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Police altered documents in RG Kar case, claims CBI



Activists of various left wing parties clash with police personnel during a protest march against the alleged sexual assault and murder of a trainee doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, in Kolkata, Thursday

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The Central Bureau of Investigation has reasons to believe that a section of Kolkata Police officials had tried to create fake documents in the Kolkata lady doctor rape and murder case. In its remand letter submitted before Court of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Sealadah the CBI has said that the officials at Tala Police Station which has jurisdiction over the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital where the August 9 rape and murder took place had tried

to "create" and "alter" certain documents that could change the direction of the case. Hearing a writ petition the Calcutta High Court had transferred the case to the CBI following allegations that the Kolkata Police was trying to suppress facts. While seeking an extended remand for former Officer in-charge of Tala Police Station Abhijit Mondal and arrested former RGKMCH Principal Sandip Ghosh the CBI has told the Court that some additional facts had surfaced during the investigation of the two accused persons.

"During custodial interrogation of both the accused persons, new/ additional facts have emerged to the effect that some false records pertaining to the instant case were created/ altered in the police station," the CBI letter said. The agency also told the court that the CCTB footages of the said police station had been confiscated and handed over to the Central Forensic Laboratory for analysis. The parents of the victim had also alleged similar things before the media. "We had told repeatedly how we were

given three versions of "sudden illness, suicide and then death over telephone before we rushed to the hospital ... then in the hospital we were made to sit for three hours while her mother literally held their feet to let her see her daughter's face once," said the father of the victim. The ordeal did not end there as the old parents were made to sit in the Tala Police Station for more than an hour and were repeatedly monitored while they wrote the FIR. "They also forcefully cremated my daughter without our wishes ... as we wanted to get a second postmortem conducted" as the autopsy was done post sundown defying the general protocol in the Kolkata Police manual, they alleged. Incidentally, the postmortem was done not on the request of a DCP but that of a sub-inspector, a letter recovered by the CBI showed. The CBI has been trying to find out who was instructing Mondal and also who was instructing the person and who was instructing the arrested police officer and for what reason, sources said adding "everything will become clear in the coming weeks when the call details and forensic reports come up."

Domestic Violence Act applicable to all women: SC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

In a significant verdict, the Supreme Court on Thursday ruled that the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, is a civil code that is applicable to every woman in India irrespective of her religious affiliation or social background. A bench of Justice BV Nagarathna and Justice N Kotiswar Singh said the 2005 legislation was applicable to all women for more effective protection of their rights guaranteed under the Constitution. "The Act is a piece of civil code which is applicable to every woman in India irrespective of her religious affiliation and/or social background for a more effective protection of her rights guaranteed under the Constitution and in order to protect women victims of domestic violence occurring in a domestic relationship," the bench said. The apex court delivered its verdict on an appeal filed by a woman challenging an order of the Karnataka High Court in a matter related to the grant of maintenance and compensation. The woman had earlier filed a petition under section 12 of the Act which was allowed by a Magistrate in February 2015 granting Rs 12,000 as monthly maintenance and Rs 1 lakh towards compensation to her. The top court noted that the husband had filed an appeal against the order which was dismissed by the appellate court on the ground of delay. The court noted that later, he filed another application under section 25 of the Act, which deals with duration and alteration of orders, before a magistrate but the same was dismissed. The bench said thereafter, he filed an appeal before the appellate court,



which allowed it and remanded the matter to the magistrate with a direction to consider his application by giving an opportunity to both parties to adduce their evidence. The judges noted that aggrieved by the order, the woman approached the High Court which dismissed her plea in April last year and directed the magistrate to consider the application filed by the man under section 25 of the Act. In its verdict, the Supreme Court referred to section 25 and said it was evident that an aggrieved person or a respondent as defined under the Act can seek for alteration, modification or revocation of an order made under the provisions of the Act if there was a change in the circumstances as per sub-section (2) of section 25. The bench said a Magistrate, while exercising discretion under section 25(2) of the Act, has to be satisfied that a change in the circumstances has occurred, requiring to pass an order of alteration, modification or revocation.



Hindu Temple vandalised in US

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Unknown miscreants have vandalised the BAPS Hindu temple in California's Sacramento, desecrating it with expletive-laden graffiti saying "Hindus go back!", the BAPS Public Affairs said. "Less than 10 days after the desecration of the @BAPS Mandir in New York, our Mandir in the Sacramento, CA area was desecrated last night with anti-Hindu hate: "Hindus go back!" We stand united against hate with prayers for peace," the BAPS Public Affairs said in a post on X. Wednesday night's incident comes after the desecration of the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Melville, New York, on September 17. "Our condemnation of hate remains resolute; our sadness has only deepened; and our prayers for all, including those with hate in their heart, have grown stronger," the organisation said in a statement. "BAPS is working with law enforcement authorities on this hate crime," the statement said. "The BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Sacramento is home to a vibrant Hindu community engaged in numerous activities and projects to support the larger community. We are and shall remain an integral part of this community's fabric," the statement added.

SC to hear Godhra incident appeals on 15 January

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday said it will hear on January 15 the appeals filed by the Gujarat Government and several other convicts in the 2002 Godhra train burning case. A bench of Justices JK Maheshwari and Rajesh Bindal made it clear that no adjournment will be given in the matter on the next date of hearing. On February 27, 2002, 59 people were killed when the S-6 coach of Sabarmati Express was burnt at Gujarat's Godhra, triggering riots in the State. Several appeals have been filed in the Supreme Court challenging the October 2017 verdict of the Gujarat High Court which had upheld conviction of several convicts and commuted the death penalties of 11 to life term.



Gujarat Government's counsel Swati Ghildiyal requested the bench to post the matter for hearing on some other day as she was to argue before another Supreme Court bench in a death penalty-related matter. "We have to first understand what are the cases of individuals? What is the prosecution's case? Then we have to ascertain the roles," the bench observed, adding that hearing in the matter will take at least three days. Now we will not adjourn it on the next date," the bench said.



People gather at a government hospital after their family members drowned while taking holy dips in rivers and ponds during the 'Jivitputrika' festival on Wednesday, in Aurangabad district of Bihar, Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024. At least 43 people, including 37 children, drowned and three others went missing in separate incidents in 15 districts of the state, according to officials

Several drown during Bihar festival

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PATNA/NEW DELHI

At least 43 people, including 37 went missing while taking holy dips in rivers and ponds in separate incidents during the 'Jivitputrika' festival in Bihar, the State Government said on Thursday. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar condoled the deaths and announced an ex gratia of Rs 4 lakh for the next of kin of the deceased. The incidents occurred in 15 districts of the state during the festival held on Wednesday. During the 'Jivitputrika' festival, women fast for the well-being of their children and both take holy dips. "A total of 43 bodies have been recovered so far. Further search operation is on," a statement issued by the Disaster Management Department (DMD) said. The process of providing the ex gratia has begun and family members of eight deceased have already received it, the statement said. "The incidents of drowning were reported from East and West Champaran, Nalanda, Aurangabad, Kaimur, Buxar, Siwan, Rohtas, Saran,

Patna, Vaishali, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Gopalganj and Arwal districts. The DMD has pressed several teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) for search and rescue operations. Eight children drowned in Aurangabad district - four at Itahat village under Baruna police station area and another four at Kushaha village of Madanpur police station. According to reports from Kaimur, seven minors drowned in Bhabhua and Mohania police station areas when they were taking bath in the Durgawati river and a pond, respectively. Four incidents of drowning were reported on Wednesday evening from Amnabad village under Bihta police station area of rural Patna and five persons, including two boys, drowned in Daudpur, Manjhi, Taraiya and Marhaura police station areas of Saran district. "The incidents took place when the victims, along with their family members, went for a holy dip in the water bodies," Aurangabad District Magistrate Srikanth Shastri said.

FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT TO MEET TROOPS AT SIACHEN



President Droupadi Murmu pays tribute at the Siachen War Memorial during a visit to Siachen Base Camp, on Thursday

HP govt face flak by party for adopting Yogi model

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ SHIMLA/NEW DELHI

Himachal Pradesh Minister Vikramaditya Singh was summoned to Delhi and reprimanded by the Congress brass over a controversial order issued by his department mandating food outlets across the State to display the name and address of their owners, which has however been withdrawn. Facing flak by the party high command the Himachal Pradesh Government on Thursday said no such decision has been taken. The State Government in a statement said it has not taken any decision that makes it mandatory for street vendors to display nameplates or other identification at their stalls. The development came as the Congress came under fire on social

media as well as within the party over the move as it had criticised a similar move by the Uttar Pradesh Government during the Kanwar Yatra a few weeks back. Sources said Vikramaditya has been asked not to give controversial remarks on this matter. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge was upset with Vikramaditya. The Himachal Urban Development Ministry's order came under criticism from Congress leader TS Singh Deo, who called it a reprehensible and discriminatory move. BJP leader Jai Ram Thakur on Thursday said Singh must stick to his words. "If Vikramaditya Singh has talked about implementing vendors' policy on the pattern of Uttar Pradesh, he should stick to his words," Thakur, who is Leader of the Opposition in the Himachal Pradesh Assembly, said.

SC rejects Gujarat Government plea in Bilkis case



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday dismissed a plea filed by the Gujarat Government seeking a review of the court's verdict which contained certain observations against the State while quashing the remission granted to 11 men convicted of raping Bilkis Bano and murdering seven of her family members during the 2002 riots. A bench of Justices BV Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan also rejected the application for listing review petition in open court. "Having carefully gone through the Review Petition, the order under challenge and the papers annexed therewith, we are satisfied that there is no error apparent on the face of the record or any merit in the Review Petition, warranting reconsideration of the order impugned. The Review Petition is, accordingly, dismissed," the bench said. The Gujarat Government in its plea had said the apex court's observation in the January 8 judgment, holding the State guilty of "usurpation of power" and "abuse of discretion" for complying with an order of another top court bench, was an "error apparent on the face of the record" primarily on three grounds.

Little hopes of ceasefire between Israel, Hezbollah

AP ■ TEL AVIV

The Israeli Prime Minister appeared to downplay hopes of an imminent truce with Hezbollah on Thursday after the United States and its allies called for an "immediate" 21-day ceasefire to "provide space for diplomacy." In a statement released as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who was en route to New York to attend the UN General Assembly, his office said there was only a proposal on the table and that he had not yet responded to it. The statement also denied that there



had been any directive to ease up on fighting on the northern border with Lebanon. The comments raised questions about a new international initiative to halt increasingly heavy exchanges of fire that have killed hundreds of people in Lebanon and threatened to trigger an all-out war between Israel and Hezbollah. They came as Israel has threatened to launch a ground invasion into Lebanon to push the militant group away from the border and as an Israeli strike in Lebanon killed 23 people. The Israeli foreign minister, Israel Katz, had previously said the country would continue fighting "with all our might until victory and the safe return of the residents of the north to their homes." Hezbollah has also not yet

responded to the proposal for a pause in fighting, although Lebanon's caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikati has welcomed it. The Lebanese militant group has insisted it would only halt its strikes if there is a ceasefire in Gaza, where Israel has been battling Hamas for nearly a year. That appears out of reach despite months of negotiations led by the United States, Egypt and Qatar. In its statement, Netanyahu's office said "the fighting in Gaza will also continue until all the objectives of the war have been achieved." Netanyahu is expected

to meet with other world leaders on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly. Israel launched a massive operation in Gaza after a Hamas-led attack into southern Israel on October 7 in which about 1,200 people (mostly civilians) were killed, and 250 taken hostage. More than 41,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza since then, according to local officials. Hezbollah began firing rockets into Israel one day after the October 7 attack in support of its Hamas allies, and Hezbollah and Israel have traded fire ever since.

Cong MLAs exert pressure over girl's murder, SIT formed

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Over 100 police personnel failed to find a missing 5-year-old girl who was found dead on Thursday in a flat less than 100 meters from where she had gone missing some 72 hours ago on September 23. Initial investigations suggest that the child was sexually assaulted before being killed at the EWS multistorey buildings at Idgah hills in the Shahjahanabad police jurisdiction. Three persons, including two women, have been arrested by the police. According to Commissioner of Police Bhopal Harinarayan Chari Mishra the accused identified as Atul lured the victim, raped her, and strangled her to death before dumping her body in a water tank. On Thursday, the decomposing corpse was recovered from the

water tank. The accused's mother Basanti and sister Chanchal were aware of the crime and have been booked as accessories in the gruesome crime. A SIT has been formed for further investigation into the matter which has shocked residents in the posh Idgah hills locality where the EWS flats came up a few years ago. The accused, Atul, has a previous record with six cases of theft and molestation against him in Khargone district of the state. His wife had deserted him a couple of years ago. The accused told the police that taking advantage of the smoke during fogging (carried out by the civic health department), he dragged the girl to his flat. After raping her, he strangled her to death. He hid the body between the beds in the room for

a day but when the body attracted flies, he threw the body into the water tank. A large number of residents gathered at the scene of crime to protest police negligence, the area has since been cordoned off. Police said that to avoid suspicion the accused mother and daughter reached the girl's grandmother's house at 10 am on Thursday from where they were arrested. Earlier a woman living in the girl's neighbourhood noticed a pungent smell from the accused's flat. Based on her information, the police searched the flat and the girl's body was recovered from a large plastic water tank kept near the kitchen sink. Sensing simmering anger in the area residents, the police asked them to stay indoors as the body was taken to AIIMS and later family members were taken in haste to the Chhola cremato-

rium for her last rites. Earlier, Additional DCP Shalini Dixit said that the postmortem of the girl's body is being done. The cause of death will be revealed only after the short PM report. People had come to live on rent in the house where the body was found only five months ago. The Congress MLA Arif Masood expressed his displeasure over the absence of the Collector and SP on the spot. Questioning CM Mohan Yadav over the incident, the Congress leader asked, "where should we go with this girl? Where should he go with her dead body? Should we come to your bungalow?" "Where is that Collector sahab who was standing in Berasia and shouting that whatever you say will happen. Whatever the BJP workers say will happen. Today the people of

Bhopal are calling that this is an SC girl, where is the Collector and SP. Now they don't want to come here. They are hiding their faces. If the SP-Collector do not listen today, then after this the Chief Minister's residence will be surrounded. The Congress party will surround the Chief Minister with full force." MLA Atif Aqeel said hashish and marijuana are sold openly at the multi-storey buildings. This should be stopped. Alcohol should also be banned. When a man is intoxicated, he does anything. Here even 15-16 year old children are addicted. Now it is very important to ban intoxication so that the coming generations remain safe. Aqeel also reached the police station with an angry crowd. Police officers kept explaining to the people, but they did not listen. They kept demanding death penalty for the culprits.



Local residents stage a chakka jam during a demonstration to protest against the death of a 5-year-old girl who went missing for last two days, in front of Shahjahanabad police station in Bhopal on Thursday. Pioneer photo

Textbooks distributed to more than 22 lakh students

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Last year, free textbooks were distributed to more than 22 lakh 10 thousand students studying in government schools in the state. Under the Free Text Book Distribution Scheme of the School Education Department, free textbooks are provided to all students from grades 9th to 12th in high school and higher secondary schools. Under the scheme, the department had made a provision of about Rs 100 crore in the budget. An education portal has been developed to provide quick information at various levels for monitoring the implementation and review of results in academic and administrative work in the School Education Department and taking corrective action based on them. There is a system for maintaining personal profiles and an e-service book of about 4 lakh employees and teachers on

the education portal and preparing online salary bills for all officers, employees, and teachers. Along with this, there is GIS photo data including profiles of about one lakh schools. There is also a management system for online complaint redressal. Implementation of the Free and Compulsory Child Education Act 2009 and arrangements for the free admission of children from economically weaker sections and deprived groups in non-aided non-government schools through the online lottery are also being done online. The entire process related to the recognition of private schools under the Right to Education has been done online. Arrangements have also been made to send funds directly to the school accounts through Aadhaar verification of children and online banking. An online examination portal www.rskmp.in has also been cre-

ated for conducting the examination. Online Shala Darpan has been arranged for inspection and follow-up of schools. An attendance system based on the mobile app is also being operated. Along with this, construction work monitoring systems, uniform distribution management systems, and textbook online tracking systems are also operational. Keeping in view the easy availability of internet-enabled smartphones, NIC's Sahayog M-Shiksha Mitra App has been developed as an M-Governance platform to make all the facilities and services available on the education portal available through the app in a phased manner. In this, mainly the profile of all the schools, enrollment of students, posted teachers, facilities, infrastructure, location, and number of students enrolled in the school have been made available online.

Tribal vaidya camp concludes at IGRMS

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The five-day tribal Vaidya camp and workshop organized at the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal concluded on Wednesday. The chief guest of the program was Cooperatives, Sports and Youth Welfare Cabinet Minister Shri Vishwas Kailash Sarang. In this program, the welcome address was given by Administrative Officer Hemant Bahadur Singh Parihar and it was presided over by the Director of the Museum, Professor Amitabh Pandey. At the beginning of the program, Prof Amitabh Pandey welcomed Vishwas Kailash Sarang by presenting him bouquet, shirfal, shawl, and memento.

Employees demanding old pension scheme take out rally

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

On the call of the National Movement for Old Pension Scheme Organization, employees in all the districts of the state including Bhopal will take out an outrage rally and submit a memorandum to the collector in the name of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav. In Bhopal, the employees took out an Aakrosh Rally on Koh-e-Fiza road. They gathered at the Collectorate while raising slogans. The employees continued to gather and submitted a memorandum. The Aakrosh rally was taken out in all the districts of the state. Employees have been protesting since 2017 demanding the re-implementation of the old pension

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scheme. Employees had demonstrated before the assembly and then Lok Sabha elections in Madhya Pradesh, but the matter did not work out. As an alternative to the old pension, the central government brought the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) in August. The Union Cabinet approved it and announced its implementation from April 1, 2025. After this, the

employees started the demand for old pensions again. Employees say that there is no better option than an old pension to secure the future of retired employees. Therefore, instead of National Pension Scheme (NPS) and Unified Pension Scheme (UPS), the government should directly talk about implementing the old pension scheme. On the other hand, the National Movement for Old Pension Scheme organization has also made it clear that the demand for old pensions will not stop under any circumstances. The government will have to implement it again. A continuous movement will be carried out regarding this. If needed, the employees will protest in Delhi again.

National Social Media Incharge Sursari Prasad Patel, Kranti Organization Minister Gopal Banjare, Departmental President Manoj Chatpatre, Bhopal District President Mohammad Danish, Ekant Suryavanshi, Fasar Khan, Manish Sharma, Manish Yadav and other NPS pensioner officers and employees were present in the Aakrosh Rally. The employees have figured out many flaws in the Unified Pension Scheme UPS. They say that this scheme does not have social security for teachers, officers and employees after retirement. It seems to be more dangerous than NPS. It should not be implemented. In NPS too, the rules for family pension after death while in service are controversial.



Congress MLA Arif Masood leads party workers during a demonstration to protest against the increasing incidents of rape and other crimes against minors, at district collector office in Bhopal on Thursday. Pioneer photo

Empowerment of girls under Srujan Abhiyan

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Under the Community Policing Scheme, various efforts were made for the empowerment of girls under the Srujan Abhiyan being run for girls, in which they were given training in self-defense, knowledge of law and self-reliance and career guidance. In the second phase, these girls will now be taken on a tour of the Regional Science Center and after observing things related to science, they will also be guided about careers related to science and technology. All the above work is being done under the Community Policing Scheme as part of efforts related to the empowerment and protection of girls and women. On this occasion, the program was attended by the President of the program, Senior IAS Principal Secretary Food Rashmi Arun Shami, Additional CP Pankaj

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Srivastava, DIG Community Policing Dr. Vineet Kapoor and SBI Chief General Manager Chandrashekhar Sharma. At the end of the program, the Chief General Manager presented a bus to the boys/girls of Srujan on behalf of SBI under Corporate Social Responsibility. Its work will be conducted through Parimal Sanstha. Meanwhile for prevention of crimes against women in the city, women safety and awareness, Nagar and Gram Raksha Samiti are also being invited to make special efforts for women safety and girl safety and for the safety of

women and girls, they should themselves oppose the crimes happening in the society and also inform the police immediately about the major incidents so that the police can take immediate action. This is being started as a campaign. On the first day, action was taken regarding taking oath to work against violence against women, after which this training will be conducted in every zone. The said program will conclude on 2 October. All Nagar Raksha Samitis have been given the target to train 500 Nagar Raksha Samiti members for prevention of violence against women. After the training, they will spread awareness about it in their respective areas, mohallas, settlements and residential areas and will inform the police about even the smallest incident coming to their notice and will invite the help of the police in it.

