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Centre approves 'One Nation, One Election' About 60 per cent voting in J and K This is first Assembly election after removal of Article 370

to realise the dreams of having simultaneous polls as it went ahead in approving the high-level panel's recommendations on one nation, one election plan for holding for the Lok Sabha, State Assemblies and Local Bodies elections simultaneously in a phased manner after a countrywide consensus-building exercise. The recommendations could

be tabled in the Winter Session of Parliament and sources indicate that the Government would implement it in its current tenure.

Minister Prime Narendra Modi said it was an important step towards making our democracy vibrant participative, Opposition parties shared a mixed response. The high-level committee approached 62 political parties, of which 47 responded -- 32 voicing support to holding simultaneous polls and 15 opposing it. Fifteen political parties did not submit a response. "I compliment ex-President Ram Nath Kovind for spearheading effort," Modi expressed through social media after Cabinet nod for simultaneous polls

Among the national parties, the Congress, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the Bahujan

recommendation.



President Droupadi Murmu being presented a report on simultaneous elections in the country by former President Ram Nath Kovind who heads High-Level Committee (HLC) on 'One Nation, One Election', and Home Minister Amit Shah, at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi

Samaj Party (BSP) and the manoeuvring, (Marxist) opposed the proposal, while Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the National People's Party (NPP) supported it.

country elections simultaneous between 1951 and 1967 but thereafter, polls started getting dispersed due to various reasons, including mid-term elections. Holding all polls simultaneously will of are also scheduled to go to

including Communist Party of India advancing some elections and delaying some others. While the Lok Sabha polls were held in May-June this vear, States like Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh also went to polls along with the parliamentary election. The Assembly election process for Jammu and Kashmir and Haryana is currently underway, while Maharashtra and Jharkhand

polls later this year. Delhi and Bihar are among the States that are scheduled to go to polls in 2025. The terms of the current

assemblies in Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, and Puducherry will end in 2026, while the terms of the Goa, Gujarat, Manipur, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand assemblies will end in 2027. The terms of the State assemblies in Himachal Pradesh, Meghalaya,

Tripura and Telangana will end in 2028. The terms of the current Lok Sabha and the State assemblies that went to polls together this year will end in 2029.

Asserting that several political parties are already on board, the Union Government said even those parties that are opposed to it may now feel pressure from within to change their stand due to the widespread support on the issue from the people of the country.

This is first Assembly election after removal of Article 370

MOHIT KANDHARI JAMMU

Close to 14 lakh electorate (around 60 per cent), belonging to different age groups and political beliefs, dressed in their traditional attire, demonstrated the superiority and priority of 'ballot over the bullet' on Wednesday as they queued up outside the polling stations. The voters exhibited the vibrant colors of Indian democracy, for the first time after the Abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019, to elect their public representatives after a gap of 10 years in 24 Assembly constituencies spread across seven districts of Jammu and Kashmir unprecedented security arrangements. Barring a few incidents, the polling passed off peacefully across Jammu and Kashmir.

Briefing media persons, Chief Electoral Officer PK Pole said that approximately 60 per cent voter turnout was recorded till 6 pm.

During the 2014 Assembly polls, Jammu and Kashmir witnessed 65.91 per cent voter turnout. PK Pole said the overall polling percentage may witness marginal correction as several polling parties from remote areas were yet to report to their headquarters.

Overall voter turnout of New Delhi and Jammu.

Shopian: Voters wait in a queue at a polling station during the first phase of Assembly elections, in Shopian district of south Kashmir, Wednesday

S. No.	DISTRICTS	No. of ACs	Approximate Voter Turnout %
1	Anantnag	7	54.17
2	Doda	3	69.33
3	Kishtwar	3	77.23
4	Kulgam	3	61.57
5	Pulwama	4	46.03
6	Ramban	2	67.71
0	Shopian	2	53.64
	Above 7 [Districts 24	58.85 (Figure upto 5pm)

58.46 percent was recorded The fate of Iltija Mufti, across five Parliamentary segments in Jammu and Kashmir in May 2024. CEO PK Pole said after the 2008 Assembly/ Lok Sabha polls, the voter turnout across 24 Assembly constituencies was the highest so far. Kashmiri migrants also participated in the voting across different polling booths in

former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti, Shagun Parihar, daughter of BJP leader Ajeet Parihar killed by terrorists in Kishtwar, former JKPCC Chief and Minister GA Mir from Dooru, Sunil Sharma, BJP general contesting from Padder

daughter of PDP Chief and

Nagseni is sealed in the EVMs.

NDRF and Fire personnel conduct rescue operation as a house collapsed at Bapa Nagar (Karol Bagh) in New Delhi, on Wednesday

Four die, 14 injured as building collapses in Bapa Nagar

SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW DELHI

Four people died including two teenagers, two are in critical condition and 12 others suffered intimize following the reliable of the suffered in the suffered injuries following the collapse of a six-storey house in central Delhi's Bapa Nagar on Wednesday morning with the rescue operation lasting for more than eight hours

Delhi Chief Minister-designate Atishi announced a compensation of Rs 10 lakh each for the families of the four people who died and visited the RML Hospital where the injured are undergoing treatment.

During her visit, Atishi stated, "The families of the deceased will be provided a compensation of Rs 10 lakh by the Delhi Government," adding that the compensation will also be given to the injured based on the severity of their injuries. She said that strict action will be taken against those responsible for this tragedy. Meanwhile, New Delhi BJP MP Bansuri Swaraj also visited the

victims. The rescue operations were initiated by local police and other agencies like Delhi Fire Services. However, later NDRF was also called to join the rescue operations which ended around 5:30 am. DCP M Harsh Vardhan said the building was old and located in

narrow lanes of a residential locality

in Bapa Nagar of Prasad Nagar. 'We cannot take heavy machines or cranes inside for the operation but the teams of fire department, local police and NDRF are conducting the rescue work," he said.

Government announces Chandrayaan-4, Venus Orbiter missions

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Q uoyed over the success of Bearlier Space missions, the Centre on Wednesday approved a new moon mission "Chandrayaan-4" to develop and demonstrate technologies needed for landing of Indian astronauts on the moon and safely bring them back to Earth. The Government also approved the development of Venus Orbiter Mission exploring and studying the planet. Chandrayaan-4 mission will

achieve the foundational technologies for the landing of Indian astronauts on the moon (planned by year 2040) and return safely back to Earth, a Government statement said. "Major technologies that are required docking/undocking, landing, safe return to earth and lunar sample collection and analysis would also be demonstrated," it said.



While the total fund requirement for the technology demonstration mission "Chandrayaan-4" is Rs 2,104.06 crore, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has allocated Rs 1,236 crore for the mission, of which Rs 824 crore will be spent on the

development the of spacecraft by the Indian Space Research

Organisation. ISRO will be responsible for development spacecraft and launch. The mission is expected to be completed within 36 months

approval with the

participation of industry and academia. All the critical technologies are envisaged to be indigenously developed. The 'Venus Orbiter Mission' to be helmed by the Department of Space will involve placing a scientific

spacecraft in the orbit of Venus for better understanding of its surface processes and influence of the Sun on the Venusian atmosphere.

Venus, the closest planet to Earth and believed to have formed in conditions similar to Earth, offers a unique opportunity to understand how planetary environments can evolve very differently, a statement said.

The study of the underlying causes of the transformation of Venus, which is believed to be once habitable and quite similar to Earth, would be an invaluable aid in understanding the evolution of the sister planets, both Venus and Earth, it said.

Doctors refuse to work, say two demands still not met

SAUGAR SENGUPTA

The junior doctors of Bengal refused to end their cease work even two days after their talks with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee bringing "fruitful results" that included among other things removal of two senior IPS officers and health department directors who allegedly misled the investigation in RG Kar Medical College rape and murder case.

The doctors's Wednesday morning demand of meeting with the State Government -- was readily granted by Chief Secretary Manoj Pant. Doctors said that administration had not fulfilled all their demands including the removal of State Health Secretary NS Nigam and ensuring an atmosphere free of fear inside the Government hospitals and medical colleges.

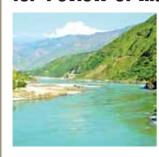
A letter written to the Chief Secretary read, "We were assured in the meeting (held on Monday), that a special task force presided by you



A delegation of junior doctors leaves for Nabann (State Secretariat) by bus to meet West Bengal Chief Secretary Manoj Pant for a discussion on certain 'key unresolved issues' like security in hospitals, from their 'dharna' site outside Swasthya Bhawan in Kolkata. Wednesday

will be formed to address these issues and further discussions with us would take place regarding its formulation and function. We would like to sit in a meeting with you and other members of the task force today regarding the same."

India serves notice to Pakistan for review of Indus Water Treaty



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Tndia has served a formal Inotice to Pakistan seeking a review of the Indus Water Treaty inked in 1960, arguing "fundamental unforeseen" changes in the circumstances require reassessment of the pact.

The notice was issued to Pakistan on August 30 under Article XII (3) of the Indus (IWT), Water Treaty

Government sources said on Wednesday. India and Pakistan signed the IWT on September 19, 1960 after nine years of negotiations, with the World

pact, which sets out a

and information exchange between the two sides on the use of the waters of a number of cross-border rivers. India's notification highlights

fundamental and unforeseen changes in circumstances that require a reassessment of obligations under various articles of the treaty, the sources said. Among various concerns, the

important ones include a change in population demographics, environmental issues and the need to accelerate the development of clean energy to meet India's emission targets, they said. India has also cited the impact of persistent cross-border terrorism as one of the reasons for demanding the review. "The notification was issued in

the background of a separate prolonged controversy with respect to the Kishanganga and Ratle hydro projects," a source said. "In this regard, the World

Bank has simultaneously activated both the neutralexpert mechanism and the Court of Arbitration on the Bank being a signatory to the same set of issues," the source mechanism for cooperation

EAC report on relative economic performance of states reflects Vaastu



RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Creflected in a report titled "Relative Economic Performance of Indian States: 1960-61 to 2023-24" by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) which clearly shows that western and southern Indian States are more prosperous. The report says western and

ountry's Vaastu seems to be

southern States Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka "performed notably better" than the rest of the country in over six decades. Authored by EAC-PM member

Sanjeev Sanyal, the paper 'Relative

Economic Performance of Indian States: 1960-61 to 2023-24' said the development of eastern part of the country remains a concern. Ancient Indian tradition mentions that south corner, even of the cities

other periphery.

flourish more when compared to "Maharashtra and Gujarat have consistently demonstrated strong economic performance over the years. Goa's relative per capita income has doubled over the period of study. Additionally, the southern

States have significantly outpaced

others after economic liberalisation,

with the five States collectively

accounting for approximately 30 per cent of India's GDP".

Haryana also stand out. Delhi has one of the highest per capita incomes throughout the study period. The divergent performance of Haryana and Punjab warrants further investigation to understand the underlying policy implications. Punjab's relative per capita income has declined after 2000s, while Haryana, which was once behind, has surpassed Punjab on both economic indicators. The eastern part of the country remains a concern", paper noted. To the much disappointment, West

"In the north, States like Delhi and

Bengal has experienced a continuous decline in its relative economic performance over several decades.

Although Bihar's relative position has stabilised in the last two decades, it remains significantly behind other States and requires much faster growth to catch up. Since the 2000s, Bihar's per capita income growth has slightly exceeded or matched the national average seven, leading to a relative per capita income that has remained relatively stable. Bihar will need to accelerate its economic growth considerably to make progress toward closing this gap

the paper noted.



Trump: PM Modi will meet him during US visit FORMER PRESIDENT

Donald Trump has said Prime Minister Narendra Modi will meet him next week during his upcoming three-day visit to the US. Speaking on Tuesday at his first public appearance following the recent apparent assassination attempt, Trump said Modi will meet him next week when he is in the US. PM Modi will be visiting the US from September 21 to 23.

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CM for encouraging Mallakhamb and gymnastics

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

hief Minister Mohan Yadav has said that sports academies will be established in Ujjain to promote traditional sports Mallakhamb and gymnastics. He said that adventurous sports should be incorporated into the main sports by linking them with tourism and forest. CM Dr. Yadav gave instructions to organize adventurous sports activities promoting participation of youth from different districts. He said that employment-oriented programmes should be conducted keeping in mind advancement of women, farmers, youth and the poor. CM Dr. Yadav said that stadiums should be constructed in every district in such a way that every stadium also has a

Yadav was reviewing the activities of Sports and Youth Welfare Department at Mantralaya on Wednesday. Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang, Additional Chief Secretary Rajesh Rajoura, Additional Chief Secretary Smita Bhardwaj Ghate, Principal Secretary Manish Rastogi and Director Ravi Kumar Gupta were present. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that the performance of Kathiyawadi breed horses is good for the horse-riding. If we include Kathiyawadi horses in sports, then even better performance can be achieved. Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Sarang said that Madhya Pradesh's performance in horse riding and shooting stand good. The

best academies. As many as 32 horses are available for training in the academy. Horse riding is also the only sport in which players of both male and female categories participate together.
Players can become gazetted

officers Chief Minister Yadav said that the proposal to appoint Olympic and Asian Games

medal winning players to the post of gazetted officers should be presented in the Cabinet. On the proposal to give jobs to outstanding players through sports quota in Higher Education, School Education, Forest, Excise, Transport, Police and Scheduled Tribe departments on the basis of educational qualification, Chief Minister Dr. Yadav directed to place the proposal along with the Youth to join Khelo-Badho Abhiyan

Chief Minister Yadav said that sports activities should also be conducted on priority. He said that high school and higher secondary students should be linked to this scheme through these games. The purpose is to recognize and develop the sports spirit of the students. This will also enhance the interest and participation of students in sports. On the lines of Khelo India, Khelo MP Youth Games will be organised. Participants below 16 years of age from all development blocks will take part in it, in which 24 games have been included.

Sports ceremony should be dignified

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that calendar of sports activities should be prepared. He said that brainstorming camp should be organized at the state and national levels. Prepare for brainstorming by making a comprehensive plan of sports and the facilities provided. Programmes should be organized on national festivals at district and block levels by coordinating with rural youth.

Director to become Director

General of Sports Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang put forward the proposal in the review meeting to upgrade the post of Director of Sports as Director General of Sports and to upgrade the post of Joint Director in departmental cadre to the post of Director of Sports.



dam in Balaghat. The water

many dams including Indira Sagar, Omkareshwar, Madikheda, Kerwa, Kaliyasot,

Kolar, Bhadbhada, Tawa,

Bargi, Mohanpura, Halali,

3-year-old grl raped at private school in Bhopal, accused arested

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

three-year-old girl was sexually assauled in a private School of the state capital. The acued working in technical department of school has been

The girl told her parents about the incident and when the parents checked the injury marks on the private part of the victim, both were shocked and they reached the police station with the girl and lodged a complaint.

Sensing the seriousness of the matter, the police immediately registered an FIR.

The accused was identified as Qasim Rehan who is an employee of the technical department in the school. Surprisingly, employees are not even allowed to enter the class room.

Police have arrested the accused. The school principal Swati said that she was not informed about this matter. She said that the parents did not tell her anything. We

were not informed at all. However, the school administration will still fully cooperate with the police and the parents.

The principal further said that we have removed the accused Qasim Rehan from service. Besides, the teacher of the class room where this incident happened has also been suspended.

The accused looks after the IT work in the school. He is not a teacher. Now the police are investigating how a person who is not even a teacher did this to the girl. How did no one in the school came to know about the incident. The girl waAfter the FIR was registered, the victm was medically examined and after rape was confirmed, action was taken against the accused under 74 and of the BNS and sectiona of POCSO Act has also been imposed.

On this matter, School Education

Minister Rao Uday Pratap Singh said that such incidents will not be tolerated. Strict action will be taken against the accused. If the school management is guilty, action will be taken against them

According to the police, the girl's mother had complained on Monday that the teacher had misbehaved with her 3-year-old daughter. Two days ago, when the girl returned home from school, there were injury marks on her private parts. She reached the school to complain about this. She also told the name of the teacher, but the school management did not pay attention to the

complaint, she told police. DCP Priyanka Shukla said that after the complaint in the police station, the police reached the school and gathered information about the accused teacher Qasim. The accused has been arrested. School Education Minister Uday Pratap Singh said, the accused

has been arrested. The accused will be given severe punishment, action will also be taken against the school system. No particular person should feel that action is not being taken against them. These issues are being taken up with concern.

Madhya Pradesh Congress presdent Jitu Patwari sought time from the President Draupadi murmu to inform her about the crimes against women happening in Madhya Pradesh.

Patwari said, today the President is on a visit to Madhya Pradesh, a 3-year-old innocent girl has been raped in the state capital. I had sent a letter to the President regarding the condition of the daughters of Madhya Pradesh so that I can meet her and inform about it. I was hoping that I would get time to meet her, but I want to request the President through the media that sisters nd daughters are raped every day in

Weather system now moves to eastern part of MP

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

n active strong system has moved forward in the eastern part of Madhya Pradesh i.e. Jabalpur, Shahdol, Rewa and Sagar divisions and now till the new system becomes active, there will be light rain, bright sunshine and shade in the state.

Due to heavy rain on Tuesday, 9 gates of Bargi Dam in Jabalpur have been opened. All the gates were opened up to 1.6 meters on Wednesday. Heavy rain occurred in Gwalior-Bhind this morn-

ing. Schools were closed. Collector Ruchika Chauhan had issued its order late Tuesday evening. Five gates of Tighra Dam have been opened here. Due to this, the Sank river is in spate. An alert has been issued in the villages

situated on the river bank. Drizzle was also witnessed in Tikamgarh. It has been raining in Gohad of Bhind since late night. Here the Vaisali reservoir has crossed the full tank level. Many villages have lost contact with Bhind headquarters.

Meteorological The Department has predicted heavy rain in Morena, Sheopur and Shivpuri on Wednesday. So far, 41 inches of rainfall has been recorded which is about 10% more than the normal rainfall. Mandla, Seoni and Sheopur are such districts where 50 inches or more of rainfall has been recorded.

Meteorologist VS Yadav said that it is raining in the state due to low pressure area and monsoon trough. Now this system has moved forward. This will reduce the rain

Madikheda, Atal Sagar, According Tighra, Bansujara, Johila. to Meteorological Department, On Tuesday, it rained in more there may be heavy rain in than 24 districts of the state. Bhind, Morena, Sheopur and Rewa received the maximum Shivpuri in the next 24 hours. rainfall of 4 inches in 9 hours Light rain and thundershowbetween 8.30 am and 5.30 ers may persist in Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain, Gwalior, pm. The Chief Minister's program was cancelled here. He joined virtually. It rained heavily in Bhopal in the Jabalpur and other districts. On the other hand, there are evening.
Three inches of rainfall was chances of bright sunshine in Mandsaur, Neemuch. witnessed in Sidhi, 2 inches Chhindwara, Pandhurna, Seoni, Mandla and Anuppur. in Satna, 1.25 inches in Sagar, Due to rain, the dams and 1 inch in Mandla, and 45 inches in Gwalior and ponds of the state have overflowed again. On Tuesday, Narsinghpur. About half an water was released by openinch of rainfall was witnessed ing two gates of Bawanthadi

in Jabalpur, Damoh and Jabalpur. Dhar, Guna, level has also increased in Shivpuri, Chhindwara, Khajuraho, Seoni, Tikamgarh, Umaria, Balaghat districts also witnessed rain. Rain continued in many dis-

BJP State In-charge Mahendra Singh with members of the third gender community during the party's membership drive under 'Sangathan Parv' in Bhopal on

Youtube journalist shot dead in Sarangpur of Rajgarh district

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

Danic prevailed at Hospital Road in Sarangpur of Rajgarh district after three bike riders shot a local journalist dead late in the evening on Tuesday.

Nine-year-old son of the deceased was with him at the time of incident.

The deceased, identified as Salman Khan (35), was sitting on a scooty near the hospital, when three people appeared at the spot and shot him near his temple.

