and kissed Francis on the head. Francis then grasped Umar's hand, kissed it

Muslim ties a hallmark of his

papacy and prioritizes travel to majority Muslim nations to further the agenda. During a 2019 visit to the Gulf, Francis and the imam of Al-Azhar, the 1,000-year-old seat of Sunni learning, launched a "Human Fraternity" movement calling for greater Christian-Muslim efforts to promote peace

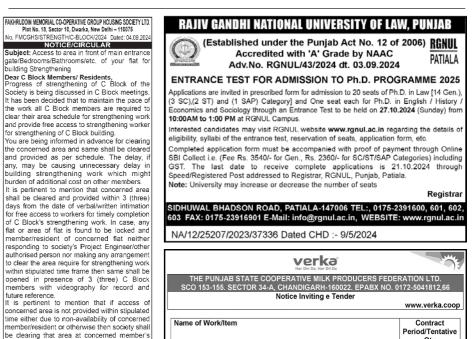
and held it to his cheek. Francis has made improving Catholic-

around the world. More recently, Francis travelled to Najaf, Iraq, in 2021 to visit the top Shiite cleric, who deliv-

ered a message of peaceful coexistence. The new initiative launched Thursday, called The Istiqlal Declaration, now becomes another pillar of Francis' interfaith push.

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## **NDP's Jagmeet Singh** pulls out of deal with **Trudeau government**

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lleging that the Liberals are A"too weak, too selfish and too beholden to corporate interests," NDP leader Jagmeet Singh has said he is terminating the supply-and-confidence agrees party made with rime



A second highlight of the trip came later in the day when Francis celebrated a jubilant afternoon Mass in Jakarta's steamy stadium before an estimated 1,00,000 people who cheered wildly as he looped the track in his open-topped popemobile.In the morning event at Jakarta's iconic Istiqlal Mosque, Francis presided over an inter-

religious gathering rich with

symbolic meaning and person-

al touches. Present were repre-

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sentatives of the six religions

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY **PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY** PARADIP-754142, ODISHA (INDIA) ODISHA (INDIA) FINANCE & ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT (An autonomous body under Ministry of Ports, Shipping & FILE No. FA/0E/04/2024/483 Date: 02.09.202 Waterways, Govt. of India) E-TENDER CALL NOTICE E-tenders are invited on behalf of Paradip Port Authority for the work "Providing No. AD/RSC-22-75-2024/1836 Dated, the 04th September, 2024 Advertisement Assistance for day to day office work i Finance and Accounts Department for period of 02 (two) years." The last date Applications are invited from Indian Nationals for engagement of 01 (one) Engineer In-Charge (Tug) (Class-II) on Direct Recruitment basis in Paradip Port Authority For further details, visit our website: www.paradipport.gov.in Sd/- Sr. Asst. Secretary, PPA/PR/32/2024-25 Dt. 05.09.2024 Paradip Port Authority PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD. (Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala-147001) FLOOR/TOP FLOOR (WITH ROOF/ TERRACE RIGHTS), PART OF PROPERTY BEARING MUNICIPAL NO. XV/29/2/IV SITUATED AT GALI NO. 3 BHAGAT SINGH STREET. CHUNA MANDI, PAHAR GANJ, NEW DELHI CENTRAL DELHI 10065. by virtue of Sale Deed Dated 08.05.2018, executed by Mrs. Asha Rani W/o Mr. Ravinder Kumar, & Mrs. Renu Bhasin W/o Mr. Vikas Bhasin, and The Original Sale Deed dated 21.11.2012, as Doc. No. 9029, has been lost and FIR registered on LAR No. 2090925/2024, and same to be finance by Wis DMI Housing Finance Private Limited., General public hereby informed that if anybody has any charge/interst/tile in the sid property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present. Devendra Kumar (Advocate) Ph No. 9171749406, 8076533540 mber U40109PB2010SGC033813 Webs E D R de ht http://eproc.punjab.gov.in ARCS, Section-III, O/o The RCS, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001
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Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberal government in Canada

The deal entered into in March 2022 was scheduled to run until June 2025 and the NDP's decision has put Trudeau's party in the minority. In a video posted on his social media handles, the New Democratic Party (NDP) leader also claimed that Trudeau "has proven again and again he will always cave to corporate greed."

The deal is done. The Liberals are too weak, too selfish and too beholden to corporate interests to stop the Conservatives and their plans to cut. But the NDP can. Big corporations and CEOs have had their governments. It's the people's time," Singh said in a post on X on Wednesday. "Justin Trudeau has proven again and again he will always cave to corporate greed. The Liberals have let people down. They don't deserve another chance from Canadians," the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC News) said quoting Singh as saying in the video.

Singh said the Liberals will not stand up to corporate interests and he will be running in the next election to "s Conservative cuts," it said. "stop An NDP spokesperson told CBC News the plan to end the agreement had been in the works for the past two weeks but it informed the Liberal government of the decision barely minutes ahead of the video going live online.

The confidence-and-supply agreement struck between the two parties in March 2022 committed the NDP to supporting the Liberal government on confidence votes in exchange for legislative commitments on NDP priorities, CBC News said, adding, that the deal, which ensured the survival of the minority Liberal government, was the first such formal agreement between two parties at the federal level. Reacting to Singh's announcement, Trudeau said his government is more focused on tackling the affordability crisis and climate change. "These are the things that we're focused

election will not happen "until next fall" so that his government had time to move forward on pharmacare, dental care and school food programmes.

as saying.

Singh, in a media release accom panying his video announce-ment, said: "The NDP is ready for an election, and voting nonconfidence will be on the table with each and every confidence measure?

Meanwhile, the Conservative Party of Canada (CPC) leader Pierre Poilievre termed the NDP leader as "Sellout Singh" and called his announcement on video as a "media stunt." In a longish post on X, Poilievre said: "Two years ago, Sellout Singh sold out workers and signed on to a costly coalition with Justin Trudeau that hiked taxes, ballooned food costs, doubled housing costs and unleashed crime and chaos in our once safe streets."

#### PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform the general publi my client, managing committee of Kali Masjid /Badi Masjid, Hauz Rani Malviva Nagar, New Delhi-110017 is declaring/informing public at large that 279, Village Hauz Rani, Malviya Nagar. New Delhi-110017 is HUZRA/Part of the said masjid. Any person dealing with property no. 279, Village Hauz Rani, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-

110017 is illegal and he will be sole esponsible for legal action. M.S. Khan (Advocates Ch. No. 479, Saket Courts, New Delhi-17

E- AUCTION NOTICE (Fire Affected of various Scrap

Contents Items i.e. Copper etc.) - Auction forms are invited from interest buyers for disposal, strictly on "As Is When Is" basis, Fire damage contents of various types belonging to SAAV Hospitality Salvage of the above materials can be inspected at The Grand Dreams, Plot No.-2 Shambhu Dayal Marg, Kalkaji Road Outer Ring Road, South Delhi, Delhi 110020 between 06/09/24 to 12/09/24, afte aking prior appointment from Mr Dinesh 8130696954. E-Auction to be held or 13/09/24. For E-Auction forms, Contac Mr. Neeraj Sadana at Mob: - 8434340000. E-Auction Insights Private Limited (Auctioneers)

Address:-148, Street #11, Bhakhra Enclave Near Gurudwara Sahib Malomajra Tehsil and District Patiala, Punjab-147001 or for more details email to us info@eauctionbharat.com Last date for submission of E-auction form is 12/09/24 before 05.00 PM

Indian Overseas Bank 60 **Gurugram - Retail Mart Branch** (Address : Yadav Bhawan Old Railway Road, Gurugram 122001, Haryana Phone No : 0124-2323898 & E-mail Id : iob0403@iob.in)

#### SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property) [(Rule 8(1)]

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Overseas Bank GURGAON, Gurgaon, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction or Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security InterestAct, 2002 and in exercise powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security terest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 02/02/2024calling upon the borrowers / mortgagors / guarantors Shri / M/s AMAL BANOUDHIA

Permanent Address- D 14, Khapra Mohal Kantt Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh 08004

Communication Address- H No. 47 First Floor, Govind Park, Sahdara Delhi 110062

nereinafter referred as 'borrowers')to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs 42,80,374,82 (Rs. forty-two lakh, eighty thousand, three nundred and seventy four and paisa eight two) as on 02,02,2024 further terest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc till date of realization within 50 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. 1) The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to

he borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken ossession 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 said Rules on this 3<sup>st</sup> day of September of the year (2024) (2) The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned

to to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Indian Overseas Bank for an amount of Rs 42,80,374.82 (Rs forty-two lakh, eighty thousand, three hundred and seventy four and paisa eight two) as on 02.02.2024 with interest thereon at contractual rates & rests as agreed, charges etc., from the aforesaid date mentioned in the demand notice Il date of payment less repayments, if any, made after issuance of Demand lotice. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is Rs

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3) The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section(8) of the section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them, to redeem the

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Flat No 802, Tower A7, Project Name- AVALON RANGOLI, VIII- GARHI ALAWALPUR, SEC 24 Tehsil aruhera and District Rewari 123401. Super Built up Area-1300 Sqft owned by Mr. Kamal Banoudiya

Sd/- Saraweshwar Tiwary

Authorised Officer

Indian Overseas Bank

Bounded On the North by-Main Entry to Flat On the South by- Common Corridor On the East by- Open to sky On the West by- Flat No. A-7/801

Date: 03.09.2024 Place: Gurgaon

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The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Overseas Bank GURGAON, Gurgaon, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 29/12/2023calling upon the borrowers / mortgagors / guarantors Shri / M/s DHARMENDRA SINGH S/O RANJEET SINGH

Permanent Address- Mirzapur (Near Devi Mandir on bank of village pond). Dankaur, Gautam Buddha Nagar 1448 UP- 203209 Communication Address- HNO Y-276-A, SECTOR 12, NOIDA, GAUTAM

BUDDHANAGAR, GAUTAM BUDDHANAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH, 201301 (hereinafter referred as 'borrowers')to repay the amount mentioned in the otice being Rs 30,67,941(Rs. Thirty Lacs sixty seven thousand nine hundred ind forty one only) as on 27/12/2023 with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc till date of realization within 60 days from the date of eceipt of the said notice.

1) The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to he 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 said Rules on this 3" day of September of the year (2024). (2) The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby caution

not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Indian Overseas Bank for an amount of Rs 30,67,941(Rs. Thirt) Lacs sixty seven thousand nine hundred and forty one only) as on 27/12/2023 with interest thereon at contractual rates & rests as agreed, charges etc., from the aforesaid date mentioned in the demand notice 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. 32,99,659- (Rs. Thirty two lacs ninety nine thousand six hundred fifty nine only) payable with further

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#### DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Flat No- 1103,11° Floor, Tower PR 1, Krish City Phase-2, Alwar Bypass Road, Mauja- Tapukara within the registration Tehsil- Bhiwadi and District Alwar (Rajasthan)- 301019 area 815.00 Sqft owned by Mr. Dharmendra Singh Bounded

Sd/- Saraweshwar Tiwary

**Authorised Office** 

Indian Overseas Bank

On the North by- Flat No PR-1/1102 On the South by- Stair case & Lift On the East by- Open On the West by-Corridor

Date: 03.09.2024 Place: Gurgaon

. For complete details regarding above tender (NIT), please visit our website i.e. www.verka.coop & e Tendering portal i.e. eproc.punjab.gov.in. 2. Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website only. NA/12/25217/2023/37346 Dated CHD :- 9/5/2024 Dy. General Manager (Purchase) 60 Indian Overseas Bank Gurugram -Retail Mart Branch

Transportation of LSHS/HPS (Heavy Petroleum Stock) from Panipat/

(Address : Yadav Bhawan Old Railway Road, Gurugram 122001, Haryana Phone No: 0124-2323898 & E-mail Id: iob0403@iob.in)

#### SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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

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For Verka Ludhiana Dairy

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On the West by- Corridor	
Date: 03.09.2024	Sd/- Saraweshwar Tiwary Authorised Officer
Place: Gurgaon	Indian Overseas Bank

# **Foreign inflows lift markets high** Rupee rises four paise against US dollar

Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty surrendered early gains to close lower for the second straight day on Thursday, tracking losses in the most valuable firm Reliance Industries, Bharati Airtel and L&T amid a sluggish trend in global markets.