Maksi accused will not be spared: CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has expressed grief over the loss of life in Maksi of Shajapur district after a mutual dispute. He said that the culprits will not be spared at any cost. As soon as he came to know about the incident that occurred late at night, he directed the senior officers of the police and administration to take strict action and provide proper treatment to the injured. Chief Minister Yadav said that tampering with law and order will not be tolerated. He said that the culprits involved in the incident will be identified and strict action will be taken. We are committed to maintain harmony and peace in the state. On the instructions of Chief Minister Dr. Yadav, the Commissioner and IG Ujjain Range visited Maksi.

Lecture on 'Cleanliness and health' organised at IGRMS

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Under the Swachhata Hi Seva Pakhwada, Dr. Neelima Soni, a doctor from Jai Prakash Hospital, gave a special lecture on the topic of 'Cleanliness and Health' at the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal. Dr. Soni was introduced by Dr. P. Anuradha. The Director honoured Dr. Soni by presenting him a bouquet and a souvenir from the museum. Later, Dr. Neelima Soni addressed the gathering and said that in modern times, it has become very important to take care of one's health and hygiene. With the increasing population, pollution levels, emission of harmful gases, it should be a priority for everyone to maintain their health and hygiene. When all the organs of the body are working well, this physical healthy state of the human body is called health. Health is one of the characteristics of life which helps a person to live longer. Cleanliness refers to good practices and rituals that

prevent diseases and lead to good health. Thus, it mainly includes proper sewage disposal, sanitation and safe drinking water supply. Therefore, it includes all those activities that are done to maintain, as well as preserve and improve good health. Along with this, he also answered the questions of the audience present. While presiding over the programme, the Director of the Museum, Prof Amitabh Pandey, praised the lecture given by Dr. Neelima Soni and thanked her and said that by taking care of personal hygiene, we can save ourselves as well as others from getting sick. For good health, perform all your hygienic activities from morning to evening with utmost sincerity. The cleanliness of the house where you live is equally important, whether it is home or office, take special care of cleanliness around you. At the end of the programme, the vote of thanks was given by Administrative Officer Hemant Bahadur Singh Parihar.

138 bags of Cannabis seized

PNS ■ INDORE

Police have seized 138 kg of ganja that had been brought to Madhya Pradesh's Indore district from Odisha in an ambulance and arrested two persons, an official said on Thursday. Superintendent of Police (Rural) Hitika Vasal told reporters that acting on a tip-off, an ambulance was stopped at Bherughat, about 40 km from the district headquarters, on Wednesday and searched following which the narcotic substance was found hidden in the vehicle. The 138-kg consignment of ganja, kept in small and big packets in the rear portion of the ambulance, could fetch about Rs 40 lakh in the illicit drug market, he said. The arrested smugglers have been identified as Kiran Hantal, alias Telco (19), and Balram Ganapatra, alias W (21), Vasal said. Both hail from Odisha's Koraput district, bordering Andhra Pradesh, she added. "The consignment was brought from Odisha to Madhya Pradesh. In the initial interrogation, the smugglers have said that they wanted to supply this drug in Indore and other cities," the official said.

Pharmacists serve as the real pillars of health within society

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

On the occasion of the 15th World Pharmacist Day, Sage University hosted an enlightening event featuring Prof Dr Ajai Singh, Executive Director of AIIMS Bhopal, who highlighted the indispensable role of pharmacists in the health system. Addressing attendees, Dr. Singh stated, "Pharmacists are extremely important for society. They provide accurate information about medicines and treatments, which helps in patient care. Their contributions extend beyond medication to encompass health protection and disease prevention within the community." Dr. Singh elaborated on the multifaceted responsibilities of pharmacists, emphasizing that their work is not limited to dispensing medications. "Pharmacists are actively involved in drug research, leading to the development of new drugs and innovative treatment methods. Additionally, they promote health education, empowering individuals to adopt healthier lifestyles," he

Pharmacists guarantee that patients receive the right medicines in the right quantities

said. Highlighting the critical role of pharmacists in ensuring medication safety, Dr. Singh noted, "Pharmacists guarantee that patients receive the right medicines in the right quantities. They also address patients' queries, providing essential guidance that significantly enhances patient health outcomes." Furthermore, Dr. Singh underscored the importance of pharmacists in fostering health awareness within society. "Their efforts not only improve individual health but also contribute to the creation of a healthier community," he added. World Pharmacist Day serves as an occasion to recognize and celebrate the dedication and hard work of pharmacists around the globe.

State Bank of India donates bus to Parimal society



STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

In a gesture towards Corporate social responsibility, State Bank of India Bhopal Circle donated a bus to the Parimal Society, an NGO engaged with the Community Police Wing of Madhya Pradesh Police. The bus was handed over by Chief General Manager, SBI Bhopal Circle, Chander Shekhar Sharma to officials from Parimal Society, Bhopal, in the presence of dignitaries from Madhya Pradesh Police and

State Govt officials. The bus was handed over during a Youth connect programme organized by MP police community police wing at Regional Science Centre, Bhopal on Thursday. In addition, SBI also donated Computer systems and required peripheral devices for the Research Lab and Skill/Learning Centre of the society to be used for violence affected children to re-orient them towards learning and empowering them. In his speech, CGM Bhopal

Circle, Sharma said that this donation reaffirms our dedication to supporting initiatives that promote public safety and welfare. Several distinguished guests including Rashmi Arun Shami, PS, Dept. of Food, Govt of MP, Adtl. Police Commissioner Pankaj Srivastava, DIG Vineet Kapoor, Priyanka Shukla, Deputy Police Commissioner Zone-1, Saket Gourav, Project Coordinator, Regional Science Centre and other Top Police officials were present during the event.

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Police laxity raises questions on Police Commissioner system

GIRISH SHARMA ■ BHOPAL

Laxity on the part of the city police claimed the life of a five-year-old girl in Bhopal after the Shahjahanabad police failed to act swiftly on a missing person's complaint, despite standing recommendations from the High Court. Long-standing court instructions to successive Chief Ministers over the decades have mandated the highest priority for police responses to complaints involving women and children. Yet, time and again, inaction on the part of police officials has proved fatal for the victims. While police officials claim that the law enforcement apparatus swings into action within minutes of

Before the commissioner system was implemented, 330 incidents of rape were reported in Bhopal. This number rose to 456 in 2022 and 523 in 2023; within the first eight months of 2024, the count has reached 381

receiving a complaint, in the case this girl, the police did not conduct a thorough investigation despite reaching her locality promptly. The sniffer dog requisitioned by Shahjahanabad police led investigators to the same flat from where the body has now been recovered, but the police did not take further action as the house was locked at the time. If due seriousness had been accorded to the matter, the

police could have had the door opened or broken it down in front of local residents. The post-mortem report will determine if the girl was already dead at that time, but the police inaction seems unconvincing, especially as the state capital is grappling with a series of heinous crimes against young girls. On Wednesday, police officials claimed that more than a hundred personnel

were searching for the missing girl; however, it is surprising that they could not reach the flat where her body was recovered. The post-mortem report is still awaited, and the cause of death is yet to be ascertained. The police have arrested three individuals, including two women and a 21-year-old youth, in connection with the suspected murder. The suspects are yet to be interrogated, leaving the girl's family without closure as questions and doubts loom over the motive and circumstances surrounding her death. Notably, the police commissioner system was implemented in Bhopal and Indore in December 2021. In its first year, the

police claimed success in both cities as heinous crimes reportedly declined. However, the situation has worsened in 2023 and 2024. Official sources indicate a record surge in crimes against women and children. Before the commissioner system was implemented, 330 incidents of rape were reported in Bhopal in 2021. This number rose to 456 in 2022 and further increased to 523 in 2023; within the first eight months of 2024, the count has reached 381. While this particular incident cannot solely be termed a failure of law and order, the rising crimes against women and children reflect sheer negligence and laxity on the part of the police.



Students participate in MP Tourism Quiz contest-2024 at Kushabhau Thackeray convention center in Bhopal on Thursday.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav during an election campaign for state assembly elections in Charkhi Dadi district of Haryana on Thursday.

CM to participate in Industry Conclave at Sagar

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav will participate in sectoral sessions and have one-to-one discussions with industrialists at the Regional Industries Conclave in Sagar on September 27. On this occasion, Chief Minister Yadav will also virtually inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of various new and proposed projects. These include the proposed land allotment for the regional office of Sagar, Bhopal and Narmadapuram divisions, Bhoomi Pujan of the regional office of MPIDC in Sagar, inauguration of District Investment Promotion Centre in Sagar, Damoh, Panna, Tikamgarh, Chhatarpur and Niwari districts and inauguration of MPIDC office in Coimbatore.

The fourth Regional Industries Conclave of the state is being organised on Friday at Jawaharlal Nehru Police

Academy Ground in Sagar. Industrialists and investors from India and abroad will participate in the conclave. In the opening session, the country's leading industrialists will put forward their views on investing in the state.

Sectoral Sessions Various sectoral sessions will be organised in the conclave. These include petrochemical, plastic and related sectors (main focus - related to Bina Refinery, agriculture, food processing and dairy sector, MSME and startups, cottage industry (main focus - bidi industry), two round-table sessions on renewable energy, textile and technical sector, workshop related to One District-One Product (ODOP) and hackathon for IT based solutions to local problems. **Main focus of the conclave is cottage industry**

The main focus of the conclave will be local cottage industry. A detailed action plan will be discussed in a separate session

based on bidi industry. In 'One District-One Product', there will be a discussion on world class quality, marketing and processing of local products of all districts of Sagar division.

A video film will be screened on investment opportunities in Madhya Pradesh in the conclave. Principal Secretary Industrial Policy and Investment Promotion Raghendra Kumar Singh will give a presentation on Investment Opportunities in Madhya Pradesh and Principal Secretary Mining and Mineral Resources Sanjay Shukla will give a presentation on Investment Opportunities in Mining Sector. Principal Secretary Tourism Sheo Shekhar Shukla will give a presentation on Investment Opportunities in Tourism Sector and Secretary MSME Navneet Mohan Kothari will give a presentation on MSME and Startups. Managing Director Handicrafts,

Handloom Development Corporation and Madhya Pradesh Khadi Village Industries Board Mohit Bundas will give a presentation on cottage and village industries in the conclave. Leading industrialists will share their experiences on investment opportunities in Madhya Pradesh. There will be a round table meeting on investment in renewable energy sector and textile and technical sector. Exhibitions and stalls of beneficiary-oriented schemes of various departments including "One District-One Product" will also be set up in the conclave. Cultural programmes showcasing the rich Bundelkhandi culture will be presented in the conclave. Local artists will deliver captivating performances of Bundelkhandi dance and singing. Guests will be welcomed in a traditional manner at the venue. Guests will be able to savour local dishes during the meal.

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE
 No. BPL/TRD/DRG/WC/430
 Dated: 25.09.2024
 Sr. DEE/TRD/WCR, Bhopal acting for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders against following works, upto 11.00 hours on the dates mentioned against each tender. The complete tender documents and details information regarding tender, is available on the website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders. For any correction, in this tender, if necessary, corrigendum will be uploaded on website prior to tender opening date which may be seen up to the date of tender opening. **Tender No.:** BPL/TRD/DRG/WC/430, **Description of work:** Outsourcing of Non power block OHE maintenance activities in electrified sections of Bhopal division for the period of 2 years., **Completion period:** 24 month, **Estimated Cost Rs.:** 54631477.75, **EMD Rs.:** 423200.00, **Closing Date and Time for submission of Tender:** 18.10.2024 at 11.00 Hrs. Sr. DEE, TRD, WCR, Bhopal

Congress, alliance govts never worked for Haryana: CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, while addressing public meetings in support of BJP candidates in Charkhi Dadi, Bhiwani and Bawani Khara assembly constituencies of Haryana on Thursday, said that the "fools" of Congress want to do politics in the country with the support of Pakistan. If Rahul Gandhi wants to do politics in India, he should take the support of the people of India, if he wants to do politics with the support of Pakistan, he should do politics in Pakistan, not India. Our children across the country, including Haryana, fight with Pakistan on the border till the last drop of their blood. For the sake of votes, Congress and Rahul Gandhi work to insult the martyrs and soldiers. Rahul neither respects the country in the country nor lives abroad. Rahul Gandhi, Congress and its supporting parties demand the removal of Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir and Pakistan supports it. The people of Haryana will teach a lesson to those who go against the country in this assembly election. BJP has done the work of giving respect to the poor by making Shri Narendra Modi the Prime

Minister and me the Chief Minister. In a public meeting held in Milkpur village of Bawani Khara assembly, Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav was honored by weighing him with Mathura trees. Yadav said that the Bharatiya Janata Party is walking on the path shown by Lord Shri Ram and Shri Krishna. When BJP works to promote Sanatan, Congress and its allies feel pain in their stomach. Walking on the path of Sanatan, BJP has embraced even the poorest of the poor, but Congress had denied the existence of Lord Shri Ram. Our ancestors struggled for about 500 years to build a grand Shri Ram temple in Ayodhya. After the decision of the Supreme Court, a grand temple of Lord Shri Ram was built in Ayodhya under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Congress leaders were invited for the Pran-Pratishtha of Lord Shri Ram, but not a single Congress leader reached Ayodhya to have the darshan of Lord Shri Ram. Congress people are even ashamed to take the names of gods and goddesses. The sins of Congress have not been washed yet. The public is not going to forgive

the Congress party and its leaders who deny the existence of Lord Shri Ram. Haryana is the only state in the country, which is named after Lord Shri Hari. On the land of Haryana, about 5 thousand years ago, Lord Shri Krishna showed the way to the country and the world to follow the path of religion and to remain steadfast on the path of duty by preaching Shrimad Bhagwat Geeta. A grand temple of Lord Shri Ram has been built, now this time we have to vote for the grand temple of Lord Shri Krishna in Mathura. Every way of working of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji is going to increase the fame and reputation of India. During the reign of Congress, if any foreign guest used to come, he was taken to see the Taj Mahal. But after Shri Narendra Modi Ji became the Prime Minister, now if any foreign guest comes, he is taken to see the temples and the Geeta is gifted. This is the changing scenario of India under the leadership of our Prime Minister. The BJP government gave 50 percent reservation to sisters in Panchayati Raj institutions. Free LPG connection to 24 lakh poor sisters, we are giving gas cylinders to 50 lakh sisters for only Rs 450.

MoU on police salary package between SBI and MP police



Bhopal: State Bank of India, Bhopal Circle signed a MoU with MP Police on Thursday. The salary package has enhanced benefits in the areas of term life insurance, accidental insurance, health insurance to name a few. This MoU was signed by Dr Anshuman Agrawal, AIG (Welfare), MP Police and Saikrishna Sridhar, Deputy General Manager, on behalf of State Bank of India. This signing ceremony took place in the august presence of Anil Kumar, Additional Director General of Police

(Welfare) MP Police and Kundan Jyoti, General Manager (NW-1), SBI Bhopal Circle. SBI and MP Police had an existing MoU with various benefits including accident insurance. However, this MoU has enhanced the benefits across the various banking products like credit card, locker rentals, concessional ROI in loans along with other features. Signing of this MoU is expected to increase the banking benefits to the Police personnel in a big way.

Directorate of Archaeology, Archives, and Museums, Madhya Pradesh

Banganga Marg, Bhopal
Detailed Tender Notice
(E-Tendering Mode Only)
 Date 24.09.2024

NIT No.: 2545
E-Tender Id No.:

Directorate of Archaeology, Archives & Museums, Madhya Pradesh, Banganga Marg, Bhopal (hereinafter called "The Directorate") on behalf of the Governor of Madhya Pradesh invites online mode tender for the "Selection of Agency for Establishment and Management of E-Commerce Platform, Curation, Production, and Supply of Souvenirs for the Directorate of Archaeology, Archives, and Museums, Madhya Pradesh."

Work No.	Name of Work	Earnest Deposit	Cost Of Tender Document	Tender Processing Fee
1.	Creating and running of Heritage souvenir e-commerce portal and Curation, Production, and Supply of Souvenirs for the Directorate of Archeology and Museums, Madhya Pradesh.	INR 2,00,000	INR 10,000	As Per Govt rules

Mode of Payment:
E-Payment Only

E-TENDER SCHEDULE

- The last date of online application download (website: mptenders.gov.in) is from **26-9-2024 at 11.00 AM to 03-10-2024 at 5:00 PM**
- The last date of online submission of tender is **03-10-2024 at 5:00 PM**
- The date & time of technical opening of online tender is **04-10-2024 at 5:05 PM** in the Directorate.
- The date and time of financial opening of online tender will be after technical evaluation in the Directorate.

Deputy Director
 Archaeology, Archives & Museums,
 Madhya Pradesh, Banganga Marg,
 Bhopal

MP BJP makes 1.81 cr members in 24 days: VD

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

BJP state president and Khajuraho MP Vishnudutt Sharma, while reacting to the media after the completion of the first phase of the Sangathan Parv on Thursday, said that the BJP has created history by making 1 crore 81 thousand 437 members in the state in just 24 days with authenticity and transparency. In parliamentary democracy, it is unprecedented for any political party to make 1 crore members in such a short time. 95 lakh online forms have been filled during the Sangathan Parv. Along with Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, ministers of the state government, MPs, MLAs and local public representatives, workers at 64 thousand 871 booths have set a record by working tirelessly. Making more than 1 crore members in such a short time shows the hard work of the workers of the state and the dedication to the organization and the acceptance of BJP among the public. The membership campaign is still going on and the process of joining the BJP family will continue. Together we will fulfill the aspirations of Madhya Pradesh. BJP State President

and MP Shri Vishnudutt Sharma said that a review meeting of the first phase of the Sangathan Parv will be held in the BJP State Office on 28 September. In the meeting, brainstorming will be done to bring forward the areas which have lagged behind in the next phase by making plans for them. The next phase of Sangathan Parv will run from 1 to 15 October and we will create history by surpassing the target of 1.5 crore in the state. On 29 September, party workers across the state will give party membership to people after listening to the Mann Ki Baat program of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Guidance from the central leadership was given from time to time. State President of Bharatiya Janata Party Shri Vishnudutt Sharma said that in the first phase of Sangathan Parv itself, the people of the state have told that they have deep acceptance for the party. People from every corner of the state have come forward and taken membership of the party. On 25 September, on the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay ji, on the maximum membership day, despite rain in 11 districts, party workers worked to fulfill

their target. From thela wala, hawkers, delivery boys, shopkeepers to doctors, businessmen, ex-servicemen, intellectuals to youth, sisters and elders, everyone has expanded the BJP family by taking membership. State President Sharma said, I express my gratitude to the central leadership of the party that from time to time they guided us during the campaign and also praised us for the success of our campaign.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
 No. C/158/JHS/RCR/E-Auction/2024 Date: 24.09.2024

E-AUCTION NOTICE

On Behalf of The President of India, The Divisional Railway Manager, (Commercial) Jhansi invites e-auction as per categories given as under:-
Category: Miscellaneous-Static-Services-Rail-Coach-Restaurant
Catalogue No.: RCR-KURJ-01

Asset Details: Allotment of Rail Coach Restaurant in circulating area beside approach road of railway station garden in 300 Sq.mt area at Khajuraho railway station of Jhansi Division.

Auction Start : 10.10.2024 at 10:45 hrs
Auction End: 10.10.2024 at 11:15 hrs

Note: Prospective bidders are requested to visit e-Auction Leasing module on IREPS website (www.ireps.gov.in). The Lot-wise details are available therein under the above mentioned Catalogue Number. **1695/24 (ADM)**

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[Rule-8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank of Maharashtra for the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-section (2) of Section 13 read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession symbolic of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said Rules.

S No.	Name & Address of Borrower & Guarantor	Amount due to the bank as per notice	Details of Immovable Property of which possession taken by the bank	Demand Notice Date Possession Date
1.	Branch - G.S. College Borrower - Mr. Shiv Kumar Uikhey, S/o Shri Dayaram Uikhey, Mrs. Suneeta Uikhey, W/o: Shri Shiv Kumar Uikhey	Rs.2604292/- + Interest & Other Charges w.e.f. 16/07/2024	All the Piece and parcel of property with construction & fixture there being & lying at vill. Mouza Bhillpura, PH no. 21/16(o.d), 53(new), RNM Bhillpura, Tq. Ranjhi, Dist. Jabalpur, Kharsa no. 634/4, area 1000 sq.ft, Plot no.09, Maharshi Valmikiji ward no. 78 Bound as - North: H.No. 10, South: side Road, East: Side Road, West: Plot of Panna Lal	16/07/2024 24/09/2024

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bank of Maharashtra for an amount hereinabove mentioned. The details of the properties mortgaged to the Bank and taken possession by the Bank are as above. 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.