On hearing the gunshot, a around the spot are being huge crowd gathered at the scanned. diately informed and a police team reached the spot. The injured was rushed to the hospital where he was declared dead, the police were told that the bike riders shot Salman as soon as they spotted him. Salman was also attacked last year. The family said that the

At the time of the shooting, SDOP Arvind Singh was in his car and was nearly 50 yards away from the spot but before he could reach, the bike riders had already escaped the spot

funeral prayers will be held after Zohar prayers at 2 pm on Wednesday. After this, Salman will be buried in the

cemetery. The police reached the spot and took the injured to the hospital where the doctor declared him dead. The CCTV cameras installed

SDOP Arvind Singh was in his car and was nearly 50 yards away from the spot but before he could reach, the bike riders had already escaped the spot. The police have investigated the CCTV footage of the surrounding

Salman had been working for

a daily newspaper and YouTube channel published from Indore for a long time. According to the victim's family, the case is related to old enmity. Police station incharge Akanksha Hada said that the police checked the CCTV footage of medical and other shops around the spot throughout the night, the attackers came from the

tion and escaped from the Police station in-charge Akanksha Hada said that last year on February 9 2023, 5 miscreants attacked Salman with knife and sword due to

mutual enmity. He was

they turned towards Akodia

Road from the next intersec-

referred to Indore in critical condition. Salman had said that he was having a dispute with Shahrukh living in the city, due to which Shahrukh had beaten Salman's brother. After this, Salman had lodged an FIR against Shahrukh in this case.

Salman alleged that due to this dispute, Shahrukh had called youths from Bhopal for murder at that time. Salman was sitting and discussing with people in his newspaper office. At that time 4 to 5 people attacked him with knife and sword. Later the matter was settled.

Congress state president Jitu Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav by posting on X in the matter. Patwari wrote, Unbridled crime and fearless criminals are now targeting journalists as well. As the most unsuccessful Home Minister of Madhya Pradesh, your criminal silence has now become fatal.

BJP welcomes 150 members of Kinnar community in the BJP

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Telcoming over 150 members of the Kinnar community into the Bharatiya Party Wednesday, state unit incharge Mahendra Singh highlighted the virtues of Prime Minister Narendra

da for the nation. Singh, accompanied by various party leaders, visited the residence of Suraiya Baji, a Kinnar community elder, in the Amangalwara area of the state capital.

Modi's development agen-

The community expressed satisfaction with the BJP government at the Center and in the state while joining the party. Bhopal District President Sumit Pachauri and former MLA Dhruvanarayan Singh were

also present tion ceremony.

Community
Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Development Work Dr. Singh informed the gathering of the ongoing nationwide service fortnight being observed by

the BJP to commemorate

the birthday of Prime Minister Modi. He said that the fortnight, which commenced on Tuesday, would conclude on October 2. Party workers are reaching out to various communities and classes to encourage them to join the BJP, as part of

this initiative, he said. Underlining the contribution of the Kinnar community to the development of the nation, Dr. Singh stated that the party would benefit from the joining of community members and hoped that they would play a pivotal role in the welfare of soci-

In her address, Baaji said that the community has earned significant respect under Prime Minister Modi and the BJP-led state government. She noted that India is progressing toward becoming a developed nation under the Prime Minister's skilled leadership. The entire Kinnar community stands with the Prime Minister, and they wish him a long and healthy life.

President to reach Ujjain today

Indore: President Draupadi Murmu will reach Ujjain from Indore early on Thursday. Here, she will interact with the hardworking Safai Mitras who contribute to the cleanliness of the country, at 10.10 am at Hotel Rudraksh located in Dhendia village and will visit the exhibition on Cleanliness Fortnight.

Later, the President will participate as the chief guest in the Safai Mitra Sammelan and the Bhoomi Pujan program of the Ujjain-Indore six-lane road to be organized at Hotel Rudraksh Complex in Dhendia village. Chief Minister Mohan Yadav will deliver the welcome address. President Murmu will also distribute certificates to the Safai

Mitras. Murmu will perform the Bhoomi Pujan of the Ujjain-Indore sixlane virtually. The President will be accorded a grand welcome at the Nandi gate of Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple amidst Swasti Vachan and Shankh Vadan. Later the President will perform Jalabhishek after darshan and worship of Jyotirlinga Shri Mahakaleshwar. Shri Temple Mahakaleshwar Management Committee will welcome the President by presenting him with a shawl, shriphal, memento, and prasad at Nandi Hall.

High school to be opened in Rampura gram panchayat

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

School Education Minister Uday Pratap Singh said that now children in government schools will receive education sitting at the desk. He announced a grant of Rs 50 lakh for the high school building in Gram Panchayat Rampura. School Education Minister Singh was addressing the felicitation ceremony of meritorious students at the Government Secondary School campus Rampura Narsinghpur district on

Tuesday. Minister Singh said that the high school will be run in Rampura from the next academic session so that children from the villages do not have to travel far to study. He said that it is a misconception that a child studying in a village government school cannot progress. He said that there are many such examples when children from government schools have proved their mettle by reaching higher positions. He urged the teachers to teach the students with dedication.

The School Education Minister said that the state government is continuously working for the qualitative improvement of

education in government schools. Global-level CM Rise Schools are being opened in the state. Singh distributed school bags and other prizes to the

school children. School Education Minister Singh participated in the cleanliness program organized in Janpad Panchayat Saikheda of Narsinghpur district on Tuesday. He offered Shramdaan

along with the citizens. Singh said that we all must adopt and follow clean habits. By doing this we will be able to truly participate in the cleanliness program of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said that now an amount of Rs 1 lakh 50 thousand is being provided for the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. The first installment of houses was transferred to the accounts of 870 beneficiaries of

Saikheda Janpad. Minister Singh offered shramdan by cleaning the Dada Dhuni Darbar temple complex in Saikheda. He also planted saplings in the Tehsil office premises. Minister Singh interacted with the students of CM Rise School. The School Education Minister said that the CM Rise School building to be built here will be one of the best buildings in the district.



Indore MP Shankar Lalwani participated in plantation programme organised by National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) conducted a plantation programme in Indore on Wednesday.

AIIMS Bhopal conducts outreach programme at Chiklod

Bhopal: A dedicated team from the Department of Pharmacology at AIIMS Bhopal conducted a significant outreach activity at Chiklod, Block Obedullhaganj, District Raisen, on Tuesday, 17th September 2024. This event was organized as part of the 4th National Pharmacovigilance Week celebrations, running from 17th to

23rd September 2024. The primary goal of the event was to raise awareness about

Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs) among the local community. AIIMS Bhopal, serving as a regional training centre for Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, and an Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring under Centre Pharmacovigilance Programme of India, collaborates with both the Department of Pharmacology and the Department of Community and Family

Medicine to achieve these objec-

During the event, Deepa Choudhary and Faizan, Associate, provided guidance on reporting any adverse drug reactions via the toll-free number 1800-180-3024 or through the PVPI mobile app. Dr. Srijan G. Shetty and Dr. Shobhit, residents from the Department of Pharmacology, emphasized the critical need for reporting ADRs to ensure patient safety and improve drug management practices.

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BJP forgets tribal martyrs Shankar Shah-Raghunath Shah this year

GIRISH SHARMA ■ BHOPAL

→he Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) state government's irreverence towards Tribal heroes, Raja Shankar Shah and Kunwar Raghunath Shah, on Wednesday suggests that the ruling party is acting contrary to its long-standing claims. On September 18, 2023-an

election year in Madhya Pradesh-Union Home Home Minister Amit Shah visited the memorial of the martyrs and paid floral tributes. However, this year Chief Minister Mohan Yadav maintained a distance from the Jabalpur shrine of the fatherson duo.

The Chief Minister's staying away from the 'Samadhi Sthal' this year has given rise to rumors that the BJP's glorifi-

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cation of the martyrs last year was nothing more than an effort to woo tribal votes. The BIP has forever maintained that it does not indulge in politics over such issues and has been vocal in its criticism of the Congress, whom it blames for politicizing martyrs in a bid to appease a demographic and earn votes. Princes of the Gond king-dom, Raja Shankar Shah and his son, Kunwar Raghunath Shah, were executed by the British on September 18, 1857. The Jabalpur memori-

al for the martyrs was announced in 2019. In stark contrast to last year,

only the Minister In-charge of Jabalpur, Vijay Shah, was present at a brief event commemorating the occasion in Jabalpur, while Minister of State Sampatiya Uikey attended a commemorative program at Mandla.
While the BJP maintained

that the Chief Minister's absence was necessitated by protocol, which dictated the arrival of President Droupadi Murmu in the state, lackluster commemoration is evidence of the BJP's apathy towards tribals in the

Madhya Pradesh Congress media in-charge Mukesh Nayak, while talking to The Pioneer, said that the BJP was a party of 'thugs' and accused the ruling party of neglecting martyrs and tribals.

"They are concerned only with the votes," said Nayak, while leading the charge from the Congress side. He accused the BJP of turning its back on the sentiments of the tribal community in the state. Nayak further sought to remind the BJP of former Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan's vow to make the martyrdom commemoration a prominent statewide event. The distinct difference in the event last year and this year

Congressmen say that the has led BJP critics to launch accusations of only remembering tribal heroes during elections.

Tribal voters had elected 31 Congress legislators to the state assembly from the 47 segments dominated by the community in 2018.

The subsequent election for the Madhya Pradesh Vidhan Sabha saw the BJP, led by Chouhan, launch a robust tribal outreach campaign in a bid to wean tribal voters away from the Congress.

Despite intense politicking over their martyrdom, Raja Shankar Shah and Kunwar Raghunath Shah remain relatively unknown in the state, as promises to include them in the school curriculum by former Chief Ministers Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Kamal Nath remain unfulfilled.



President Droupadi Murmu being welcomed by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on her arrival at Indore airport,

them aware of the innovations



Draupadi Murmu, President of India, met Mubarik Khatri, a renowned artist of Madhya Pradesh's famous Bagh print at a

Nationwide skill development yatra flagged off to create awareness towards NEP

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

SECT, an organization working continuously in the field Lof skill development and higher education for the last 39 years, in collaboration with Scope Global Skills University and Rabindranath Tagore University, flagged off a nationwide skill development yatra on Wednesday. The yatra was taken oout with an

objective of creating awareness among students about the National Education Policy and career counseling of students. During this, Dr. Siddharth Chaturvedi, Chancellor of Scope Global Skills University was present as the chief guest. Other guests present with him included SGSU Vice Chancellor Ajay



ISECT National Network Manager Rajesh Panda and Shri Rajesh Shukla Zonal Head Madhya Pradesh.

On this occasion, Siddharth Chaturvedi flagged off the yatra. In his statement, he said that this yatra being conducted in 300 districts and 500 schools, colleges and institutes of 22 states of the country will reach a large number of students and will make them aware of the importance of skill development.

Besides, this journey will try to connect them with entrepreneurship, skill development and higher education by making

being done by AISECT and AISECT University Group. He further said that the subject experts accompanying the journey will also work to provide career guidance to the students by explaining the importance of skill development. National Network Manager of

AISECT, Rajesh Panda, said that for many years, AISECT has been making a unique effort to explain the importance of skill development to the youth through the Skill Development Yatra, which has also been awarded by national and international agencies.

In this journey, branches and students are made aware of AISECT's new activities like banking, Aadhaar, online toll payment (ETC), school content,

of 22 states where students will be made aware of the courses being run in AISECT-NSDC partnership and the courses being run by AISECT University Group. During the journey, information about schemes being run under skill development such as gov-ernment schemes, NULM, NSQF

play school, AISECT Learn,

online free courses (MOOCS),

insurance, online services, Rojgar

Mantra portal, NAPS etc.

Starting from September 18, this

journey will reach 300 districts

and Microsoft Rise, UNICEF course and others will also be provided to the youth. For this, vehicles have been specially designed by AISECT. These travel vehicles have been equipped with branding of various schemes related to skill development.

Significant contribution of artists in conserving tribal art and culture: Murmu

PNS INDORE

President Draupadi Murmu during her visit to Indore visited Mrignayani Emporium and saw silk and cotton, Chanderi and Maheshwari sarees. She had discussions with artisans and weavers from tribal areas and appreciated their artistry.

The artists presented handcrafted items made by themselves to the President. These artists are skilled in their crafts and have a unique national identity. They were overjoyed meeting and discuss with Murmu. Also present were Governor Mangubhai Patel, Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, Industries Corporation, Dr. Navneet

the artisans, President Murmu emphasized the need to preserve and cherish ancient culture and traditions, noting the significant contributions of local craftsmen. She highlighted the importance of encouraging them to create employment opportunities. The President also clicked photos of the artisans at their request.

In a conversation with artisan Mubarak Khatri from Dhar district, she learned about Bag print art and asked how long he had been practicing it. Khatri shared that his family has been appaged in Pagengian make engaged in Bag print making for 11 generations and The that he is imparting this art impressed by the Gond to the next generations. He artist, Padma Durga Bai, can be applied to cotton fabric and mentioned that it is

During her discussions with and silk sarees.

President Murmu was informed by weaver Alauddin Ansari from Maheshwar in Khargone district about his nationally awarded handwoven sareé. He explained that the print on the saree's border reflects the waves of the Narmada River. Impressed by the artistry, the President inquired about how long they have been doing this work. Ansari revealed that his family has been engaged in this craft for generations and that they currently provide employment to over 300 people including 70 women.

President was but originally from Dindori. She commended Khaikhu now also done on bamboo for her efforts to keep cul-

ture and art alive. Khaikhu explained that she teaches this art to children and provides free training to others through an organization. When viewing the "Jhabua Dolls" by Padmashri Ramesh and Shanti Parmar from Jhabua district, the President inquired whether the dolls were made from clay. The artists explained that they craft attractive dolls from cotton and fabric, providing free training to others to keep this art alive. They noted that all the dolls they take to markets and fairs sell out.

President Purchases Saree President Murmu expressed pleasure in seeing the handwoven sarees talking to employees at Mrignayani the sarees' names and patterns. She was shown Chanderi, Maheshwari, cot-

ton, and silk sarees in detail. Requesting the staff to select a light-colored saree for her, Sarita Gawade chose a light pink Maheshwari saree. The President made a digital payment for the saree at the counter, assisted by employees Kavita Bhilware and Vipul Singh. Female employees Aruna Rapotu, Sadhana Shukla, Sangeeta Shukla, Meena Chaurasia, and Vandana Kothari also showed her various sarees and silk fabrics.

CM Yadav presents Chanderi Saree as memento to President

During her interaction with handicraft artists and observation of their art work at Mrignayani Emporium, Chief Minister Chanderi saree to President Draupadi Murmu on behalf of the state.

Pediatric oncology nursing quiz organized at AIIMS **STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL

¬he Department of Pediatrics successfully organized a series of activities throughout September to raise awareness about childhood cancer and enhance the skills of healthcare workers. As part of the global observance of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, these initiatives aimed to improve the quality of care provided to young cancer patients.
On Tuesday, the Pediatric
Hematology Oncology
Division of the Department of Pediatrics held a Pediatric Oncology Nursing Quiz for nursing officers and senior nursing officers across departments. The Kahoot platform and wit-

nessed enthusiastic partic-

ipation from the nursing

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh lauded the efforts of the participants, saying, "This quiz is an excellent example of how we are constantly upgrading the knowledge and skills of our healthcare workers. The active participation of our nursing officers reflects their dedication to continuous learning and their commitment to providing the best care to children battling cancer. The role of nursing staff in pediatric cancer care is invaluable, and their dedicated service is greatly appreciat-

Prof. Shikha Malik, Head of the Department of Pediatrics, also congratuacknowledged the significant role nursing staff play in the care and recovery of

children with cancer. "The commitment of our nursing staff plays a vital role in the treatment and rehabilitation of children fighting cancer,"

The quiz concluded with an exciting announcement of the winners. Mr. Dilip Kumar, a Nursing Officer, secured the First Prize, while Mr. Hitesh, also a Nursing Officer, claimed the Second Prize. The Third Prize was awarded to Mr. Vikram, a Senior Nursing Officer.

The event was attended by all faculty members, resident doctors, nursing staff, and supporting personnel from the Department of Pediatrics. The initiative reinforced AIIMS Bhopal's comprehensive and compassionate care for children affected by cancer.

Decision of simultaneous polls in LS, States hitoric: VD

Bhopal: Welcoming the union cabinet's approval for simultaneous elections for the Parliament and state assemblies, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) state unit chief and Khajuraho MP, Vishnudutt Sharma, on Wednesday said the decision under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership is historic and commendable.

Speaking at the party headquarters in the state capital, Sharma said that the approval of the recommendations of the committee, headed by former President Ramnath Kovind, paves the way for "One Nation, One Election," a guarantee of the Modi government."The BJP had promised 'One Nation, One Election' in its manifesto, and this is another guarantee being fulfilled by

After 100 days of Modi's third term, a solution is being found for a problem that the country has awaited for decades. Í express my gratitude to the Prime Minister for this initiative," said a visibly buoyed Sharma. Sharma further said, "We are ready to script a fresh chapter for the nation under Prime Minister Modi's vision; we are ready to write a new history in this 'Amrit Kaal.' "Simultaneous elections will save resources and help make the electoral process more effective by ushering later broke down.

in a new political culture that strengthens democracy, he said. "If all elections are held simultaneously, it will promote political stability and give governments more time to function.

Conducting elections at the same time will reduce costs for governments and political parties, allowing for better resource utilization. It will enable political parties to focus more on their policies and development work," added Sharma while recounting the benefits of the decision. Sharma noted that between 1951 and 1967, elections for Parliament and state assemblies were held simultaneously, but this practice



fifteen- day Pitra Paksh in Bhopal on Wednesday.

Bajaj Finserv MF crosses 17,000 cr of AUM **Bhopal:** Bajaj Finserv Mutual

Fundhas attained a significant milestone crossing Rs. 17,000Cr AUM in its first year of launch, as on 31st Aug 2024. The fund house has grown significantly in both size and scope since the launch of its maiden scheme. In its first year, the fund house has launched 10 active schemes, (3 Equity, 4 Debt and 3 Hybrid) along with 3 ETFs.The Fund house recently celebrated the first anniversary of Bajaj Finserv Flexi Cap Fund, its flagship equity fund. In its first year of operation, the fund has deliveredstrong returns, both in direct and regular plans. The Fund crossed Rs 3500Cr

AUM in its first year of launch. Using the megatrends

approach for sectoral and stock selection, Bajaj Finserv Flexi Cap Fund invests in 60 plus stocks that may benefit from prevailing and upcoming movements in the market. The fund's top allocations are in banking and financial services, pharmaceuticals, automobiles, technology, chemical and consumer sec-

Recently, the fund house launched its third equity scheme, the Bajaj Finserv Large Cap Fund. This was following a study by the AMChighlighting that large caps tend to be a relatively low-risk approach to investing in Indian equities as compared to small and mid caps, especially at the present mar-

ket valuation. NCC expansion for discipline among students

Why should the teachers be regularized, if they are guests, asks Minister

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

emands of agitating guest teachers in Madhya Pradesh are unlikely to be met anytime soon as state Minister for School Education, Rao Uday Pratap Singh on Wednesday questioned the propriety of their insistence for regularisation."Why will there be regularisation? The name of guest teachers is 'guest'. If you come as a guest, will you take over the house?" Questioned Singh in response to a quey raised by media persons on demands

made by the teachers. Quick in his response to the statement, Congress state president Jitu Patwari said that the BJP leader must 'apologize' to the teachers.Over 8000 guest teachers in the state are agitating to press for a five-point char-

ter of demands, including regularization of their services. They also demonstrated by taking out a Tiranga Yatra in Bhopal on September 10.

The demonstration was for six hours amid rain. The delegation of guest teachers also met Education Minister Rao Uday Pratap but the matter remains unresolved. On the question of regularization of guest teachers, the School Education Minister told the journalists—Where there is a gap, there are less teachers, they are deployed there.

The delegation had come recently. We had a meeting. We are considering twothree points raised by them.Our effort will be that if a guest teacher is appointhe should be made to work for the entire academic session. Protecting their

interests is our top priority. When the department believes that guest teachers are important, they should not worry. Despite the assurance, the

minister stopped short of confirming anything and spoke of the stress the acceptance of such demands would lay on the state coffers, "If we recruit, then from where will we pay the salaries?" He asked. The school education minister said that the delegation said that last year there were 68000 teachers, this time it has reduced.

Such teachers were posted in schools where there are no children. We took the work of taking them to schools with surplus. Once rationalization was done, the shortage of 12000 to 13000 teachers was met. It is natural that where the shortage has been met, why will we recruit guest teachers there? If we recruit, then from where will we pay their salary?