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The 30-share BSE Sensex failed to hold on to initial gains and declined 151.48 points or 0.18 per cent to settle at 82,201.16. During the day, it dropped 222.2 points or 0.26 per cent to 82,130.44. The NSE Nifty dipped 53.60 points or 0.21 per cent to 25,145.10 despite a positive beginning of the trade.

"Markets ended weak in a volatile trading session led by profit-taking in Reliance Industries. Globally, most of the equity indices were sluggish to mixed and are awaiting key US data on Friday, which would provide some hint on the Federal

Reserve chief's likely stance on the interest rate in this month's policy announcement," Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said.

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Mahindra were other big laggards.In contrast, Titan, Infosys, Technologies, Tata Steel and State Bank of India were among the biggest gainers.



Among the 30 Sensex firms, Reliance Industries declined over 1 per cent. Tata Motors, Nestle, Bharti Airtel, Bajaj Finance, Larsen & Toubro,

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge climbed by 0.56 per cent, and the midcap index rose by 0.27 per cent. JSW Steel and Mahindra & Among the indices, realty

declined 0.95 per cent, capita goods (0.61 per cent), industrials (0.38 per cent), HCL power (0.37 per cent) and oil & gas (0.30 per cent).

commodities. Healthcare, discretionary, consumer telecommunication consumer durables, IT and teck were the gainers.

"Global stocks were largely muted on Tuesday as traders prepared for data releases that will offer insight about the health of the US economy and the Federal Reserve's interest-rate path," Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities, said.

Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo and Hong Kong settled lower, while Shanghai ended higher. European markets were trading mostly lower in mid-session deals. The US markets ended on a mixed note on Wednesday.

"The benchmark indices continued to trade with minor losses due to concerns of a slowdown in the US and Chinese economy.

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The rupee traded in a narrow range and settled for the day higher by 4 paise at 83.97 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, on weakaning of the Amarican weakening of the American currency in the overseas market and an overall drop in crude oil prices.

said the Forex traders domestic unit witnessed a slight negative bias on weak global equities and concerns over global economic growth. Moreover, dollar demand from importers also dented investor sentiments. At the interbank foreign

exchange market, the local unit opened at 83.98 and witnessed an intraday high of 83.97 against the American currency.

The domestic unit finally settled for the day at 83.97 (provisional), higher by 4 paise over its previous close. On Wednesday, the rupee breached the crucial 84-mark for the second time within a



According to Sharma, data

from RBI also showed foreign

exchange reserves hit a record high of USD 681.69 billion at

the end of last month

revealing the central bank has

been buying dollars amid

expectations of rate cuts by

With rising interest rate

differentials from the US due

to rate cuts to take place

starting the current month,

Indian rupee is expected to

strengthen further in coming

months. Overall we anticipate

rupee to slightly strengthen in

tomorrow trade to 83.90 -

83.85 sub levels amid

expectations of rate cut to persist ahead of crucial non-

role in the production of clean

energy technologies, from

wind turbines to electric cars.

The government had earlier

said that it plans to provide

financial incentives for

development of critical minerals, including lithium.

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the US Federal Reserve.

month and settled 3 paise lower at 84.01 against the American currency.

"The Indian rupee which continued to drop to a record low witnessed a range-bound trading session as it stayed wedged between negative global cues and intervention from the central bank," said Maneesh Sharma, AVP -Commodities & Currencies, Anand Rathi Shares and Stock Brokers.

Sharma further noted that the rupee was pressured by dollar demand from importers for meeting their immediate and futures payments. There have been several instances since last month wherein the Reserve Bank defended the farm payrolls due to be released on Friday," Sharma said

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was down 0.15 per cent to 101.20 points.

Brent crude, the international benchmark, gained 0.74 per cent to USD 73.24 per barrel in futures trade. Forex traders said crude oil levels of USD 73 per barrel will act as a support for the domestic unit as India the world's third-largest oil importer, stands to benefit from cheaper oil.In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex declined 151.48 points, or 0.18 per cent, to close at 82,201.16 points, while the Nifty was down 53.60 points, or 0.21 per cent, to 25,145.10 points. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net buyers in the capital markets Wednesday, as they on purchased shares worth Rs 975.46 crore, according to exchange data.

## Raymond Lifestyle shares slump on market debut

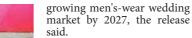
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Shares of Raymond Lifestyle Ltd got listed on the stock exchanges on Thursday exchanges on following the demerger of retail and lifestyle businesses. The stock got listed at Rs 3,000 on the BSE. Later, it climbed 3.33 per cent to Rs 3,100 from its opening price. At the NSE, shares of the firm began the trade at Rs 3,020. However, the stock later hit the lower circuit level at Rs 2,850, down 5 per cent on the BSE. At the NSE also, it hit the lower circuit limit of Rs 2,869,

down 5 per cent. market The company's stood valuation at Rs

17,363.23 crore during the morning deals.In a release on Tuesday, the company said it will get listed on the stock exchanges on September 5. Following the demerger of its retail and lifestyle businesses, Raymond will have two listed entities

The company plans to add 900 new outlets over three years. The Raymond Group's lifestyle business entity is eyeing a 15 per cent CAGR (Compound Annual Growth



'The demerger aims at unlocking shareholder value by creating a focussed lifestyle business entity. Raymond Lifestyle will sharpen strategic focus in this fast-growing

sector to become among the top three global fabric suppliers by the end of this vear The global scenario presents

significant opportunities, particularly the challenges in China and Bangladesh and trade agreements with the UK, EU and Australia, Raymond Group Chairman Rate) to attain around 7 per and Managing Di cent market share in the fast Gautam Singhania said. and Managing Director

**SAIL offers support for Critical Mineral Mission** 

#### PTI NEW DELHI

SAIL, the country's largest steel player, is willing to participate in the Critical Mineral Mission, which aims to secure the country's critical mineral supply chain by ensuring mineral availability from domestic and foreign sources, the company's Chairman Amarendu Prakash said on Thursday. The Union Budget 2024-25 had proposed launching a Critical Mineral Mission for domestic production, recycling of critical minerals, and overseas acquisition of critical mineral assets.