Place: Jabalpur, Date: 27/09/2024
 CHIEF MANAGER & AUTHORIZED OFFICER
 BANK OF MAHARASHTRA

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 1100 क्वार्टर्स, अरेरा कालोनी भोपाल,
 दूरभाष क्रमांक : 0755-2445029

क्रमांक/5209/अका/अ.मि./मि.क्र.प्र./2024-25 **भोपाल, दिनांक 25.09.2024**

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आर.सी.वी.पी. नरोन्हा प्रशासन एवं प्रबंधकीय अकादमी, मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल द्वारा प्रदेश के समस्त कर्मचारियों के लिए डिजिटल प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम निर्मित करने हेतु Tender for Document of E-Learning Content for RCVPNAAM सेवा आमंत्रित करने हेतु ऑनलाईन टेण्डर www.mptenders.gov.in के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र.	शीर्ष	विवरण
1	कार्य का विवरण	Request for Proposal (RFP) for Development of E-Learning Content for RCVPNAAAM
2	कार्य अवधि	180 दिन
3	निविदा पत्र का मूल्य	रुपये 5,000/- मात्र
4	धरोहर राशि	रुपये 1,00,000/- (रुपये एक लाख मात्र)
5	निविदा पत्र की ऑनलाईन उपलब्धता	दिनांक 27.09.2024 अपरान्ह 05:00 बजे
6	प्रोबिडि मॉडिंग	दिनांक 08.10.2024 अपरान्ह 04:00 बजे आर.सी.वी.पी. नरोन्हा प्रशासन एवं प्रबंधकीय अकादमी के कक्ष क्रमांक जी-30 (बोर्ड रूम) में।
7	ऑनलाईन निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि व समय	दिनांक 19.10.2024 अपरान्ह 04:00 बजे तक
8	तकनीकी निविदा खोलने की तिथि व समय	दिनांक 21.10.2024 अपरान्ह 04:30 बजे आर.सी.वी.पी. नरोन्हा प्रशासन एवं प्रबंधकीय अकादमी के कक्ष क्रमांक जी-30 (बोर्ड रूम) में।
9	वित्तीय निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	वित्तीय निविदा खोलने की तिथि तथा समय की सूचना तकनीकी निविदा खोलने हेतु आयोजित मॉडिंग में दी जावेगी।

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(डॉ. अनादि मिश्रा)
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VP Dhankhar reflects upon J and K transformation

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI



Amid Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Thursday said the Dal lake in Srinagar was "dull" when he went there in 1990 but is now teeming with tourists, while pointing out that Article 370 is no longer applicable to the region. Addressing the 83rd foundation day celebrations of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Dhankhar recalled his visit to Srinagar in 1990 as a Union minister, when he stayed in a hotel near the Dal lake. "Everything was dull. D-U-L-L. Not even 20 souls could be seen on the road. A state of dejection and hopelessness," the vice president said. He said the Rajya Sabha, which he presides over as its chairman, was informed last year that two crore tourists had visited Jammu and Kashmir. Dhankhar pointed out that Article 370, which was envisioned as a temporary provision of the Constitution, is no longer there.

the garb of advisories. "Now, the IMF says India is the most-favoured global destination for investments and opportunity, and the World Bank calls India a role model on digitisation," he said. Dhankhar said the 1990s were also an era of middlemen on the corridors of power, corruption was rampant and only a person with pedigree could get access to opportunities. "Now, the power corridors are fully sanitised. The middleman has disappeared.... All transactions take place digitally, without a human interface. That is the change I never imagined," he said. The vice president expressed satisfaction that recognition for the scientific community has increased significantly. "Soothing to note that in the last few years, recognition for the scientific community has gone up. It has gone up in several ways, including the government being very serious about it, and the prime minister's heart and soul are deeply in the scientific community," he said.



Former Attorney General KK Venugopal and CJI DY Chandrachud sharing lighter moments at MK Nambyar Memorial lecture PNS

Lawyers indispensable in constitutional discourse: CJI Chandrachud

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud on Thursday said lawyers play an indispensable role in shaping constitutional discourse. While judges have the ultimate authority to interpret the Constitution, it is the lawyers who craft and present the interpretive frameworks for the judiciary to consider, said CJI, while addressing MK Nambyar memorial lecture here. "In this sense, interpretation is as much a job of a lawyer as it is of a judge, for without robust legal arguments and advocacy, constitutional interpretation

would lack the necessary depth and diversity of perspectives," said Chandrachud. Noted lawyer MK Nambyar is father of former Attorney General KK Venugopal. "As we celebrate the legacy of Mr MK Nambyar, we must remember that there were many more like him, who left their imprints on the Constitution, enhanced it, infused it with meaning, and took the texts to its legal destiny. The reason we celebrate them is that they read in between jurisprudential lines, and travelled beyond the text, beyond obsequious obedience of the supposed 'intent of the framers'.

President Murmu salutes Siachen soldiers bravery, sacrifice

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI



President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday visited the Siachen base camp and told soldiers posted at the world's highest battlefield that all citizens salute their bravery. Addressing the troops, she said in difficult situations like heavy snowfall and minus 50 degrees temperature, they present extraordinary examples of sacrifice and tolerance in protecting the motherland. The President said as the supreme commander of the armed forces, she felt very proud of them and that "all citizens salute their bravery." "They face severe weather conditions. In difficult situations like heavy snowfall and minus 50 degrees temperature, they remain deployed at their front with full devotion and vigilance. They present extraordinary examples of sacrifice and tolerance in protecting the motherland," President Murmu said. She told soldiers that all Indians are aware of their sacrifice and bravery and "we respect them," according to a statement issued by the Rashtrapati Bhavan. Dressed in Indian military

uniform, Murmu also paid tributes at the Siachen War Memorial. The Memorial, she said, is a symbol of the sacrifice of soldiers and officers who have been martyred since the Indian Army began Operation Meghdoot on the Siachen Glacier on April 13, 1984. Under Operation Meghdoot, the Indian Army established its full control over the glacier. The President said since the commencement of Operation Meghdoot, "the brave soldiers and officers of the Indian armed forces have ensured the security of this region." Lt Governor of Ladakh Brigadier B D Mishra had received President Murmu on her arrival at Thoise airfield. President Murmu is the country's third president to have visited Siachen base camp, located in the Union Territory of Ladakh, the others being A P J Abdul Kalam and Ram Nath Kovind. While Kalam visited in April 2004, Kovind went to the base camp in May 2018. The Siachen glacier is at a height of around 20,000 feet in the Karakoram mountain range. It is known as the highest militarised zone in the world where soldiers have to battle extreme cold, high winds and frostbite among other severe weather conditions.



Engineers Conclave kicks off in Hyderabad

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The 11th Engineers Conclave, jointly organised by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE) in Hyderabad, commenced on Thursday, defence ministry said here. Giving details, officials said the aim of the two-day annual conclave is to deliberate on two strategic priorities, 'Additive Manufacturing for Defence Applications' and 'Defence Manufacturing Technologies'. The event, being held at Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL) of DRDO, brings together engineers, scientists, academicians and industry leaders to discuss emerging technologies and advancements in indigenisation. The conclave was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Former Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission Dr Anil Kakodkar and Guest of Honour, Secretary Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr Samir V Kamat. DRDL Director (Hyderabad) Shri GA Srinivasa Murthy, Director General, Missiles and Strategic Systems Shri U Raja Babu, and INAE President Prof Indranil Manna addressed the gathering.

Modi, Congress leaders greet Manmohan Singh on his 92nd birthday

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday greeted his predecessor and Congress leader Manmohan Singh on his 92nd birthday. Congress leaders lauded his contributions and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi hailed his humility, wisdom and selfless service in shaping the country's future. Modi said in a social media post, "Birthday greetings to former PM Dr. Manmohan Singh ji. I pray that he is blessed with a long and healthy life." Manmohan Singh was prime minister of the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government between 2004 and 2014. He was also India's finance minister in the P V Narasimha Rao-led government during 1991-96, an epochal era for the country's economy marked by wide-ranging reforms. Born in 1932 in a region now part of Pakistan, he is credited as being the key architect of the economic reforms

effected by the Rao-led government that broke the stranglehold of socialist-era policies. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge led party leaders in greeting Manmohan Singh and hailing his contributions to the country. Kharge said he stood as a "rare embodiment of simplicity, dignity and ingenuity in the realm of politics." "On the occasion of his birthday, I extend my warmest wishes to former prime minister Dr Manmohan Singh ji," Kharge said. "He stands as a rare

embodiment of simplicity, dignity and ingenuity in the realm of politics. A visionary statesman, whose actions spoke louder than words, we remain deeply grateful for his tremendous and invaluable contributions to the nation," the Congress chief said. Wishing him good health, happiness and a long life ahead, he added. In a social post, Rahul Gandhi said, "Happy Birthday to Dr Manmohan Singh ji. Your humility, wisdom, and selfless service in shaping our country's future continue to inspire me and millions of Indians. Wishing you good

health and happiness always!" Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra also extended birthday greetings "to the pioneer of liberalisation and economic reforms in the country." "Manmohan Singh ji gave the people wonderful welfare policies and rights like MGNREGA, Right to Food, Right to Information, Right to Education. Due to your historic efforts for inclusive development, India became one of the few economic powers in the world. Your honesty, hard work, simplicity and humility are an inspiration for all of us. May God keep you healthy and a long life," she said in a social media post. Congress general secretary in-charge organisation KC Venugopal, while extending his warmest greetings to Manmohan Singh, said India saw "unprecedented growth, progress and transformation during the UPA era" under his stewardship. "It was a time when through a rights-based welfare framework and a reformist zeal, India saw its greatest

reduction in poverty and a massive growth of the middle classes," he said. "His (Singh's) journey from humble origins to the highest office in the country is an inspiration for generations to come. He is not someone who makes a big show of himself, but rather lets his hard work and talent do the talking," Venugopal said. Even today, his advice and expertise continue to guide us in our actions, he said. "Despite the innumerable attacks he faced, like he once said, history will be kinder to him and his contributions to India's development will be written in golden letters in history," Venugopal added. Several other Congress leaders hailed Manmohan Singh's contributions to the country while greeting him. The Congress said in a social media post, "Renowned economist and former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh's entire life has been dedicated to the country. He has made many public welfare policies keeping in mind the interest, progress and welfare of all sections of the country."



India sees major decline in out of pocket expense on health

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

There has been a significant decline in out-of-pocket expenditure (OOPE) on health, dropping from 64.2 per cent in 2013-14 to 39.4 per cent in 2021-22, data available from the National Health Account (NHA) has revealed, reflecting a major shift towards more equitable healthcare access in the country. Describing the trend as a "very positive indicator," Dr V K Paul member (Health) of NITI Aayog said that the substantial savings—over Rs 1 lakh crore—has been resulted from the central health flagship Ayushman Bharat PMJAY scheme. Additionally, other initiatives, like the free dialysis scheme launched in 2015-16, have positively impacted millions of individuals. "More than Rs 1 lakh crore savings have accrued from the Ayushman Bharat PMJAY and this has had a positive impact on the recent NHA estimates," he added. He also stated that other schemes "like the free dialysis scheme, launched in 2015-16 have benefited 25 lakh people, he said while releasing the Union Health Ministry's National Health Account (NHA) estimates for India 2020-21 and 2021-22. A crucial measure of healthcare accessibility and financial burden, as high levels

of such spending can lead to significant financial strain for families, OOPE refers to the payments made directly by individuals at the time they receive healthcare services or goods including medical consultations, hospital stays, medications, diagnostic tests, and other health-related costs that are not covered by insurance or government programs. Since catastrophic health expenditure often leading to debt or financial hardship, the India's National Health Policy 2017 has set ambitious goals. It aims for a significant decrease in OOPE, targeting a 25 per cent reduction in the proportion of households facing catastrophic health expenditure by 2025. Union Health Secretary Apurva Chandra added that the increase in government health expenditure (GHE), rose from 1.13 per cent of GDP in 2014-15 to 1.84 per cent in 2021-22, and from 3.94 per cent to 6.12 per cent of general government expenditure (GGE). Per capita GHE tripled from Rs 1,108 to Rs 3,169 during the same period, with a notable increase of 37 per cent from 2020-21 to 2021-22. These changes reflect the government's commitment to enhancing public health investment, with GHE's share of total health expenditure growing from 29 per cent to 48 per cent.

Left parties demand ceasefire in Gaza conflict

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Left parties issued a joint statement on Thursday demanding an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and informing that they will observe October seven, which marks the completion of a year of an ongoing conflict in Gaza, as a day to demand an end to the war. The statement was issued by five parties -- the Communist Party of India (Marxist), the Communist Party of India, the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Liberation, the All India Forward Bloc and the Revolutionary Socialist Party. It was signed by Prakash Karat on behalf of the CPI(M), Dipankar Bhattacharya of the CPI(ML) Liberation, D Raja of the CPI, Manoj

Bhattacharya of the RSP and G Devarajan of the AIFB. The parties called upon the Indian government to halt all arms exports to Israel and work for a two-State solution, whereby an independent Palestinian State can come into existence.

"October 7 marks the completion of one year of Israel's genocidal war in Gaza. In the name of retaliating against Hamas for the latter's attack within Israel on October 7 last year, the Israeli armed forces have conducted a brutal and indiscriminate attack on Palestinians in Gaza," the

Left parties said. They said as a result of the war, nearly 42,000 Palestinians, mainly women and children, have died and thousands more are buried under the rubble. "Israel has not spared residential buildings, schools and hospitals from their savage aerial and ground bombardment," they said, adding that a medical journal, "The Lancet", has estimated that the death toll from Israel's aggression could be above 85,000 (as of August 6), counting both the direct and indirect fatalities. The Left parties pointed out that even as the International Court of Justice (ICJ) said in January that the Israeli actions were leading to possible genocide and called upon Israel to cease military actions in Gaza, Israel has so far "scuttled all meaningful talks for a ceasefire".

Navy chief strengthens naval ties on Greece visit

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI



Navy chief Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi is on a four-day official visit to Greece beginning Thursday. This visit is part of ongoing efforts to further consolidate bilateral defence relations between India and Greece, with a focus on enhancing naval co-operation, defence ministry said here. During the visit, the Navy chief will engage in bilateral discussions with senior Greek defence officials, including Ioannis Kefalogiannis, Deputy Minister of Defence, Vice Admiral Dimitrios E

The discussions are expected to cover a broad spectrum of defence cooperation areas, particularly maritime security, joint training initiatives, and exploring avenues for future operational collaboration between the two navies. As part of his visit, Admiral Tripathi will visit the Salmis Bay, the base of the Hellenic Naval Fleet as well as the Hellenic Naval Academy. Through demonstrations and visits to Hellenic naval assets, the Hellenic Navy has planned to introduce Greece's naval capabilities and training methodologies to the Navy chief.

Over 50 common medications flagged for quality concerns

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI



Over 50 drugs including popular medications such as Paracetamol tablets IP 500mg, anti-diabetic drug Glimperide, vitamin C softgels, Vitamin C and D3 tablets Shelcal, and high BP medicine Telmisartan, among others have been found to be "Not of Standard Quality (NSQ) Alert" as per the Central Drugs Standards Control Organization (CDSCO), the country's top drug regulator. The alert was issued after random monthly sampling conducted by state drug officers. The regulator releases the list of "not of standard quality" drugs every month. The batches of medicines flagged by the CDSCO in its drug alert for August are of companies such as Alkem Laboratories, Hindustan Antibiotics Limited, Hetero Labs Limited, Karnataka Antibiotics and

Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Nestor Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Priya Pharmaceuticals and Scott-Edil Pharmacia Ltd, according to a news agency. The CDSCO's drug alert for August also included samples from batches of medications such as D3 tablets and Ciprofloxacin tablets. Antibiotics such as Amoxicillin And

Potassium Clavulanate tablets had also been categorised as not of "not of standard quality". While batches of some drugs failed the 'dissolution test' as per Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) and failed the 'Assay' and 'water' test as per IP, some were identified as spurious or having uniformity of volume issues. These

drugs are produced by several pharmaceutical companies. According to the CDSCO, the drugs licensing authorities of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Rajasthan, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Sikkim and Tamil Nadu, have not submitted any data regarding the Not of Standard Quality (NSQ) Alert for August 2024. In August, the top drug regulator had banned over 156 fixed-dose drug combinations in the Indian market due to potential risks to humans. These included popular fever drugs, painkillers, and allergy tablets. Earlier in February, the DCGI Rajeev Raghuvanshi instructed states/UTs to keep a strong vigilance and surveillance on the quality of drugs available in the market by doing random sampling of the medicines.

Modi targets Congress: Infighting, lies drive Haryana to back BJP again

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ CHANDIGARH/NEW DELHI

The Congress spends most of its time infighting, tells lies to grab power and remains distant from public issues, Prime Minister Narendra Modi claimed on Thursday while asserting the people have decided to give another chance to the BJP to serve Haryana.

Interacting with Haryana BJP workers through the NaMo app as part of the party's "Mera Booth, Sabse Mazboot" programme, he discussed fieldwork at the booth level for the October five assembly polls and told them to make utmost effort to win each booth.

"A week remains for polling (in Haryana) and (you should) focus on every family in a polling booth," he told

party workers. There are 20,629 polling booths in Haryana.

Modi began his nearly hour-long interaction by mentioning his special connection with the people of Haryana, where he extensively worked for the party organisation in the 1990s, and expressed his gratitude to them.

Alleging the Congress has failed as an opposition in the past 10 years, the prime minister claimed its maximum time goes into infighting. Every child in Haryana is aware of the grand old party's internal strife, he said.

These days, the Congress' loudspeakers that were earlier making big claims have fallen weak, Modi said. "Some are saying the Congress is becoming weak each day.

During the past 10 years, the Congress has failed as opposition too."

"The party remained far from people's issues for 10 years... Such people can never win the trust of the people of Haryana," he said.

"But our strategy should not be to sit pretty on their internal strife. They are going to die their death, but we have to plant our flag deep by working harder than before," Modi said.

Attacking the Congress further, he said, "The entire basis of those who are fighting against us in the polls is lies. They repeatedly tell lies, their talks have no head and tail and they vitiate the atmosphere."

Modi claimed the Congress made tall promises to the people of Himachal Pradesh like they would "lay roof



made of gold for every house". But after coming to power in the state, development came to a standstill, the prime minister alleged, adding they talked of the old pension scheme but were now unable to pay salaries or carry out

recruitments. The Congress had promised to give Rs 1,500 to women who are waiting for it even after two years, he said. Himachal Pradesh is an example of how they told lies to win elections and the people of Haryana need to be

informed about it, the prime minister said at the interaction.

He alleged the Congress were experts in lying but wear the mask of "Raja Harishchandra". You will have to go door-to-door to expose them, Modi told the BJP workers.

One cannot imagine how many atrocities were committed against the Dalits during the Congress rule in Haryana, he said and asked the party workers to expose such incidents publicly.

"Haryana has for the first time got an OBC chief minister. They never made a chief minister from the backward classes. But the Congress will never say this," Modi said.

He alleged the Congress was not able to accept that Modi and Nayab Singh Saini, both

of who come from backward classes, became prime minister and Haryana's chief minister, respectively.

Recounting the BJP government's initiatives for farmers, the prime minister alleged that during the Congress rule in Haryana, the farmers got Rs 2 compensation cheques for crop damage.

It is the BJP government in Haryana which has been giving minimum support price on 24 crops, he said, adding the farmers should seek clarification from the Congress for their lies on the issue and tell them how much crops were being procured at MSP. Accusing the Congress of indulging in a scam with funds for Dalits' welfare in Karnataka, Modi alleged the party did not fulfil even a single promise in states where

it is in power, be it Karnataka or Telangana.

Now they are talking big in Haryana, he said, adding, "Spreading rumours and telling lies is in their blood". The Congress people live only for their family and that is their character, he said in response to a Haryana BJP worker's feedback during the interaction.

"I have full belief that the BJP is forming the government with a big mandate. One voice is heard from every home 'Bharosa Dil Se, Bajpa Phir Se' We have to put all our might to win the polling booth. You have to break all records of voting," he said.

Referring to the Haryana BJP's "Mahra Haryana-Non-Stop Mahara" campaign, Modi said it has been inspired by mothers and sisters from the state.



BJP gears up for crucial J and K Assembly polls

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

The Bharatiya Janta Party is fully geared up to defend its 'impregnable citadel' in the last and crucial phase of maiden assembly polls in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

In the third phase polling is scheduled to take place across 40 Assembly segments. Out of these 40, 24 seats fall in the Jammu region.

In the 2014 Assembly polls, BJP won 19 out of 21 Assembly segments from the four districts of Jammu, Kathua, Samba, and Udhampur.