He said that things have to be adjusted while taking various questions into account, he said while assuring teachers of the government's concern for their plight"In running the government and the department, financial management and just things have to be adjusted. Be it teachers, guest teachers...court cases are still pending, we are taking full action from the government's side to expedite them. We are fully concerned about teachers," said the minister.

Responding to the minister's pronouncements, Patwari questioned, "What does he mean by occupation by the guests?""You keep guest

teachers under the system. They provide services. You want to take services and later want to insult them. That too a minister, a representative of the government," said Patwari. "A minister's statement is the collective responsibility of the cabinet. I believe that the Education Minister should apologize." He added. Earlier on 10 September, more than 8000 guest teachers had protested in Bhopal to press for a five point charter of demands, I cluding regularisation of services. Guest teachers from all over the state participated in the demonstration under the banner of Guest Teachers Federation. The protest started at the Ambedkar Maidan in the state capital and proceeded with Tiranga Yatra to 'gherao' and went to surround the CM House,

but the police the residence of the chief minister. Police intervention stopped the agitating teachers from reaching Shamla Hills.

Several guest teachers were injured in scuffles that ensure with police oersonnel. The agitating teachers later accused the state government of police brutality. Speaking after the agitation, State President of the Guest Teachers' Federation Sunil Singh Parihar told mediapersons, "Former Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had said in the Guest Teacher Panchayat on September 2, 2023 that guest teachers would be regularized and given the same pay scale as Guruji. This promise has not been fulfilled till now. Our demand is that by conducting departmental exams, they should be regularized like Guruji."

Bhopal: School Education giving an outstanding performance at the national

Minister Uday Pratap Singh said that as NCC (National Cadets Corps) strengthens the sense of discipline and patriotism among the students its NCC activities will be expanded in the state. He said that the School

Education Department will provide all possible help to the NCC organization administratively and financially. Minister Singh was addressing the NCC State Level Advisory Committee meeting held at Mantralaya in Bhopal today.

of School Secretary Education Sanjay Goyal, Major General Ajay Mahajan, and Additional Director General NCC Brigadier Rajneesh Gaur were also present at the meeting.

Minister Singh said that the cadets of Madhya Pradesh have made the state proud by

the state government will extend every possible sup-port for the development of the proposed NCC Academy in Madhya Pradesh. Secretary of School Education Sanjay Goyal said that efforts will be speeded up for the construction of the academy building. In the meeting, Major General Ajay Mahajan told that at present there are 77 thousand cadets in the state. The capacity will be increased to 20 thousand 320 cadets in the coming 3 years. It was informed in the meet-

and state levels. He said that

ing that the state government has allotted 20 acres of land in Samasgarh village of Bhopal for the NCC Academy. The design of the academy building will be prepared by EPCO.

Opposition opposes 'One Nation, One Election' proposal

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Opposition parties on Wednesday opposed the "one nation, one election" proposal as a report of a panel on simultaneous elections, headed by former president Ram Nath Kovind, was approved by the Union Cabinet.

president Congress Mallikarjun Kharge said "one nation, one election" is not practical and alleged that the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) comes up with such things to divert attention from real issues when polls approach.

"Ît is not practical, it will not work. When elections come and they (BJP) do not get any issue to raise, they divert attention from real issues," Kharge told a conference here.

'Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Derek O'Brien called it a "cheap stunt" of the BJP and questioned why Maharashtra polls were not announced with those in Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir if the government wants simultaneous elections. "One nation, one election is just another cheap stunt by the anti-democratic BJP. Why were the Maharashtra elections not announced along with the elections in Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir?" he asked.

Maharashtra



government announced the Ladki Bahin scheme in the Budget in June. The first tranche reached the bank accounts of women in August and the second tranche will reach the beneficiaries in October," he said. "You cannot do three states in one go and you talk about one nation, one election," O'Brien

'He also sought to know how Constitution many amendments and curtailments of the terms of state Assemblies would be

required for implementation of proposal. "And also tell us, how many

Constitution amendments, including curtailing or Owaisi said multiple elections Maharashtra polls could not extending terms of state are not a problem for anyone be held with those in Haryana

Assemblies, will be done! Classic Modi-Shah jumla," the TMC leader said in a statement. He also took to social media to share a letter written by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in January, opposing the proposal. 'All India Majlis-e-İttehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief Asadudin Owaisi said the proposed move will destroy federalism. "I have consistently opposed One Nation One Election because it is a solution in search of a problem. It

destroys federalism and

compromises democracy,

which are part of the basic structure of the Constitution,"

he said in a social media post.

Prime except Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah as they want to campaign in every

"Multiple elections aren't a problem for anyone except Modi and Shah. Just because they have a compulsive need to campaign in even municipal and local body elections does not mean that we need simultaneous polls. Frequent and periodic elections improve democratic accountability," the member Parliament

Hyderabad said. 'Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MP Sandeep Pathak wondered how all elections would be held together when the "They were incapable of

holding simultaneous polls in four states and managed to hold elections in Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir. My submission is that when they are unable to hold simultaneous polls in four states, how is one nation, one election even possible?" he

'Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) MP Mahua Maji alleged that the BJP is pushing for simultaneous polls as it wants to be the only party to rule in India.

'The BJP has been trying this since long. It wants only one party to rule the country. Recently, it broke the NCP and the Shiv Sena while the BJD has nearly been wiped out in Odisha. Similarly, it is trying to destroy the JMM in Jharkhand and it will try to destroy the regional parties using one nation, one election," she said.

'Congress leader Harish Rawat said the BJP has realised that it is going to taste defeat in the ongoing and upcoming state polls, including in Maharashtra, and thus, is scared.

"The BJP has realised that it will be defeated in the elections in Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Maharashtra and Jharkhand. After losing one state after another, the BJP is not in a position to sustain that pressure that days.

Israel Ambassador condemns Khamenei remarks on Indian minorities as hypocritical

their coalition government (at the Centre). That is why the 'ghabrayi hui' (worried) government has opted for the one nation, one election formula," former Uttarakhand chief minister

Senior Congress leader T S Singhdeo said, "It is only a strategy of political convenience, and what I can see is nothing beyond that. The same party which is governing the country as part of the NDA has been talking about this for the past few years."

'You see their intent. Had they really been proponent of this view that this will be a great benefit to the country and the society...What attempt did they make to ensure that Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana, Maharashtra and Jharkhand elections take place at the same time," he said.

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the proposal for "one nation, one election" as recommended by the Kovind panel, Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said.

'The high-level committee has recommended simultaneous elections for the Sabha Lok and state Assemblies as the first step, followed by synchronised local body polls within 100

Over 5.56 lakh FIRs filed under new criminal laws

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Over 5.56 lakh First Information Reports (FIRs) have been registered across the country under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) ever since its introduction on July one, a senior official said on Wednesday.

For smooth implementation of the new criminal laws, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has also developed several mobile applications, including e-Sakshya for capturing, storing and retrieving evidence through storing and videography photography.

The app has been adopted by 22 states and Union Territories and tested by 24 states and UTs.'The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and the Bharatiya Sakshya Act replaced the colonial-era Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence Act of 1872 respectively.

'Since July one till September three, a total of 5.56 lakh FIRs have been registered in the country under the BNS, the officer said, highlighting the achievements of the home ministry in the first 100 days of the Modi 3.0 government. 'Software patches have been designed and deployed in the Inter-operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) pillar applications to incorporate the new criminal laws.

The key changes in the CCTNS (Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems) include e-Prisons, e-Forensics, e-Prosecution, use of audio-video electronic means and electronic communication among others as per the new criminal

India faces second hottest summer since 1970, one third population at risk

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Between June and August, India endured its secondhottest summer since 1970, with extreme heat impacting tion, disrupting not only daily life and claiming countless lives but also posing serious risks to public health across the nation, according to a report by Climate Central.

This analysis coincides with official data revealing 41,789 suspected heat stroke cases and 143 heat-related deaths during one of the longest and most intense heat waves in the country's history.

Analysing temperature impact on more than one billion residents in 72 countries that recorded their hottest June-August since at least 1970, the report by the Climate Central found that in India alone, over 426 million people encountered extreme heat for at least a week. It said, temperatures exceeded 90% of usual highs from 1991 to 2020. Over 20.5 million experienced temperatures for at least 60

Scientists say that humancaused climate change and the El Nino natural weather phenomenon both have pushed temperatures to record highs in the year so

Climate Central's latest analysis sheds light on the local impacts of rising temperatures, detailing how states and cities are confronting an alarming increase in dangerous heat

For instance, in India, several cities witnessed many days where temperatures were heavily influenced by climate change. Cities such as Thiruvananthapuram, Vasai-Virar, Kavaratti, Thane, Mumbai, and Port Blair were among the hardest hit, each enduring over 70 days of temperatures significantly intensified by climate change. Mumbai alone recorded 54 days of extreme heat linked to

these changes. Additionally, Kanpur and Delhi faced prolonged spells of dangerously

temperatures, with average readings exceeding degrees Celsius, a scenario made four times more likely due to climate change, the report indicated.

Globally, more than 2 billion people worldwide faced at least 30 days of climateattributable change temperatures established health risk thresholds.

These temperatures were

made at least three times more likely by climate change. "High temperatures that were clearly influenced climate jeopardised the health of billions around the world during the past three months," said Andrew Pershing, vice president for science at Climate Central. Vaibhav Pratap Singh, Executive Director, Climate and Sustainability Initiative (CSI), warned that the impacts of climate change are becoming increasingly evident for people and businesses across the country. "Each year, we are experiencing more severe climate-related events such as floods, droughts, and heat waves, which are causing significant harm to lives and livelihoods.

"It is crucial to conduct assessments of how different levels of global warming are affecting our environment and combine this with an understanding of how it impacts people, jobs, and industries, including agriculture. This will help us identify the specific adaptation needs for different regions," he said.

According to a few reports, extreme heat has jeopardized the health of billions, with India recording 41,789 suspected heat stroke cases and 143 heat-related deaths this summer.

As the world grapples with increasing weather extremes, the combined effects of human-caused climate change and phenomena like El Niño are expected to continue to elevate temperatures globally, as per

srael's Ambassador to India,

▲Reuven Azar, on Wednesday strongly condemned Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's comments on the treatment of minorities in India, calling the remarks "ridiculous" and hypocritical. Azar pointed out that while Khamenei lectures other nations, Iran itself is accused of suppressing freedoms and violating human rights.

"It is really ridiculous that this radical leader is trying to lecture others while he is killing his own population oppressing freedoms like freedom of religion, freedom of speech, human rights that

is completely outrageous and we hope Iranian people are going to be free one day from such oppression and tyranny coming from Azar told PTI. from Khamenei,

Iranian addressing a gathering of clerics in Tehran on Monday, talked about what he described as "suffering" of Muslims in Gaza, Myanmar and India.

"The enemies of Islam have always tried to make us indifferent with regard to our shared identity as an Islamic Ummah. We cannot consider ourselves to be Muslims if we are oblivious to the suffering that a Muslim is enduring in #Myanmar, #Gaza, #India, or



any other place," he posted on 'X' as part of series of posts on the event.

India on Monday strongly deplored the comments made by Iran's supreme leader on the condition of minorities in India, calling the remarks "misinformed



Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) official spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the countries commenting on minorities in India should look at their "own record making before observations about others.

Azar briefly touched on the incidents reported in Lebanon on the use of pager blasts all over the country, stating the Israeli government is committed to ensuring the safe return of citizens displaced by recent Hezbollah attacks. "We are securing a diplomatic solution with the help of the US and other partners," he said. He was speaking on the sidelines of the India Water

Week where he noted that the collaboration between India and Israel has become increasingly critical particularly India continues to tackle water and scarcity agricultural productivity.

CDS gave an insight into

India's Atmanirbharta for

defence capability development and strategic

'Director General Defence Intelligence Agency (DG DIA) Lt Genral D S Rana

apprised the FSAs that India's

Defence Diplomacy was

expanding steadily in terms of

the nature of activities as well

as geographic coverage

wherein security cooperation

autonomy.



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Coast Guard



during the three-day visit, while undertaking the Operational Turn Around (ÔTR), the crew of ICGS Sujay will engage in professional interactions with BAKAMLA(Indonesia 'Activities professional

Coast Guard), focusing on Marine Pollution Response (MPR), Maritime Search and Rescue (M-SAR) and Maritime Law Enforcement. interactions with BAKAMLA, cross deck training, joint yoga sessions andfriendly sports events. The visit aims not only to strengthen ties between the Indian Coast Guard and their Indonesian counterparts but also to showcase India's ship capabilities, building supporting the concept of 'Atamnirbhar Bharat.



Centre sanctions ₹12,554 crore to States for disaster relief, fire services

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The Centre has sanctioned Rs 12,554 crore to various states this year so far for providing relief and rehabilitation to people affected by different natural disasters, officials said on Wednesday.

Rs 890.69 crore has also been sanctioned to five states by the Union Home Ministry to help them in expansion and strengthening of their fire services under the Scheme for Expansion Modernisation of

Approximately Rs 12,554 crore has been sanctioned so far from the National Disaster Mitigation Fund, National Disaster Response Fund, State Disaster Mitigation Fund and State Disaster Response Fund to various states for urban flood management, fire services, glacial lake outburst flood risk mitigation and other disaster mitigation, a senior official of the Union Home Ministry said listing the highlights of the first 100 days of the Modi 3.0 government.

Besides, under the Glacial Outburst Flood Mitigation Programme for four states, Rs 150 crore has been given to Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh to adopt various structural and non-structural mitigation measures to address the risks of GLOF

Lake Outburst (Glacial

Flood). An amount of Rs 2,514.36 crore has been sanctioned under the integrated urban flood management project and urban flood risk management programme to help the states in preparing the integrated solutions for urban flood management in cities and urban areas, the official said.

'The Central government has also approved 'Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme' as an extension of existing programme of 'Upscaling of Aapda Mitra Scheme' with an outlay of Rs 470.50 crore.

'As part of an ambitious plan, lakh volunteers exclusively from the National Cadet Corps (NCC), National Service Scheme (NSS), Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and Bharat Scouts and Guides (BSG) and 1,300 trainers will be given training in disaster response under 'Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme', another official said.

'Major outcomes under the schemes are: tely 1,00,000 ongoing approximately community volunteers will be trained and equipped in 350 multi-hazards disaster prone districts covering all the states and UTs under 'Aapda Mitra Scheme'.

'The Central government has also provided geographical based, instant alert on impending emergency and disaster through mobile

CDS General Anil Chauhan: India's position is of a Vishwa Mitra, Vishwa Bandhu in global world order PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Artificial Intelligence revolutionising warfare. The

NEW DELHI

hief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan has stated that India's position is of a 'Vishwa Mitra' and a 'Vishwa Bandhu' in the global world

He made this assertion while addressing a conclave for Foreign Service Attaches (FSAs) hosted by the Defence Intelligence Agency of Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff here on Wednesday. The CDS articulated the importance of Military Diplomacy, wherein the FSAs have a pivotal role to

"In the most violent decade since World War II, there is a growing propensity amongst nations to use force to contain conflicts. The growing uncertainty and insecurity is

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¬he Congress on Wednesday

The Congress on vveanesuay filed a police complaint

over the recent statements of

leaders belonging to the ruling

NDA targeting Rahul Gandhi,

alleging that they were aimed at jeopardising his security

and disturbing peace in view of the polls in Jammu and

In the complaint submitted to

the SHO of the Tughlaq Road

police station here by AICC

treasurer and general secretary Ajay Maken, the Congress cited the recent

remarks by BJP leaders Tarvinder Singh Marwah,

Ravneet Singh Bittu and

Raghuraj Singh, as well as that

of Shiv Sena MLA Sanjay

Maken sought registration of

Gaikwad.

Kashmir, and Haryana.

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leading nations to renew their National Security Strategy and increase expenditure on Defence", the CDS said while highlighting four distinct areas of India's Defence viz operational preparedness, modernisation, transformation

indigenisation. emphasised significance of Data Centric Warfare and the role of

FIRs against the leaders.

their lives for the country.

Even after that, they are

Politics in India cannot stoop

to a lower level than this, he

said. Not just one BJP leader,

but many leaders have said such things, but BJP did not

take any action, he said.
"Rahul Gandhi talks about

SC, ST, OBC, tribal and

minority people. That is why

BJP people do not like his words. This is the reason why

they are threatening him," he

said. "But let me tell you --

this is the Congress party and

we are not going to be scared or cowed down," Maken said.

'In the police complaint,

giving such threats."



was a key component. 'He highlighted the vision of Atmanirbharta and indigenization in Defence and implored upon FSAs to gain first-hand experience in modernisation programmes. A holistic overview of India's strategic perspective was given to the FSAs by Defence Subject Matter Experts.



Maken said, "On September 11, Marwah in a BJP event openly issued an assassination threat against Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, wherein he said that 'Rahul Gandhi baaz aaja, nahi toh aane wale time mein tera bhi wohi haal hoga jo teri dadi ka haal hua (you better behave,

or you will meet the same fate

as your grandmother)".

bounty of Rs 11 lakh for anyone who will cut the tongue of the Leader of Opposition. The complaint cited Minister of State for Railways Ravneet

Bittu's remarks, calling the Leader of Opposition the "number one terrorist of the country".

"Bittu deliberately made the statement to provoke public hatred and outrage against Mr Gandhi, with the aim to incite violence and breach of peace. The said statement was widely publicised on TV channels and social media," the

complaint said. 'It cited Uttar Pradesh government Raghuraj Singh's remarks that Gandhi was the "number one terrorist of India".

India to spend ₹31,000 crore to fence entire India-Myanmar border

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ाhe entire 1,643 km porous India-Myanmar border, known for the smuggling of arms, ammunition and narcotics, will be fenced at a cost of Rs 31,000 crore, officials said on Wednesday. On Tuesday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said fencing work had been completed in 30 km of the border, which he termed the root cause of the ethnic violence in Manipur.

The Cabinet Committee on Security has, in principle, approved the construction of border fencing and roads the 1,643-km international border between India and Myanmar at an approximate cost of Rs 31,000 crore. About 10 km of fencing



Representative Photo

has already been completed km of the border in other near Moreh and work is areas of Manipur. underway to fence another 21 The India-Myanmar border

Central government has already scrapped the the India-Myanmar Free Movement Regime (FMR), which allows people residing close to the border to venture 16 km into each other's without territory documents. It implemented in 2018 as part of India's Act East policy. Home Minister Shah has been regularly reviewing the security situation in Manipur and necessary actions are being ensured, said officials. Two battalions of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) have already been deployed in Manipur. In addition, around 200 companies (about 100 personnel in one company) of central police

Nagaland

Arunachal Pradesh.

forces were deployed in the restive states.

The Manipur Government has started using 25 mobile vans as shops to provide essential commodities at fair prices to the general public. These shops on wheels are operating in all districts of Manipur sources said As a Manipur, sources said. As a new initiative, the Kendriya Police Kalyan Bhandars (KPKB, police canteens) have been opened from Tuesday to commodities to the people of

In addition to the 21 existing such police canteens, 16 new

Manipur at fair prices, they

stores are being opened. Of the 16 new police canteens, eight will be in the valley districts of Manipur, and the remaining eight in hilly areas.

Indian army inks MoU with TMR to boost rescue operations in mountains

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 $T^{
m he}$ Indian Army on Wednesday sealed a pact with a premier organisation as part of efforts to boost its rescue and survival operations in mountainous terrains. Memorandum

Understanding (MoU) was inked with Tiranga Mountain Rescue (TMR) at the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS) in the presence of Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi.

This understanding marks a pivotal step in advancing the Indian Army's rescue and survival operations in mountainous terrains," an official readout said. "The MoU stipulates that TMR will collaborate with the Indian conducting Army customised training programmes Army aimed instructors, improving their ability to mentor troops in avalanche rescue and survival skills," it

In his remarks, the Army Chief commended the efforts of TMR and appreciated its collaboration with his force. Dwivedi General acknowledged the TMR's efforts by awarding Chief of Army Staff Commendation Cards to two team members

of the organisation. This MoU builds on the initial agreement made with the Northern Command in 2016 that established dedicated avalanche and rescue support by the TMR.

Subsequent agreements with Eastern and Central Commands in 2021 and 2024 further expanded this collaboration, the Army said in the readout.