"FM Nirmala Sitharaman announced the Critical Mineral Mission. In that mission a lot of things will be discussed, all possibilities will be discussed. So we will be watching this and seeing what

opportunities are there. "As the Critical Mineral Mission expands and things get discussed, we will be watching and seeing if there opportunities are for exploring something on SAIL's part," the Chairman



told reporters on the sidelines of ISA Steel Conclave.

recycling. The Critical Mineral Mission aims to secure the country's critical mineral supply chain ensuring mineral by availability from domestic and foreign sources.

It also aims at strengthening the value chains by enhancing technological, regulatory, and financial ecosystems to foster innovation, skill development, and global competitiveness in mineral exploration, mining,

There will also be an emphasis on securing loans from multilateral financial institutions for development of the sector. The government will focus on global R&D collaboration across the critical minerals value chain. To encourage participation of Indian public beneficiation, processing, and

and private sector companies in the acquisition of assets abroad, the government will provide targeted subsidies for mining, and for setting up evacuation infrastructure. Besides, there are plans to ramp up the capacity of ICVL from current 2 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) to 4.5 MTPA in three to four years. Mozambique-based ICVL is a special purpose vehicle of SAIL, RINL, NMDC, CIL and NTPC for acquiring coal mines and assets overseas.

testive season PTI 🗖 NEW DELHI E-commerce platform Meesho on Thursday said it has enabled 8.5 lakh seasonal jobs within its seller and logistics network ahead of the festival season, mostly in tier-3 and tier-4 regions. This marks a 70 per cent increase from the number of seasonal hiring last year, according to a company statement."This festive season, we are particularly thrilled to have enabled 8.5

Meesho hires

8.5 lakh for

lakh seasonal jobs, especially in tier-3 and beyond cities Empowering SMBs, local manufacturers and logistics providers to scale their business is resulting in meaningful economic opportunities that is driving financial inclusion in these regions,' said Sourabh Pandey, CXO, Fulfilment and Experience, Meesho.Meesho's sellers have hired 5 lakh seasonal workers as part of their requirements.

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NOTICE TO THE MEMBERS FOR 42nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING / OTHER AUDIO-VISUAL MEANS

AARTECH SOLONICS LIMITED

Place: Bhopa

Date: 05/09/2024

Notice is hereby given that 42nd Annual General Meeting of the Company will be convened on Monday, September 30, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. (IST) through Video Conferencing and other Audio-Visual Means (referred as "AGM" conducted through "VC"/ "OAVM"). Pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has has vide its General Circular No. 14/2020 dated 8th April, 2020. Circular No. 17/2020 dated 13th April, 2020. Circular No. 20/2020 dated

## said.Critical minerals, such as cobalt, copper, lithium, nickel and rare earths, play a crucial

minerals segment is a separate area. "We are not into that space (critical mineral) till now but since the government has announced a Critical Mineral Mission, we will just explore. We will look at it," he

Mercedes eyes India as top luxury market managing director and CEO terms of sales numbers). We Santosh Iyer said the launch are the fastest growing. We



excellence in the age of electromobility.

So far, SAIL has been looking at minerals which are used for steel making, the Chairman said, adding that the critical

5th May, 2020, Circular No. 02/2021 dated 13th January, 2021, Circular No. 20/2021 dated December 8, 2021, Circular No. 2/2022 dated 5th May, 2022 and Circular No, 10/2022 dated 28th December, 2022 and latest being Circular No. 09/2023 dated 25th September, 2023 ("MCA Circulars") and Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2021/11 dated January 15, 2021 and Circular No. SEBI/HO/DDHS/P/CIR/2022/0063 dated 13th May, 2022, SEBI/HO/CRD/PoD- 2/P/CIR/2023/4 dated 5th January, 2023 and Circular No. SEBI/HO/ CFD/CFD-PoD2/P/CIR/2023/167 dated October 07, 2023 issued by the Securities Exchange Board of India ("SEBI Circular") to transact the business as set forth in the Notice of the 42nd AGM.

The aforesaid MCA and SEBI Circulars prescribe the procedures and manner of conducting the Annual General Meeting through VC/ OAVM and the Company is permitted to hold the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") through VC/OAVM, without the physical presence of the members at a common venue.

In compliance with the above circulars, the Notice convening the 42nd AGM along with the Annual Report for the financial year 2023-24 will be sent only through electronic mode to all those members whose email IDs are registered with the Company, Registrar & Transfer Agent i.e., Bigshare Services Private Limited and the depositories on Friday, August 30, 2024. Members may also note that the Notice of the 42nd AGM and the Annual Report will also be available on the Company's website at www.aartechsolonics.com and on the websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e., BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com and on the weblink of Bigshare Services Private Limited (Registrar and Transfer Agent) at https://ivote.bigshareonline.com. Members can attend the AGM through VC/OAVM facility only. The Company has engaged the services of Bigshare Services Private Limited for conducting the AGM and providing e-voting facility to all its members. The Instruction and manner of participation in the Remote Electronic Voting (E-voting), Joining/Attending AGM, Voting during the AGM, to speak during the AGM. Inspection of documents, submission of questions/queries prior to AGM, procedure for registering the email addresses and bank details by shareholders, procedure for receiving dividend directly in the bank account through ECS, communication in respect of deduction of tax at source on final dividend payout are provided in the Notice of the 42nd AGM. Members attending the AGM through VC/OAVM shall be counted for the purposes of quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act. 2013. Due to conducting of AGM through VC/OAVM, the facility for the appointment of proxies, attendance slips/ route map/ proxy will not be available for the AGM

Members will be able to cast their vote electronically on the businesses as set forth in the Notice of the 42nd AGM either remotely (during remote e-voting period) or at the time of AGM.

Members holding shares either in physical form or dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date i.e. Monday, September 23, 2024 are provided with the facility to cast their vote remotely on all resolutions as set-forth in the notice of the 42nd AGM through electronic voting platform provided by Bigshare Services Private Limited.