This time three new seats have been added, one each in Kathua, Samba, and Udhampur during the Delimitation of Assembly constituencies.

BJP's performance in this phase is going to make or break the chances of government formation on its strength.

The Union Home Minister Amit Shah Thursday claimed that the Congress-NC alliance has been wiped out in the first two phases of the Jammu and Kashmir elections.

He also hit out at Omar Abdullah for contesting two Assembly seats out of fear. On Rahul Gandhi's claim to restore statehood in J&K if his party wins, Amit Shah responded that it can only be done when "BJP wants".

Leaving no stone unturned, the top brass of the party has already started carpet bombing across different Assembly constituencies of Jammu, Samba, Kathua, and Udhampur districts.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to address a mega rally here in MAM sports stadium on September 28 ahead of winding up the month-long high-octane campaign.

On Thursday Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath addressed eight rallies covering all four districts of the Jammu region. Other star campaigners of the party including Smriti Irani,

Union Ministers Shivraj Singh Chouhan, and Nitin Gadkari have addressed a series of meetings in Jammu. Both the leaders while targeting the opposition parties Congress, National Conference, and the Peoples Democratic Party appealed to the voters to give a decisive mandate to the BJP candidates to ensure the formation of a stable government that can carry forward the growth-oriented agenda of the Union government at the helm of affairs.

Addressing a rally in the border belt of Ramgarh Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath Thursday said, "After BJP's return (to power) here, Pakistan-occupied Kashmir is also going to be a part of Jammu and Kashmir. And this is the commotion in Pakistan, they are struggling to save their democracy".

Comparing the situation in both countries the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister said, "On one side there is India and on the other side there is Pakistan, there is a shortage of food there, naturally, beggar Pakistan is not able to handle itself today. Pakistan-occupied Kashmir is raising its voice for separation from it.

It is saying that we also had the right to participate in the J&K elections... Balochistan is also saying that our chemistry does not match with Pakistan. Because Pakistan is the enemy of humanity, it is a cancer of humanity. The world must be freed from this cancer..."

He said that the ongoing Assembly polls in J&K are historic and the "results will be a slap on the faces of NC, PDP and Congress.

He said Pakistan's condition at present is horrific. "The country is falling apart. On the contrary, Prime Minister Narendra Modi gives 80 Crore people of India a free ration and 60 Crore are getting free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh which has been enhanced up to Rs 7 lakh.

"Pakistan is a sinking ship," he said. Yogi also addressed two other election meetings in RS Pura and Chhamb.

Kolkata Court gives death sentence to rape, murder accused

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KOLKATA

A POCSO b(Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act) Court on Thursday awarded death sentence to a man for raping and murdering a 6-year-old girl about a year and a half ago terming it "not a rare but rarest of rare case."

The sentence comes against the backdrop of the ongoing controversy over the RG Kar College rape and murder case. Special POCSO Judge Sudipto Bhattacharya sentenced Ashok Kumar Shaw the accused to death terming he deserved no mercy for the crime he had committed against a child who had no chance of defending herself.

"Mercy to the guilty is cruelty to the innocent," the judge said while announcing the quantum of punishment. The victim was raped and



murdered in the Tiljala area of south-east Kolkata, on March 26, 2023. She was allegedly lured away by the convict.

The police subsequently discovered her body in a nearby flat. Wednesday's was the third such verdict in a matter of a few months in the State.

"The prosecution was able to establish the case successfully and the guilty was finally brought to book... and an exemplary punishment was awarded," said Madhavi Ghosh the Public Prosecutor.

PM Modi cancels Pune visit due to heavy rain, orange alert

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Amid continued heavy rains witnessed for the second consecutive day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi cancelled his scheduled visit to Pune on Thursday to inaugurate, dedicate and lay foundation stones for several development projects worth Rs. 22,600 crore and throw open the Solapur Airport to air traffic.

Confirming the development, Pune divisional commissioner Chandrakant Pulkundwar said: "The Prime Minister's visit to Pune has been cancelled. The scheduled programmes have been officially postponed," Pune divisional commissioner Chandrakant Pulkundwar said.

"Owing to an orange alert issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the Prime Minister's programme has been cancelled.

In the event of rains, people coming for the programme will have problems. Keeping the safety of people in mind, the PMO has cancelled the programme," Maha-Metro spokesperson Hemant Sonawane said.

Pune recorded 130 mm of rainfall on Wednesday and there was no let in heavy rains on Thursday as well.



During his visit to Pune, Modi was to flag off the Metro train scheduled to run from District court yMetro station to Swargate, Pune. The inauguration of Pune Metro section of District Court to Swargate meant completion of the Pune Metro Rail Project (Phase-I). The cost of the underground section between District Court to Swargate is around Rs 1,810 crore.

The Extension of Pune Metro Phase-I is developed at the cost of around Rs 2,950 crore The three stations -- Market Yard, Padmavati and Katraj -- coming under

the project have been constructed underground.

During his Pune visit, Modi was also to lay the foundation stone for the Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule's First Girls' School at Bhidewada.

Modi was also to dedicate to the nation Bidkin Industrial Area, a transformative project covering an expansive 7,855 acres under the National Industrial Corridor Development Program of Govt. of India, situated 20 kms south of Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar (known earlier as Aurangabad).

Delhi HC asks Centre to review Rahul Gandhi citizenship petition



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Thursday asked the Centre to obtain a copy of a petition pending before the Allahabad High Court on the issue of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's citizenship. The court said a petition on a similar issue is also being heard by the Allahabad High Court and two courts can't deal with the same issue simultaneously.

On Wednesday, Allahabad High Court sought response from Union Home Ministry on its notice to Rahul on British Citizenship holding. The court said before proceeding further in the matter, it will be in the interest of justice to know the position about the pending petition in the Allahabad High Court. "We read in the newspaper that Allahabad High Court is also seized of

the controversy. Two courts cannot deal with the same issue simultaneously.

"You (Centre) check up the status of the petition at Allahabad High Court and also obtain a copy of the petition. We just want to be doubly sure that we are not taking over someone else's jurisdiction," a bench of Chief Justice designate Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela said. The bench was hearing a plea by BJP leader Subramanian Swamy for directions to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to decide his representation seeking cancellation of Rahul Gandhi's Indian citizenship. Swamy, in his plea, also sought a direction to the Home Ministry to furnish a status report on the representation filed by him against Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha. The plea, filed by advocate Satya Sabharwal,

said that on August 6, 2019, Swamy had written a letter to the ministry alleging that Gandhi had "voluntarily disclosed" to the British government that he was a citizen of British nationality, amounting to holding a British passport.

During the hearing, the Centre's counsel urged the court to grant some time to obtain a copy of the petition filed at the Allahabad High Court. The bench listed the matter for further hearing on October 9. On Wednesday, the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court asked the Centre whether it has taken any decision on a representation filed under Citizenship Act, 1955 asking it to inquire into allegations that Gandhi has a British citizenship.

It was hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) moved by BJP worker from Karnataka, S Vignesh Shishir, claiming that he has done detailed enquiries into the issue of Gandhi being a British citizen and has got several new inputs. In his plea in the Delhi High Court, Swamy has said that the Congress leader, being an Indian citizen, has violated Article 9 of the Constitution, read with the Indian Citizenship Act, and would cease to be an Indian citizen.

Sanjay Raut found guilty in defamation case

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a major political development in the run-up to the State Assembly polls, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut was on Thursday found guilty and sentenced to 15 days' imprisonment in a 2022 defamation case filed by Medha K. Somaiya - wife of BJP's former MP Kirit Somaiya.

A Metropolitan Magistrate's court awarded him a fine of Rs 25,000, in the same case. Immediately afterwards, Raut moved an application before the court which suspended his jail sentence for 30 days to enable him file an appeal in an upper court. The court also granted him bail against a cash surety of Rs 15,000.

The 25th Metropolitan Magistrate, Mazgaon, came out with this politically significant Order in a libel suit filed in April 2022 by Medha Somaiya against Raut, who had alleged a Rs 100-crore toilet construction scam linked to Yuva Pratishthan, a non-government organisation run by the Somaiyas, at Mira Road in Thane district.



NCW urges companies to address workplace harassment

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

In the backdrop of the tragic incident involving a young Chartered Accountant at Ernst and Young (EY) India in Pune, who reportedly died due to severe work pressure, Delina Khongdup, a member of the National Commission for Women, has called upon the companies to urgently address employee's concerns regarding workplace harassment including work pressure.

Addressing Assocham 5th Diversity and Inclusion Excellence Awards and Conclave 2024, she also underscored the importance of prioritising maternity benefits which is essential for fostering a supportive work environment.

Providing these benefits not only supports women during a critical life stage but also enhances overall employee well-being and job satisfaction, she said, stressing the need for diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

"This should be a constant practice in organisations for the entitlement of women and all genders. This is a human and social responsibility to achieve gender diversity for all walks of society. India has a vast diversity and there should be a feeling of inclusivity in all the places possible," she said.

"Corporate India should recognise this inclusivity and bridge the gender balance relationship in working spaces. Harassment in the workplace and non-payment of maternity benefits should be addressed immediately for betterment.

We should apply a holistic approach to achieve the goal of Viskit Bharat @2047," Khongdup added.

Ravi Bhatnagar, Co-Chairperson, ASSOCHAM National CSR highlighted the importance of recognising employee well-being at workplaces so that gender diversity can take center stage. Dr Shweta Sharma, a clinical psychologist and Joint Secretary Indian Association of Clinical Psychologists (IACP) while talking to The Pioneer agreed as she said that by ensuring access to maternity leave and other related support, companies can promote a culture of inclusivity and care, which ultimately benefits everyone in the organisation.

She further said that from a psychological standpoint, the importance of work-life balance in a company's policy cannot be overstated, particularly in high-stress environments like EY India, where demanding workloads often contribute to mental health struggles. "A well-structured work-life balance policy promotes mental well-being, reducing burnout, stress, and anxiety among employees.

It allows individuals to maintain personal time for rest, relationships, and self-care, which are vital for psychological resilience. Companies that prioritize this balance can significantly improve employee satisfaction, productivity, and retention.

Encouraging staff to seek help when needed helps reduce the stigma around mental health challenges," said Dr Sharma.

Anvar claims CM Vijayan is held hostage by political aides, accuses police of gold smuggling

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Political Kerala had a jolt on Thursday evening as an independent MLA in the CPI(M)-led Left Democratic Front dared Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan to reply to his allegations against P Sasi, the political secretary of the chief minister and M R Ajith Kumar, additional director general of police.

P V Anvar, the MLA, hitherto considered as a close confidante of Vijayan, declared in a press meet at Nilambur that the Kerala Chief Minister is being held hostage by a coterie led by his

new son-in-law Mohammed Riyaz (who is also the minister for PWD and tourism), political secretary Sasi and ADGP Ajith Kumar. "Pinarayi Vijayan will be the last Communist chief minister in the State. Even M V Govindan, the CPI(M) state secretary, does not have any role in the party or in the government today," charged Anvar.

The seriousness of Anvar's press meet could be understood from the fact that Governor Arif Mohammed Khan asked Raj Bhavan officials to translate a word by word account of what the



MLA said in the presser. The media meet was convened by Anvar in violation of the CPI(M) diktat to him not to speak to the

media. But Anvar's response to the directive has put the party and the chief minister in a quandary as he alleged that the police in the State had

robbed gold worth crores of rupees smuggled into the country by poor Muslim workers returning home after their trip to West Asian countries.

"Last three years saw 180 instances of police seizing gold from poor workers returning home via Calicut International Airport. Though the police is bound to hand over the gold to the Customs department, they have not followed the instructions," said Anvar who alleged that the gold was shared by the coterie consisting of Sasi and Ajith Kumar. He went to the extent

of calling Ajith Kumar, one of the senior IPS officers in the State a "criminal".

By the time the press meet was over, it was clear that Anvar had declared a war against Chief Minister and the CPI(M) leadership. But P C George, seven time MLA and a senior BJP leader in Kerala told

The Pioneer that Anvar himself has no credibility as he was facing serious criminal cases in connection with unauthorized construction of private check dams, quarrying and mining. "He is an Islamic terrorist and his allegations lack conviction," said George.



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Trouble for Siddaramaiah

Karnataka CM faces fresh political and legal challenge as alleged land scam during his previous tenure gains traction

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is facing the heat as a special court has directed the Mysuru Lokayukta police to investigate his connection with an alleged MUDA scam. This follows the Karnataka High Court's dismissal of Siddaramaiah's petition challenging the Governor's approval for the investigation. Siddaramaiah finds himself embroiled in a controversy as a probe into an alleged land scam during his previous tenure (2013-2018) gains momentum. The allegations revolve around irregularities in the denotification of prime land in Bengaluru, where government-owned land was allegedly released for private development, bypassing legal procedures. This development has not only triggered a political storm but also raised questions about the stability of his government, which is already navigating internal challenges. The case, brought to light through opposition parties and activists, accuses Siddaramaiah of misusing his position to facilitate the denotification of land in favour of private individuals. It is claimed

that these actions led to substantial financial losses to the state exchequer. The denotification process is typically reserved for cases where the government no longer requires the land for public purposes. However, the opposition alleges that the decision-making was influenced by vested interests.

The probe, aims to examine Siddaramaiah's role and whether he acted within the framework of the law. While the investigation is in its preliminary stages, the political ramifications are already visible. With the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) demanding a thorough investigation and even his resignation, the pressure on Siddaramaiah is mounting. In response to the accusations, Siddaramaiah has strongly denied any wrongdoing, calling the probe a politically motivated attempt to tarnish his image and destabilise his government. Siddaramaiah's defence rests on his claim that the land denotification was carried out in compliance with legal procedures and was vetted by relevant authorities. He also pointed out that similar cases have been registered against several politicians across party lines, suggesting that this is a standard political practice to harass the CM's of the Opposition parties and not unique to his administration. If the investigation gathers pace and incriminating evidence surfaces, it could weaken his authority, both within his party and in the eyes of the public. The BJP, as the principal opposition in Karnataka, is likely to leverage the land scam to question Siddaramaiah's integrity and leadership. Their demand for accountability could lead to prolonged political uncertainty, especially if the case moves into the courts or if there are calls for judicial oversight. Further, any perception of corruption, especially in a state like Karnataka where electoral battles are fiercely fought, could erode Siddaramaiah's public image. His government, which came to power on promises of transparency and development, may find itself in a difficult position defending its track record if this case gains momentum and more evidence surfaces.



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PICTALK



An artist gives finishing touches to a clay idol of Goddess at artisans' village Kumartuli, in Kolkata. PTI

Exploring the depths of the human mind



VINAYSHIL GAUTAM

As AI draws comparisons to human cognition, the mystery of the mind grows more complex, raising crucial questions about its unused potential



The human mind is a unique organic entity whose lengths of reach and visions of the range are still to be fully mapped. Many believe that an average mind works at less than 30 per cent of its potential. Putting this in the context of artificial intelligence, the matter becomes even more complex. There is a theory doing the rounds in the field of artificial intelligence that suggests that entities of artificial intelligence have the potential of organic functioning, just like the human mind.

The evidence for this is fairly mixed. Some conclusions may emerge over time. The crucial question concerning artificial intelligence however does include its possibilities and potential for organic evolution and growth. As observed, sooner or later, answers will emerge. Even otherwise, the human mind is a suo motu logic of its existence. Attempts to map it, are indeed one of the exciting aspects of human endeavour. Notwithstanding some breakthroughs in mapping the brain, there are areas of brain function that need a closer look both physically and operationally. Interestingly, notwithstanding all this, there is a common reference to the 'second childhood' of human beings, where people, upon reaching a certain

age, start behaving with child-like traits. It is difficult to explain this process, but it is fairly obvious to notice. Similarly, the jury is out on the age by which, the basic orientation of the brain fully takes place. One also needs to know when it matures enough to develop a relationship between the 'conscious' brain and the 'subconscious' brain.

Notwithstanding the diverse interpretations of the above narrative, it is obvious that at some stage the basic foundations of the mind seemingly get concretised. One such example is the influence of early childhood experiences on a growing human being. There are stages of childhood emerging into early adulthood.

All this becomes integral to the individual's ways of thinking and behaving. Popularly, this is known to affect the orientations of a growing individual on matters of finance, gender or for that matter even values.

The list can be extended but more to the point one does not know, exhaustively, of all the influences which go into the making of an operationally adult human mind. Very often, there may be latent influences on a human mind

that may not manifest themselves until a much later point in adulthood.

All in all, many ambiguities remain, and so do many contradictions that stay alive so far as the working of the mind is concerned. Above all, it is generally believed that hormonal changes affect the working of the mind. Both men and women reportedly pass through menopause in their later life. Many are of the view that menopausal effects are more identifiable amongst the women than the men. An issue, however, remains to be fully answered: what are the factors that influence the working of the mind?

Yet another element that influences behaviour is the fall out of a mental shock. It can have many approximations of derailing the thought process of the individual, and indeed, impacting many values. Put simply, many areas of thought, reflection, analysis, and research may contain indications of understanding the dynamics of the mind. It may be a challenge, but a challenge that cannot be evaded.

Further, there are also some transgenerational aspects to it. Say, how two parents deal with each other, or singly and collectively deal with a child

is an important factor for the child's growth. This can carry on across generations. Physiologically, the passing of some genes is known to happen across generations.

This is not only in terms of physical characteristics but also certain diseases that may have affected one of the grandparents in a given generation and resurfaced again two generations later in the physical system of a descendant. The mapping of this process, as of today, needs much additional work to be done.

This also contains a whole research agenda of human physiology, physical anthropology, medicines and more. Such a subject matter would deserve an integrated approach of not just, anthropology, psychology, genetic sciences and more, but a whole setup of support disciplines with appropriate interdisciplinary framework.

This will give insights into the physiology of the human being and the composition of the brain and mind. It is a challenging task, but it is a task that cannot be avoided.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GOVERNOR SPARKS CONTROVERSY

Madam — Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi, in an unprecedented move on the evening of June 29 last year, unilaterally removed Tamil Nadu Minister V Senthilbalaji from the Council of Ministers. But he hastily backtracked from his decision late at night because he too knew that his act was not only illegal but also unconstitutional.

Some people say that Ravi has always been in the habit of being in controversies. But I believe that R N Ravi is a Governor later, first he is the order follower of the ruling Home Ministry. The ideology of the Home Ministry is clearly visible in every decision and every speech of him.

For example, just two days ago, while giving a lecture, he said that 'secularism is a European concept, that is why it was not a part of the Indian Constitution earlier, later, an 'insecure Prime Minister' got it added to the Constitution during the Emergency'.

For example, in one of his sentences, he first hinted at the concept of a Hindutva nation and secondly, he also criticised former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Some critics are demanding the immediate removal of R N Ravi from the post of Governor, whereas I believe that this is an ideological war which has been started by the central Government through the Governor, hence it would be better to answer this verbal war with thoughts only. Ravi should be asked, and then he will also say that the entire Constitution of India is external and is a copy of Europe, especially Britain, hence the entire Constitution should be abolished? Is our Constitution, on the basis of which we are proudly waving the flag of being the largest democracy today, also a European concept?