The latest MoU will further utilise the TMR's expertise to boost the Indian Army's capabilities in executing effective rescue operations under demanding conditions, it said."This partnership highlights a commitment to further enhance the readiness of personnel operating in mountainous terrain besides

enhancing the standards of training and rescue operations environments," the Army said. General Major Manish Luthra, Additional Director General Military Operations, signed the MoU on behalf of the Army, while Hemant Sachdev, mountaineer inked it for the TMR. Lt Gen Tarun Kumar Aich, the Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy), lauded the collaboration as a advantageous agreement organisations. He further said for the past nine years, the TMR has done yeoman service in saving numerous lives by providing unwavering support in training and rescue efforts. In his remarks, Sachdev highlighted that 15 teams of TMR are already deployed in various regions alongside the Indian Army. He also mentioned that the rescue teams of TMR have been able to save a large number of precious lives in avalanche-prone areas.

Centre created manmade flood in Bengal: Mamata

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Banerjee Wednesday slammed the Centre for creating a "man-made" flood in Bengal even as she complained how the Damodar Valley Corporation had released huge amount of water inundating several districts of South Bengal.

Banerjee who travelled extensively the Hooghly district said how, "the Centre is responsible for this man made flood I have repeatedly told them for dredging the river bed instead of doing that they release water when the barrages in Jharkhand brim over ... this time they have released 3.5 lakh cusecs of water which is unprecedented this is clearly a man made flood ... the lower regions of Hooghly, Howrah Burdwan are going under



water due to this.'

Many areas of Howrah, Hooghly, East and West Midnapore districts had been flooded following the release of water by DVC. The worstaffected blocks are Amta and Udaynarayanpur in Howrah, Pursura in Hooghly, Ghatal in Midnapore Panskura in East Midnapore, sources said.

Eastern parts of India including Bengal and

witnessing heavy rains for the past one week or so leading to the rivers and barrages in the higher regions in Jharkhand to brim over. As a result the DVC which controls a network of dams released 3.5 lakh cusec of water. Though the rains had stopped

on Wednesday the waters continued to flood the Bengal districts. "I have requested the DVC to release water slowly when they 79 or 80 percent full ... but they wait till the waters rich the danger level and then release them at once without warning they save their own States but inundate Bengal," an angry Chief Minister said.

Meanwhile, several thousand people had been shifted to the safer areas including schools and other government offices, Chief Advisor to Chief Alapan Minister Bandopadhyay said.

Yogi slams Congress, SP for dividing people on caste lines

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Wednesday slammed the Congress and the Samajwadi Party, accusing them of dividing people on caste lines for narrow self-interests and harbouring intention to trigger conflict among classes. Addressing a programme here, he also hit out at the two parties for being concerned about "families" at the cost of the country and its people.

"Be it Congress or Ŝamajwadi Party, they are neither bothered about the country nor the society. They are not concerned about your faith, or the youth, they are just concerned about families. These family-based parties have no responsibility left towards the country towards the society. They will divide the society, make people fight on the basis of caste just to secure their



ladkon ki jodi" (two boys) is talking about development in Uttar Pradesh and they have forgotten the history of the last 10 years when 'gunda' and 'mafia raj' were prevailing in "Now UP is turning into a

new Uttar Pradesh in which the businessmen and women

are secured. Youths are getting employment. Now Ghaziabad has become a smart city having airport, metro, rapid rail and better atmosphere of security due to which mafias have left the district or hooliganism," he

The chief minister also accused the Samajwadi Party of cowing down to mafia and criminals during their rule in the state and "for calling religious leaders" as "mafia", referring to SP president Akhilesh Yadav's recent statement where he said "there is not much difference

between mathadheesh (head of a mutt) and mafia". "Samajwadi Party members

used to rub their noses in front of notorious mafias and criminals. As per their culture, they call religious leaders mafias... Look at their nature, Aurangzeb's spirit has literally entered inside them,' the CM said, addressing an event here. They exploited the youth,

forced farmers to commit

suicide and traders were

forced to migrate and incidents like the Kairana (exodus) happened because of them. Hindu traders had to move out of Kairana because of them. The safety of women was in danger," he added. But today, he said, the daughters and the traders are there while employment for youth and at

living with dignity.
"Aur humne pehle bhi kaha hai ki agar koi yuvaaon ke bhavishya ke saath khilwaad karega to Sarkar

the same time farmers are

bhavishya ke saath khilwad karegi (And we have said this in the past also, if anyone plays with the future of the youth, then the government will play with their future) Adityanath said.

He said his government has started works to establish new businesses in the state through initiatives like 'One District One Product'. "In the coming few years, the

government will provide interest-free loans of up to Rs 5 lakh and Rs 10 lakh to encourage businessmen," Adityanath said. He participated here in a programme as part of his government's 'Mission Employment' initiative and to district job letters to over 10.000 youth and distribute tablets, smartphones to 6000 others besides disbursing loans worth Rs 327 crore to 632 young entrepreneurs.

He also laid the foundation stone of 111 development projects worth Rs 757 crore,

Three BJP candidates in never attended colle

PARVESH SHARMA

Three candidates fielded by the BJP from Gurgaon, Sohna and Pataudi assembly constituencies in Gurugram district have never attended college, according to the affidavits they submitted at the time of nomination. Also, two Congress party candidates from Sohna and Badshahpur have also not attended college, as per their affidavits.

A total of 47 candidates are now in the fray for four assembly seats in the upcoming Assembly elections in gurugram as 15 nominations were withdrawn on Monday. BJP candidates Mukesh Sharma from Gurgaon seat has only 12th pass, Tejpal Tanwar from Sohna seat in his affidavit that his highest educational qualification is class 10 from a govt school in Badshahpur and Bimla Chaudhary from assembly Pataudi constituency is also Metric pass from an open school. The trio candidate have never

Likewise, Congress candidate Vardhan Yadav from Vardhan Yadav from Badshahpur seat has 12th pass from DPS School and Rohtash Khatna from Sohna seat has only passed Class 9, which he completed in 1072 which he completed in 1973-74 at a govt school in Rithoj village.

attended college.

The main contest on the Gurgaon seat between BJP's Mukesh Sharma who is a dropped out after passing Class 12, Mohit Grover of Congress went overseas to

study MBA. While analysis of Gurgaon seat candidate affidavits found that six of them have master's degrees, five are graduates, and the remaining did not pursue higher education. Mukesh Sharma a native of Dundahera village here in Gurgaon is the co-convenor of Haryana BJP's sports cell.

Sharma's key rival and Congress candidate Mohit

Grover (31) has a postgraduate degree in business management from

Management Institute of Brussels, Belgium. Grover's affidavit showed that he got the degree in 2014. the degree in 2014.
Naveen Goyal who quits BJP over denial of ticket and contesting the elections as an Independent from Gurgaon seat is a graduate from the University of Rohtak. Among others candidates Ankit Alag of Jan Sewak Kranti Party holds an MBA degree from

International

holds an MBA degree from the Indian Institute of Planning and Management (IIPM) and Independent candidate Akshat Gait is also an MBA postgraduate from Management Development Institute (MDI) in the city. Independent, Another Narender Kumar, is a retired post-graduate teacher (PGT). Sanjay Lal, an Independent who is fighting the election on behalf of a group of RWAs. Lal has a master's degree in history from the University of Mumbai. He is an entrepreneur and consultant. However, there is no law that the candidates have higher

education qualification to

elections but people said parties should consider and check candidates past before selecting a candidate for an urban seat. Residents have expressed concern over the candidates' educational

qualifications. "The Gurgaon city also known is cyber hub which also have offices of several IT companies, startup, corporate sectors and export houses. The city has also represented several international events here in the city. If a candidate who is not even a graduate how he can represent the city in future. Parties should check qualification before finalising candidates ticket," Nishant Verma, an IT professional said. "Education is important in life no doubt. is important in life no doubt. BJP and Congress has fielded candidates which having never been to college and studied only upto school level which is quite shocking. Gurgaon district is much developed then other districts in Haryana here educated candidates should represent assembly constituencies." said assembly constituencies," said Yug Vyas, a resident.

Indian scientists develop sustainable pheromone dispenser for pest control

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Indian scientists have developed a sustainable pheromone dispenser with a controlled release rate which could act as an innovative solution to substantially reduce the costs of pest control and management. To ensure that the innovation

benefit farmers directly on a large scale, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research JNCASR, Bengaluru and ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources

(ICAR-NBAIR) have entered

into a Know-how license pact

with Krishi Vikas Sahakari Samiti Ltd. (KVSSL), (KVSSL), Haryana, recently.

JNCASR is an autonomous institution under the Department of Science and

Technology.
Prof. M. Eswaramoorthy from JNCASR and Dr. Kesavan Subaharan from ICAR–NBAIR led the signing

of the pact.
Prof. Eswaramoorthy said,
"This exercise will enable the



spread of technology across the country and at global level too. The benefit of the research moves from the lab to the field to benefit the farming community for pest management."

"Currently, emphasis is laid on developing technologies that are clean and green. On this line, the technology developed on controlled release of semiochemicals (signalling substances such as pheromones) on transfer to firms will enable to scale up the production to cover a large area," Dr. Subhaharan added. Sustainableorganic pheromone dispensers are not a new concept. In fact, polymer membrane or polypropylene dispensers that release pheromones already dominate the market.

The released pheromones alter the behaviour of the target insect species and attract them to sticky traps. Their main drawback however, is that the rate at which the pheromones are released into the air is not stable, said a statement here.

Thrissur's tiger dance: A visual feast for Onam

assembly

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

The main thoroughfare in Thrissur, Kerala's cultural capital came alive on Wednesday evening as hundreds of artists artists hundreds of artists masquerading as tigers danced to percussion instruments to mark the grand finale of Onam 2024. Pulikali (tiger dance) is the iconic art form of Thrissur and it matches the splendor of Thrissur Pooram, the biggest cultural extravaganza of the State held in the month

elephants that enthrall the Pooram, Pulikali, a visual treat makes Onam in Thrissur unique. There are many Pulikali Sanghams in Thrissur and suburbs. What made the Tiger Dance 2024 unique is the participation of women dressed up as tigresses, described as the first such incident in the 300 first such incident in the 300 year old history of Pulikali. R Bindu, Kerala minister for of A Vijayaraghavan, polit government's

of May every year. If it is CPI(M) claims it was she who played a major role in elevating Pulikali to the global arena. Bindu herself is

and celebrations this time on account of the Wayanad natura disaster, by the time higher education and spouse Onam festivities began the decision bureau member of the ruling vanished into thin air. The



tigers who started their historian. make- up by 7 am showed no signs of exhaustion and like tiger tiredness when they hit the yellow, re roads accompanied by percussionists. "Pulikali has nothing to do with Onam. It is an art form imported into Thrissur by Islamic soldiers of the British army.
The region's residents assimilated the same as their

own. Now you cannot visualize a Thrissur sans Pulikali," said Nandakishor, film artist, stand-up humorist and the local

The artists paint their bodies like tigers with stripes of yellow, red and black and dance to the rhythm of traditional percussion traditional percussion instruments such as thakil, udukku and chenda. Raju Raphel, media person

is Pulikali which makes Thrissur distinct from other places in the State. By 8 pm, the tigers retreated

who is a movie maker says it

to their dens, only to reappear for next year's www.dailypioneer.com

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The next gen chief minister

By naming Atishi as Delhi's new CM, Kejriwal seeks to appeal to women voters and refresh the party's leadership

■ n a surprising but strategic political manoeuvre, Atishi, the dynamic and well-regarded education reformist, has taken over as the youngest Chief Minister of Delhi. This shift marks a significant moment not only in Delhi's political history but also in the larger context of Indian politics. Arvind Kejriwal's decision to pass the baton to Atishi is being viewed as a calculated move, one that signals both a generational shift and a fresh approach to governance. Kejriwal's choice of Atishi is rooted in multiple factors, each with its own political and administrative logic. Atishi has been one of the brightest stars in the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) since its inception, known for her innovative ideas and hands-on approach to public administration, especially in the education sector. Her work as the education minister has drawn national attention, with Delhi's government schools undergoing a transformative makeover under her leadership. Kejriwal's decision to elevate her comes at a time when AAP is facing multiple challenges. From managing Delhi's



growing urban infrastructure needs to balancing the delicate relationship with the central government, the city requires fresh energy and innovative solutions. Atishi, with her administrative experience and public image as a reformer, presents a candidate who is capable of steering Delhi through these complex issues. Moreover, Kejriwal's move signals his willingness to let the younger generation of AAP leaders take charge. By elevating Atishi, he is not just preparing for Delhi's immediate future, but also laying the groundwork for the party's long-term vision, positioning AAP as a progressive and youth-centric force in Indian politics. Atishi's rise to the position of Chief Minister brings with

it a new wave of expectations. Her track record suggests that education and public welfare will remain key priorities. Delhi's residents can expect an expansion of the initiatives that have already borne fruit, such as the Mohalla Clinics, water and electricity schemes and the focus on improving healthcare and education. One of the most significant aspects of Atishi's leadership could be her ability to bring a new perspective to governance-one that is less confrontational and more collaborative. Atishi's rise to the highest political office in Delhi is a momentous event. But make no mistake, the real power still remains with Arvind Kejriwal. He is the one who would be making all the key decisions. But Atishi's rise in the party is for real. It does not matter that she would be the chief minister for only few months as Delhi elections are round the corner and her tenure would be a talking point with women voters. Besides, for Delhi, it signals a continuation of the reforms initiated over the past decade, with the added promise of new energy and ideas that could redefine the city's future. It would indeed be a test of Atishi's leadership quality as she will be under constant scrutiny, with both her supporters and detractors closely watching her every move. Her ability to navigate these pressures will be crucial in determining the success of this bold experiment by Kejriwal.



People perform 'pind daan' rituals at the bank of Falgu river on the first day of the Pitra Paksha, in Gaya

Showdown over Rahul's remarks in the US



KALYANI SHANKAR

Rahul Gandhi's recent trip to the US has reignited the debate over whether Indian leaders should criticise their government while abroad



ongress leader Rahul Gandhi's recent he United States has provoked a war of words between the ruling BJP and the main opposition Congress in India. Should the Indian leaders refrain from badmouthing the ruling BJP while abroad? Is there a red line, and has Rahul crossed it while he was in the US? The BJP claims yes, and the Congress says no.Gandhi has taken potshots at the Indian government and PM Modi. Congress claims that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also badmouthed the Congress not once but continuously since he took over in 2014 and visited over 80

The Congress cites many examples. Also, the BJP has misrepresented Rahul's statements.Rahul aims to engage the Diaspora through programs with the Diaspora, students, officials, and lawmakers in the US, demonstrating the strategic nature of his approach. Why does he want to woo the Diaspora? Modi also has never missed an opportunity to address the Diaspora in whichever country he visits. Rahul, too, wants to connect with the Indian American community. The influence of the Indian American

A decade ago, there was one Indian-American in the House of Representatives; now, there are India's population, including five and one senator. The US has OBCs, Dalits, and Adivasis, are

an Indian-origin Presidential nominee Vice President Kamala Harris, and a vicepresidential candidate, JD Vance, who has an Indian wife.Education, affluence and awareness of the influence in the past two decades are behind the rise of Indian Americans, whose population is one per cent, and their representation in US Congress is now one per cent.Rahul commented on the RSS, India's democracy, Modi's China policy, and religious freedom in India, among other things. On the RSS, Gandhi said that the BJP's parent organisation believes India is "one idea", but the Congress considers it a "diversity of ideas.

This criticism of the RSS, a critical ideological force behind the BJP, upset the BJP. In India, the BJP slammed Rahul's adverse comments and meeting with anti-India US Congresswoman Ilhan Omar. The BJP claims that it can be used for anti-India propaganda. Gandhi counters that she was part of the lawmaker's delegation, and how he could have declined to meet with the delegation. Rahul noted that Indian democracy has struggled for the past ten years but is improving. He also observed that 90% of



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not able to take an active part in the democratic process. This has upset the BJP.While Rahul agreed with Modi's policies on Pakistan and Bangladesh, he felt Modi's China policy was flawed. Rahul pointed out," We've got Chinese troops occupying land the size of Delhi in Ladakh. I

think that's a disaster." The BJP fielded top leaders to refute Rahul's allegations, with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh leading the response. He rubbished Rahul's claim on China policy. He observed it was "extremely shameful" that the LOP is hurting the dignity of India by saying "misleading, baseless and factless things."Another controversial subject was the caste census. Rahul Gandhi supported the caste census and claimed that BJP was trying to end the reservation. Union Minister Amit Shah quickly responded that they would not allow anyone to abolish reservations or undermine the nation's security. Countering his remarks about the status of Sikhs in India, Senior Minister Hardeep Puri said, "I am a proud Sikh. I have been wearing a turban for over six decades and a kada for even longer..." The BJP takes Rahul's statements seriously, given that he is the LOP. His increased

Jodo' yatra and the Leader of the Opposition cannot be wished away.

In the 2024 elections, much to the dismay of the BJP, Congress doubled its number.Second, after the 2024 polls, the opposition coalition INDIA was strengthened. The BJP had to form the government with the help of allies. Third, Rahul visited the US before Modi's scheduled visit on September 22. His trip was well received, which did not please the BJP. But Modi would have a grand welcome at the official and the commu-

nity levels. At the end of his visit, Rahul clarified, "The fight for democracy in India is an Indian fight. It has nothing to do with anybody else. It's our problem. And we'll take care of it. We will make sure that democracy is secure." This clarification prevented the idea that he was inviting a foreign power to resolve Indian problems. There is some merit in the BJP saying dirty linen should not be wasted abroad. On an earlier occasion, foreign minister S. Jaishankar said, "I don't think taking national politics out of the country is in the national interest. But this is good to both sides, and both should

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Ozone: The earth's protective shield but also a threat



Ozone is a paradoxical element — it shields life from harmful UV radiation in atmosphere but is also a big pollutant on the ground

Deople often think of two different things when L they hear the word "ozone": on the one hand, an essential shield in the atmosphere that protects life on Earth from the Sun's dangerous ultraviolet radiation; on the other, a pollutant that causes health problems and damage to the environment. Ozone is indeed a doubleedged sword because its effect on human life depends on where it is and how much of it there is.

The "good" ozone in the upper atmosphere is significant, but the "bad" ozone at ground level is very bad for people and the world. This dual nature needs immediate care, new ideas, and cooperation worldwide so that people can continue to live.Ozone creates the well-known ozone layer high in the stratosphere, between 10 and 30 miles (16-48 km) above the surface of the Earth. This protective layer absorbs the bulk of the Sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation UV-C and UV-B. Ecosystems would almost certainly be unable to survive as they do now without this natural shield, which exposes life on Earth to haz-



ardous radiation levels. Although life depends on the ozone layer in the stratosphere, ground-level ozone, found in the troposphere, is a hazardous contaminant. This ozone, created by sunlight-induced chemical interactions between nitrogen oxides (NOx) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), is mainly caused by human activity, including certain chemicals, industrial processes, and automobile emissions. This ozone will affect crop productivity and ecosystem dynamics. In the mid-20th century, scientists discovered that chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) were causing the systematic depletion of the ozone layer. In response to the pressing need, a global accord, the

Montreal Protocol, was

adopted in 1987 to gradually eliminate the manufacturing of chemicals that cause the depletion of the ozone layer. The main objective of this accord was to eliminate progressively chemicals that cause erosion of the ozone layer, notably chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), which are extensively used in refrigeration, aerosols, and other industrial uses.

India is also a signatory to this accord. Indian industries, especially those in the refrigeration, air-conditioning, and foam production sectors, were compelled to transition to ozone-friendly alternatives. The phasing out of CFCs initially led to the adoption of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), but attention soon shifted toward more environmentally friendly solutions, such as natural refrigerants, hydrofluoroolefins (HFOs), with lower global warming potential.

Since the implementation of the Montreal Protocol, global emissions of ozone-depleting substances (ODS) have dramatically decreased. The ozone layer has shown signs of recovery, particularly over Antarctica, where the famous

"ozone hole" is gradually closing. This recovery is essential for shielding the planet from harmful UV radiation.