The login credentials for casting votes through e-voting shall be made available to the members through e- mail. Members who do not receive an e-mail or whose e-mail addresses are not registered with the Company/ R & T Agent/ Depository/ Depository Participant may generate login credentials by following the instructions given in the AGM Notice. The same login credentials should be used for attending the AGM through VC/OAVM.

Members may note that the Board of Directors at its Meeting held on September 05, 2024 has recommended a Final Dividend of Rs. 0.25/- (Twenty-Five Paise) i.e., 5% per equity share of face value of Rs. 5/- each for the financial year ended March 31, 2024. The Register of Members and the Share Transfer Books of the Company shall remain closed from Tuesday. September 24, 2024 to Monday. September 30, 2024 (both day inclusive) for the purpose of 42nd AGM and distribution of dividend for the Financial Year 2023-24. The final dividend, if approved, by the members at the AGM will be paid electronically to the Members who have updated their bank account details for receiving dividend through electronic means. For members who have not updated their bank account details, dividend warrants/demand drafts will be sent to them in due course of time. To avoid delay in receiving dividend, shareholders are requested to update their bank details with their Depository Participants (where shares are held in dematerialized mode) and with Registrar and Transfer Agent i.e., Bigshare Services Private Limited (where the shares are registered in physical mode) providing Folio No., Name of shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (front and back), PAN (self-attested scanned copy of PAN Card); AADHAR (self-attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) for registering email address

In case he shareholders have any queries or issues regarding login/e-voting, please refer the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") available at https://ivote.bigshareonline.com

> For Aartech Solonics Limited Sd/ Amit Anil Raje Chairman & Managing Director (DIN: 00282385)

Mercedes-Benz India on Mercedes-Maybach EQS 680 SUV manifests the firm's Thursday said India has the potential to become one of ambition to lead in digital and the top five markets for its Maybach brand of cars in sales volume.

Nerman luxury car maker

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Launching the electric version of its first-ever allthe electric electric Mercedes-Maybach in India, the company's

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electric mobility with a focus on ultra-luxury segment. The Maybach EQS 680 SUV starts at Rs 2.25 crore onwards (all India ex-showroom).

"We have got into the top 10 markets in the world (in

#### नाम परिवर्तन

मैं शुभम बिरला Shubham Birla आत्मज श्री गजानंद सर्वसाधारण को सचित करता हं कि मेरा नाम शुभम बिरला Shubham Birla आत्मज श्री गजानंद है जो मेरे सभी शासकीय अर्ध शासकीय दस्तावेजों में अंकित है

किंतु मेरे आधार कार्ड में त्रुटि से शुभम Shubham आत्मज श्री गजानंद अंकित हो गया है जो कि गलत है इस विज्ञप्ति के उपरांत मुझे सभी शासकीय अर्ध शासकीय एवं अन्य दस्तावेजों में शुभम बिरला Shubham Birla आत्मज श्री गजानंद के नाम से ही जाना पहचाना, लिखा पढ़ा जाए। पुराना नामः शुभम Shubham आत्मज श्री गजानंद नया नामः शुभम बिरला Shubha Birla आत्मज श्री गजानंद 397, टाइप-2, एसएल-1, स्कीम न 78, इंदौर, मध्य प्रदेश 452010

than 1,500 Maybach's across models," Iyer said.

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Calling the brand very strategic and important for the company, Iyer said, "We would like India to further grow in this space. We would like to come in the top five for sure it is (only) a matter of time, we see the growth potential for Maybach in India"

Stating that Mercedes-Benz is leading the charge in luxury electric mobility,

it said the company's Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) portfolio in the country is

witnessing steady growth and increased sales.

Mercedes-Benz in India now offers five BEVs in its portfolio, including EQA, EQB, EQE SUV, EQS sedan and Maybach EQS 680 SUV.

"With the Mercedes-Maybach EQS SUV, we automotive redefine

our ambition to lead in digital and electric, with a sharp focus on bolstering our topend luxury offering.

"With the Mercedes-Maybach EQS SUV, we continue to hone our BEV portfolio further in India, offering a diverse choice for our discerning customers.

We strongly believe there can be no luxury without sustainability and Mercedes-Benz will continue to create the BEV ecosystem for transitioning

electromobility in the future," Iver said.

### India-EFTA trade deal moves forward

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Switzerland's federal cabinet Chas adopted the ambitious trade pact between India and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and placed it before Parliament as part of the ratification process. The ambitious trade pact, signed in March between India and the European bloc comprising Norway, Iceland and Switzerland, Liechtenstein, aims at



expanding trade across a range areas, including of pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, new technologies and machinery. Under the mega trade deal, the four European countries are looking at making an investment of USD 100 billion in India over the next 15 years.Each of the signatory countries will have to ratify the pact for its roll out.

On Wednesday, the Federal Council adopted a dispatch on the free-trade agreement between the EFTA states and India, the Swiss government said in a statement.

The Federal Council, which is the Swiss federal cabinet, is the highest executive authority in the country.

The Swiss Parliament is expected to debate the dispatch in the upcoming winter or spring sessions, according to the statement.

"The agreement strengthens the competitiveness of Swiss exports in the world's most populous country," it said, describing the firming up of the trade pact with India as a significant milestone in Swiss trade policy."In its dispatch, the Federal Council commends and sets out the content of the agreement and places it in the overall context of Switzerland's relations with India," the Swiss government said.

also explained the It significance of the trade pact. "India is now the world's most

populous country. particular, the growing middle class means that there is significant potential for growth. However, India still levies very high import duties

on most products," it said. The tread deal provides for eliminating custom duties for almost 98 per cent of the imports from India.

"After 16 years of negotiations, Switzerland and the other EFTA states have succeeded in becoming the first European partners to conclude an FTA with India," the Swiss readout said.