Has the Governor forgotten that he has taken oath of this Constitution? Secularism is an integral part of our Constitution. It is our biggest duty to keep religion separate from politics. Jang Bahadur Singh | Jamshedpur

Ukraine appreciates India's efforts



The meeting of Ukrainian President Zelenskyy with the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of his US visit for the Quad is taken with the overwhelming gesture from the Ukrainian counterparts. Ukraine has been visited by almost all the Quad leaders in person, and India particularly is playing a spe-

cial role in establishing peace within Ukraine with its humanitarian assistance, negotiating stability deals and peace settlement mediation between Ukraine and Russia. The Indian efforts for peace initiation is so far are still moving ahead in the back channel diplomatic level. For which Ukraine is thankful for the clear support of India towards Ukrainian integrity and sovereignty. India's efforts in this regards is particularly welcoming that, we take care of every nation near or far from us; stuck in the political or economic or geopolitical turmoil, India's assistance will be helpful to ensure peace and tranquillity in the war hit country. Also such moves will also help India to meet its commitment of becoming Vishwa Shanti Guru or World's Peace Leader in the time to come. This peace collaboration between India and Ukraine will take Indian diplomatic skills to the next level. Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

INDIA'S HOCKEY DOMINANCE CONTINUES

Madam—Indian hockey is on a high as exemplified by the way Manpreet Singh's men dominated the Men's Asian trophy at China's Hulunbuir. Notwithstanding the fact that India was the favourites to lift the title, the boys had to perform on the day, and they did. Although India fought hard to overcome an unexpected resistance from China in the final, the same team it had blanked in the league match, there was little doubt that it was the best team on display throughout the tourney. The 2020 Tokyo Olympics bronze medal, 2023 Hangzhou Asian Games gold medal, bronze at the recent Paris Olympics, and now Asian gold: India has had an excellent run on the astroturf for a couple of years, after a long, long period. The best part of the present Indian hockey team is the unity and spirit with which they come across the field come what may. Coach Craig Fulton's disinclination towards unnecessary and unwarranted chopping of players, in contrast to a few former coaches, has played its role. The talented players, of course, are indispensable

to Indian hockey. At the same time, it is felt that India should not rest on its laurels; 2026 World Cup in Belgium and the Netherlands should be another platform to showcase their undoubted brilliance. Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

ENCOUNTERS RAISE CONCERNS

Madam —The recent reports of police encounters resulting in the deaths of alleged criminals raise a critical question about our justice system and accountability, such as how can we allow a system where police act as judge, jury, and executioner? Does law enforcement cross the line from justice to vigilantism? The tragic killings in Badlapur, Unnao, and Chennai reveal a disturbing trend. We need to consider how we can assure accountability that seems to reward extrajudicial actions. It is imperative for supreme courts to intervene and uphold the principles of justice in democracy. Anshu Bharti | Begusarai

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World tourism day: Uniting people, fostering peace

Whether visiting cultural landmarks, enjoying local cuisine, or simply interacting with people, tourism fosters global unity and peace



ANJALI PATHAK

Every year on September 27, the world celebrates World Tourism Day, a reminder of the crucial role that tourism plays in fostering cultural exchange, boosting economies, and promoting peace. As borders open and people explore new destinations, tourism serves as a bridge, uniting diverse cultures and breaking down barriers between nations. In 2024, as we celebrate World Tourism Day, the theme focuses on the far-reaching benefits of travel beyond leisure, recognising how tourism helps us understand the world, its people, and its many cultures in deeper and more meaningful ways.



Tourism is not merely about sightseeing; it's about experiencing the essence of a place, its history, and its culture. As Bulat Nurmukhanov, Deputy Chairman of the Moscow City Tourism Committee, emphasises, "Tourism is primarily a way to immerse oneself in new cultures and experience history." Through tourism, individuals are given the chance to see the world through different lenses, fostering greater acceptance and understanding of other people and their ways of life. This broader understanding is why cities like Moscow have prioritised cultural tourism as a key driver for their economic and social growth. The Moscow tourism strategy emphasises the importance of museums, exhibitions, and cultural events, which help travelers connect with the history and artistic traditions of the region. This approach reflects a global shift in tourism, where travelers seek deeper, more authentic experiences that expand their worldviews.

Tourism has always played a unique role in creating connections between people from different backgrounds. It allows us to learn from one another, building bridges of

understanding and respect. On World Tourism Day, this aspect of travel is especially highlighted, as we reflect on how it fosters harmony in an increasingly interconnected world.

As Kush Kapoor CEO of Roseate Hotels & Resorts, points out, "Tourism is about the connections we forge and the cultural experiences we offer." Kapoor stresses the importance of offering travelers more than just a stay, but a chance to explore different cultures and traditions. In a world where differences can sometimes divide, tourism brings people together, promoting peace and mutual respect.

For hotels and resorts, the focus is now on providing culturally aware experiences, from diverse culinary offerings to personalised services that reflect the traditions and customs of visitors. This kind of attention to cultural diversity enriches the overall travel experience, making it more inclusive and meaningful. Beyond cultural connections, tourism is a major economic driver for many countries. It generates millions of jobs, supports local businesses, and

contributes to the global economy.

Sustainable tourism focuses on minimising the environmental footprint of travel while maximising the positive social and economic impact on host communities. From eco-friendly hotels to tours that support local artisans, tourism can be a powerful tool for inclusive development and environmental protection.

Perhaps the most significant impact of tourism is its role in promoting global peace and understanding. By encouraging interactions between people of different cultures, tourism helps to break down prejudices and build mutual respect. As we celebrate World Tourism Day, it's important to remember that each journey is not just a trip to a new place but an opportunity to engage with the world in a way that promotes peace and harmony. When people experience the customs, values, and traditions of other cultures, they begin to appreciate the similarities and shared humanity that unite us all. (The author is a travel writer, views expressed are personal)



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SHARPENING THE QUAD VISION

Quad summit focused on maintaining peace in the Indo-Pacific region as its top priority



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

Prime Minister Modi's high-profile visit to the US this week reiterated the salience of US-India bilateral, underscored by several key decisions with a clear focus on the future of this 21st century partnership. This visit by the Indian PM, coming after his trips to Russia and Ukraine, points towards a multi-pronged approach, where India is willing to have diplomatic engagements at the highest level, keeping its national interests sacrosanct.

That PM Modi and President Biden have found a mutual friendship framework, despite the Indian PM having held a political roadshow of sorts with his predecessor in the Oval Office, is a signal to the large world, that the US-India bilateral has bipartisan support. The Quas leaders' summit, Modi's rockstar concert-style engagement with the Indian diaspora and his meeting with top CEOs from the technology sector in the US, all point towards an escape velocity having been achieved by the US and India, with no scope of a look back.

China was the invisible elephant in the room, at the Quad leaders' summit. The statement from the Quad summit without naming an aggressive, maritime international law violator, China, mentioned "As four leading maritime democracies in the Indo-Pacific, we unequivocally stand for the maintenance of peace and stability across this dynamic region, as an indispensable element of global security and prosperity.

We strongly oppose any destabilising or unilateral actions that seek to change the status quo by force or coercion. We condemn recent illicit missile launches in the region that violate UN Security Council resolutions. We express serious concern over recent dangerous and aggres-



sive actions in the maritime domain. We seek a region where no country dominates and no country is dominated—one where all countries are free from coercion, and can exercise their agency to determine their futures. We are united in our commitment to upholding a stable and open international system, with its strong support for human rights, the principle of freedom, rule of law, democratic values, sovereignty and territorial integrity, and peaceful settlement of disputes and prohibition on the threat or use of force in accordance with international law, including the UN Charter. Respect for the leadership of regional institutions, including the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF), and the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), is and will remain at the centre of the Quad's efforts." While Quad is not a defence partnership like NATO, the presence of a global superpower, China with its coercive maneuverers in the entire Indian Ocean region, bore heavily on the leaders during the summit in Delaware. Delhi, Delaware (President Biden's hometown), Sydney, and Tokyo are keenly watching the international waters, and violations by China have been reported. The leaders announced "Today we are announcing a new regional Maritime Initiative for Training in the Indo-Pacific (MAITRI), to enable our partners in the region to maximise tools provided through IPMDA and other Quad partner initiatives, to monitor and secure their waters, enforce their laws, and deter unlawful behavior. We look forward to India hosting the inaugural MAITRI workshop in 2025. In addition, Quad partners intend to layer new technology and data into IPMDA over the coming year, to continue to deliver cutting edge capability and information to the region." China would continue to be a key concern for Quad leaders, and would perhaps serve as the super glue closely packing these four countries, with major interest in the Indo-Pacific region in a tighter embrace. The next Quad leaders' summit is likely to be hosted by Delhi, where a new US president is likely to be the key guest of honour. Given that ex-President Trump had encouraged the Quad grouping and President Biden has elevated it to leaders summit, it is safe to assume that QUAD is here to stay.

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Dissanayake's rise amidst Sri Lanka's political uncertainty

As the nation transitions under Dissanayake's leadership, questions loom about his ability to navigate the complex web of rivalries that define Sri Lanka's volatile democracy



NILANTHA LANGAMUWA

One of the senior editors in Colombo recounted an experience he had in Parliament after a crucial debate, where he observed two politicians discussing serious issues. After the discussion, the editor remarked to one of the leaders, "Look, you always attack him in Parliament, but behind the scenes, you are so close and listen to him carefully." This leader was none other than Anura Kumara Dissanayake, the newly elected ninth Executive President of Sri Lanka and leader of the Marxist-Leninist Party Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna. The person he was listening to was his predecessor, former President Ranil Wickremesinghe, a neoliberal democrat. In response to the editor's comment, Dissanayake stated, "Whatever we say in Parliament, listening to him for five minutes behind the scenes is where we can learn a lot about politics." Wickremesinghe embodies the craft of political manoeuvring, while Dissanayake represents an idealism that has sought to reshape politics through violent revolution, a pursuit that has, lamentably, cost over 60,000 young lives. But later, he engineered a shift among a few key party members to adopt a middle ground to attract liberal democrats through the NPP alliance. So far, it has been a successful story.

The friendship between these two leaders grew for a reason: Wickremesinghe was facing serious internal rifts within his party, the United National Party, where his junior, Sajith Premadasa, was rebelling against him. The history of this party is filled with tales of internal conflicts and bitter betrayals that continue to haunt its prosperity. Nevertheless, Wickremesinghe demonstrated resilience, showing that no matter who declared a power struggle against him, he could adeptly play the game of politics. This Machiavellian politician, well-versed in power dynamics, understands that he would never engage in a battle when it could be won through deception. The painful reality, however, is the consequences of these internal conflicts within political parties as the country enters a new era dominated by "political coalitions." In my opinion, this is not a healthy exercise for a robust democracy.

The erosion of political parties, the backbone of political ideologies, inevitably paves the way for unprecedented crises and precarious social outcomes. However, few realise that the friendship between Wickremesinghe, a man from Colombo's elite and a well-established political family, played [knowingly or unknowingly] a vital role in President Dissanayake's victory. The longstanding enmity between Wickremesinghe and Premadasa was undoubtedly a significant factor in Dissanayake's success, even though many predicted that no candidate would secure the over 50 per cent of votes required to win.

The results reflect the polarised political divisions in Sri Lanka, where minority-dominated areas remarkably rejected Dissanayake, presenting a significant challenge for the forthcoming general elections, as his political alliance will need to secure over 113 seats out of 225 to establish its power in Parliament.

Erik Solheim, former Norwegian minister and climate change advisor to Sri Lanka, who has been actively involved in Sri Lankan politics since the LTTE era as



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a mediator in peace talks, commented on the significance of this election, stating, "The weakness of the election winner is that his coalition has very little experience running a complicated state like Sri Lanka. They may struggle to achieve a majority in Parliament and implement their many promises in a challenging economic environment."

Despite the worldwide congratulatory messages pouring in for the new leader, I find these insights particularly useful for forecasting the future trajectory of electoral outcomes and the challenges that the island nation is likely to face. The caretaker government, appointed for just two months until 14 November, faces low expectations and should refrain from making new appointments, wisely retaining some senior ministry secretaries from the previous administration.

If the President fails to secure a majority in the House, he will need to form a coalition, but if that proves impossible, the opposition may take control of Parliament, leading to chaotic infighting—an alarming scenario for an inexperienced President unprepared for Sri Lanka's complex political landscape. This situation accentuates significant uncertainties ahead. Historical trends suggest that a President's party or coalition often secures a majority in subsequent elections; however, the recent election results, where the winning candidate failed to garner over 50 per cent of the vote amidst three main contenders, complicate this.

The strong support for Sajith Premadasa and Ranil Wickremesinghe in Tamil-dominated provinces indicates a serious challenge for the newly elected President and his coalition as they approach the upcoming par-

liamentary elections. However, what is remarkable about this election is that it was exceptionally peaceful, with no violence reported, allowing for a refreshing power transition. The commendable role played by the Elections Commission in Sri Lanka cannot be overstated.

This calmness is particularly surprising in a country where people previously took to the streets, violently ousting the Prime Minister and President after experiencing a devastating economic crisis. Many find it hard to believe. Nonetheless, this should not be seen as the calm before the storm, as the country's economy remains precarious. No leader can fulfil all the promises made during the election campaign. The responsibility now lies with the leader and his team to convince the public, fostering understanding and collaboration to overcome the challenges ahead. This is where the reality of the much-discussed "new renaissance" will be tested against the ground realities. The nation-state and its historical trajectory will provide important lessons in understanding what the future may hold. What does it mean for a nation's history to be an intricate weave of choices and consequences rather than a mere succession of events? This perspective compels us to reflect on the profound implications of individual and collective decisions on the essence of a nation. The dismissal of "what ifs" simplifies a complex reality rich with potential paths, urging us to explore the interplay between certainty and possibility.

In the post-independence landscape, missed opportunities for reconciliation and economic transformation reveal a dissonance between political aspira-

tions and societal realities. The notion of a 'false renaissance' recurs throughout pivotal moments: the 1948 declaration of Independence, the 1956 Sinhala Only Act, the 1972 establishment of a republic, the 1977 shift to an open economy, the election of the first female executive president in 1994, the conclusion of the civil war in 2009, and the election of an apolitical leader (Gotabaya Rajapaksa) to overhaul the social structure in 2019—all serve as warnings against complacency born from superficial progress that obscures unresolved tensions and deep-rooted systemic issues.

Therefore, sensationalising the new leader's humble family background and expressing anger towards the "self-proclaimed elites" and their alleged corruption may not provide the sustainable answers that the nation desperately seeks. Instead, it is the collective will and the leader's capacity to engage with those who oppose him that will be essential for embarking on this new journey. While propaganda may orchestrate a false renaissance, the shimmering illusions of progress starkly contrast with the gritty ground reality, exposing a profound philosophical enigma: the allure of superficial advancement often obscures the underlying fractures of society. This compels us to confront the uncomfortable truths of our existence that we habitually choose to ignore in our quest for meaning and coherence.

This challenge now lies before the new leadership. Behold an essential, paradoxical truth: within this tranquil interlude lies the profound anticipation of the storm to come.

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Agri-tech 2.0 : Digital innovations paving the path to sustainable farming

By boosting productivity, promoting sustainability and reducing environmental impact, these technologies offer a pathway for sustainable future

As the global population heads toward an estimated 10 billion by 2050, the agricultural sector faces mounting pressure to significantly increase food production. For India, with its vast and diverse agricultural landscape, this presents a critical challenge. Traditional farming methods alone will not be enough to meet the needs of a growing population while also addressing the threats posed by climate change, dwindling natural resources and the imperative for sustainable practices. In this context, agri-tech, the convergence of technology and agriculture, offers a transformative pathway forward. By integrating cutting-edge digital technologies into farming, India has the potential to enhance productivity, sustain-



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ability, and resilience. This article explores how these emerging technologies are reshaping the agricultural sector in India, positioning it to meet the demands of the future.

Agriculture at a Crossroads : For decades, agriculture has been the backbone of India's economy, employing over 50 per cent of the workforce and contributing significantly to GDP. However, the sector is

now facing unprecedented strain. The growing population, along with environmental challenges such as erratic weather patterns, water scarcity, and soil degradation, has placed the industry at a critical juncture. The traditional methods of farming are no longer sufficient to meet the increasing demand for food while preserving the environment. This is where agri-tech comes into play, providing innovative solutions that can transform Indian agriculture by improving efficiency and promoting sustainable practices.

Precision Agriculture: Data-Driven Farming: One of the most promising advancements in agri-tech is precision agriculture, which leverages technologies such as GPS, IoT sen-

sors, and drones to optimise farming operations. By gathering and analysing real-time data on factors like soil health, weather conditions, and crop growth, precision agriculture enables farmers to make informed decisions. This approach helps in the efficient use of water, fertilisers, and pesticides, minimising waste and environmental harm while maximising crop yields.

In India, the adoption of precision agriculture is accelerating. According to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), these techniques have the potential to increase yields by 15-25 per cent while reducing input costs by 10-15 per cent. The precision agriculture market in India is expected to grow significantly, from USD 57.6 mil-



lion in 2020 to USD 124.2 million by 2025. Government initiatives like the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) for water conservation and the Soil Health Card Scheme for better fertiliser management are further driving this growth.

AI and Machine Learning: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) are also playing a crucial role in modernising Indian agricul-

ture. By analysing vast amounts of data from satellite imagery, weather forecasts, and historical crop performance, AI algorithms can predict potential problems like pest outbreaks and suggest the best times for planting. AI-powered platforms are already being used to predict pest infestations and optimise pesticide use, potentially reducing the need for harmful chemicals by up to 30 per cent.

Ensuring Transparency: Blockchain technology is emerging as a revolutionary tool in agricultural supply chains. By offering a decentralised ledger for recording transactions, blockchain ensures transparency, reduces fraud, and promotes fair trade practices. For farmers, suppliers, and consumers alike,

blockchain provides verifiable information about the origin and journey of food products, ensuring adherence to sustainability standards. The blockchain market in India's agriculture and food supply chain is expected to grow at a CAGR of 47.8 per cent, reaching USD 289 million by 2027.

IoT and Smart Farming: The Internet of Things (IoT) is revolutionising how farmers monitor and manage their crops. IoT devices, such as soil moisture sensors and weather stations, provide real-time data on environmental conditions, allowing for better decision-making in the field. For example, smart irrigation systems can adjust water usage based on real-time data, saving water and improving crop health. The IoT in agriculture market in India is projected to reach USD 634.5 million by 2027, growing at a CAGR of 12.5 per cent.

Use of Drones: Equipped with high-resolution cameras and sensors, drones provide farmers with detailed aerial imagery of their fields. This helps in identifying issues such as nutrient deficiencies, pest infestations, and water stress. Farmers can then take targeted actions, reducing waste and environmental damage. The use of drones in Indian agriculture is expected to grow substantially, with the market anticipated to reach USD 108 million by 2025.

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US, allies call for immediate ceasefire between Israel, Hezbollah

AP ■ NEW YORK

The US, France and other allies jointly called on Wednesday for an immediate 21-day cease-fire to allow for negotiations in the escalating conflict between Israel and Hezbollah that has killed more than 600 people in Lebanon in recent days. The joint statement, negotiated on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York, says the recent fighting is "intolerable and presents an unacceptable risk of a broader regional escalation".

"We call for an immediate 21-day cease-fire across the Lebanon-Israel border to provide space for diplomacy," the statement said. "We call on all parties, including the governments of Israel and Lebanon, to endorse the temporary cease-fire immediately." There was no immediate reaction from the Lebanese side — or Hezbollah — but senior US officials said all parties were

aware of the call for a cease-fire. Netanyahu's Office said that the cease-fire put forward from the United States and France was only a proposal and the Prime Minister, who is currently on a flight en route to the United States for the United Nations General Assembly, has not responded to the proposal. Earlier, representatives for Israel and Lebanon reiterated their support for a UN resolution that ended the 2006 war between Israel and the Iranian-backed militant group.

The US hopes the new deal could lead to longer-term stability along the border between Israel and Lebanon. Months of Israeli and Hezbollah exchanges of fire have driven tens of thousands of people from their homes, and escalated attacks over the past week have rekindled fears of a broader war in the Middle East. The US officials said Hezbollah would not be a signatory to the cease-fire but



believed the Lebanese government would coordinate its acceptance with the group. They said they expected Israel to "welcome" the proposal and perhaps formally accept it when Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks at the General Assembly on

Friday. While the deal applies only to the Israel-Lebanon border, the US officials said they were looking to use a three-week pause in fighting to restart stalled negotiations for a cease-fire and hostage release deal between Israel and Hamas, another Iranian-

backed militant group, after nearly a year of war in Gaza. The US, France and other allies jointly called Wednesday for an immediate 21-day cease-fire to allow for negotiations in the escalating conflict between Israel and Hezbollah that has killed more than 600 people in Lebanon in recent days.

The allies calling for a halt to the Israel-Hezbollah conflict are the United States, Australia, Canada, the European Union, France, the UK, Germany, Italy, Japan, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Qatar. Work on the proposal came together quickly this week with President Joe Biden's national security team, led by Secretary of State Antony Blinken and national security adviser Jake Sullivan, meeting with world leaders in New York and lobbying other countries to support the plan, according to US officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Trump threatens to end Biden immigration programmes

AP ■ WASHINGTON



Former President Donald Trump, who has made anti-immigration rhetoric a key part of his reelection campaign, has warned that he would kick out hundreds of thousands of immigrants who have entered the country under two key Biden administration programmes if he is reelected. Speaking to Fox News on Wednesday, Trump railed against two immigration programs created by the Biden administration to encourage migrants not to come directly to the southern border to seek asylum and make the region less chaotic.

Trump said he would make the more than 1 million people who have entered the US under the two programmes leave: "Get ready to leave because you're going to be going out real fast."

Trump has already promised a vast crackdown on immigration if he's reelected, including a vow to carry out mass deportations of migrants. He made similar pledges during previous campaigns, but during his time as president, deportations never topped 500,000.

Under one Biden administration programme, migrants as far south as the Mexican border with Guatemala can use a smartphone app called CBP One to schedule a date to come to an official US border crossing to seek asylum. So far,

813,000 migrants have used that system since it was launched in January 2023. Separately, the administration launched a programme last year that allows 30,000 people a month from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela to come to the United States if they have a financial sponsor, pass background vetting and buy a plane ticket to fly into an American airport instead of going to the southern border. About 530,000 people have come to the US under that programme.