In addition, the phase-out of CFCs and other ODS has had a measurable impact on global temperature regulation. This is significant when considering the urgency of limiting temperature rise to avoid catastrophic climate impacts. The Protocol has become a symbol of what international cooperation can achieve if people unite and work together to protect the environment. The illegal production of CFCs and incomplete phaseouts in some regions could slow progress. While ozone protects life and poses risks, its dual nature demands vigilant global action. Striking the right balance between preserving the protective ozone layer and mitigating harmful ground-level ozone is essential for humanity's and the planet's health. We can ensure a safe future only through international cooperation and innovative solu-

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MYANMAR: CHALLENGES FOR INDIA Madam — Apropos of the well analysed

article 'Myanmar Junta on the Blackfoot' (18th Sept), India faces multiple challenges in the existential crisis of the military junta in Myanmar for more than a decade. The worst crisis of refugee influx, the consequential fallout, unrest and instability in North Eastern states particularly Manipur and security threats from China along its North-eastern borders need top priority from security angle as diplomatic channels with the National League for Democracy or the Junta have not served our country's strategic interests. UNO does not appear and is no more an International Organisation capable of dealing with the crises in the countries having multiple stake holders.

All its permanent members in Security Council have substantial stakes in all the wars and coups presently. \The refugees crisis emanated from Myanmar is the most disturbing and destabilising factor for India. India is not party to the 1951 Refugee Convention or its 1967 Protocol. India has chosen not to sign the refugee conventions and protocol, and has historically cited national security interests and challenges to its sovereignty as key con-

India, along with the governments of other South Asian countries, asserts that migration is a matter of bilateral and not multilateral relations, which should not be governed by international agreements. Sometimes it appears that refugee influx in India is a deliberate outcome of military coup in neighbouring countries. Peace and political stability in Myanmar appears a distant possibility and multiple stake holders namely China, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Myanmar itself know the vulnerability of Indian borders and some strategic areas sandwiched between some of these countries. Therefore, for the time being till political normalcy is restored in Myanmar, military options should be prioritised over

diplomatic adventures. Vinod Johri | Delhi

Atishi is the new Delhi CM

stature after leading the 'Bharat

THE EDITOR



he selection of Atishi Marlena Singh as Delhi's new chief minister does not come as a surprise. Infact, any name as chief minister would not have turned heads because it is amply evident that the man holding all the aces, is still Arvind Kejriwal. Make no mistake, Kejriwal may have just returned from prison, but the clever former bureaucrat intends to turn the politically tricky situation into a massive support of strength. Since the Delhi assembly elections

ONE HUNDRED DAYS OF MODI GOVT

Madam— For a government in power for the past 10 years now talking about its feats in 100 days is incorrect. It gives room for posing questions like why such actions were not done in the last 10 years and how just allocation of funds can be claimed as a feat and so on. If any assessment be made on the performance of the present government it should be for the period in power since 2014. Because nothing could be achieved in a short period of time like 100 days. In the case of the present government the claim on employment is not correct. Because it is only a matter of allocation of

funds and announcement of a project. The working and success of the project needs to be assessed only after its completion. It is also to be noted that it is only a project to improve the skill and not a project to provide employment. Farmers' basic woes are not addressed and they continue to feel let down and the consumers also feel the same with the growing food inflation. Healthcare continues to be a com-

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are only a few months away, Kejriwal aims to

follow it.



divert the excise policy corruption issue by pitchforking a party leader, with no real mass base, as the executive head of the state. However, Atishi's comparatively clean image

administrative experience and fighting spirit should come in handy for the AAP supremo who is sure to go the whole hog to retain power for the party in Delhi. That way, Kejriwal can intensely focus on the election campaign with little to answer on a "corrupt chief minister" holding on to his chair. Of course, the opposition will vociferously target the former chief minister who is perhaps the principal vote- getter for his party besides a handful of leaders like Manish Sisodiya. The chief minister's seat will beckon Kejriwal if the party wins, and Atishi shall be relegated to the list of those chief ministers who held the post of chief minister for a few months.

TRAGEDIES AT GANESH VISARJAN

Ganpathi Bhat | Akola

Madam — Ganesh immersion in the country turns tragic in several parts of India. Similar incidents have occurred throughout the country. While immersing an idol of Lord Ganesha, devotees got swept away by the river's powerful currents. Divers recovered his body afterwards but it was a sad end to a religious celebration. In another incident in Gujarat's Gandhinagar, eight people drowned while taking a dip in the Meshwo River. It is time for the people to exercise caution during religious events like Ganesh Visarjan. This tragic series of events serves as a reminder of the importance of safety precautions during religious ceremonies. It is crucial to take necessary measures to avoid such incidents in the future. Let us not take undue risks in the name of God and pay heavy price for that. Besides, there must be adequate security arrangements by the government to avoid such accidents

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EMBRACING DIVINE SHELTER

God can help us succeed in life but we must seek his shelter by adhering to dharma

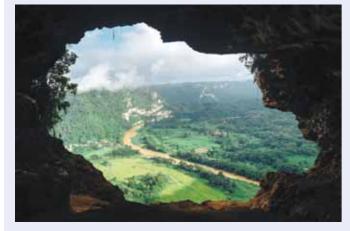


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hat a wonderful prospect! Yes, it is possible, if we take shelter of God and remain in it. Because God is everything. (Lord Krishna in the Bhagavad-Geeta 7.19) For that, we have to be engaged in activities according to the instructions of God. And we will benefit in many ways. How else can one remain motivated to pursue the spiritual path? In this process, God is pleased but does not benefit personally in any way, because God is 'purna' (complete in all respects).

I will cite three examples and a few reasons to substantiate this. But I will begin with some of the benefits of taking shelter from God and remaining there. God's instructions promote 'dharma' (highest moral and religious principles). Because dharma is the bedrock upon which the Creation is based. God even incarnates when there is a decline in dharma. (4.7) Those, who follow dharma in their behavior are rewarded by God's Divine Authority.

This is done according to the 'Karmaphala Principle', which is: "What we sow we reap." If one pleases God by spiritual practices additionally, God gets personally involved in the life of His devotee. His very first act is to begin guiding. I am experiencing it. It is simple. I face a challenge /problem. I pray for guidance and help. God gives me intuitions. As the connection with God becomes stronger, God begins helping too. This is a quantum jump because God is omnipotent. Problems get solved and life can go on smoothly. (18.58) Sometimes, we face non-cooperation from others; God even changes the hearts of people. Further progress on the spiri-



tual path helps us to qualify for becoming 'nimitta' (instruments) of God, as Arjuna did in the Mahabharata. (11.33) God, as Karta, begins to micromanage the lives of His dear devotees. Reformations begin; because we must help ourselves. And credit for success must also come to us; God does not need it.

Only rarely did God intervene directly, as Lord Krishna did to protect Draupadi from getting humiliated; no one had come forward. Similarly, Lord Krishna had to protect His devotee and friend (4.3) Arjuna after he was about to enter the fire for not being able to kill Jayadratha before sunset, as vowed him.

Lord Krishna brought the sun back and Arjuna was able to kill Jayadratha before the sunset. In these two instances, though the Lord got credit, He did not gain anything, Draupadi and Arjuna gained.God has a plan for whoever takes His shelter. How did the Lord help Goswami Tulsidas? His wife opened his eyes when she told him, "You will attain success in life if you become devoted to Shri Rama instead of to me." Because Tulsidasji was at the threshold of becoming great by writing epics like Ramacharitmanasa. The conclusion is: get linked with God urgently.

There is so much to gain from God, who has plenty to give. Isn't God the owner of everything? God is self-sufficient. He creates without any help from anyone. God never gets attached to anyone. If He did, God would become dependent on others to do what He must to keep the Creation going.

I am gaining everything desirable. I could not have imagined what God can and does for me. The quality of my life is steadily improving. Please get started on the spiritual journey; you will never look

(The writer is a spiritual guide; views expressed are personal)

Reclaim water bodies to ward off water crisis



SRIRAJ KOTA

India's lakes and wetlands, once lifeline for its cities, are vanishing at an alarming rate, driven by rampant corruption and unchecked construction



rban lakes and wetlands are an integral part of our ecosystem. They perform critical environmental, social, and economic functions as they are a source of drinking water, recharge groundwater and support biodiversity besides providing livelihoods. But the life of these indispensable water bodies is ebbing under the relentless onslaught of population, corrupt administrations, and construction mafia. A study by Wetlands International has shown that two out of every five wetlands in India have been lost in the last 30 years, and of the remaining water bodies 40% are unable to support aquatic life due to loss of water quality. But this plunder of water bodies of India did not happen overnight but over some time. Take the case of Bengaluru for instance.

In the late 18th century, a British expedition tasked by Governor General PALE VERSION OF Cornwallis to find an alternative route between Madras and Srirangapatna stum-bled upon Bengaluru which was full of lakes and water bodies.

The captain heading the expedition thereafter referred to it as the Land of Thousand Lakes in his reports. However, today Bengaluru is a pale version of its once illustrious past. In 1960 Bengaluru had 262 lakes but today only 10 of them hold water.

The city saw a shocking decline in its water bodies as exploitation and population grew in equal measure. Lakes and water bodies are disappearing at an alarming pace at the city level and state level as well. According to the Union Jal Shakti Ministry report, Karnataka lost an astounding 13,000 water bodies in just one year between 2021 and 2022.

This is the case with every city in India. Ahmedabad for instance had 137 lakes in 2001 but as per recent reports, construction has been seen on 65 of them now. The national capital Delhi too is being robbed of its water bodies. According to a Delhi government report, nearly half



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bodies do not exist anymore – they have either gone "missing" or have been encroached upon. The entire nation more or less

presents the same depressing scenario. But recently a state government sat up, took notice, and acted.The Telangana state government's Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) initiative to reclaim encroached land of water bodies in Hyderabad and surrounding areas has made national headlines. The HYDRAA team created in July this year and headed by an IPS officer was given a clear-cut mandate by the state chief minister Revanth Reddy to free the city water bodies of illegal encroachments and construction.

HYDRAA and any construction rest of the nation to wake up resor encroachment within 30 cue and reclaim its water bodies. meters of FTL was made subject to demolition. The agency has been given a free hand and made immune to political pressures with zero tolerance being practiced even if the encroachment belongs to prominent politicians or businesspeople of the city. Notably, even the chief minister's brother was served notice for demolition.

This drive conducted diligently and without bowing to any pressure was able to remove 262 unauthorised encroachments built-in water bodies, government lands, urban canals and parks in 23 locations in the city have been removed and 111.72 acres of land have been reclaimed to date. The state government has

(49.1%) of Delhi's official water HYDRAA NOC before commencing any construction near

The actions of HYDRAA have instilled a sense of confidence among the environmentalists not only in Telangana but also across India and are being seen as a case study in governance especially about safeguarding environmental assets such as water bodies. But as is expected with any groundbreaking initiative, the step taken by the Telangana government too has off late been soundly criticised for being inhuman due to the demolishing of houses of the poor and those who were paying loans for the same. Given this adverse feedback, the state government has issued clarifications to the effect that occupied houses will not be demolished.

The Full Tank Level (FTL) was The HYDRAA initiative is an example and a clarion call for the This is crucial in light of reports released by the United Nations and Niti Áyog which state that water demand will reach twice the available supply, and 40 per cent of India's population will not have access to clean drinking water by 2030. To prevent a grim and parched future, the central government in collaboration with state government and local environmental groups must establish a Wetland Task Force for every state.

The state-specific task force must have a clear mandate to reclaim every water body in its jurisdiction by clearing out encroach-ments, demolishing illegal construction and preventing changes in land use. Apart from enforceissued further instructions mak- ment duty, the task force must ing it compulsory to take also have an enabling role that is

focused on replenishing and rejuvenating the wetlands and water bodies in its jurisdiction. For instance, the task force can encourage urban households and businesses to implement rainwater harvesting practices on their premises. The water harvested can be channelled towards improving the groundwater table and recharging the aquifers. Additionally, the government can, through the task force regulate the borewells in the urban areas.

Indiscriminate and unregulated drilling for water in metropolitan areas has caused the drying up of the groundwater table. The task force team can save the city's water resources by ensuring that prior permissions are taken to drill borewells. Furthermore, the task force team

can install water meters to ensure that water extraction is done in a measured and quantified manner.Currently, there have been many instances where local leaders, with political affiliations "adopt" lakes and water bodies in the name of preserving them and slowly encroach the property. After that, in connivance with builder mafia construction is done on the property which is

then sold to unsuspecting citizens. The wetland task force can prevent this and play a pivotal role in ensuring that no individual or commercial company is entrusted with safeguarding the lakes and water bodies as this can result in manipulation.

Water bodies are India's lifelines. Reclaiming the lost ones and preserving the remaining can alone ensure a water secure future for our nation.

(The writer is a policy analyst, views expressed are personal)

India's untapped ocean energy: A blueprint for powering the future

India's 8,000 km coastline holds the potential to generate a staggering 9.2 lakh TWh of clean energy annually

⊣he 8000 km long Indian coastline has the potential to generate 9.2 lakh Trillion Wats (TWh/annum) electricity, which is a manifold of what is generated as of date. This is at a time when India is struggling to meet its requirement of 4.5 Lakh MW power utilizing all sources of energy produc-

According to Ocean Energy Atlas prepared Hyderabad-based Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), a premier research and development organization under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, the Bay of Bengal and



The Exclusive Economic Zone lying within the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal has oceanic energy potential of 9.2 lakh TWh/annum.

This is the first time in the history of India the oceanic energy potential has been assessed and an atlas of this kind has been prepared," Dr T M Balakrishnan Nair, to set up renewable energy

entist, INCOIS, told The ty gradients. Dr. T. Srinivasa A bouquet of offshore renewable, offshore solar, offshore wind, wave, tidal, ocean thermal energy conversion, and salinity gradient represent the hitherto untapped potential of renewables. India's Ocean Energy Atlas has been released following the International Renewable Energy Agency's finding that the G-20 countries collectively account for 81 per cent of total renewable energy and about 100 per cent of ocean energy. India's offshore wind energy

remains untapped even as countries like Denmark, Britain and China have made giant strides in this sector. Dr Nair says there is wide scope

Kumar, director, of INCOIS, said that the atlas would serve as a key resource for guiding policy and investment decisions in the energy sector. An important element in

this form of energy generation is that there would not be any kind of apprehension in the minds of the people about land acquisition, pollution and discharge of effluents. "This is the cleanest form of energy and many public and private sector enterprises have shown their interest in setting up renewable energy units," said M Ravichandran, secretary, ministry of earth sciences, Govt of India.

INCOIS is playing a major



economy sector by providing information to fishers about potential fishing zones and sharp weather forecasts. Dr Srinivasa Kumar and his team have developed a stateof-the-art tsunami warning system with which they alert Indian Ocean. Since its has been contributing to India's blue economy Arabian Sea are the nation's Group Director and lead sci- power stations to tap salini- role in the country's blue through its flagship pro- made the job of fishermen Gujarat but the solar power

grams like Potential Fishing Zones (PFZ), Ocean State Forecasts (OSF) and Tsunami Early Warning Services (TEW). INCOIS has also been the national and regional warehouse for oceanographic data spanning in-situ platforms, satellite sensors, and model-simulated prod-

Taking advantage of the availability of such long-term scientific datasets, INCOIS has taken up the challenge of estimating the ocean energy potential from the Indian EEZ and prepared an Atlas for the first time in the councountries along the rim of the try. The satellite data collected through hi-tech sensors inception in 1999, INCOIS about the regions where there are good catches are disseminated to fishers and this has

quite easy. All they have to do is rush to the areas identified as fishing zones by the INCOIS scientists. The Integrated Ocean Energy Atlas prepared by Team INCOIS is the first of its kind in the world.

Ocean energy assumes significance as scientific reports are galore about the fluctuations in solar power generation capabilities because of climate change. G M Pillai, director general, of the World Institute of Sustainable Energy (WISE), Pune, says that as of this date, solar power output is not encouraging because of changes in rain patterns. "The Rajasthan deserts could have been the powerhouse of states like Rajasthan, Punjab,

potential has come down and the deserts are becoming evergreen garden," said Pillai. The thorium-based nuclear reactor is yet to take off and the picture from nuclear power reactors is dismal. There was a time when former directors of the Indira Gandhi Center for Atomic Research (IGCAR) at Kalpakkam had claimed that India was the world leader in Fast Breeder Reactor technology, it all ended up as chest beating. The only hope is integrated ocean energy. India has a vast coastline of nearly 8000 km and this could offer a permanent solution to our energy needs.

(The writer is a special correspondent with the Pioneer; views expressed are personal)

'Exploding pagers were manufactured in Hungary'

based in company AHungary was responsible for manufacturing the pagers that exploded in Lebanon and Syria in an apparent Israeli operation targeting Hezbollah's communications network, another firm whose brand was used on the devices said Wednesday. Pagers used by the militant group Hezbollah exploded near-simultaneously a day earlier in Lebanon and Syria, killing at least 12 people, including two children, and wounding nearly 3,000. Hezbollah and the Lebanese government blamed Israel for what appeared to be a sophisticated remote attack. An American official said Israel briefed the United States on Tuesday after the attack, in which small amounts of explosive hidden in the pagers were detonated. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to discuss the information publicly. Hezbollah and Israeli forces have exchanged fire nearly daily since Oct 8, the day after a deadly Hamas-led attack in southern Israel triggered a massive Israeli counteroffensive and the ongoing war in Gaza. Since then, hundreds have been

killed in the strikes in Lebanon

tens of thousands on each side of the border have been displaced. Tuesday's attack — and the fact that Hezbollah blamed Israel — renewed fears that the two foes could lead to all-out war. Despite periodic cycles of escalation, the two have carefully avoided that so far, but Israeli leaders have issued a series of warnings in recent weeks that they might escalate operations against Ĥezbollah in

The AR-924 pagers used the attack were manufactured by BAC Consulting KFT, based in the Hungarian capital of Budapest, according to a statement released by Gold Apollo, a Taiwanese firm that authorised the use of its brand on the

BAC appeared to be a shell

company.
"According to the cooperation agreement, we authorise BAC to use our brand trademark for product sales in designated regions, but the design and manufacturing of the products are solely the responsibility of BAC," Gold Apollo said in a statement. The company's chair, Hsu Ching-kuang, told journalists Wednesday that the firm has had a licensing agreement with BAC for the past three years. BAC Consulting

ny, was registered in May 2022, according to company records. It has 7,840 euros in standing capital, the records showed, and had revenue of \$725,768 in 2022 and \$593,972 in 2023. At the headquarters in a building in a residential neighbourhood of Budapest, Associated

Press journalists saw the names of multiple companies, including BAC Consulting, posted on pieces of paper on a window. A woman who emerged from the building and declined to give her name, said the site provides headquarter addresses to various companies. BAC is registered to Cristiana

Rosaria Bársony-Arcidiacono, who on her LinkedIn page describes herself as a strategic advisor and business developer. Among other positions, Bársony-Arcidiacono says on the page that she has served on the board of directors of the Earth Child Institute, a sustainability group. The group does not list Bársony-Arcidiacono as among its board members on its website. The AP has attempted to reach Bársony-Arcidiacono via her Linkedİn page and has been unable to establish a connection between her or BAC and the exploding pagers.The attack in Lebanon started Tuesday afternoon,

China sanctions **US** firms selling arms to Taiwan

Beijing (AP): China on Wednesday announced sanctions on American companies selling arms to the self-ruled island of Taiwan, which Beijing claims as its own territory and threatens to annex bv force.

hands or pockets started heat-

ing up and then exploding -

leaving blood-splattered scenes

and panicking bystanders. It

appeared that most of those hit

were members or linked to members of Hezbollah —

whether fighters or civilians -

but it was not immediately clear

if people with no ties to

Hezbollah said in a statement

Wednesday morning that it

would continue its normal

strikes against Israel as part of

what it describes as a support front for its ally, Hamas, and

Palestinians in Gaza."This path

is continuous and separate

from the difficult reckoning

that the criminal enemy mus-

await for its massacre on Tuesday," it said. "This is anoth-

er reckoning that will come, God willing. At hospitals in Beirut on Wednesday, the chaos of the night before had largely subsided, but relatives of the wounded continued to

wait. Lebanon Health Minister

Firas Abiad told journalists

during a tour on hospitals Wednesday morning that many

of the wounded had severe injuries to the eyes, and others

had limbs amputated.