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# **MUKYA** THE EXQUISITE ARTISTRY AND JOYOUS SPIRIT OF THE FESTIVAL



GANPATI

anpati Bappa Morya! Ganpati Bappa Morya! The joyous chant fills the air, marking the arrival of Ganesh Chaturthi. This festival, dedicated to our beloved Lord Ganesha, transforms every corner into a lively celebration of devotion and creativity. Ganesh Chaturthi is a cherished Hindu festival that celebrates the birth of Lord Ganesha, the revered deity known for his wisdom and ability to remove obstacles. Observed with great enthusiasm across India, it turns streets and homes into vibrant centres of devotion.



allow her to complete each one in just 15 minutes. The transformation from a plain clay figure to a colourful deity, embellished with pearls and intricate designs, is a tribute to her expertise and devotion. Mohini's work reflects not just artistic skill but also a deep spiritual connection, infusing each idol with a unique sense of reverence and love. The prices of her creations range from as little as ₹300 to as much as ₹30,000 with most people opting for smaller idols for their homes, while larger ones are chosen for

invested in creating each idol is significant. We hope that the sales will cover these expenses and bring some profit." Sonu adds, "We often face challenges in selling the larger and more elaborate idols. Most customers prefer smaller ones, which are more affordable." Despite these financial hurdles, the artisans of Pratap Bagh persist, driven by their passion and commitment to their craft.

#### A FESTIVAL OF TOGETHERNESS AND JOY

Experience the vibrant spirit of Ganesh Chaturthi in Pratap Bagh, Delhi, where artisans like Mohini and Rekha dedicate their craft to creating beautiful Ganesha idols. Witness the blend of artistry and devotion that transforms the streets into a festive haven, brimming with colour and celebration says SAKSHI PRIYA

Photos: Pankai Kumar

#### **FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS**

Taking place in the Hindu month of Bhadrapada, usually in August or September, the festival's preparations begin well before the actual day. Homes are thoroughly cleaned and beautifully decorated and pandals are set up to welcome Lord Ganesha. These pandals, often adorned with colourful decorations, become the heart of the celebrations. Tomorrow, as the celebrations officially begin, the city will once again echo with the joyous chants of "Ganpati Bappa Morya!" On the day of Ganesh Chaturthi, people bring home clay idols of Lord Ganesha. These idols vary in size and style, from small, simple ones to large, elaborate figures. Each idol is carefully placed on an altar and decorated with flowers, fruits and other offerings, creating a sacred and festive atmosphere. A key part of the celebration is the daily puja or worship performed by devotees. This involves chanting prayers, offering modaks and flowers and seeking blessings from Lord Ganesha. The air is filled with the sounds of devotional songs, the scent of incense and the colours of vibrant decorations, all contributing to a sense of joy and community.

As Ganesh Chaturthi draws near, Delhi's streets, especially in Pratap Bagh, come alive with joyous and vibrant energy. Street vendors and stalls overflow with intricately designed idols of Lord Ganesha, along with festive decorations and offerings. The air is filled with excitement as the community prepares for the celebration. In the heart of Pratap Bagh, preparing for Ganesh Chaturthi is not just a task but a heartfelt tradition. For months, artisans have dedicated themselves to crafting exquisite murtis (idols), each one a





labour of love and devotion.

In Pratap Bagh, the preparation for Ganesh Chaturthi is nothing short of a labour of love. For months, skilled artisans have poured their heart and soul into creating the most beautiful murtis of Lord Ganesha. Each idol is more than just a statue; it symbolises the devotion and creativity of its maker, embodying the rich cultural heritage of this cherished festival.

The process begins with moulding clay into the shape of Lord Ganesha, a task requiring both skill and patience. Artisans like Mohini and Rekha have dedicated themselves to this craft, ensuring that every detail - from the delicate folds of Ganesha's trunk to the intricate patterns on his attire - is perfect. The clay idols are left to dry, a crucial step demanding precision, especially during the monsoon season when high humidity can pose a challenge.

Once the base of the idol is ready, the real artistry begins. The idols are painted with vibrant colours and adorned with elaborate designs. Each brushstroke and embellishment reflects the deep reverence the artisans hold for Lord Ganesha. The final touches, including beads and decorative fabrics, bring the idols to life, making them a feast for the eyes and a joy for the soul.

#### **THE ARTISAN'S DEDICATION**

The artisans of Pratap Bagh, like Mohini, Rekha, Sonu and Kamla, bring a unique blend of dedication, skill and devotion to their craft. Despite facing challenges such as rising costs of materials, intricate designs and financial uncertainties, they continue to pour their hearts into creating beautiful idols of Lord Ganesha. Their passion is truly inspiring, driven by both their love for their work and their deep devotion to the deity.

Mohini's approach to her work is remarkable. She sources plain murtis from Kolkata and transforms them with her own hands, turning them into vibrant, beautifully decorated idols. "I personally select the pearl necklaces from Chandni Chowk," she explains, and her years of experience community pandals.

Rekha, an artisan from Pratap Bagh, has been dedicated to idol-making for many years, a tradition she proudly continues. She explains that it takes them about "4 to 5 months" to prepare these beautiful idols, highlighting the dedication and effort involved in each piece. "Everything is done by hand," she emphasises. From moulding the clay to carefully painting and decorating each idol, the entire process is meticulous and labourintensive.

Walking through the lanes of Pratap Bagh, one cannot help but feel a deep sense of admiration seeing women like Mohini and Rekha leading their stalls. Every stall is filled with the bustling energy of women hard at work, their hands moving with practiced precision as they shape and paint the idols. It is a powerful sight, reflecting not just the artistry involved but also the empowerment of these women who bring beauty and devotion to life through their craft. The dedication of these artisans stands out as a remarkable example of resilience. They face many hardships,

yet their pride and joy in their work remain evident. Their craft is more than just a job; it is a calling, a deeprooted part of their identity that connects them to the community and the divine. Their work becomes a symbol of hope and strength, capturing the very essence of Ganesh Chaturthi - the celebration of new beginnings, perseverance and devotion.

### THE BUSINESS AND THE CHALLENGES

For many artisans, Ganesh Chaturthi is not just a period of celebration but also a crucial time for their business. Crafting idols is a complex and costly process and the financial pressures can be intense. One artisan remarks, "The cost of materials and the time

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The lively streets of Delhi transform into a canvas of vivid colours, resonating with the joyful sounds of celebration. The artisan's meticulous work infuses the festival with an atmosphere of joy and festivity. This festival is a time when families unite to welcome their idols into their homes, decorating them with care and participating in daily pujas with reverence. The sense of community is palpable as neighbours, friends and even strangers come together in shared devotion to Lord Ganesha. Ganesh Chaturthi forwards a spirit of togetherness, forging bonds that extend beyond the festivities and celebrating the unity and collective joy of the community.