Migrants using both programmes are admitted to the country under humanitarian parole for two years. The Biden administration has touted both policies as ways to reduce chaos at the border with Mexico, cut out vicious smuggling networks and allow for more vetting of migrants before they enter the country. But Republicans say both programs essentially amount to an end-run around the country's immigration laws, which are set by Congress, and that the Biden administration is admitting people who otherwise would not qualify to come to the US. Republican-led states have sued to stop both policies.

Following previous pledges for mass deportations of migrants, Trump and his chief immigration policy architect, Stephen Miller, are bringing more specifics on how he plans to carry them out in a second White House term, such as invoking wartime powers, relying on like-minded governors and using the military.

However, any efforts to deport migrants on such a large scale would almost certainly run into legal, logistical and financial challenges. Immigration advocacy groups say that Trump's promises of mass deportations are sowing fear among migrant communities. Esther Sung is the legal director for Justice Action Center. When Republican-led states sued to end the sponsorship program for Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans and Venezuelans the organization represented Americans who sponsored migrants to come to the US and wanted to preserve the program.

A federal judge in Texas allowed the program to continue, saying the states hadn't proved they suffered financial harm because of it.

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1.	Vikas Chandra/ Sunita Devi (LBJA000644541) & C-86D, Sector 62, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Rajat Vihar Noida, Uttar Pradesh Noida- 201301	Property Address- 1. Flat No.604, 6th Floor, Tower Avana, Plot No.01, KH. No. 56, Village Narottampura, Tehsil Sanganger, Jaipur, Rajasthan & Property Address- 2. Flat No.605, 6th Floor, Tower Avana, Plot No.01, KH. No.56, Village Narottampura, Tehsil Sanganger, Jaipur, Rajasthan	26/08/2024 Rs. 2,75,760/-	06/05/2024
2.	Vikas Chandra / Sunita Devi (TBJA00006433851) & C-86D, Sector 62, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Rajat Vihar Noida, Uttar Pradesh Noida- 201301	Property Address- 1. Flat No.604, 6th Floor, Tower Avana, Plot No.01, KH. No. 56, Village Narottampura, Tehsil Sanganger, Jaipur, Rajasthan & Property Address- 2. Flat No.605, 6th Floor, Tower Avana, Plot No.01, KH. No.56, Village Narottampura, Tehsil Sanganger, Jaipur, Rajasthan	26/08/2024 Rs. 51,48,374.04/-	06/05/2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that of Mr. Ajay Kumar Pandey and Mr. Tarkeshwar Pandey were the owner of PART OF PROPERTY BEARING NO. B-143, AREA MEASURING 268 SQ. YDS. OUT OF KIARSA NO. 392/264MIN, SITUATED AT VILLAGE CHILSA, SARODA BANGER IN THE ABADI BLOCK-1, NEW ASHOK NAGAR, ILLAQA SHAHDARA, DELHI-110096. By virtue of Notarized G.P.A. AT&S Will dated 28.03.2011, executed by Mr. Padam Kishore Sharma, and same to be finance by SWFC India Home Finance Co. Ltd. General public hereby informed that if anybody has any charge/interest in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.

Mrs. Prason Lata & Rahul Raj Parthab, Advocate (ICICI Bank) (Law Firm)
FF 18, Lotus Pool Plaza Vahyaji Khanna Indraprastha Park, Delhi-110028, India. Ph: 9111754, 0114444096

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Suresh Kumar S/o Moti Ram, Resident of House No. 28, Outubgarh, Delhi-110039. Hereby declare that I have Evicted my Sons BOBY and SONU and my Daughter-in-law Shilpa and Kamlesh and Grandson Prince from my all movable and immovable properties due to all misbehave. if anybody dealing with them own his/her risk. I will never be responsible both Act.

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2.	Anita Belwal/ Deepak Chopra A/c No LBGUR0002892058/ 115 Aspen Greens Nirvana Country Sec 50 Gurgaon Haryana 122001	Flat No 3161, 16th Floor Type A In Tower 3, Ats Mari Gold, Sector 89a, Gurgaon Haryana 122001	17/08/2024 Rs. 67,67,676.33/-	30-05-2024
3.	Anita Belwal/ Deepak Chopra A/c No LBGUR0002892058/ 115 Aspen Greens Nirvana Country Sec 50 Gurgaon Haryana 122001	Flat No 3161, 16th Floor Type A In Tower 3, Ats Mari Gold, Sector 89a, Gurgaon Haryana 122001	17/08/2024 Rs. 67,58,729.91/-	30-05-2024
4.	Shashank Manjari/ Vikash Chandra Mishra/ Mansui Trading Pvt Ltd A/c No LBGUR00004492313/ House No 375, Sector 40 Gurgaon, Haryana 122001	Plot No 713, Sector 40, Urban Estate, Gurgaon, Tehsil And District Gurgaon Haryana 122001	10/08/2024 Rs. 1,04,01,464.33/-	08-06-2024
5.	Shashank Manjari/ Vikash Chandra Mishra/ Mansui Trading Pvt Ltd A/c No LBGUR00005115451/ House No 375, Sector 40 Gurgaon, Haryana 122001	Plot No 713, Sector 40, Urban Estate, Gurgaon, Tehsil And District Gurgaon Haryana 122001	10/08/2024 Rs. 4,24,012.4/-	08-06-2024
6.	Rishabh Aggarwal/ Wazir LLP/ Rishabh Aggarwal/ Mukesh Kumar A/c No TBGUR0006574421/ Office No 612 To 615 Spaze Boulevard Gurgaon Haryana 122018	Unit No 601 & 602, 6th Floor Spaze Boulevard, Sohna Road Sector 47, Gurgaon 122001	03/09/2024 Rs. 1,01,37,272.08/-	04-07-2024
7.	Amit Gupta/ Mithlesh Gupta/ Vijender Kumar A/c No LBGUR00004247403/ H No- 44A Pocket- B Saraswati Vihar Delhi 110052	Unit No 1143, 11th Floor Jmd Megapolis Sector 48, Sohna Road Situated At Village Tikri Tehsil And District Gurgaon 122001	02/09/2024 Rs. 74,61,425/-	21-06-2024
8.	Dhruv Harjai/ Ravi Mohan Harjai A/c No LBGUR000210976/ G-1002 Suncity Heights Golf Course Road Suncity Sec-54 Haryana Gurgaon 122002	Flat No 103, 1st Floor Tower V, The Hyde Park, Plot No Gh -003, Sector 78, Noida 201301	02/09/2024 Rs. 70,45,791.07/-	03-06-2024
9.	Surender Singh Sheoran/ Sahil Sheoran/ Kiran, A/c No LBFDB00005400953/ H-No- 1121 A Sec-23 A Haryana Faridabad 121004	Residential Site Property No 2471, Sector 65, Urban Estate Faridabad Ballabhgarh Faridabad 121001	27/08/2024 Rs. 42,39,860.22/-	09-06-2024
10.	Surender Singh Sheoran/ Sahil Sheoran/ Kiran, A/c No TBFD00006509262/ H-No- 1121 A Sec-23 A Haryana Faridabad 121004	Residential Site Property No 2471, Sector 65, Urban Estate Faridabad Ballabhgarh Faridabad 121001	27/08/2024 Rs. 21,78,713.6/-	09-06-2024
11.	Pradeep Vidyadharan/ Tina Nag A/c No LBGUR0002492794/ R/o 410, 4th Floor, Tower 9, Preview Techno Apartments, Sector CH15, Greater Noida Uttar Pradesh Noida 201301	Flat No. T-3C-616, 16th Floor, Ncr Monarch, Situated At Plot No. Gh-02/c, Sector-01, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, 201307	11/09/2024 Rs. 48,44,285.32/-	03-06-2024
12.	Ashutosh Yadav/ Narendar Kumar Yadav A/c No LBGUR0004863716/ House No, 553 Sec 14 Gurgaon Haryana Gurgaon 122001	Plot No 304, Sector 1, Part -1, Narnaul Complex Rewari 123401	19/08/2024 Rs. 27,32,484.95/-	11-10-2022
13.	Ashutosh Yadav/ Narendar Kumar Yadav A/c No LBGUR0004858678/ House No, 553 Sec 14 Gurgaon Haryana Gurgaon 122001	Plot No 304, Sector 1, Part -1, Narnaul Complex Rewari 123401	19/08/2024 Rs. 14,49,676.09/-	11-10-2022
14.	Amber Walia A/c No LBGUR0005985670/ Flat No.36, Manav Apartments, A-3, Delhi 110063	Flat No-10132, 13th Floor, Tower-10, Synera, Situated At Sector-81, Village-nakhdaula, Tehsil-manesar, District Gurgaon Haryana 122005	17/08/2024 Rs. 26,263.9/-	06-05-2024
15.	Amber Walia A/c No LBDEL00005867031/ Flat No.36, Manav Apartments, A-3, Delhi 110063	Flat No-10132, 13th Floor, Tower-10, Synera, Situated At Sector-81, Village-nakhdaula, Tehsil-manesar, District Gurgaon Haryana 122005	17/08/2024 Rs. 17,99,715.5/-	06-05-2024
16.	Sonu Sharma/ Arti Devi A/c No LBKBA00005186625/ R/o 968/ 4, Ashok Nagar Line Par Bahadurgarh Haryana Haryana 124507	Property Comprised In Khata No. 1154, Khasra No. 26712/2-5, Intkal No. 10471A, Situated At Mauji Ashok Colony, Railway Line Par, Inside Municipal Of Bahadurgarh, District Jhajjar, Haryana, 124507	02/09/2024 Rs. 13,55,578.63/-	08-06-2024
17.	Akshansh Kumar Kulshreshtha/ Neha Kulshreshtha A/c No LBGUR0003765389/ HN 599/ 23 Luxmi Garden, Gurgaon Haryana 122001	Flat No A1-205, 2nd Floor, Aangan Tower, A1, Sector 88a And 89a, Village Harsara Gurgaon Haryana 122001	26/08/2024 Rs. 8,90,121.64/-	18-06-2024
18.	Manoj Kumar Dubey/ Kavita, A/c No LBFDB0002866425/ House No. D-452-F, Gali No. 32, Molar Band Extension Badarpur, Mandir Shani Dev, Mehrauli, Delhi- 110044	Flat No. 1108, 11th Floor, Type-b, Tower-7, Auric City Homes, Situated At Village Bhatola Sector-82, Faridabad, Haryana, 121001	29/08/2024 Rs. 9,05,153.52/-	11-05-2024
19.	Gaurav/ Manju, A/c No LBGUR0003241060/ H No 4686 St No 3, Shivaji Nagar Ludhiana, Punjab, 141008, Shivaji Nagar Ludhiana, Ludhiana, Punjab-141008	Flat No C-153, 14th Floor, 63 Golf Drive Tower 3, Situated At Sector-63a, Gurgaon, Haryana 122001	06/07/2024 Rs. 10,46,061.00/-	18-12-2023

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1.	Premendra Shankar, Ranjana Srivastava, C-87 Third Floor Duggal Colony, Khanpur Extension, Khanpur South Delhi Pushpa Bhawan, Delhi-110062 Ac- LBGHZ00004858544	Duplex House No. 252, Block HD, Sector 135, Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida- 201301	14/08/2024 Rs. 1,04,19,607.44/-	03/06/2024
2.	Saloni Mohan, Hari Mohan Grover, Flat No. 401 Tower A, Sunworld Arista, Sector 168, Chhaprauli Bangar, Noida- 201305 Ac- LBGHZ00002398248	Apartment No. 1402, 14th Floor Chestnut, T-2 Surwadi Arista Situated At GH 1C, Sector 168 Noida Expressway Noida- 201301	02/09/2024 Rs. 54,67,186.26/-	03/06/2024
3.	Preeti Jogeshwar, Asha Jogeshwar, K-304 Anjara Homes, Sector 16B, Khara, Greater Noida West, Uttar Pradesh, Gautam Buddha Nagar - 201309 Ac- TBND00006188604/ LBNOD00006198200	Flat No. 12135, 12th Floor, Block Chestnut, Mahagun Mywoods, Built On Plot No. GH-04, Sector-16c, Greater Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, 201306	10/9/2024 Rs. 42,12,449/- Rs. 1,05,465/-	27/06/2024
4.	Manoj Kumar, Raj Kumar, Chander Prabha, D 1/65 D Block Pkt 1 Rohini Sec 16, Delhi- 110085 Ac- LBDEL0000598285/ LBDEL00005798309/ LBDEL00005798330/ LBDEL00005766884/ LBDEL00002210005/ LBDEL00003479699	Property Bearing No. 65, Block D, Pocket-1, Sector-16, Rohini Residential Scheme New Delhi- 110085	27/08/2024 Rs. 84,380.4/- Rs. 12,102.7/- Rs. 27,659.28/- Rs. 9,21,255.03/- Rs. 15,64,867.43/- Rs. 9,51,677.00/-	05/05/2024
5.	Ashish Dass, Sunita, 214 Dda Flats, Hastal Vikas Park, Near Kendriya Vidyalaya, New Delhi, Delhi- 110059 Ac- LBDEL00002440013	Flat No. 2302, 23rd Floor, Anjara Le Garden, Tower-0, Situated At Plot No. GH-02, Sector-16, Greater Noida West, Uttar Pradesh- 201307	10/09/2024 Rs. 27,49,192.36/-	07/09/2024
6.	Dharmendra Singh, Shobha Singh, R/o 143 2nd Floor, Ashoka Enclave, Main Sector-34, Delhi, New Delhi- 121003 Ac- LBDEL00006358114/ LBDEL00006365427	Flat No. F-1103, 11th Floor, Tower Blueberry, Situated At Green Arch, Plot No. Gh-10A, Sector-63, Techzone-IV, Greater Noida West, Uttar Pradesh, 201303	17/08/2024 Rs. 23,02,158.54/- Rs. 173,870.32/-	13/05/2024
7.	Sanjeev Kumar Jain, Namita Jain, B-12, Second Floor, Frontside Rana Pratap Bagh, New Delhi, Delhi-110007 Ac- LBDEL00001288341/ LBDEL00001757133 / LBDEL00001757141	Flat No. A-208/2, Second Floor, Without Roof/terrace Rights, Sector-A, Situated In The Layout Plan Of Dera Ismail Khan Co-op. Housing Society Ltd., Derawal Nagar, Mubarak Bagh, G.T. Road, Post Office Azadpur, Delhi- 110033	10/09/2024 Rs. 97,71,415.44/- Rs. 2,14,882.71/- Rs. 5,24,906.49/-	07/05/2009
8.	Pratik Kumar Jain, Sarita, A 188 Gulab Bagh Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059 Ac- LBDEL00004976580	Flat No A-1406, 14th Floor, Tower-A, Diya Green City, Situated At Khasra No-1097 & 1098, Village Merta, Raj Nagar Ext., Meerut Road, Ghaziabad 201001 (with One Open Car Parking)	02/09/2024 Rs. 19,52,034.34/-	28/03/2024
9.	Niharika Biswas, H No. 503 A UP Start, Mahalla Ratnagar, Khandia Eldiko, Khandia, Lucknow-226025 Ac- LBDEL00006036568/ LBDEL00006077643	Flat No C 906, 9th Floor Tower C, Terra Lavinius Sector-75 Faridabad- 121001	04/09/2024 Rs. 18,58,675.44/- Rs. 82,395.18/-	09/04/2024
10.	Amber Walia, Flat No.36, Manav Apartments, A-3, Delhi, West Delhi-110063 Ac- LBDEL00005867031/ LBGUR00005985670	Flat No-10132, 13th Floor, Tower-10, Synera, Situated At Sector-81, Village-nakhdaula, Tehsil-manesar, District Gurgaon Haryana- 122005	17/08/2024 Rs. 17,99,715.5/- Rs. 26,263.9/-	06/05/2024
11.	Prashant Kumar Singh, Ananya Singh, R/o D-401, Bhagyawan Apartments, Mayur Vihar Phase-I, East Delhi, New Delhi, Delhi- 110091 Ac- LBNOD00002129217	Flat No. 406, 4th Floor, Tower-D, Ace Aspire, Situated At Plot No. GH-02A, Sector Techzone-IV, Greater Noida, District Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh- 201307	10/09/2024 Rs. 17,78,065.54/-	03/06/2024
12.	Ramanand, Anita Devi, Hasan Mushtaba, R/ 163 Masjid Vail Gali, Vikas Nagar NFL, Haryana, Panipat-132103 Ac- LBGHZ00004975305	Shop No. O-651, 6th Floor, Wing-B, Gaur City, Gaur City Center, Situated At Plot No. GH-01, Sector-4, Greater Noida, District Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh- 201307	10/09/2024 Rs. 16,01,248.12/-	05/05/2024
13.	Amit Kumar Pandey, Namita Pandey, C/o Pritam Lal, Bm-38, West Oxford Square Supertech, Eco Village 2, Greater Noida Extn., Bishrakh, Uttar Pradesh, Gautam Budh Nagar - 201306 Ac- TBDEL00006483626	Unit No. Sw 20042, 20th Floor, Mahagun Mywood, Block Sandel Wood, Situated At Plot No. GH-04, Sector-16c, Greater Noida West, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh- 201306	10/09/2024 Rs. 13,82,607.42/-	12/05/2024
14.	Kaushal Sharma, Renu Sharma, House No. 32-B-ST No.-9, Block-B, Mahalaxmi Enclave, Karwal Nagar , New Delhi, Delhi- 110094 Ac- LBDEL00001977334	Flat No. 1202, 12th Floor, Tower-M, Type-2, Blossom Greens, Situated At Plot GH-01, Sector-143, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, 201305	09/02/2024 Rs. 13,07,316.82/-	08/06/2024
15.	Vijay Kumar Shukla, Madhu Shukla, C/o Pritam Lal, Bm-38, West Oxford Square Supertech, Eco Village 2, Greater Noida Extn., Bishrakh, Uttar Pradesh, Gautam Budh Nagar - 201306 Ac- LBDEL00006589867 / LBDEL00001791387	Flat No-60, Pocket-3 Block-H, Second Floor (Front Side) Sector-18 DELHI 110085	27/08/2024 Rs. 10,79,226.06/- Rs. 1,97,921.02/-	03/02/2024
16.	Ravi Kumar, R Insprio It Private Limited, Yogendra Prasad, Anita Kumar, Paritosh Pandey, R/o B-107 Oxford Square Supertech, Eco Village 3 Noida Extension, Uttar Pradesh, Greater Noida- 201305 Ac- LBNOD00005185390	Flat No. 1705, 17th Floor, Tower 15, Exotic Dreamville, Situated At Plot No. GH-01A, Sector-16c, Greater Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, 201307	10/09/2024 Rs. 9,32,376.12/-	27/06/2024
17.	Mahendra Singh, Seema Singh, House No. 32-B-ST No.-9, Block-B, Mahalaxmi Enclave, Karwal Nagar , New Delhi, Delhi- 110094 Ac- LBDEL00001979532	Free Hold Flat No. B-29/31, Sapna Type 2 Flat, Challen No 1384,3rd Floor, Sector -5, Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh 201010	10/09/2024 Rs. 4,03,602.9/-	04/04/2024
18.	Sumit Nanda, Nisha Nanda, R/o 140 2nd Floor, Ashiana Greens, Ashina Khand-III Indrapuram, Uttar Pradesh, Ghaziabad - 201001 Ac- LBNOD00002083292	Flat No. 401, 4th Floor, Tower-K-2, Neotown, Situated At Plot No. GH-03, Sector-Techzone-iv, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, 201307	02/09/2024 Rs. 4,00,841.6/-	08/05/2024

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Trump: Ukraine is demolished

Washington (AP): Former President Donald Trump described Ukraine in bleak and mournful terms on Wednesday, referring to its people as "dead" and the country itself as "demolished", and further raising questions about how much the former president would be willing if elected again to concede in a negotiation over the country's future.

Trump argued Ukraine should have made concessions to the Russian President Vladimir Putin in the months before Russia's February 2022 attack, declaring that even "the worst deal would've been better than what we have now".

Trump, who has long been critical of US aid to Ukraine, frequently claims that Russia never would have invaded if he was president and that he would put an end to the war if he returned to the White House. But rarely has he discussed the conflict in such detail.

His remarks, at a North Carolina event billed as an economic speech, come on the heels of a debate this month in which he pointedly refused to say whether he wanted Ukraine to win the war. On Tuesday, Trump touted the prowess of Russia and its predecessor Soviet Union, saying that wars are "what they do".

The Republican former president, notoriously attuned to slights, began his denunciation of Ukraine by alluding to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's recent would be willing if elected again to concede in a negotiation over the country's future.