Journalists were not allowed to

enter hospital rooms or film

Former president Donald Trump has said Prime Minister Narendra Modi will

meet him next week during his

upcoming three-day visit to the

US. While the Republican pres-

idential candidate slammed India as an "abuser" on the issue of import tariffs, he described

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Hezbollah were also hit.

Chinese state media made the announcement, citing the Foreign Ministry, but gave no details on the companies involved. Taiwan is awaiting deliveries of F-16 fighter jets, Abrams tanks and a range of missiles from the US.

China has been upping its threats to attack Taiwan, whose 2.3 million citizens overwhelmingly favour their current status of de-facto independence. Despite their lack of formal diplomatic ties, the US has long been a key provider of armaments and is legally bound to ensure the island can defend itself. Along with buying weapons from the US, Taiwan has also been reviving its domestic arms industry. A fleet of submarines is underway, while mandatory military service for men has been extended to

China has previously demanded US companies end cooperation with Taiwan's armed forces, with no appar-

Portugal declares calamity as wildfires spread

AP ■ LISBON

 $M^{
m ore\ than\ 100\ wildfires}$ stretched thousands of firefighters to the limit in northern Portugal on Wednesday, with seven deaths since the worst spate of fires in recent years spread out of control over the weekend. Portuguese Prime Minister Luís Montenegro declared a state of calamity for the hardest-hit areas late on Tuesday. invoking powers to mobilise more firefighters and civil servants. He also called on police investigators to redouble their efforts to find those who started the fires and pledged help for those who have lost their homes or have been evacuated. We are well aware that these difficult hours are not over yet," Montenegro told the nation in a televised address. "We have to continue to give everything we have and ask for help from our partners and friends so that we can reinforce the protection of our people and property." The hot, dry conditions behind the outbreaks in Portugal coincided this week with flooding in central Europe. The Union said European Wednesday that the juxtaposed extreme weather phenomena are proof of a "climate break-

Fellow European Union members Spain, France, Italy and Greece have committed two water-dropping aircraft each to



help Portuguese firefighters. Spain's military is also sending 240 soldiers and vehicles from its emergency response battalions specialised in combating fires across the border to its neighbour.

Montenegro made a special call for security forces to pur-sue both arsonists and any individuals who started a fire out of negligence. Portuguese national police said that they have arrested seven men suspected of having started wildfires in recent days. Authorities have prohibited the use of heavy farming equipment to reduce the risk of inadvertently starting a blaze.

Among the hardest hit areas is the district of Aveiro, south of the northern city of Porto, but several major blazes were also raging out of control in other wooded areas. Authorities have yet to release figures for property damage or the number of

evacuees, but Portuguese state broadcaster RTP has shown charred houses in rural villages and local residents trying to battle flames with buckets of water, hoses, and even large tree branches. Other televised images showed visibility reduced to a few metres as orange smoke enveloped the terrain. Three firefighters died in their vehicle on Tuesday. while another had succumbed to what authorities called a "sudden illness" while on duty over the weekend. Three civilians have also perished, according to civil protection author-

Portugal was devasted by massive fires in 2017 that killed over 120 people. Experts link the fires to both climate change and the abandonment of traditional farming and forestry professions that helped keep rural areas clear of underbrush that is now fuel for fires



Democratic presidential nominee Vice President Kamala Harris is greeted as she during an unscheduled stop to make remarks at Community College of Philadelphia, Tuesday in Philadelphia

US confirms Houthi rebels shot down 2 MQ-9 Reaper drones

7emen's Houthi rebels shot down two American MQ-9 Reaper drones in under a week, the United States military acknowledged Wednesday, further highlighting the regional spread of the Israel-Hamas war. As the one-year anniversary of the war approaches, Houthis continue a campaign to target ships travelling through the Red Sea as US-led airstrikes pound their positions in Yemen. That's imperiled a waterway that typically sees USD 1 trillion of trade pass through it, as well as crucial shipments of aid to war-torn Sudan and Yemen. The US military said Houthis shot down the first Reaper on September 10, and the second on Monday. Online video showed the downing and the flaming wreckage on the ground afterward in Yemen's Dhamar province.

General Atomics Reapers, which cost around USD 30 million apiece, can fly at altitudes up to 50,000 feet (15,240 metres) and have an endurance of up to 24 hours before needing to land. The aircraft have been flown by both the US military and the CIA over Yemen for years. US Air Force Maj. Gen. Pat Ryder, the Pentagon's press secretary, said authorities continue to investigate Monday's downing, but declined to elab-

orate. He added that a claim by the Houthis that they shot down 10 Reapers since the start of their campaign in November over the Israel-Hamas war was "not accurate." "For operation security reasons, I'm not going to be able to provide ı specific number," Ryder said Tuesday. Since Houthis seized the country's north and its capital of Sanaa in 2014, the US military has seen Reapers shot down in Yemen in 2017, 2019, 2023 and 2024. Houthis have targeted more than 80 merchant vessels with missiles and drones since the war in Gaza started in October. They seized one vessel and sank two in the campaign that has also killed four sailors. Other missiles and drones have either been intercepted by a USled coalition in the Red Sea or failed to reach their targets, which have included Western military vessels as well. The rebels maintain that they target ships linked to Israel, the US or the United Kingdom to force an end to Israel's campaign against Hamas in Gaza. However, many of the ships attacked have little or no connection to the conflict, including some bound for Iran. Those attacks include a barrage that struck the Greek flagged oil tanker Sounion in the Red Sea. Salvagers have towed away the burning oil tanker, hoping to avoid a catastrophic leak of its 1 million barrels of oil on board

Modi as a "fantastic man". PM Modi will be visiting the US from September 21 to 23. Speaking on Tuesday at his first public appearance following the recent apparent assassination attempt, Trump said Modi will meet him next week when he is in the US. "So when India, which is a very big abuser. He (Modi) happens to be coming to meet me next week, and Modi, he's fantastic. I mean, fantastic man. A lot of these leaders are fantastic," Trump said, reiterating that India imposes heavy tariffs on imports.

the information as he spoke about trade and tariffs while responding to a question at a town hall meeting in Flint,

Michigan. He went on to say, "These people are the sharpest people. They're not a little bit backwards...You know the expression, they're at the top of their game, and they use it against us. But India is very tough. Brazil is very tough....China is the toughest of all, but we were taking care of China with the tariffs." "So we're going to do a reciprocal trade. If anybody charges us 10 cents, if they charge us USD 2, if they charge us a hundred per cent, 250, we charge them the same thing. And what's going to happen? Everything's going to disappear, and we're going to end up having free trade again. And if it doesn't disappear, we're going to take in a lot of money," he said.In New Delhi, when asked about Trump's comment, the Ministry of External Affairs did not respond. Modi will begin his trip with the Quad Leaders' Summit being hosted by President Joe Biden in Wilmington, Delaware.

Donald Trump calls Modi 'fantastic' Secret Service again faces scrutiny after another gunman targets Trump

AP WASHINGTON

 Γ or the second time in more than two months, the Secret Service that protects the highest echelon of American leaders is under scrutiny - this time after a gunman hid in the shrubs along the fence of former President Donald Trump's golf course for 12 hours. The man didn't get a shot off, but critics question how he could be just several hundred yards away from Trump - especially after the Republican presidential candidate's security was beefed up after his near-death experience in July. Biden administration officials praised the agency's response, and former Secret Service agents say there are key differences between what rity lapses at an outdoor rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, when a gunman climbed onto an unsecured roof nearby and opened fire, clipping Trump's ear and leaving a spectator dead.

Authorities say Ryan Wesley Routh camped with food and a rifle just outside the 27-hole Trump International Golf Course in West Palm Beach, Florida where the former president was playing Sunday. A Secret Service agent ahead of Trump spotted the rifle's muzzle poking through the fence and opened fire. Routh fled

and was later apprehended. It's long been known to law enforcement that places along the edge of the property leave Trump visible to those behind the fence, and some have questioned why it was not protected. But a sprawling golf course poses specific challenges, especially for a lastminute round, even with Trump's bolstered security, former Secret Service agents say

"A 400-acre golf course with miles of fence line is breachable. And the systems put in place to mitigate those threats worked. That's not to say they couldn't do more. But there are limits to what

Ex-US Pres holds first event post-assassination attempt; Harris gives rare interview

Flint (AP): Former President Donald Trump on Tuesday made his first public appearance since Sunday's second apparent assassination attempt against him with an overflow crowd chanting "God bless Trump!" and "Fight, Fight," as US Secret Service agents surrounded the stage to protect the Republican presidential nominee. "It's been a great experience," Trump said in an evening town hall in Flint, Michigan, about holding events with thousands of supporters. But he also went on to call running for president "a dangerous business" akin to car racing or bull riding. "Only consequential presidents get shot at," he said. Earlier in the day, Vice President Kamala Harris struck a measured tone, even steering clear of mentioning Trump by name in an interview with Black journalists that starkly contrasted with the forsame group. The two candidates briefly put their differences aside in a phone call Trump described as "very, very nice" even as crowds booed when he mentioned Harris by her first name. "It was very, very nice, and we appreciate that," Trump told his supporters. Harris said earlier in the day that she told Trump "there's no place for political violence in our country.

Both sides are ramping up campaigning with no changes to Trump's calendar despite the apparent assassination attempt at one of his Florida golf courses, which has renewed accusations by Republicans that Democrats' criticism against Trump is inspiring violent attacks. Democrats have accused Trump in the past for his long history of inflammatory campaign rhetoric and advocacy for jailing or prosecuting his political enemies.

is possible," said Paul Eckloff, a retired Secret Service agent who served on details protecting three presidents during his 23-year

The Secret Service is trying to protect a growing number of nigh-profile people, from presidents to visiting dignitaries, in a vitriolic political environment. President Joe Biden and some Republicans are pressing for more resources for the agency still facing several investigations and whose director resigned after the first attempt on Trump's life. Acting Secret Service Director

Ronald Rowe Jr. said Sunday's golf game was not on a formal schedule or advertised ahead of time. That means agents may find out about it the day before or even minutes before it hap-

Rowe emphasized that the gunman never had a line of sight on the former president and that security worked as it should. He said the edge of the property wasn't monitored ahead of time because Trump "wasn't supposed to have gone there in the first place." Rowe described how agents spread out in front of and behind Trump, looking for threats.

Trump and his campaign have routinely praised the agents pro-

ecting him while expressing concerns about the agency more broadly, including that his detail isn't large enough given the

But some have raised questions. During an interview Monday on Sean Hannity's Fox News show, Trump's son Eric questioned how the gunman was able to stay in that location for so long without being detected.

Those agents on the ground, they are remarkable," he said. "But there is a breakdown."

Rowe a day earlier said, "The agent's hypervigilance and the detail's swift action was textbook." It's not possible for the Secret Service to shut down all traffic around the golf course, said Eckloff, who protected Trump ing at two of his golf courses in Florida. This course is in the middle of the city and taking such a step would have huge effects on

residents.

Trump loves to golf and owns three courses in Florida. Trump International is closest to his Mara-Lago home and is a place he likes to go with friends. While Trump was president, news photographers were often able to capture images of him on the green by finding gaps in the shrubbery Security around Trump was dramatically beefed up after the July shooting. Trump now speaks from behind a bulletproof glass enclosure at outdoor rallies, and long guns are often spotted near locations where he's staying.

The agency doesn't release specific information about his protection but Secret Service spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said Trump's detail now includes countersurveillance, a countersniper and counterassault resources. Before the Pennsylvania shooting, some of those assets were used depending on the event but now they're permanently part of his detail, Guglielmi said.

Trudeau: More work to do, after by-election loss

AP VANCOUVER

anadian Prime Minister Tuesday he's focused on the work ahead after the ruling Liberals lost in another byelection, raising more questions about his ability to lead the party into the next federal election. For the second time in recent months the Liberals lost in a former stronghold when the Bloc Quebecois won the vote in the electoral district of LaSalle-Emard-Verdun Monday in Montreal in a tight three-way race with the New Democratic Party. "Obviously it would have been nicer to be able to win . . . but there's more work to do," Trudeau said in

"The big thing is to make sure that Canadians understand the choice they get to make in the next election," Trudeau said. "That's the work we're going to continue to do.

Election Canada results show the Bloc candidate Louis-Philippe Sauve finished with 28% of the vote. Liberals' candidate Laura Palestini collected 27.2% and finished just 248 votes behind the winner. The NDP collected 26.1% and was about 600 votes behind the

It's the second time in three months that Trudeau's party has lost a by-election in a riding they held for years. In June, the Conservatives narrowly defeated the Liberals in Toronto-St. Paul's.

The Liberals won every seat in Toronto and almost every seat on the Island of Montreal in the last election. Monday's loss "is a major blow

for the Liberals," said Daniel Beland, a political science professor at McGill University in Montreal.

This is a riding we would expect them to win under normal circumstances," Beland said in an email. "Not only did this not happen, they lost by nearly 16 percentage points in popular votes compared to their score in the riding back in 2021, when they had easily won there?

Andrew Perez, a longtime Liberal supporter and strategist, posted on social media that the loss is "yet another nail

in Justin Trudeau's coffin.""If Trudeau's Liberals can't hold this safe seat, it will spell even bigger trouble for the party's prospects in Quebec and across Canada in a critical election year," Perez said in a statement before the final vote.Beland doesn't believe Trudeau will step down as party leader before the next election, which is scheduled for next fall. "Some Liberals might try to convince him to step down but it's not sure at all he would," said Beland. Industry Minister François-Philippe Champagne was asked Tuesday if Trudeau should remain as prime minister. Champagne said there is "concern, there's anxiety" among Canadian voters. "They're ready for a positive vision of the country," he said. "I think if there's someone who can really inspire Canadians, it's Justin Trudeau. Most polls show the federal Conservatives well ahead of the Liberals. Trudeau is also very unpopular with many Canadians. The NDP recently ended its supply and confidence agreement with the Liberals that helped keep the minority government in power.

That led to speculation there could be an early federal election. Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre has said his party plans to put forward a non-confidence motion "at the earliest possible opportunity" in hopes of bringing down the Liberal government. need to be in charge of our own

Dutch govt, led by hard right, seeks to opt out from EU migration rules asylum policy again!" Faber Brussels (AP): The new Dutch

government dominated by the far-right party of Geert Wilders officially asked the European Union for an exemption from its migration obligations on Wednesday, seeking to fulfil a campaign promise to drastically reduce the number of immigrants in the nation.

Dutch Migration Minister Marjolein Faber of Wilders' party wrote to the European Commission that the Netherlands wants out of regulations for accepting refugees "I have just informed the EU Commission that I want a migration opt-out within Europe for the Netherlands. We

wrote in a letter Ylva Johansson, the European Commissioner for Home Affairs, posted on social media. On Tuesday, the government, which came to power in July, announced its policy blueprint for the coming year, including stricter policies to hold back or kick out migrants who don't qualify for asylum.

The announcement came just a day after party leaders were publicly bickering over their plans, underscoring divisions within the four-party governing coalition. Even before the plan was made public, the European Commission warned the Dutch government that its approach wouldn't work. "We have adopted legislation. It's adopted. You don't opt out of adopted legislation in the EU," spokesman Eric Mamer said last Friday. Earlier this week, the Dutch refugee settlement agency COA announced it was expecting a shortage of beds at the overcrowded asylum centre in the tiny village of Ter Apel in the northeastern Netherlands.

The government is planning to declare an "asylum crisis" to pave the way for tougher measures, including reining in visas for family members of people granted asylum and making it easier and quicker to deport

Imran's crime enough to keep him jailed: Khawaja Asif

Tmran Khan's crimes alone Lare enough to keep him behind bars, Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has said, as he dismissed the former prime minister's accusation that the government was pushing to amend the constitution to keep him in prison.

Khan, 71, has been in jail since August last year after being convicted in some of the nearly 200 cases slapped on him since his ouster in

April 2022. The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder on Monday rejected the anticipated constitutional changes, claiming that it was an effort to keep him in prison by controlling the judiciary.

Responding to the allegation, Asif on Tuesday said, "Given PTI founder's long list of crimes, constitutional amendments won't be necessary."

'The incarcerated former premier wants to attach himself not just to constitutional amendments but to everything (that's happening) in Pakistan as he considers himself the centre of everything,

Geo News quoted Asif as say-

Khan should reflect on what chaos he created in the last four years, he said, adding there was an attempted rebellion against the state on May 9 last year.

Khan is facing several cases in connection with the May 9 violence in which supporters of his party allegedly attacked military installations following his arrest.
Asif said: "Since the PTI

founder has been in custody, he has repeatedly — like three to four thousand times— said that he will talk to the establishment."

He also rejected the opposition parties' allegations of keeping the constitutional amendments under wraps, saying that the draft legislation was "a public document whose contents are not a secret".Despite Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif-led coalition government's failure to get the required number to pass the amendments which led to the indefinite postponement of its tabling on Monday, Asif was optimistic about the passage of new legislation through the parliament, come

Defending the coalition government's move to make judiciary-centric constitutional amendments, Asif said that the changes are aimed at maintaining a balance of power among institutions, not just at ensuring accountability. Claiming that the PTI was willing to support the constitutional package, he said that "the former ruling party has requested the government to postpone the amendment until December." In response to Asif's statement, PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan said: "Neither have we been involved in any discussions with Asif, nor has PTI assured support for the government's constitutional amendments until December," he said. He categorically rejected Asif's claims, asserting that any statement about PTI's approval would be false, as the "draft, suggestion, or package has not yet been disclosed.

ISSUING VERDICT AGAINST IMRAN, WIFE

A Pakistani high court on Wednesday restrained a trial

court from delivering its verdict in a case of alleged corruption against former prime minister Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi. The move comes after Khan and his wife petitioned the Islamabad High Court to stay the proceedings of the Al-Qadir Trust case and acquit them. An anti-corruption court has been hearing the Al-Qadir Trust case against the former first couple which is based on the charges that Khan caused a loss of over Rs 50 billion to the national exchequer.

During the hearing, a twomember bench headed by Chief Justice Amir Farooq rejected the plea to stay the legal proceedings against Khan and his wife. However, in a relief to them, the High Court restrained the accountability court hearing the case from delivering its final verdict. The lawyers of the accused had taken a position in the court that after the amendments in the anti-corruption laws, the case of alleged corruption against the former prime minister and his wife did not arise. They argued that the approval of the federal cabinet was taken

clear in the new amendments that the Accountability Bureau cannot investigate the decisions made in the federal cabinet. The lawyers of Khan and Bibi said that they should be acquitted from the case on which the court has issued notices to the parties made in these petitions. The trial of the case is currently in progress and so far statements of 35 witnesses have been recorded in the case and only the investigating officer has to be cross-examined by the accused's lawyers. The case is based on a probe by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) into the Al-Qadir University Trust in March 2023. It accused that Khan and his wife acquired substantial sums of money and large tracts of land for real estate tycoon, Malik Riaz Hussain of Bahria Town, in exchange for Rs 50 billion. The amount had been paid as part of a settlement with the UK's National Crime Agency (NCA) and was subsequently adjusted against a fine imposed on

Riaz by the Supreme Court.

Bangladesh's interim govt gives Army magisterial powers

Bangladesh's interim government has granted magisterial powers to the Army for two months to improve law and order in the violence-hit country and prevent "subversive acts".

The Ministry of Public Administration issued a notification on the government's decision on Tuesday, saying it will be applicable with immediate effect.

The powers will be given to commissioned officers of the Army. The order will remain in force for the next 60 days. Home Adviser Lt Gen (retd.)

Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury said on Wednesday that the people will get the benefit of bestowing magistracy power upon the army, state-owned BSS news agency reported.

"Police officials who are yet to join the services, won't be allowed to join anymore," he said, adding that the "people of Bangla (Bangladesh) will reap the benefit of bestowing the magistracy power upon the commissioned officers of Bangladesh Army."Responding to questions from the media after the closing ceremony of the basic training for 40th BCS

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(Ansar) officers and 25th batch sepoy recruits at the Bangladesh Ansar and VDP Academy in Safipur, Chowdhury said, "The Army Safipur, has been given the magistracy power to ensure public service and maintain the law and order." He said that the law enforcement agencies lack manpower and the magistracy power has been given to the Army to fill up the gap.