#### WISHING YOU A JOYOUS GANESH Chaturthi !

As the vibrant celebrations of Ganesh Chaturthi come alive with every chant of "Ganpati Bappa Morya," we send you our warmest wishes for a festival filled with joy, prosperity and divine blessings. May Lord Ganesha, with his benevolent presence and loving guidance, bring happiness and success into your life. This is the perfect time to embrace the spirit of the festival by indulging in the sweet delights of modaks - Lord Ganesha's favourite treat! As you savour these delicious offerings, let them symbolise the sweetness of life and the fulfilment of your deepest desires.

May your home be filled with the sound of laughter and the spirit of togetherness and love. Celebrate with family and friends and may the blessings of Ganesh Chaturthi illuminate your path, dispelling any obstacles and guiding you towards new beginnings. Here's to a Ganesh Chaturthi that's as joyful and lively as the festivities themselves. *Ganpati Bappa Morya!* Enjoy the celebrations, the sweets and the company of loved ones.

## Dharambir smashes Asian record for gold, Pranav takes silver in Paralympic

#### PTI PARIS

harambir shattered the Asian record to win the gold medal while compatriot Pranav Soorma clinched the silver as Indian club throwers dominated the men's F51 event at the Paralympics here.

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After four fouled attempts, the 35-year-old world championships bronze medallist from Sonepat, Dharambir hurled the club to a distance of 34.92m in his fifth attempt to claim the top spot on the

podium on Wednesday. Soorma, who injured his spinal chord at 16 when a cement sheet fell on his head, then produced a throw of 34.59m in his first attempt but the 29-year-old from Faridabad couldn't better and

get past Dharambir as India completed a one-two. The third Indian in the fray, 2017 world championship silver medallist, trailblazing Indian para-athlete and Dharmbir's menton Amit Kumar Saroha, however, fin-ished last with a best effort of

the pioneer

23.96m Serbia's Filip Graovac bagged the bronze, courtesy a 34.18m throw in his second attempt. The F51 club throw event is for athletes who have movement affected to a high degree in the trunk, legs and hands.

All the competitors compete while seated and rely on their

## India's focus will be on self improvement: Rishabh Pant



#### PTI BENGALURU

Wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant warned against taking Bangladesh lightly in the upcoming two-Test series, and stressed on the need for India to keep improving themselves to stay ahead of the competition.

Bangladesh, who recently blanked Pakistan 2-0 at Rawalpindi, will face Rohit Sharma's side in the first Test at Chennai from September 19 before moving to Kanpur. India will play a total of 10 Tests within the next five months as the series against Bangladesh will be followed by three Tests against New Zealand at home in October-

shoulders and arm to generate power. From paralysis to Paralympic glory Dharambir faced a life-altering accident when a misjudged



## **Jannik Sinner beats Daniil Medvedev to reach the semifinals**

#### AP NEWYORK

Top-ranked Jannik Sinner reached the U.S. Open semifinals for the first time by getting past 2021 cham-pion Daniil Medvedev 6-2, 1-6, 6-1, 6-4 on Wednesday night.Sinner, who took over as the title favorite after Week 1 exits by Novak Djokovic and Carlos Alcaraz, is the only man remaining in the field with a Grand Slam trophy.

He won his first at the Australian Open in January by beating Medvedev in the final in five sets after dropping the first two.

As reflected by the accurate-as-can-be score, this matchup was unusually topsy-turvy as they took turns dominating a set at a time. First, it was Sinner who was superior. Then that role was played Medvedev. Then Sinner regained the upper hand in the third. In the fourth, from 3-all, Sinner surged, saving a pair of break points, then breaking Medvedev to lead 5-3.

Sinner - a 23-year-old from Italy who was cleared in a doping case less than a week before the U.S. Open started after testing positive twice for trace amounts of an anabolic steroid in March - will go up against No. 25 Jack Draper of Britain on Friday for a berth in the title match.

That day's other semifinal will be No. 12 Taylor Fritz vs. No. 20 Frances Tiafoe in the first all-American men's matchup at this stage at a major in 19 years. The women's semifinals Thursday night are Jessica Pegula vs. Karolina Muchova, and Aryna Sabalenka vs. Emma Navarro. Pegula eliminated No. 1 Iga Swiatek 6-2, 6-4 on Wednesday.The 22-year-old Draper reached his first Grand Slam semifi-nal - and became the first British man to get that far at Flushing Meadows eince Andy Muray yon the 2012 tro since Andy Murray won the 2012 trophy - by overwhelming No. 10 Alex de Minaur 6-3, 7-5, 6-2.Draper has won all 15 sets he's played so far, but things



dive into a canal left him paralyzed from the waist down. Para-sports gave him a new direction in life when he was introduced to it by fellow para-athlete Amit Kumar Saroha.

Within two years, Dharambir qualified for the 2016 Rio Paralympics, marking the beginning of a successful career.

He has since earned multiple medals for India, including a silver at the 2022 Asian Para Games.

A cricket and roller hockey enthusiast, Soorma too was just another teenager when a cement sheet fell on his head when he was 16, leaving him paralyzed after

causing a severe spinal cord

ting throw at the Asian Para Games 2023, where he won gold in the men's club throw F51 event.

#### School of Economics and secured a job as an Assistant Manager at the Bank of Baroda. Pranav rediscovered his love

positive mindset helped him to

turn to meditation and acad-

emics, where he excelled with

91.2 per cent in his 12th board

He then pursued a postgrad-uate degree from the Delhi

exams.

for sports through para-athletics and soon received success as he won a silver medal at the 2019 Beijing Grand Prix, a gold medal at the Serbia Open 2023, and both gold and silver medals at the Tunisia Grand Prix 2022.