Zelenskyy, who is visiting the US this week to attend the UN General Assembly, told The New Yorker that Vance was "too radical" for proposing that Ukraine surrender territories under Russian control and that Trump "doesn't really know how to stop the war even if he might think he knows how".

Said Trump, "It's something we have to have a quick discussion about because the president of Ukraine is in our country and he's making little nasty aspersions toward your favorite president, me."

Trump painted Ukraine as a country in ruins outside its capital, Kyiv, short on soldiers and losing population to war deaths and neighbouring countries. He questioned whether the country has any bargaining chips left to negotiate an end to the war.

Harrods issues apology to women claiming abuse by former owner

London (AP): The managing director of Harrods said Thursday that the London department store is "deeply sorry" for failing employees who say they were sexually assaulted by late owner Mohamed Al Fayed. Michael Ward said it is clear Al Fayed "presided over a toxic culture of secrecy, intimidation, fear of repercussions and sexual misconduct".

Five women have told the BBC they were raped by Al Fayed, who died last year aged 94, and several others allege acts of assault and physical violence. Lawyers for the alleged victims say they have been retained by 37 women and the list is growing.

Ward said he was "not aware of his (Al Fayed's) criminality and abuse" during the four years he worked for the Harrod's owner, though "rumours of his behaviour circulated in the public domain."

Al Fayed owned Harrods for a quarter century before selling it 2010 to a company owned by the state of Qatar through its sovereign wealth fund, the Qatar Investment Authority. "We failed our colleagues and for that we are deeply sorry," Ward said in a statement. He said Harrods had set up a "settlement process" for Al Fayed's victims.

"This was a shameful period in the business' history," the statement said. "However, the Harrods of today is unrecognisable to Harrods under his ownership."

London's Metropolitan Police say they were made aware of allegations in the past and had questioned Al Fayed in 2008 over the alleged sexual abuse of a 15-year-old, but prosecutors at the time did not take the cases forward.

Al Fayed's family has not commented.

Egypt-born businessman Al Fayed moved to Britain in the 1960s and bought Harrods, an upmarket retail emporium in London's tony Knightsbridge district, in the mid-1980s. He became

Zelensky visiting WH as partisan divide grows over Ukraine war



U.S. President Joe Biden, center, with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky, left, Britain's Prime Minister Keir Starmer, right, and other world leaders pose for a family picture of the launching of a Joint Declaration of Support for Ukrainian Recovery and Reconstruction, Wednesday in New York.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky is visiting Washington on Thursday as U.S. support for his country's fight against Russia faces a partisan reckoning in this year's presidential election. Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic nominee for president, has pledged to continue sending military assistance to Ukraine if she's elected. She'll have her own meeting with Zelensky after the Ukrainian leader sits down with President Joe Biden, who announced billions of dollars more in missiles, drones, ammunition and other supplies. The weapons include an additional Patriot missile defense battery and a new shipment of glide bombs that can be deployed from Western fighter jets, increasing their strike range.

other world leaders focused on Ukraine's defense during a visit to Germany next month. Ahead of his White House visit, Zelensky was meeting with a handful of senators on Capitol Hill before heading across the Capitol to talk to House members, including the Republican chairs of several committees. Zelensky's tumultuous relationship with former President Donald Trump, the Republican nominee, continued to deteriorate this week. Instead of dollars to a man who refuses to make a deal to end the war. His message dovetails with Russian propaganda that claims intransigence by Kyiv — not aggression from Moscow — has prolonged the bloodshed. It's the most politically treacherous landscape that Zelensky has encountered in Washington since Russia invaded nearly three years ago. Ukrainian officials are anxious to maintain good relations with whoever becomes the next president of

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On the same day, Zelensky toured a Pennsylvania factory producing munitions for the war. He was joined by Democratic Gov. Josh Shapiro, a top surrogate for Harris, and Republicans criticized the visit as a political stunt in a political battleground state. House Speaker Mike Johnson demanded that Zelensky fire the Ukrainian ambassador to the U.S., alleging that the tour was "designed to help Democrats and is clearly election interference." Johnson, a Louisiana Republican, wasn't scheduled to attend any of the Capitol meetings with Zelensky on Thursday. But in a show of some lingering bipartisan unity, Johnson was flanked by Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky, as he entered the senators' meeting. Zelensky did not answer questions about his relationship with Trump as he walked in. Zelensky's trip to Washington coincides with the annual meeting of the U.N. General Assembly in New York, where the Ukrainian leader spoke on Wednesday.

Labour Party members deal a blow to Starmer day after his appeal for unity

Liverpool (England) (AP): Members of Britain's governing Labour Party dealt Prime Minister Keir Starmer a blow on Wednesday, rejecting his decision to cut payments that offset winter heating costs for millions of retirees. The vote on the final day of Labour's annual conference is not binding, but it's a setback to Starmer's efforts to unite his centre-left party around the contentious measure. Since winning office in July, Starmer has cautioned that the dire state of the public finances inherited from the last Conservative government means he must make hard choices such as ending the winter fuel

allowance, worth between 200 and 300 pounds (USD 262 and USD 393), for all but the poorest pensioners. Trade unions that are among Labour's funders and allies organised resistance to the cut at the conference in Liverpool, northwest England. They forced a vote on a demand for the decision to be reversed. It was narrowly passed in a show-of-hands vote amid cheers and jeers in the conference hall. "I do not understand how our new Labour government can cut the winter fuel payment for pensioners and leave the super-rich untouched," said Sharon Graham, general secre-

tary of the Unite union, to applause from delegates. This is not what people voted for. It is the wrong decision and it needs to be reversed." The government has promised the withdrawal of the heating allowance will be offset by an above-inflation increase in the state pension and other measures to reduce poverty. Work and Pensions Secretary Liz Kendall told delegates that the cut "wasn't a decision we wanted or expected to make". But she argued that "this Labour government has done more to help the poorest pensioners in the last two months than the Tories did in 14 years".

Starmer tried to unite the party and appeal to a sceptical electorate in his first conference speech as prime minister on Tuesday, telling voters exhausted by years of political and economic turmoil that better times are on the way — if they swallow his recipe of short-term pain for long-term gain. He said he would make "tough decisions" — code for public spending restraint and tax increases — to achieve economic growth to fund schools, hospitals, roads, railways and more. Starmer acknowledged some of those decisions would be unpopular, but said: "We will turn our collar up and face the storm."

Pope arrives in Luxembourg

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AP ■ KYIV

The IMF has approved a US\$ 7 billion new bailout package for Pakistan, authorising the immediate release of the first loan tranche of less than USD 1.1 billion to reinforce the cash-strapped country's efforts to address the ongoing economic crisis. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) board met on Wednesday in Washington to give a nod to the staff-level agreement with Pakistan after Islamabad promised to overhaul its agriculture income tax, transfer some fiscal responsibilities to provinces, and agree to limit subsidies. The Prime Minister's Office confirmed the Executive Board of the IMF approved the 37-month Extended Fund Facility (EFF) totalling USD 7 billion. It is the 25th IMF programme that Pakistan has obtained

since 1958 and the sixth EFF. Pakistan will pay around a 5 per cent interest rate on the IMF loan, The Express Tribune quoted the Ministry of Finance as saying in a statement given to the Senate Standing Committee on Economic Affairs. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday reiterated this would be Pakistan's last IMF programme; a statement he made after the approval of the 24th programme in 2023 as well. Shehbaz, giving credit to the new bailout package to Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar, Chief of the Army Staff General Asim Munir and the finance team, noted the federal government cannot complete the 25th programme without the cooperation of all four provinces. The Sindh government on July 30 ratified a memorandum of understanding for signing the

National Fiscal Pact and the Balochistan government signed it on July 26 following the staff-level agreement between Pakistan and the IMF on July 12.

Taliban: No one faces discrimination in Af

AP ■ KABUL

More than 20 countries expressed their support Thursday for the proposed legal action against the Taliban. "We condemn the gross and systematic human rights violations and abuses in Afghanistan, particularly the gender-based discrimination against women and girls," the countries said. "Afghanistan is responsible under international law for its ongoing gross and systematic violation of numerous obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women," they added. The countries said they did not politically recognise the Taliban as the legitimate leaders of the Afghan population. "Afghanistan's failure to fulfil its human rights treaty obligations is a key obstacle to normalisation of relations," they said. The Taliban's deputy spokesman Hamdullah Fitrat said human rights were protected in Afghanistan and that nobody faced discrimination.

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CBDT reshuffles responsibilities

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), the authority that supervises the income-tax department's work in the country, has carried out a fresh reshuffle of responsibilities amongst its members, with the investigation wing reporting to the chairman. An official order issued on September 24 said CBDT Chairman Ravi Agrawal, a 1988-batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer, will be in charge of "coordination and overall supervision" of the board's work and that of the investigation, central and intelligence and criminal investigation directorates. Earlier, there used to be an independent post of member (investigation) in the CBDT, but it was done away with last year as part of the work re-orientation of the board and



the chairman was authorised with the "supervision of the work of investigation", a senior officer told PTI. Some other members' responsibilities were also reorganised then, he said. According to the order, Harinder Bir Singh Gill, a

judicial), besides the additional charge of member (income tax). Prabodh Seth of the 1989 batch will be the member (administration) and his batchmate, Ramesh Narain Parbat, will be the member (legislation), according to the order that also listed out the zonal charges for these officers. The CBDT, under the Department of Revenue in the Union finance ministry, is headed by a chairman and can have six members in the rank of a special secretary. The board currently has a vacancy of two members. The latest reshuffle was affected as the tenure of two members ended in August, with Pragna Sahay Saxena taking voluntary retirement from service and the scheduled superannuation of Pravin Kumar, the officer said.

1987-batch IRS officer, will be the member (taxpayer services and revenue), apart from holding the additional charge of member (systems and faceless services). Sanjay Kumar, a 1988-batch officer, will hold the charge of member (audit and

different initiatives. The secretary also emphasised that while accessing the nutritional outcomes of the programmes "we should also look at the standards on nutrition applicable for the Indian

Jio-bp inaugurates 500th EV charging station

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Anant Mukesh Ambani, Director, Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and Murray Auchincloss, CEO, bp, on Thursday inaugurated the 500th Jio-bp pulse EV-charging station of Jio-bp. Jio-bp is a fuels and mobility joint venture between RIL and global energy giant BP. "The commissioning of the EV-charging station enables access for guests at the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre, Jio World Plaza and Jio World Convention Centre in Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC), Mumbai, marking the installation of the 500th Jio-bp pulse charging point in India," a company statement said. Jio-bp has expanded its network of EV-charging stations at a rapid pace, growing from 1,300 to 5,000 in just a year. With 95 per cent of its EV-charging network comprising fast charging stations -- the



highest in the industry -- the company is poised to deliver high speed electrons with unmatched industry-leading uptime of 96 per cent, establishing itself as the country's most reliable charging network, it said. Jio-bp is also the first in the industry to deploy the top-rated 480 KW chargers backed by unique CVPs, which enables it to provide an efficient and quick charging experience at locations such as malls, public parking, corporate parks, hotels, and roadside amenities. "By reducing range anxiety through its rapidly growing charging infrastructure, minimising charging time

with DC fast chargers, and delivering a seamless charging experience through its state-of-the-art Jio-bp pulse charging app, Jio-bp has occupied pole position in accelerating the adoption of electric vehicles in India," it said. Ambani said Jio-bp is playing a pioneering role in accelerating EV adoption in India. "With the largest network share of fast-charging stations, fastest growth in EV charging infra, and highest reliability, Jio-bp is offering a well-packaged, digitised charging solution to millions of Indians". With its foray into green electrons, powered by

Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd's solar power plants, Jio-bp is making rapid progress in its broader goal of promoting sustainable green mobility in India. "EV charging is one of bp's key transition businesses in our journey to becoming an integrated energy company. We are focusing on scale, speed, and strategic locations to provide a seamless customer experience. By combining bp and RIL's capabilities, we are delivering EV charging with convenience, creating a unique value proposition for customers," Murray Auchincloss said in a statement. With its sustained charging infrastructure growth, pioneering customer proposition, and focus on sustainability, Jio-bp is reinforcing its position as the fastest, mostly widely available, and most reliable EV charging partner in India.

India aims to integrate scalable food security interventions

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

India is seeking to integrate scalable food security interventions into existing government programmes while promoting local crop varieties, a top government official said on Thursday. Agriculture Secretary Devesh Chaturvedi outlined these priorities during a review of the implementation of the United Nations World Food Programme's (WFP) country strategic plan (CSP) for India spanning 2023-2027. Chaturvedi, who chaired the first meeting of the Country Programme Advisory Committee (CPAC) under the new CSP, suggested the

officers to "identify the scalable interventions and initiatives and prepare mechanisms for including the same in ongoing programmes of ministries/departments." The secretary called for a dedicated workshop to discuss the agriculture sector initiatives in detail, highlighting the need for a focused approach, an official statement said. Chaturvedi emphasized promoting nutritious local varieties of rice and millets alongside fortified cereals, signalling a shift towards indigenous crop promotion. He advised exploring the possibilities of bringing the Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO) into



different initiatives. The secretary also emphasised that while accessing the nutritional outcomes of the programmes "we should also look at the standards on nutrition applicable for the Indian

population." The committee, comprising joint secretaries from various ministries and NITI Aayog representatives, is tasked with coordinating and reviewing progress on initiatives outlined in the strategic plan. The CSP, underpinned by a Memorandum of Understanding between India's agriculture ministry and UN-WFP, focuses on four key outcomes: enhancing food-based social protection systems, promoting diverse and nutritious diets, empowering women financially, and building climate-resilient food systems. WFP Country Director Elizabeth Faure briefed the

committee on ongoing initiatives, including efforts to boost food security for smallholder farmers in Assam, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh, and the nationwide push to bring millets in mainstream. The meeting saw participation from various ministries, including Food & Public Distribution, Women and Child Development, and Rural Development, as well as agencies like the National Disaster Management Authority and India Meteorological Department. India, the world's most populous country, faces significant challenges in ensuring food security for its 1.4 billion people.

Fixing SpiceJet's broken wings



Can the low-cost airline heal enough to effectively compete with IndiGo and Air India?

KUSHAN MITRA ■ NEW DELHI

Days after low-cost carrier SpiceJet raised Rs 3000 crore from institutional investors, the airline promptly cleared pending salary dues estimated to over Rs 80 crore. It is believed that the beleaguered low-cost airline will use much of the remaining funds to settle dues with a host of creditors from leasing companies to airports. However, even if much of the funds the airline has raised will go towards clearing dues, the fact is that SpiceJet did successfully manage to raise this large sum of money. This is despite the airline having to face a litany of problems and constantly being dragged to the courts by everyone from the previous owners, the Maran family of the Sun Group to various leasing firms. In fact, just last week the Supreme Court upheld a Delhi High Court order mandating the return of three engines used by the airline on their Boeing 737 aircraft. With leasing companies asking the airline to pay up, and taking their aircraft away, the airline is down to just having 21 operational aircraft according to website airfleets.net. This is a precipitous decline from the halcyon days of the airline before Covid when the airline had almost five times as many aircraft in its fleet and was the first Indian operator of a Boeing 737 MAX aircraft. However, the one-two punch of the coronavirus shutdown and the grounding of the Boeing 737MAX fleet worldwide following two deadly disasters almost knocked the airline out. But this is not a time to dwell on the past, the fact is that despite difficult odds the airline has managed to raise a large sum of money from Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) with institutions such as Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs, BNP

Paribas, Nomura and Tata Mutual Fund subscribing to the issue. The quality of investment is a very positive indicator of the future prospects of the airline. SpiceJet has a lot to do, first and foremost to regain the confidence of employees, service providers and most importantly customers. They can do this by becoming more reliable and offering more services. Due to issues with leasing companies, the airline has been forced to wet-lease temporary aircraft from airlines in Cambodia and Turkey. They should now concentrate on operating their own fleet and by repaying dues owed to leasing firms, rebuild their confidence in SpiceJet as a reliable airline. There is now talk of the airline growing to 100 aircraft by the end of 2026. If this fructifies, it is a welcome move as the Indian aviation sector needs the competition as the domination of IndiGo and Air India/Air India Express leave customers with little choice. This duopoly needs to be challenged, and SpiceJet was a capable third player in the sector. Now however, they will have to deal with increased competition from the likes of Akasa. That said, the growth prospects for the Indian aviation sector are extremely high. Between January and June 2024, domestic air traffic numbered 79.35 million passengers, which was a growth at 4.28 percent from the same period last year. The growth could have been higher still had it not been for the collapse of Go First last year and persistent engine problems with Pratt&Whitney GTF engines plaguing IndiGo leading to almost a quarter of their fleet grounded. If SpiceJet can get their act together, and there is no reason to doubt that they can't after the fund-raise, the Indian aviation sector could easily grow to 250 million passengers per year by 2028.

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED			Date of Inspection of Property	
Corporate Office: 167-169, 2nd floor, Near Little Mount Metro Station, Saidapet, Chennai - 600015			26.09.2024 - 01.10.2024 between 11 AM to 2 PM	
Regional Office - 101-B, 1st Floor, NRK Business Park, Vijaynagar, Indore(MP) - 452010			EMD Last date	
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION CUM SALE (APPENDIX - IV A) (RULE 8(6))			20.10.2024 between 10 AM to 5PM.	
Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to Hinduja Housing Finance Ltd. Corporate Office at Hinduja Housing Finance Limited, 167-169, 2nd Floor, Anna Salai, Saidapet, Chennai, 600015 and Branch Office at - Hinduja Housing Finance Limited- 101-B, Business Park, NRK Near Mangal City, Vijay Nagar Indore - 450210. Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Authorized Officer of Ankita Patil has taken the possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued U/S 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for realization of dues. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.bankeauctions.com			Date / Time of Auction	
			24.10.2024 between 11 AM to 1PM.	
Borrower (s) / Co-Borrower (s) / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount Bid Increase Amount	Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset	Date of Symbolic Possession	Reserved Price (in Rs.) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)
Loan Account No. MP/KHA/KHWA/A000000040 Mr. NARENDRA MOHANE (Borrower) Mr. DINESH MOHANE (Co Borrower1) Mrs. KOKILA BAI MOHANE (Co Borrower2)	28-03-2024 Rs. 12,40,532/- (Rupees Twelve Lacs Forty Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Two Only) Rs. 10,000/-	Plot No-F 20, Sevak Nagar Village - Lalbagh Ryt& Gram Panchayat-Patonda Burhanpur Tehsil& Dist. - Burhanpur (M.P.) 450331 Measuring 69.7 Sq.Mtr. Or 750 Sq.Ft. Bounded As - East - Plot No E-16, West - Shamlati Rasta, North - Plot No F-19, South - Plot No F-21	20/06/2024	Rs. 14,60,000 (Fourteen Lakh and Sixty Thousand Only) Rs. 1,46,000/- (Rupees One Lakh and Forty Six Thousand Only)
Loan Account No. MP/JDR/MCHL/A000000133 Mr. MANISH PANWAR (Borrower) Mrs. SHALINI PANWAR (Co Borrower1)	20.11.2023 Rs. 16,89,106/- (Rupees Sixteen Lacs Eighty Nine Thousand One Hundred Six Only) Rs. 10,000/-	Property Situated at :- House/Plot No.25, Chamar Mohalla, Ward No.01, Saral No.434,Village Hatod, Indore Measuring 900 Sq.ft. Bounded As - East - Land of Radhakishan, West - Land of Radhakishan, North - Road and Then Nala, South - Land of Prahlad Balwant	13/03/2024	Rs. 15,50,000 (Fifteen Lakh and Fifty Thousand Only) Rs. 1,55,000/- (Rupees One Lakh and Fifty Five Thousand Only)
Loan Account No. MP/HBD/HOSH/A000000124 Mr. MUKESH VISHNOI (Borrower) Mrs. ARUNA BAI VISHNOI (Co Borrower1)	26.03.2024 Rs. 10,27,246/- (Rupees Ten Lacs Twenty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Forty Six Only) Rs. 10,000/-	Property Situated at :- Property situated at Ph no. 13, Khasra no. 80, Bhukhand no. 115 & Khasra no. 80, Bhukhand no. 114 gram Handiya, Teh Handiya, district Harda (M.P.)Rural , Harda , Madhya Pradesh , India - 461331., Measuring 639 sq.mt. Bounded As - East - Road, West - House of Ram Singh Dhangar, North House of Govind Vishnoi, South - House of Rambharosh Dhangar	19/06/2024	Rs. 23,70,000 (Twenty Three Lakh and Seventy Thousand Only) Rs. 2,37,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh and Thirty Seven Thousand Only)
Loan Account No. MP/KHA/KHWA/A000000064 Mrs. Sunita Sankat (Borrower) Mr. Anil Sankat (Co Borrower1) Mr. Suyash Sankat (Co Borrower2)	22.09.2024 Rs. 22,83,782 (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Eighty Three Thousand and Seven Hundred and Eighty Two Only) Rs. 10,000/-	Property Situated at :- Survey No. - Khasra No. 118/1, 118/2, 119/2, 121/3, 121/4, 121/4, 123/1, 123/2, 124/1, 124/2 Sheet No. 03, Plot No. 02, as per layout Plot No. 49 Total extent (Sq.ft) - 138.75 Sq. Mtr. Location like name of the place, village, city, registration, sub-district etc. - Village Rehampur, Tehsil Khandwa Area Known as Sidhi Vinayak Residency Khandwa MP Boundaries as - East : Colony Road, West : Colony Plot No. 90, North : Colony Plot No. 50, South : Colony Plot No. 47 & 48	02/02/2024	Rs. 21,70,000 (Twenty One Lakh and Seventy Thousand) Rs. 2,17,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Seventeen Thousand Only)
Loan Account No. MP/HBD/HOSH/A000000071 Mr. DURGESH MATWA (Borrower) Mrs. SWATI JAT (Co-Borrower)	26.02.2024 Rs. 10,77,116/- (Rupees Ten Lacs Seventy Seven thousand One Hundred Sixteen Only) Rs. 10,000/-	Schedule Of The Property - A Residential Plot Known As Plot No. 138 Having An Area Of 4000 Sq.Ft. Or 371.74 Sq. Mts., From The Total Area Of 22370 Sq.Ft On Which Well Constructed House Is Located Which Is Situated At Khasra No. 91, Patwari Halka No. 09, Mauza as Village Bichola Mall Tehsil Handiya District Harda (M.P.) - 461331 Boundaries of property as per sale deed as follows - East - RCC Road, West - Remaining Property Durgesh Matwa, North - Property of Bharat Gujar, South - Property of Narmada Prasad	06/05/2024	Rs. 24,20,000 (Twenty Four Lakh Twenty Thousand only) Rs. 2,42,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Forty Two Thousand Only)
Loan Account No. MP/KHA/KHWA/A000000031 MP/KHA/KHWA/A000000062 & MP/KHA/KHWA/A000000261 Mr. BHUSHAN BORNARE (Borrower) Mr. LINA BORNARE (Co Borrower)	08.04.2024 Rs. 16,81,120/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Eighty One Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Only) Rs. 10,000/-	Gram Panchayat Demand Number 123/4, Gram Bargaon Khurd, Tehsil and Dist Burhanpur, Madhya Pradesh, India - 450331, Measuring 600 Sq.Ft Or 55.76.37 Sq.Mtr. & Demand No. 172, Gram Bargaon Khurd, Gram Bargaon Khurd, Tehsil Burhanpur, Distt. Burhanpur, Bargaon Khurd, Near Ram Mandir, Burhanpur, Madhya Pradesh, 450331 Measuring 600 Sq.Ft Or 55.76.37 Sq.Mtr. and Measuring 725 Sq. Ft. Or 67.37 Sq. Mtr. Bounded By: East - Road, West - House Of Surekha Mahajan, North - House Of Davidas Maniram, South - Road	20/06/2024	Rs. 20,20,000 (Twenty Twenty Lakh and Twenty Thousand only) Rs. 2,02,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Two Thousand Only)