"Bangladesh Army is a disciplined and people-friendly force. The commoners have no problem communicating with them as well as taking help from them," he said in response to another question. Section 17 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, or CrPC, which awards Army officers the status of special executive magistrates, says these officers shall be subordinate to the district magistrates, or deputy commissioners, bdnews24.com reported.This authority including arrest and dispersal of unlawful rallies has been conferred upon commissioned officers of

the Army. In self-defence and extreme need, the officer can open fire, said an adviser to the interim government on Tuesday, The Daily Star newspaper reported. "We are witnessing subversive

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acts and disrupted stability in several places, especially in the industrial areas across the country. Given the situation, Army personnel have been given magistracy power," Law Adviser Asif Nazrul said.

He added that he believed the army personnel would not misuse this authority.

Another adviser, requesting anonymity, said, "Police are yet to be properly functional. Subversive activities are taking place..." Many police personnel in Bangladesh have been absent on the streets since the fall of the Sheikh Hasina-led government on August 5 amid a mass uprising.

Before and immediately after the ouster of Hasina, police faced unprecedented public fury as mobs set fire to their vehicles and properties and ransacked police facilities in reprisal for the law enforcers use of excessive force on demonstrators. Following the attacks, Bangladesh Police Subordinate Employees Association announced an indefinite strike on August 6. The strike was withdrawn on August 10, following a series of meetings with the then adviser to the home ministry Brig Gen (retd) M Sakhawat

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Chinese aircraft carrier comes closer than ever to Japan

Tokyo (AP): A Chinese aircraft carrier entered Japan's contiguous waters for the first time on Wednesday, leading Tokyo to convey its "serious concerns" to Beijing over China's increasingly assertive military actions around Japan, officials said.

The Chinese carrier Liaoning, accompanied by two destroyers, sailed between Japan's westernmost island of Yonaguni and nearby Iriomote, entering the country's so-called "contiguous zone," the Defense Ministry said. That's an area of sea beyond a country's territorial waters in which it can still exercise some control over maritime traffic, reaching up to 24 nautical miles offshore. The Liaoning's transit was part of a fleet movement Tuesday and Wednesday, during which Chinese warships also passed off the western

coast of the disputed Japanesecontrolled islets it calls the Senkakus, the ministry said. China claims the same islets. calling them the Diaoyus. Japan's Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroshi Moriya told reporters that "the latest incident is absolutely unacceptable from the perspective of the national and regional security." Last month, Japan said that a Chinese Y-9 reconnaissance airplane violated Japanese airspace. Days later, a Chinese survey ship breached the Japanese territo-rial water just off the southern prefecture of Kagoshima. Moriya said the Japanese government expressed "our seri-ous concerns" to China through diplomatic channels on Wednesday. "China has

Russia's Dy PM Overchuk in Pakistan on two-day visit

Islamabad (PTI): Russia's Deputy Prime Minister Alexei Overchuk on Wednesday arrived in Islamabad on a twoday visit during which he will hold talks with Pakistan's top leadership and discuss ways to enhance bilateral ties. According to the Foreign Office, a highlevel delegation is also accompanying the Deputy Prime Minister during the visit on September 18-19. It said that Overchuk will hold meetings with President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar. The discussions will centre on boosting cooperation in various critical sectors, reflecting the growing trust and goodwill between the two nations." Pakistan and Russia enjoy cordial relations based on goodwill,



A supermoon rises behind a horse statue atop of Triumphal Arc during a partial lunar eclipse in Moscow, Russia, Wednesday

SL's bankruptcy officially to end today, says President Wickremesinghe

Colombo (PTI): Sri Lankan President Wickremesinghe

Wednesday said that the island nation's bankruptcy is officially due to end on Thursday, remarks aimed at boosting his re-election chances on the last day of the presidential election campaign

A discussion between the government and international sovereign bondholders would take place on Thursday following which Sri Lanka's bankruptcy will officially end and support from all countries will be restored, he said while addressing a rally at Matara, a southern town."We have given light to the country which was in darkness, eradicated the hunger of the people and restored our beloved motherland...So give me your valuable vote," he said in a post on X.As many as 38 candidates have been contesting the election, with over 17.1 million registered voters eligible to elect a president for five years. The campaigning for the and no election propaganda work would be permitted from midnight in terms of election laws. The Election Commission has said that this would mark the beginning of a silent period that will last until the elec-All candidates are having a

tion day on September 21. series of rallies in different parts of the island leading to the grand finale of campaigning.Wickremesinghe is entangled in a three-way contest with his main challengers Marxist JVP leader Anura Kumara Dissanayake and main opposition leader Sajith Premadasa, putting up impressive shows. Speaking at a campaign rally, Premadasa pledged to bring those responsible for the Easter Sunday attacks to justice, if elected. "We are committed to finding the truth about the

Easter attacks. Not only the

masterminds but all the indi-

viduals and groups involved in

the Easter attack will be

brought to justice," said cessive minus growth.

election would end tonight Premadasa, the presidential candidate of Samagi Jana Balavegaya (SJB).He assured the bishops' conference, led by Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, that his government would impose the maximum punishment on those responsible.Premadasa criticized the spread of misinformation for political gain, particularly during the election period. He condemned the use of "dirty politics" and urged the public not to be misled by false accusations. Wickremesinghe became the

crisis prime minister in May and when a popular uprising ousted the incumbent Gotabaya Rajapaksa he became the president for Rajapaksa's balance term in July 2022.He steered the economy through the IMF bailout ended long lines for fuel and essentials and ended long hours of power cuts. He engineered reforms based on recovery by recording positive growth for the first time after six quarters of suc-

Maldives' ruling party team embarks on China visit

Male (PTI): A delegation of the Maldives' ruling party on Wednesday embarked on an eight-day visit to China to seek the strategies utilised by the communist state to achieve its current economic development and enhance bilateral ties. The team from the People's National Congress (PNC) is visiting on the invitation of the Chinese ruling party, the Communist Party of China (CPC), state-run Public Service Media (PSM News) said. The PNC team, which will be led by Transport and Civil Aviation Minister Mohamed Ameen and includes ministers, MPs and officials of the President's Office, will meet Liu Jianchao, China's Minister International Department of the CPC.

Ever since President Mohammad Muizzu assumed charge in November last year, China has increased its stake in the archipelagic nation. Muizzu himself visited China in January going against the dent making India as the first

port of call, "PNC revealed that the primary objective of the trip is to seek the strategies utilised by China, to achieve its current economic development, all while enhancing the bilateral ties between the two countries," the PSM News said. The team will visit five Chinese cities and hold talks with senior officials of CPC and will observe the developmental works of the cities. PNC's secretary general Zeenaz Adnan and Mohamed Firzul, Under Secretary for Public Policy at the Presidential Office are also part of the delegation that has over a dozen

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Notice is hereby given that our client Sh Amol Goyal has paid off all dues towards home loan availed from Piramal Capital & Housing Finance LTD (formerly known as Driffc LTD). Home loan account number UID 12900001272, App number 09816047. The above mentioned Home loan was taken for property booked in Gurgaon-Fiat No 1202, 12th Hoor, Tower 18, Spire Woods, Sector-103, Gurgoan, Haryana 122055. Mr. Amol Goyal was a coapplicant both in the property and home loan application along with his father Late Sh Arun Kuma Goyal. His father had died on 09-09-2013 at Delhi As per surviving member certificate no 90660000245478 the only heirs are Suman Goyal Amol Goyal and Divya Goyal, & Death was registered at MCD bearing regd no. MCDOLIR-213-004661629. Deceased was known by two names i.e. ARUN KUMAR GOYAL AND ARUN GOYAL OND ARUN HOR STANDARD ARUN HORS AND ARU We at Eye 7 Hospital Pvt. Ltd. 110024 are going to destroy all medical record with us Date 01/01/2013 to 31/08/2019. If anyone needs a copy of the same, Please collect from the hospital within next 30 days. Eye 7 Hospitals Pvt. Ltd.

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		OF 11200 MM CURVED THICK		
03	08241521	PROCUREMENT OF SSD AC	118 NOS/SET	22-10-24
04	08240027	PROCUREMENT OF SHUNT LED SIGNAL		25-10-24
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PM-AASHA scheme extended with ₹35,000 crore outlay

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved continuation of the PM-

AASHA scheme, with an outlay of Rs 35,000 crore, to provide better prices to farmers and also control price of essential commodities for consumers. 'The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the continuation of schemes of Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aav SanraksHan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) to provide remunerative prices farmers and to control price essential commodities for consumers," an official statement said

(minimum support price) to The total financial outgo will

PM-AASHA is an umbrella

scheme to ensure MSP

15th Finance Commission Cycle up to 2025-26, it added.

The government has converged the Price Support Scheme (PSS) and Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) schemes in PM-AASHA to serve the farmers and consumers more efficiently. Union Agriculture Minister Singh Chouhan welcomed the Cabinet's approval to continuation of Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) scheme till 2025-26 with an outlay of Rs $\,$ 35,000 crore. Welcoming the decision of subsidy on P&K

fertilisers to farmers at affordable rates". "The Integrated scheme of PM-AASHA will bring in more effectiveness in the

nutrients, Chouhan said in a social media post on 'X', "this

will ensure availability of

(POPS)

Under

not only help in providing remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce but also control the price volatility of essential commodities by ensuring their availability at affordable prices to consumers," the government said.

PM-AASHA will now have the components of Price Support Scheme (PSS), Price Stabilization Fund (PSF), implementation which would Price Deficit Payment Scheme

for 2024-25 season as there will be a 100 per cent procurement of tur, urad and masur during in 2024-25 season as decided earlier," the government said.

The Centre has renewed and enhanced the existing government guarantee to Rs 45,000 crore for procurement of notified pulses, oilseeds and copra at MSP. This will help in more procurement of pulses, oilseeds & copra whenever prices fall below MSP in the market.

The purchases will undertaken Department of Agriculture from farmers at MSP including pre-registered farmers on eSamridhi portal National Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Federation of India (NAFED) and eSamyukti portal of Cooperative National Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF).

Indian economy size will double by 2030: NITI Aayog CEO

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India could easily double the size of its economy by 2030, NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam said on Wednesday. At an event organised by the Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI), Subrahmanyam added that climate change is an opportunity for India to become a leader in climate technology.

to become a leader in climate technology.
"Our economy should easily double by 2030...India's ambition to become the third-largest economy by 2026-2027 necessitates a cohoring grand attack..." cohesive grand strategy," he said. Currently, in US dollar terms, India is the fifth

largest economy with a size of about USD 3.7 trillion in nominal terms. "India will be a big dominant player, it already matters and it will matter much more in global affairs, by 2047,"

Subrahmanyam said by 2047, India will be among the world's youngest nations demographically, poised for prosperity, with a projected per capita income of around USD 18,000 to USD 20,000. "This growth is significant as India is expected to emerge as a major global player, building on the substantial progress made over the past decade in addressing challenges such as natural disasters and poverty," he said.



Further, he said that there is a need to look at the green economy, and the Aayog is working on developing a pathway for net zero carbon emissions by 2070. "We have formed a task force and are working with the Central and state governments to achieve our targets," he added. The CEO of NITI Aayog stressed the importance of Global Value Chains (GVCs). He said that the government is working across sectors and services to build better strategies. Subrahmanyam added that urban development and infrastructure are crucial, with cities designed as economic hubs to drive growth. According to him, the private sector must lead in innovation and investment, supported by an enabling environment that attracts both portfolio and direct investments.

Diamond industry faces severe crisis

India's diamond sector is facing a severe crisis as both imports and exports have sharply declined in the past three years, which has triggered defaults, factory closures, and widespread job losses, think tank GTRI said on Wednesday.

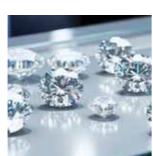
It said that while export returns have surged, a large inventory of unprocessed rough diamonds is piling up due to reduced orders and growing competition from lab-grown diamonds.

"This has triggered defaults, closures, losses. widespread job Tragically, more than 60 people in Gujarat's diamond have committed suicide, reflecting the severe financial and emotional strain India's diamond sector is Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) Founder Ajay Srivastava said. He said that immediate action is essential to address these

future of the sector. According to the think tank data, a 24.5 per cent drop in rough diamond imports from USD 18.5 billion in 2021-22 to USD 14 billion in 2023-024 shows weaker global markets and fewer processing orders.

After adjusting for re-exported rough diamonds, net imports declined by 25.3 per cent, from USD 17.5 billion to USD 13.1 billion, indicating reduced demand for processing in India.

Exports of cut and polished diamonds fell by a higher margin of 34.6 per cent, from



USD 24.4 billion in FY 2022 to USD 13.1 billion in FY 2024, it said. "Additionally, the share of

unsold diamonds returned to India increased from 35 per cent to 45.6 per cent during this period," it said adding the net exports of cut and polished diamonds dropped by 45.3 per cent, from USD 15.9 billion to USD 8.7 billion, reflecting a weak market and rising unsold inventory.

The gap between net rough diamond imports and net cut polished diamond exports widened significantly, 2022 to USD 4.4 billion in FY2024, signalling a large inventory buildup and a lack of sufficient export orders. It added that some challenges

of the sector stem from regulatory issues and internal inefficiencies within the industry

the demand for It said diamonds has polished dropped sharply in key markets like the US, China, and Europe due to economic uncertainty, inflation, and geopolitical tensions, leading consumer reduced spending on luxury goods,

including diamonds. 'Fluctuations in global diamond prices have caused uncertainty, with buyers hesitant to purchase rough diamonds in anticipation of further price drops, Srivastava said.

He added that the Russia-Ukraine conflict has also disrupted the global diamond supply chain, with sanctions on Russia, a major rough diamond producer, further complicating trade and slowing down the global diamond trade.

Shifting the consumer preferences towards labgrown diamonds, which are more affordable, ethical, and sustainable, are also impacting the demand for natural diamonds.

On internal factors, the think tank said that many polishing units have large unsold inventories of polished diamonds, which discourages them from importing fresh rough diamonds as they cannot afford to take on more existing inventory.

"Rising operational costs, including labour, energy, and materials, along with reduced margins in the global diamond trade, have made it difficult for many polishing units to remain viable, leading to shop closures and layoffs, especially in Surat," he said.

The industry also heavily depends on financing, but tighter credit conditions and reduced lending from banks have made it difficult for companies to purchase rough diamonds, further stalling production, he said.

Food ministry to boost wheat allocation under PMGKAY

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

government Wednesday announced an increase in wheat allocation to beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) from October onwards, in a

and

Intervention Scheme (MIS).

procurement of notified

pulses, oilseeds and copra at

MSP will be 25 per cent of national production from

2024-25 season onwards. This

would enable states to

procure more of these crops at

MSP from farmers to prevent

distress sale. "However, this

ceiling will not be applicable

in case of tur, urad and masur

the PSS,

Market

bid to stabilise prices.
Food Secretary Sanjeev
Chopra, while highlighting
achievements in 100 days of Modi 3.0 government, said a committee of ministers has approved an additional 3.5 million tonne of wheat under PMGKAY

This increased allocation will continue until March 2025, potentially making efforts to restore the wheat-rice ratio under the scheme, he said at a press conference. Asked if this increased

quantity restores the wheatrice ratio, the Secretary said, "It will still be lower by 1-2 million tonne from the normal quantity.

Food Secretary Sanjeev Chopra on Wednesday said prices of essential commodities like sugar and edible oils are stable, and no spike is expected during the upcoming festival season.

Chopra assured consumers that the recent hike

in basic customs duty on some edible oils, aimed at supporting domestic oilseed farmers,

"We have been able to maintain prices at a

reasonable level for consumers," Chopra said at a press conference. "The upcoming festival season is looking good. We are not anticipating

would not lead to significant price rise.



He also stated that the allocation could be reviewed on developments.

In May 2022, the government reduced wheat allocation to 7.1 million tonne from 18.2 million tonne and increased the rice allocation under PMGKAY because of tight supplies due to lower domestic production. Chopra highlighted the

"ample wheat" availability, citing last year's

Food secretary assures stable food prices during festive season

bumper production of 112.9 million tonne. "Even by conservative and industry estimates, it was at least 40-50 lakh tonne higher than the previous year," he noted. government's

procurement stands at 26.6 million tonne against the actual production of 112.9 million tonne last year. Addressing market concerns,

Chopra said there are no immediate plans to sell wheat under the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS), given the stability in wheat and wheat product prices. However, he didn't rule out future OMSS sales.

PMGKAY, which covers 80 crore poor beneficiaries, provides 5 kg of free foodgrain per monthly. This enhanced allocation

aims to address issues faced by beneficiaries following the previous reduction in wheat

any kind of spike in prices of essential commodities." Effective September 14, the

government raised the basic customs duty on

crude soyabean oil, palm oil, and sunflower oil

The duty on refined variants was increased to

32.5 per cent from 12.5 per cent. Chopra

explained that 1.3 million tonne of edible oils

imported at zero duty are still in stock. The

industry has been directed to sell this inventory

at current prices until exhausted. "Even after

this stock exhausts, the prices need not rise by

20 per cent with an increase in duty. International prices will come down slightly,"

to 20 per cent from nil.

Chopra added

cut interest rate in 2024: SBI Chief below the RBI's median target

RBI unlikely to

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Reserve Bank is unlikely to ease the benchmark policy rate during 2024 given the uncertainty over food inflation, State Bank of India (SBI) chairman C S Setty has said.

The US Federal Reserve's first cut in interest rates in more than four years is expected soon, triggering central banks in other economies to follow

"On the rate front, a lot of central banks are taking independent calls. While Fed rate cut would influence everyone, RBI would be mindful of the food inflation before taking a call on interest rate cut," Setty, who took over the reins of the bank recently, told PTI in an interview.

"That is what our view is, and our view is also that the rate cut during the current happen, probably we may have to wait for Q4 (January-March 2025) unless there is a good improvement in terms of food inflation," he said. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) headed by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das is scheduled to meet during October 7-9 and take a call on interest rate. Retail inflation, which is being taken into consideration by the ratesetting panel MPC for its decision, rose marginally to 3.65 per cent in August, from 3.54 per cent in July. While the overall inflation is

of 4 per cent, the rate of price rise in the food basket was 5.66 per cent in August. The RBI kept the repo rate

unchanged at 6.5 per cent in its August bi-monthly review amid risks from higher food inflation.

the ninth This was consecutive MPC meeting which decided to maintain the status quo on the rate front. The Reserve Bank has kept the benchmark repo rate unchanged since February

In the last meeting, four of six MPC members voted in favour of the status quo while external members pitched for a rate cut.

Earlier this week, Reserve Bank Governor Das also said the decision on interest rate moderation will be based on long-term inflation trajectory and not on the basis of

On monetisation of SBI's stake in some of its subsidiaries, Setty said, there was no thinking in terms of divestment of stake of any of the subsidiaries presently.

"If these subsidiaries require (growth) capital, we will definitely examine," he said. At this point in time, he said, none of the large subsidiaries require capital from the parent to scale up their operations. The bank in fiscal 2023-24 had infused an additional capital of Rs 489.67 crore in SBI General Insurance Company Ltd.

IP university identifies **Indian rice varieties**

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

Scientists of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha (IP) University have identified Indian rice varieties and their phosphorus(P) nitrogen(N) use efficiency. Finding one variety for both N and P use efficiencies is a great advantage, as farmers prefer all efficiencies to be delivered together in the same crop variety.

A press statement by the IP University on Wednesday said in a discovery that could help save both fertilizer costs and pollution due to leftover fertilizers in croplands, Indian biotechnologists have identified rice traits and genes for both phosphorus (P) and nitrogen (N) use

efficiency (PUE and NUE). They compared three popular rice varieties from different parts of India for both NUE and PUE and found common 'phenotypic' traits and 5 common genes for both, facilitating crop

improvement. They also found that CR Dhan 301 from Eastern coastal India has the highest NUE and PUE, followed by Panvel1 and Samba Mahsuri (BPT 5204) from Western coastal and Southern India respectively.

This research was carried out by Bhumika Madan and led Professor Nandula Raghuram, founder-Head of the Centre for Sustainable Nitrogen and Nutrient (CSNNM), Management School of Biotechnology, Gobind Guru Singh Indraprastha University, New

Their findings have just been published as a research article in the international peer reviewed journal,

Their novel finding that over half of all the phenotypic traits are common for PUE and NUE is good news for anyone interested in crop improvement for sustainable agriculture, they informed. N and P are the largest and most expensive components of NPK fertilizers and cereals

consume most of them in

NUE or PUE in cereals is measured as the grain yield per kg of N/P fertilizer supplied.