He also produced a record-set-

injury. Support of his family and a

### Buttler out of T20 series against Australia, could miss ODIs

#### AP LONDON

England white-ball captain Jos Buttler was ruled Bout of the Twenty20 series against Australia because of a right calf injury on Thursday and might also miss the one-day series between the teams, too. Buttler has been replaced in the T20 squad by Jamie Overton, while Phil Salt will take over as captain. The three-match T20 series begins on Wednesday. The five-match ODI series starts on Sept. 19 so

Buttler has two weeks to recover Batter Jordan Cox has been added to the ODI squad as cover in case Buttler doesn't make



England T20 squad:

Phil Salt (captain), Jofra Archer, Jacob Bethell, Brydon Carse, Jordan Cox, Sam Curran, Josh Hull, Will Jacks, Liam Livingstone, Saqib Mahmood, Dan Mousley, Jamie Overton, Adil Rashid, Reece Topley, John Turner.

## Kapil Parmar to compete for bronze in judo





"It also gives us the opportunity to and experiences from international cricket with our colleagues, especially with the young players and newcomers; it gives them a huge boost since we all have reached here from playing domestic cricket," Pant added. Pant, who is playing for Team B in Duleep Trophy, said he was looking forward to getting back into domestic cricket as this is his first red-ball game after December 2022. "It is an amazing feeling for me, also because when I met with the accident two years ago, I used to always think about when I will be able to play for India again," he said. "In the last six months I (have) played IPL and we (have) also won the World Cup. It's a great test.

Duleep Trophy ahead of a long season of Test cricket will give the players quality match practice while young cricketers

at domestic level will benefit from the presence of interna-tional stars. The opening round Duleep matches got underway here at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium and at Anantapur on Thursday.

"It is very important for us to play domestic cricket because as a cricketer, match practice is always very important," he said.

"Especially coming back to domestic cricket, the youngsters also learn a lot of things from us - they see you playing here even after playing international cricket. There is a lot to give back to domestic cricket

figure to get tougher against Sinner.

Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka perform well in Asian conditions because they are accustomed to the wickets," Pant told Jio Cinema.

November before moving to Australia for the five-Test

Border-Gavaskar Trophy. an countries lik

"As the Indian cricket team, we focus solely on our own standards and how we can improve. Regardless of the opposition, we strive to play with the same intensity and give our 100 percent every sin-

gle day," he said. Pant said no series can be taken lightly with the margins between the teams decreasing in international cricket. "Pressure will always be there because in international cricket, vou can't take any series lightly. The margin between winning and losing is very small, and nowadays, the gap between international teams isn't much either," he said.

Pant said playing in the since I was a kid.

PTI PARIS

#### feeling as I had always dreamt of winning the World Cup

Dennis Blanco 10-0 in the India's Kapil Parmar lost to Iran's S Banitaba Khorram quarterfinal Parmar was, however, handed Abadi in the 60kg (J1) men's a vellow card in each of the two para judo semifinals of the contests on Thursday Meanwhile, India's Kokila suf-fered a defeat to Kazakhstan's Paralympics and will now compete for the bronze medal,

here on Thursday. The 24-year-old Parmar was Akmaral Nauatbek 0-10 in her women's 48kg J2 class quarter beaten 0-10 in semifinals A by finals.

lier beaten Venezuela's Marco

Later, Kokila was beaten by Ukraine's Yuliia Ivanytska 0-10 his Iranian opponent here at the Champs-de-mart arena. The J1 class in para judo is for in her J2 Final of Repechage A, a contest wherein she was the athletes who suffer from no to very low visual activity. handed three yellow cards Athletes in this category wear while her opponent got two. Yellow cards in judo are given red circles to indicate that they for minor violations such as may need guided support passivity or using a technique before, during and after a conthat might hinder the opponent Parmar, who won the silver

or cause injury. In J2 category, the competing medal at the 2022 Asian Games in the same category, had earathletes have partial eyesight.

### ONE ARROW AT A TIME Making of paralympic champion archer Harvinder Singh

#### PTI PARIS

Dealing with the unexpected, whether in archery or life in general, is no big deal for Harvinder Singh. He has aced the anticipation game thanks to the hard lessons that came his way.

The 33-year-old from Harvana, who scripted history by becoming the first Indian archer to win a Paralympic gold, has impaired legs owing to a dengue treatment gone wrong when he was just one year old but instead of lamenting his fate, he chose to become bigger than his circumstances.

Harvinder's journey to Paralympic glory began with a bronze three years back in Tokyo, which made him the first Indian to finish on the Games podium.

On Wednesday, he showed neither fatigue nor nerves to secure five backto-back wins in a day to bag his second successive Paralympic medal in recurve open category, bettering the previous performance by quite a margin. All his achievements are a first in Indian

archery. And when he is not shooting down medals, Harvinder is busy pursuing a Ph.D in economics.

"In the last few months, I was shooting very well in practice, more than the world record in qualification. Here, I fin-ished ninth (in the ranking round), and my confidence went a little bit down. Anyway, I focused on the matches because anything could happen," Harvinder was quoted as saying by 'World Archery'.

"Archery is a game of unexpected. Everything can happen. I focused on every arrow. Only the next arrow counts," said Harvinder, who reserved his best for the final, nailing three 10s in his last four arrows to knock out his 44-year-old opponent from Poland Lukasz Ciszek 6-0 (28-24, 28-27, 29-25). His was India's second medal in archery at the ongoing Games after Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar combined for the compound mixed team bronze.

Harvinder what works best for him is to stay in the moment and think too far ahead

"I was just focusing on my next match. Only that way, I could move to the next round, and one by one, I moved to the final. And eventually won gold," he

broke down the process. Three years back in Tokyo, Harvinder who hails from Ajitnagar in Kaithal dis-trict of Haryana, could not realise his dream of a gold.

He said his teammates had a role to play in instilling belief in him that he could aim for the top podium finish."In Tokyo, I won bronze, so I'm happy I could change the colour of my medal

Before the (Paris) Games, everybody told me I had a chance to reach gold, and I'm happy I was able to," said Harvinder, who comes from a farming family. Harvinder's consistency and his monklike demeanour ensured that he lost more than three points in each of his matches

The archer, who started taking interest in the sport after watching the action on TV during London Olympics, said that he felt "blessed".



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