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ONLINE E-AUCTION SALE: - 1. The Property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE & WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS". As such sale is without any kind of warranties & indemnities. 2. Particulars of the property / assets (viz. extent & measurements specified in the E-Auction Sale Notice has been stated to the best of information of the Secured Creditor and Secured Creditor shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission. Actual extent & dimensions may differ. 3. E-Auction Sale Notice issued by the Secured Creditor is an invitation to the general public to submit their bids and the same does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or representation on the part of the Secured Creditor. Interested bidders are advised to peruse the copies of title deeds with the Secured Creditor and to conduct own independent enquiries / due diligence about the title & present condition of the property / assets and claims / dues affecting the property before submission of bid/s. 4. Auction/bidding shall only be through "online electronic mode" through the website https://www.bankeauctions.com. Or Auction provided by the service provider M/s C1 India Private Limited, who shall arrange & coordinate the entire process of auction through the e-auction platform. 5. The bidders may participate in e-auction for bidding from their place of choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by bidder himself. Secured Creditor / Service Provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash own, power failure etc. 6. For details, help, procedure and online bidding on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider M/S C1 India Pvt Ltd., 1st Floor, 68, 3rd floor Sector 44 Gurgaon Haryana - 122003 (Contact No. 7291981124, 25, 26) Support Email - Support@bankeauctions.com, Mr. Mithlesh Kumar, Mob. +91 70808 04466. Email: up@ctindia.com. 7. For participating in the e-auction sale the intending bidders should register their name at https://www.bankeauctions.com well in advance and shall get the user id and password. Intending bidders are advised to change only the password immediately upon receiving it from the service provider. 8. For participating in e-auction, intending bidders have to deposit a refundable EMD of 10% OF RESERVE PRICE (as mentioned above) shall be payable by interested bidders through Demand Draft/NEFT/RTGS in favor of "HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LTD." on or before 20-October-2024. 9. The intending bidders should submit the duly filled in Bid Form (format available on https://www.bankeauctions.com) along with the Demand Draft remittance towards EMD in a sealed cover addressed to the Authorized Officer Ankita Patil Regional Office HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LTD., 101-B, NRK Business Park, 1st Floor, Vijay Nagar, Indore - 452010 Mob No. 7723055195 latest by 03:00 PM on 24-October-2024. The sealed cover should be super scribed with "Bid for participating in E-Auction Sale (as mentioned above) for property of "Borrower". 10. After expiry of the last date of submission of bids with EMD, Authorized Officer shall examine the bids received by him and confirm the details of the qualified bidders (who have quoted their bids over and above the reserve price and paid the specified EMD with the Secured Creditor) to the service provider M/S eProcurement Technologies Limited to enable them to allow only those bidders to participate in the online inter-se bidding / auction proceedings at the date and time mentioned in E-Auction Sale Notice. 11. Inter-se bidding among the qualified bidders shall start from the highest bid quoted by the qualified bidders. During the process of inter-se bidding, there will be unlimited extension of "10" minutes each, i.e. the end time of e-auction shall be automatically extended by 10 Minutes each time if bid is made within 10 minutes from the last extension. 12. Bids once made shall not be cancelled or withdrawn. All bids made from the user id given to bidder will be deemed to have been made by him alone. 13. Immediately upon closure of E-Auction proceedings, the highest bidder shall confirm the final amount of bid quoted by him BY E-Mail both to the Authorized Officer, Ankita Patil Regional Office HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LTD., 101-B, NRK Business Park, 1st Floor, Vijay Nagar, Indore - 452010 Mob No. 7723055195 and the Service Provider for getting declared as successful bidder in the E-Auction Sale proceedings. 14. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount (including EMD) on the same day of the sale, being knocked down in his favour and balance 75% of bid amount within 15 days from the date of sale by DD/Pay order/NEFT/RTGS/Chq favouring HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LTD. 15. 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The decision of the Authorized Officer is final, binding and unquestionable. 23. All bidders who submitted the bids, shall be deemed to have read and understood the terms and conditions of the E-Auction Sale and be bound by them. 24. For further details and queries, contact Authorized Officer, Mr. Vaibhav Shrivastava, Mo. No. 7987969803, Mr. Rajesh Chokoliya Mo. No. 84355 71111, Ankita Patil-7723055195, Govind Chouhan- 89628 16436. 25. This publication is also 30 (Thirty) days' notice to the Borrower / Mortgagee / Guarantors of the above said loan account pursuant to rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, about holding of auction sale on the above-mentioned date / place. Special Instructions / Caution: Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. 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Dr Reddy's faces penalty in Mexico for regulatory deviation

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Dr Reddy's Laboratories on Thursday said the Mexican drug regulator has imposed a penalty of around Rs 28 lakh. The drug regulatory body of Mexico has imposed a penalty of MXN 6,51,420 (Rs 28 Lakh) on the company for deviation from prescribed guidelines for filing intimation of import of a reference standard for one of the active pharmaceutical



ingredients, the Hyderabad-based drug major said in a regulatory filing. Shares of the drug maker were trading 0.39 per cent up at Rs 6,720 apiece on BSE.

Authorized Officer

INDIA LIKELY TO MAINTAIN SUPREMACY OVER BANGLADESH

PTI ■ KANPUR

India would want their big guns Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma to fire when the mighty hosts aim for a clean sweep against a beleaguered Bangladesh in the second and final Test starting here on Friday.

The all-round show of Ravichandran Ashwin, Shubman Gill's sublime hundred, Ravindra Jadeja's quality batting and Rishabh Pant's roaring comeback allowed India to script a comfortable victory in Chennai despite being put under pressure by the Bangladesh pacers on day one.

The way India bounced back in the game reaffirmed their supremacy in Test cricket, especially at home where they are on course for a record extending 18th consecutive series win. Having made a successful return in white-ball cricket, it was time for Pant to show that it is the Test arena where he can make the maximum impact.

It seems he has even added one more dimension to his game: curbing his aggressive instinct



if the situation demands, making him even more dangerous.

However, both Rohit and Virat's bats remained silent in the series-opener as Bangladesh pacers — Hasan Mahmud and Taskin Ahmed — bowled probing lines on a supportive track and were rewarded. With a long Test season ahead of them, the two premier batters must be itching to get back among the runs.

Playing his first Test at home since March 2023, Kohli did not look at his sharpest and one can trust him to not go for expansive cover drives at the start of his innings.

CHANGE IN COMBINATIONS: The Green Park wicket has traditionally been a low and slow track that assists spinners. While it is expected to offer some assistance to the fast bowlers initially, the basic nature of the pitch, prepared with black soil brought from Unnao, is not expected to change much.

The wicket will become slower as the game progresses. It means, India can field three spinners instead of three

their playing eleven. They struggled against a high-quality Indian pace attack in their first essay in Chennai and then could not handle Ashwin and Co while chasing an improbable target.

The team management has given contrasting statements on Shakib Al Hasan's availability. While a selector had said that he is doubtful due to a finger injury he suffered while batting in Chennai, chief coach Chandika Hathurusinghe said he is eligible for selection.

On the other hand, Bangladesh, who failed to apply themselves with the bat in the series opener, are expected to make changes to

pose a huge challenge for the players. The humidity has been very high in the city in the last few days. The Indian team made Thursday's practice optional, saying it needs to save players from searing heat.

The match may see interruptions on first and third day with weather forecast predicting rain.

India have not lost a Test to Bangladesh till date and the visitors will need a special effort to reverse that statistic.

TEAMS (FROM):

India: Rohit Sharma (C), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, KL Rahul, Sarfaraz Khan, Rishabh Pant (WK), Dhruv Jurel (WK), R Ashwin, R Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohd. Siraj, Akash Deep, Jasprit Bumrah, Yash Dayal.

Bangladesh: Najmul Hossain Shanto (C), Mahmudul Hasan Joy, Zakir Hasan, Shadman Islam, Mominul Haque, Mushfiqur Rahim (wk), Shakib Al Hasan, Litton Kumer Das, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Taijul Islam, Nayeem Hasan, Nahid Rana, Hasan Mahmud, Taskin Ahmed, Syed Khaled Ahmed, Jaker Ali Anik.



Shakib retires from T20Is, says Kanpur Test will be his last if no farewell at home

PTI ■ KANPUR

Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan on Thursday announced his retirement from T20 Internationals with immediate effect and also said that the second Test against India will be his last if his country's board doesn't give him a farewell match against South Africa at home.

His final international game for Bangladesh will be in the Champions Trophy which is likely to be held in UAE and Pakistan.

The 37-year-old great, who featured in 129 T20Is for Bangladesh will, however, continue to play in franchise leagues.

"I have played my last T20 match in T20 World Cup. We have discussed this with the selectors. Looking at the 2026 World Cup, this is the right time for me to move out. Hopefully, BCB will find some great players and we will perform well," said Shakib on the eve of the second and final Test against India here.

Shakib, who has played 70 Tests, scoring 4600 runs and taking 242 wickets might just play his last Test in the North Indian industrial town in case the cricket board can't assure him of his security after being accused of murder although he wasn't even in the country at that time.

"I have expressed my desire to play my last Test in Mirpur to BCB. They agreed with me. They are trying to organise everything so that I can go to Bangladesh. If that won't happen, the match against India in Kanpur would be my last in Test cricket," he added.

Shakib was named as an

India is capable to make a strong impression in women's T20 WC: Sthalekar

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former Australian captain Lisa Sthalekar said India have the all-round depth to grab an elusive ICC title during the upcoming women's T20 World Cup.

The global showpiece will be held in the UAE from October 3 and India's best effort in the event remains a final berth in 2020, where they lost to Australia.

"I can see Australia in the semifinals as they are aiming to win their fourth (title) in a row. England too had a strong pre-tournament build-up. India's chances are also very high and I expect them to be in the semifinals, if not in the finals," Sthalekar told a select group of journalists at the ABC — International Development's five-day cricket commentary and mojo programme at the Australian High Commission.

The former Australian skipper validated her argument citing good options through India's line-up.

"India has got power, depth, decent bowlers and if their 4-7 number batters can score at a good strike rate, they will be in a good position. They need a good start from the openers. Jenimah Rodriguez did well in the West Indies (in the CPL) recently. It will be fascinating to see how she performs in the WC," she said.

Delving further deep into the chances of the Harmanpreet Kaur-led side, Sthalekar said India have the wherewithal to beat Australia, their nemesis in global events over the years.

"For example, in the 2020 T20 WC, Poonam Yadav took four wickets in the first game and

dislodged Australian middle-order. India won that match by 17 runs.

"If any top order Indian batter scores a century or bowlers have a good day, they can take the game away," said the veteran who was the first woman to score 1,000 runs and take 100 wickets in ODIs. Expressing delight over ICC's decision of having equal prize money in men's and women's WCs, the 45-year-old said it will have a bigger impact on the game.

"From a prize money perspective, I think it's really good. But what I am most pleased about than just the winner getting the same prize money as their male counterpart is how much money teams are getting for just participating in the World Cup.

"So, it ensures that it's not just the strong nations getting stronger and wealthier, but there is an effort at growing the global game," she said.

She used Scotland to leverage her point.

"Scotland coming in for the first time will earn money, probably more money than their national contract. The headline is equal prize money and that was primarily the intention.

"But when you look a little bit deeper, they would like to have a bigger impact on the game." After her playing days, Sthalekar has established herself as a respected voice of the game over the last decade.

The Indian-origin Aussie described the effort she put in to reach the higher rungs of her job as a commentator.

"Not everyone has to be a Richie Benaud or a Danny Morrison. But we all have different skills and strengths that we bring to the commentary box. That's why you have diverse personalities (doing commentary)," she said.

Sthalekar picked commentating during the IPL as her biggest career moment.

"You have to have goals in your career and IPL (commentary) was my 10-year goal as a commentator. But I got a call to be in the IPL commentary team within six months.

"I remember my first IPL game as a commentator at the Eden Gardens in 2015. Some 70000 screaming fans were there and I had to do an interview with Gautam Gambhir," she said.

Pujara was backbone of Indian batting on last two Aus tours, he will be a big miss this time: Vihari



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Hanuma Vihari, part of India's back to back series wins in Australia, reckons the services of veteran batter Cheteshwar Pujara will be dearly missed when the team aims for a hat-trick Down Under later this year.

The five Test series begins in Perth from November 22. Out of favour Pujara was the leading run-getter in the 2018-19 series with 521 off 1258 balls and was once again the backbone of Indian batting three years later when he accumulated 271 runs off 928 balls.

Across the two teams, the 103-Test veteran by far faced the number of balls to wear out the opposition attack comprising Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood and Mitchell Starc.

As another Border-Gavaskar Trophy is on the horizon, Vihari wondered who can play Pujara's role this time around.

"Pujara will be a big miss. He was the backbone of the batting line-up in the last two series for Team India. He took blows, he batted time, he stayed there for a long time, he saw the new ball, he got runs. He made the job easier for the other batters coming in," Vihari told PTI in an interaction arranged by JioCinema.

"So that kind of role... Who will play is a question mark for me. Currently I would say we have an attacking mode of a batting line up (the top six). All like to play their shots. Virat is the only one I feel in that batting line up who can be like a glue to the other batters.

"He can stay on and bat the most number of overs and you know batting in Australia



India U20 face stern Iran test in AFC Qualifiers

PTI ■ VIENTIANE (LAOS)

India will be looking to iron out the rough edges before facing Iran in their next Group G game of the AFC U20 Asian Cup 2025 qualifiers here on Friday. India put up a good show to register a 4-1 victory against Mongolia in their first Group G match but there is still a lot of work to be done.

"The last match was a big motivation for our team. I've always maintained that winning the first match of a tournament is crucial, and the boys stuck their heads in and played extremely well against Mongolia," said Ranjan Chaudhuri in a release.

"But we cannot rejoice in the victory just yet. We must immediately begin preparations for the next game. We missed a lot of chances against Mongolia, and that is something we cannot afford against Iran.

"They are an extremely good side, but we have made our plans according to their game as well. Anything can happen on the day, and with a little luck, our boys can get a good result. The most important thing for us is to play our game well, and come out of the match with our heads held high, with a smile," he said.

While India registered a 4-1 win against Mongolia, Iran trampled hosts Laos 8-0, a result that puts them firmly on top of Group G. However, Iran head coach Hossein Abdi was wary of India's potential threat.

"India have quality players, many of whom I've seen at the U-17 level in Thailand last year. They play a fast game, have shown a good understanding of football. I think the game has progressed very fast in India recently, and we will see further advances in the future," he said.

"We will give it our best against them, but the most important thing at this level is that the players are safe. It's all about building good human relations and doing well for the country," said Abdi.

Man United stunned 1-1 by Dutch club Twente in revamped Europa League

AP ■ MANCHESTER

Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag questioned his players' killer instinct after they were held to a 1-1 draw by his old club FC Twente in the revamped Europa League.

Sam Lammers capitalised on a mistake by Christian Eriksen in the second half at Old Trafford and raced away to fire an equalizer for the Dutch underdog.

"You saw that was the game of their life. They fought for every yard and we didn't," Ten Hag said. "99% is not enough, You have to give 100%. You have



kill the game. You have to finish it off."

Eriksen had put United ahead with a stunning first-half strike but was caught in possession by Lammers, whose goal secured an unexpected point for the visitors.

Ten Hag had spoken before the game of his affection for the team he supported as a boy in the Netherlands and represented as a player. He said it was "not nice to have to hurt something you love."

Instead it was United fans left in pain, despite Eriksen seemingly putting the home team on course for victory.

United has won just three of

seven games in all competitions this season and Wednesday's draw came after a 0-0 draw at Crystal Palace in the Premier League on Saturday.

Eriksen swept United ahead in the 35th with a first-time shot into the top corner. Connecting with a loose ball just inside the box, the playmaker didn't break stride as he whipped his effort past Twente goalkeeper Lars Unnerstall with power and precision.

With one fist clenched, he ran to the corner to celebrate in front of the home fans.

But it was Twente's supporters

"And you have to fight until the end and score the second goal." Like the Champions League, the second-tier Europa League has a new format and 36 teams instead of 32. It features a league system in which each team plays eight games against different opponents through January, replacing the old group stage.

In a clash between the Turkish and Greek champions, Galatasaray beat PAOK 3-1. Victor Osimhen, who moved from Napoli to Galatasaray earlier in September, made his presence felt.

The Nigeria striker's goalbound header was

deflected by defender Abdul Rahman Baba into his own net early in the second half. Giannis Konstantelias equalized on a rebound before Osimhen set up Yunus Akgün to net the winner. Mauro Icardi added a stoppage-time goal.

Lazio cruised past Dynamo Kyiv 3-0. Boulaye Dia struck twice and Fisayo Dele-Bashiru added one. Both teams ended the game with 10 men.

Real Sociedad, struggling in La Liga, got a goal from Ander Barrenetxea at Nice but the home team salvaged a 1-1 draw thanks to Pablo Rosario's goal late in the first half.

Another team struggling

domestically, Bundesliga's Hoffenheim took home a point from Denmark in a 1-1 draw with Danish Superliga's leader Midtjylland. Dario Osorio put the hosts ahead late in the first half before substitute Max Moerstedt leveled it in the final minute.

In Brussels, Anderlecht struck twice in the span of five minutes in the second half on the way to a 2-1 victory over Ferencváros. Yari Verschaeren scored on the hour and Kasper Dolberg added the second from the spot.

Slavia Prague scored in each half for a 2-0 win at Bulgaria's Ludogorets.



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