India spends about Rs two lakh crores on NPK fertilizers, most of which being government subsidy. "Only 25-30% of the applied fertilizers are converted into harvested outputs, while the rest are lost to air and water pollution, affecting our health, biodiversity and climate change threatening our planet" said Professor Raghuram.

While some of this wastage can be reduced by legumebased crop rotations and better manure management, we must also undertake genetic improvement of the crop for nutrient use efficiency.

India being a centre of origin of rice biodiversity, we have tens of thousands of rice varieties and our findings help in developing better cultivars through selection and breeding", he added.

Steel Ministry to curb steel imports, in talks with Finance Ministry: HD Kumaraswamy



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The steel ministry is in discussions with the finance ministry to explore policy measures aimed at curbing the rising imports of steel, including imposition of a minimum import price and protecting the domestic industry, Union Minister H D Kumaraswamy said on Wednesday. Acknowledging that tackling imports of steel was the "main issue", the steel minister said efforts are also being made to strengthen the domestic alloy industry. Asked if we can expect a

Minimum Import Price on

steel, the minister said:

"Definitely, we will convince

the finance ministry. Already

preliminary discussion is

going on. I have confidence will convince. strengthen (the industry) how we have to implement the duties that (decision) we will take".

He also asserted that he is determined to breathe life into Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited, which has been facing protests from various parties against the proposed privatisation Visakhapatnam steel plant. "RINL challenge is there.

The protest is going on in RINL since last 1.5 years but I'm trying to give re-life to RINL. I am not going to let down," said Kumaraswamy. The minister for steel and heavy industries was speaking on the sidelines of an event

CIABC calls for Government aid to boost alcohol exports

PTI NEW DELHI

Support from the Centre and state governments will help the country to achieve USD 1 billion worth of alcoholic beverages exports in the coming years, the Confederation of Indian Beverage Alcoholic Companies (CIABC) said on

Wednesday.
CIABC Director General
Anant S Iyer also said that promoting ease of doing business for the sector is key at both the Central and state government levels.

Easy and timely permissions for bottling and branding; transport permits; and promoting online paperwork are some of the areas which need special attention for the

growth of the sector. We need ease of doing business across operations, besides easy tax structures and marketdetermined prices to boost the exports.

INBRIEF

HUBNER'S NAMMA FACTORY ACHIEVES MILESTONES

BENGALURU: HÜBNER Group has today announced that its Namma Factory in Bengaluru has achieved a milestone of the production and delivery of 2,000 gangways since the factory was commissioned at the beginning of 2023.



GOVERNMENT ACCORDS APPROVAL FOR ASHVINI



NEW DELHI: The Government accorded approval to the Anushakti Vidhyut Nigam Ltd. (ASHVINI), a Joint Venture (JV) of NTPC Ltd. to build, own & operate nuclear power plants in India in accordance with provisions of

NEW DELHI: The Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, in collaboration with National Design Centre (NDC), is organizing the "Special Handloom Expo" themed "Sutraratnam - Gems of Threads" at Handloom Haat, Janpath,



PFC RECEIVES RECOGNITION FROM UNION MINISTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

NEW DELHI: Power Finance Corporation (PFC) received notable recognition from Shri Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy at RE-INVEST 2024 for its outstanding contribution to India's renewable energy sector



UNIT OF INDIAN TEAM HELPED THEM PREVAIL IN ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY FINAL: HARMANPREET

Singh credited India's recent success to strong camaraderie, emphasising that their deep bond and willingness to "die for one another" helped them overcome China to win the Hero Asian Champions Trophy

extending fifth time. India rode on Jugraj Singh's late strike to defeat China 1-0 in a tense final in Hulunbuir on Tuesday. Pakistan won the bronze medal with a 5-2 win over South Korea

"The final was really intense; the Chinese were breathing down our necks throughout the game and made it really difficult for us to create a clear scoring chance, Harmanpreet said in a Hockey India release.

"But the team over the last year has built immense trust in each other. We are willing to die for one another. It was this sense of unity reassuring us that we will find a way to win the game together." Harmanpreet said India's

successful run in last one year has instilled a strong belief among players.

"The gold medal in last year's Asian Champions Trophy in

Tarry Kane broke Wayne Rooney's

Harry Kane DIONE Traylor Player

League goals by an English player

when the Bayern Munich striker

scored four times against Dinamo

It was one of several records broken as

Bayern routed Dinamo Zagreb 9-2 in

one of the highest-scoring games in Champions League history — and an emphatic start to European

competition for new coach Vincent

"Amazing game, a bit of a crazy game

for sure," Kane told broadcaster DAZN. "To score all those goals in the " Kane told broadcaster

Kane took his tally to 33 in the

competition by scoring in the 19th, 53rd, 73rd and 78th minutes - three of

the goals were penalties - to surpass

"To be honest, after the second

end was a great night."

Rooney's record of 30.

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Chennai, the gold medal in

a deep camaraderie within the team. Harmanpreet, who has been

Harmanpreet said it is now crucial for India to keep building on the success. 'We are proud to have retained our title but the work doesn't stop now," he said.

'We have areas we need to improve; we need to build depth in our squad as well. The team will head back to camp after a short break and start preparing for the tournaments ahead to make our supporters proud again, he added.

India vice-captain Vivek Sagar Prasad said the Olympics bronze medal made India the "team to beat" in the tournament

"All the teams in the group stage were tough to play against. The bronze medal from the Olympics painted a target on our backs; we were the team to beat," he said.

"But every single person on the team stepped up to make it seem like we were cruising past our opponents. The youngsters slotted in seamlessly, Krishan and Suraj alternated to bail us out of tricky situations."

The defenders remained reliable, and the midfielders and forwards ran riot on the pitch. All in all, it was very enjoyable," he added.

Champions League goals since

moving to Bayern a year ago and

Kane now has 53 goals in 50 games in

all competitions since moving to

Kane has scored nine goals in his last

three games for club and country including two for England against Finland in his 100th international game and a hat trick Saturday for

Bayern against Holstein Kiel in the

Kane and Kylian Mbappé were joint top scorers in last season's Champions

Another record was broken when

Thomas Müller came off the bench to play his 152nd Champions League

game for Bayern. That's the most for a

player for one club, breaking a tie with

former Barcelona player Xavi

Hernandez. Müller has made the joint

fourth-most appearances in the

League with eight goals each.

competition of any player.

Bundesliga

scored 21 before that for Tottenham.

Man United routs third division Barnsley 7-0 in English League Cup

Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag savored the "perfect night" after routing third-division Barnsley 7-0 in the English League Cup.

It was United's biggest margin of victory under the Dutchman, who has been in charge for more than two vears.

Marcus Rashford, Alejandro Garnacho and Christian Eriksen all scored two goals each in the third round match at Old Trafford, with Antony also on target.

'Not for me, but for the team, this is the perfect night. I think we could do everything that we planned to do. We won, (we are in) next round, scored some great goals, entertained the fans and we worked on our game model, so we are happy," Ten Hag said.

The size of the victory surpassed United's previous best under Ten Hag: 4-1 wins against Real Betis and Chelsea in his first season at the club. It was the biggest since a 9-0 win over Southampton under former manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer in 2021.

Encouragingly for Ten Hag, Rashford's scoring touch appears to have returned after a troubled season last year when he managed just nine goals.

Rashford's double came after he ended a 12-game barren run with a goal against Southampton over the weekend. "Football is football. Sometimes you have ups and sometimes downs, but we have to use these games to get momentum and consistency," Rashford said.

Garnacho also scored in that 3-0 win in the Premier League and emulated Rashford by making it three goals in his last two games.

Eriksen struck twice late on. Rashford blasted United in front after cutting inside Marc Roberts in the 16th minute. Antony doubled the lead when winning and then converting a penalty in the 35th.

Garnacho poked home from close range in the second minute of first-half stoppage United overpowered Barnsley

after the break with Garnacho scoring his second when racing through on goal in the 49th. Rashford scored again in the 58th. It was the first time Rashford

has scored more than one goal in a game since February 2023. Eriksen's double came in the 81st and 85th. Bottom of the Premier League and without a point, Everton's

troubled campaign went from bad to worse after it was eliminated by second-to-last Southampton - losing 6-5 on penalties. The Merseyside team had taken the lead through Abdoulaye Doucoure in the

20th at Goodison Park, but Taylor Harwood-Bellis evened the game in the 32nd. Southampton goalkeeper Alex McCarthy saved Ashley

Young's penalty in sudden death to seal Everton's fate. Eberechi Eze struck the winner as Crystal Palace beat seconddivision Queens Park Rangers

early scare against third-tier Leyton Orient to win 3-1. Brandon Cooper fired Orient ahead in the 11th, but Fabio Carvalho, Mikkel Damsgaard and Christian Norgaard eased

Date of

Brentford to victory.

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Description of Secured asset

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Academy Players. 2. The Bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the E-tendering process can be obtained on www. mptenders.gov.in. If there any queries regarding participation through e-tender process, interested bidder may contact on Toll Free No. 18002588684.

3. The corrigendum and addendum issued (if any) related to this bid will be published on e-tendering portal only.

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(penalty) I didn't really know what to do with the third one, but thankfully I

Kane opened the scoring from the

penalty spot to give Bayern the lead

over the Croatian club after his

teammate Aleksandar Pavlovic was

That drew Kane level with Rooney's

record of 30, and he scored his 31st on a rebound after goalkeeper Ivan Nevistic parried Joshua Kimmich's

Kane scored two more from the penalty spot to extend his record.

Four other Bayern players scored in

the emphatic win and there were two

goals for new signing Michael Olise

on his Champions League debut after

Leon Goretzka's header in stoppage

time made Bayern the first team to

score nine goals in the Champions

League era. Some teams, including Bayern, achieved that feat in the old

signing from Crystal Palace.

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shot in the 57th.

was able to put it away," Kane said.

of-the-Year Award after scoring 10 goals at Paris, once again led from the front as the

Out of India's 26 goals in the competition, Harmanpreet

goals in Bayer

European Cup. It was the highest- Dortmund beat Legia Warsaw 8-4 in scoring game in the competition in terms of total goals since Borussia

2016, according to UEFA.

The 31-year-old Kane has scored 12

> get back on the desired path as soon as possible at a time when the season is still in its early stages" Roma said "A heartfelt thank you to Daniele, who will always be at home at the Giallorossi club, for the work

Roma added that "communica-



Tvesa, Pranavi lead Indian challenge in Spain

PTI ■ DÉNIA (SPAIN)

Tvesa Malik and Pranavi Urs will spearhead the Indian challenge at the La Sella Open, starting Thursday, as the Ladies European Tour (LET) resumes action after a break for the Solheim Cup. Tvesa and Pranavi, who have had modest seasons, will be joined by Ridhima Dilawari and invitee Seher Atwal. Diksha Dagar has taken a break while Vani Kapoor and Amandeep Drall are playing on the domestic Hero WPG Tour.

Seher, a winner on the domestic Hero WPGT like Tvesa, Pranavi and Ridhima, will go out with April Angurasaranee of Thailand and Emily Penttila of Finland, while Tvesa plays with Blanca Fernandez of Spain and Tiffany Chan of Hong Kong at the La Sella Golf Resort.

Pranavi tees off with Dorthea Forbrigd of Norway and Agathe Sauzon of France from the first tee as will Ridhima Dilawari with Linda Osala of Finland and Kim Metraux of Switzerland.

After the Solheim Cup took place at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Gainesville, in the United States, the Tour returns to Europe.

La Sella Open came on the LET calendar in 2023 and returns this year with the 72hole stroke play competition taking place at La Sella Golf

A field of 132 players will be teeing it up with a cut to the top 60 professionals and ties at the end of the second round. Defending champion Nuria Iturrioz returns to the tournament where she won her fourth LET title in 2023. Iturrioz, one of 15 Spanish players in the field this week, is joined by fellow LET winners Marta Martin, Ana Peláez Trivino, Carmen Alonso and Maria Hernandez. The field includes former LET Order of Merit winners Trichat Cheenglab of Thailand and Lee-Anne Pace of South Africa.

Nine winners from the 2024 LET season are in town, including Order of Merit and Rookie of the Year leader Chiara Tamburlini.

England's Annabel Dimmock won her last start at the KPMG Women's Irish Open and will be hoping to continue her form. Germany's Helen Briem is an invite this week and the teenager has already made history winning four times on the LET Access Series in 2024.

Roma fires Daniele De Rossi after going winless in its opening 4 Serie A matches

 R^{oma} fired coach Daniele De Rossi on Wednesday in a move that was surprising despite the Giallorossi going

Name of Borrower/

winless in their opening four Italian league matches.

De Rossi, a former Roma captain, was hired in January to replace the fired Jose Mourinho and impressed so much during the second half of last season that he was given a contract extension in June through 2026-

"The club's decision is made in the best interests of the team, to

done in recent months with passion and dedication."

tion regarding the team's technical guidance will follow."



HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED Corporate Office: 167-169, 2nd floor, Near Little Mount Metro Station, Saipet, Chennai - 600015

1. Demand Notice issued Date

HOUSING FINANCE Regional Office - 101-B, ist Floor, NRK Business Park, Vijaynagar, Indore(MP) - 452010

Appendix IV: Symbolic Possession NOTICE (for Immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (HHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assests and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of power conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice (s) issured by Authorized Officer of the Company to the Borrower(S) / Guarantor(S) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice here by given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described here in below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the change of HHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Guarantor / Co-Borrower	Loan Account No, Amount Due as on Notice Date	(Immovable Property)	Symbolic Possession
Mr. KAMLESH NIKKAM (Borrower) Mrs. SONAM NIKKAM (Co-Borrower)	I. Issuance Date - 18-04-2024 MP/INE/IDCT/A000000645 Total Amount Due - Rs. 515937/- (Rupees Five Lakh Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Seven Only)	All that part and parcel of the property situated at:) House No. 22 North Part Bholenath Colony Survey No. 141/1 Gram Sirpur Indore, Bholenath Colony, Near govt school, Indore, Madhya Pradesh, 452001, Measuring 750 Sq. Ft or 69.70 Sq. mt. Boundaries As Per Deed:- East - Road, West - Backlane, North- Plot No 23, South- Mu. Pa No.75 Built on Plot no. 22 Paiki South Side Part	13/09/2024
Mr. Jafar Khan (Borrower) Mrs. Sayda Bee (Co-Borrower) Mr. Sehazad Khan (Co-Borrower) Mrs. Sakila Bee (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 08-04-2024 2. MP/INE/IDCT/A000000037 & MP/INE/IDCT/A000000313 & CO/CPC/CPOF/A000001321 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 8,66,781/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty One Only)	All that part and parcel of the property situated at :) 2. Detail Address of Property: House No. 50, Sanjay Nagar, Hukmakhedi, Bijalpur, Main Road Indore (MP) Measuring 700 Sq.Ft. 3. Admeasuring Area: Total Area - 700 Sq.Ft. Boundaries: As Per Sale Deed- East - Road, West Other House, North - House Of Mr. Ezad Khan, South - House Of Mr. R. P. Tailor	13/09/2024
Mr. MUKESH PARASHAR (Borrower) Mrs. PRATIBHA PARASHAR (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 08-04-2024 2. MP/INE/IDCT/A000000412 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 8,43,158/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Forty Three Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Eight Only)	Detail Address of Property - EWS Unit No.G1, London Villas, Village Bhangya, Tehsil & Distt Indore, Urban, Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India - 453555, Measuring 30 Sq. Mtr Boundaries: East:- Boundary Wall, West:- Lobby, North:- Road, South:- Unit No G-2	16/09/2024
Mr. SANTOSH JAT (Borrower) Mrs. SEEMA JAT (Co-Borrower)	I. Issuance Date - 08-04-2024 MP/INE/IDCT/A000000875 & CO/CPC/CPOF/A000002734 Total Amount Due - Rs. 7,40,814/- (Rupees Seven Lakh and Forty Thousand Eight Hundred and Fourteen Only)	Makaan No.05, Gram Pirkhedi (Naikhedi), Patwari Halka No.33, Tehsil – Tonk Khurd, Dewas, Madhya Pradesh, India – 455116, Measuring 185.87 Sq. Mtr. Boundaries: As Per Sale Deed: - East - Road, West - Self Land, North - House Of Narendra Tiwari, South - Self Land	19/09/2024
Mr. ASHISH BHERUA (Borrower) Mr. LAXMINARAYAN BHERUA (Co-Borrower) Mr. LAXMI BHERUA (Co-Borrower)	I. Issuance Date - 08-04-2024 MP/HBD/HOSH/A000000025 Total Amount Due - Rs. 1011662/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Eleven Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Two Only)	All that part and parcel of the property situated at: Detail Address of Property: Khasra No.294/2, 294/11, 294/12, 294/13, 294/14, 294/15, PH No.23. Gram Harda Khurd, Tehsil & Dist. Harda, M.P. 461331., Arjun Nagar, Near Sanskar School, Harda, Madhya Pradesh, 461331, Measuring 1140 Sq.ft. Boundaries: As Per Sale Deed: - East - Plot no. Q-291, West - Plot no. Q-293, North - Road, South - Other Land	16/09/2024
Mrs. Reena (Borrower) Mr. Vishnu Prasad (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 18-04-2024 2. MP/INE/IDCT/A000000442 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 900648/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Six Hundred and Forty Eight Only)	All that part and parcel of the property situated at : Ward No 16 Sem Nari Colony Ashta Teh Ashta Dist Sehore , Urban, Sehore, Madhya Pradesh, India - 466116. Total Area-500 sq.ft Boundaries: As Per Sale Deed :- East - Land Of Manoharlal Kushwah, West - 20 Feet Road, North - Remaining House Of Seller Harendra Singh, South - Land Of Manoj Dadlani	18/09/2024
Mr. PREM ADIWASI (Borrower) Mr. RESHAM BAI (Co-Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 16-05-2024 2. MP/HBD/HOSH/A000000098 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 511276/- (Rupees Five Lakh and Eleven Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Six Only)	All that part and parcel of the property situated at: Khasra No. 385/1/1, Patwari Halka No. 30/21, Ward No. 07, Galla Mandi Ward, R.N. Mandal Bareli, Mouza & Village Kasba Bareli, Tehsil Bareli, District Raisen (MP)., Rural, Raisen, Madhya Pradesh, India - 464668, Measuring 600 Sq.ft. Boundaries: As Per Sale Deed: - East - Road, West - Property of Govind Singh, North — Plot of Chanda Bai, South Property of Seller	16/09/2024

STATUTORY NOTICE TO BORROWERS/GUARANTORS Borrower(s)/Guarantor's are hereby put to caution that the property may be sold at any time herein after by way of public aution/tenders and as such this may also be treated as a notice under Rule 6, 8 & 9 of Security (interest)

Enforcement Rules, 2002. Authorised Officer Mobile No.-Vaibhav Shrivastav - 7987969803, Rajesh Chakotiya - 84355 71111, Sitaram Prajapati - 95845 67867, Ankita Patil - 77230 55195 Place : Indore, Date : 19/09/2024

Authorised Officer, Hinduja Housing Finance Limited



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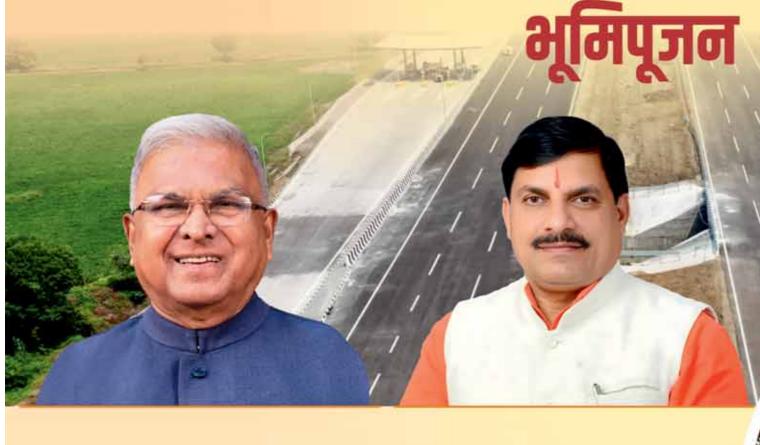
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