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ATISHI IS DELHI CM

elhi's wait for a 'full-time' functional Chief Minister ended on Tuesday after Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and incumbent Minister in Delhi cabinet Atishi staked claim to lead the NCT Government shortly after Arvind Kejriwal resigned from the post he kept for almost 11 years including five months as CM from Tihar jail. Kejriwal is now released on bail in the liquor policy case. Minister-designate Chief

Atishi handed over the letter of support from the AAP MLAs to Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena and informed that she was chosen by the party as his successor. Kejriwal resigned on a day when the Prime Minister Narendra Modi turned 74 years and completed 100 days in his third term of the office. Atishi will be the third

woman Chief Minister of Delhi after Sushma Swaraj and Sheila Dikshit. Dikshit was Delhi's longest-serving Chief Minister, who held the office for 15 years from 1998 to 2013, while Swaraj's tenure lasted 52 days in 1998.

Atishi (43) will be Delhi's youngest Chief Minister and is also set to become the second current woman Chief Minister in the country after West Bengal's Mamata Banerjee. With a woman at



party in which she was unanimously chosen as the next Chief Minister, in New Ranjan Dimri/The Pioneer Delhi, Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Government, AAP would be Delhi people." looking at consolidating itself the women's constituency that Kejriwal been assiduously reaching out to.

Oath taking ceremony will place before the Assembly session September 26-27. Kejriwal extended good wishes to his successor whom he earlier in the day recommended as the Leader of the ruling AAP's legislative party and next Chief Minister of Delhi.

Addressing media after the meeting with LG, Atishi said, "We have staked claim to form a new Government. I Pandey proposed that will protect the interests of Kejriwal decide on the Chief

Delhi Minister Atishi addresses the media after a meeting of the AAP legislative

The decision to elect Atishi, 43, as the AAP legislative party leader was taken at the Chief Minister house after a discussion with all party MLAs. Led by the AAP convener and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the party's senior leadership remained in a huddle throughout the day on Monday which concluded with discussions among members of the highest decisionparty's making body, the Political Affairs Committee (PAC).
At the meeting of AAP

national convener proposed Atishi's name, all AAP MLAs stood up and accepted it and Atishi was elected Leader of the legislature party, sources

Hours after being unanimously chosen to become the Chief Minister of Delhi, addressing reporters, an emotional Atishi said it was a moment mixed with joy as well as "extreme sadness" as Kejirwal, the popular CM, is going to resign.

"It's possible only in the Aam Aadmi Party and under the leadership of Arvind Kejriwal that a first-time politician has become a Chief Minister. I come from an ordinary family and perhaps would not get even a poll ticket if I were in any other party," she said.

Atishi said Kejriwal trusted her and made her an MLA, then a Minister and now the Chief Minister of Delhi. "I am happy that Arvind Kejriwal has shown so much trust on me, but more than that I am sad because my brother elder Arvind Kejriwal is resigning today, she said.

She thanked her "guru" Arvind Kejriwal on being given the "big responsibility" of succeeding him as the Chief Minister of Delhi and said she would work under his "guidance" to protect people's interests from the BJP's obstructions.

Didi transfers senior officers, doctors to decide on resuming work

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SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

Hours after Monday's fruitful' dialogue between Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and the agitating junior doctors, the State Government on Tuesday removed two senior IPS officers including Kolkata Police Commissioner Vineet Goyal and Deputy Commissioner of Police (North) Vivek Gupta for their alleged inept handling of the RG Kar Medical College rape and murder case.

While Goyal was reversed to his previous position as the ADG, Special Task Force engaged in anti-insurgency operations, Gupta — accused of offering cash to the victim's parents — was shunted out as the Commanding Officer of Eastern Frontier Rifles.

Goyal was replaced by 1998 batch IPS officer Manoj Verma known for "excellent" track record in anti-Maoist operations in Jangal Mahal area. He was the chief of the task force that had gunned down senior Maoist leader Kishenji in 2011. Before assuming the charge of CP, Kolkata Verma had been working as the ADG Law and Order. Dipak Sarkar a former Deputy Commissioner of Police in Siliguri will replace DCP (North) Abhishek Gupta, the Government

Stop bulldozer demolition: SC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Upholding the ethos of Constitution, Supreme Court on Tuesday directed that all authorities across the country will not demolish properties, including of those accused of crime, till October 1 without seeking its permission. A bench of Justices BR Gavai and KV

Viswanathan clarified that its order will not be applicable to unauthorised structures on public roads, footpaths etc. Even if there is one instance

of an illegal demolition... it is against the ethos of our Constitution," the bench observed, adding that bulldozer justice is against ethos of the Constitution. The apex court said till October 1, the next date of hearing, no demolition be carried out "without seeking leave of this court". The top court was hearing petitions alleging properties of those accused of crime were being demolished in several states illegally.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the bench that a "narrative" was being built over the demolition of properties. He said there was a petition before the apex court which alleged that because the person belonged to a particular religion, his property was demolished.
"Let them bring to your

lordships' notice one instance of demolition where the law is not complied (with)," the law officer said, adding that

the affected parties have not that.

File Photo: Ranjan Dimri/The Pioneer

approached the court because they know that they have received notices and their constructions were illegal. "Rest assured that outside

noise is not influencing us," the bench told the senior law officer. The bench also expressed its displeasure over the statements made after the September 2 hearing in the matter during which the apex court had said it proposes to lay down certain guidelines on the issue that would be enforceable across country.

"After that order, there have been statements that the bulldozer will continue ... and it all depends in whose hands the steering is," the bench said. It said such statements were made and the court was refraining from saying anything further on

"Mr Mehta, after these directives are laid down, we will seek your assistance on this glorification and grandstanding... You will assist us on how to stop this. If necessary, we will ask the Election Commission also," the bench said. While hearing these petitions on September 2, the apex court questioned how anybody's house can be demolished just because he was an accused.

The Solicitor appearing for Uttar Pradesh, had referred to an earlier affidavit filed by the State in the matter. He had said the affidavit states that merely because a person was alleged to have been a part of some offence can never be a ground for demolition of his immovable property.

PM launches Subhadra Yojana in State



25 lakh women beneficiaries receive Rs 5,000 each

NALINI SAHU BHUBANESWAR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday launched the Odisha Government's muchhyped Subhadra Yojana on his 74th birthday at a function at the Janata Maidan here.

Over a lakh people, most of

them women, joined the event.

Governor Raghubar Das, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, Deputy Chief Ministers Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo and Pravati Parida, Union Ministers Jual Oram and Dharmendra Pradhan and all BJP MPs and MLAs were

As many as 25 lakh women received Rs 5,000 in their bank accounts on the scheme's inaugural day. Each eligible ben-

eficiary will get Rs 50,000 in five years in 10 equal instalments

"We had made the promise before the elections and we fulfilled it today. This will surely bring socioeconomic empowerment to our mothers and sisters. They can spend the money as per their own wish and requirements," Modi said. On the occasion, the PM also laid the foundation for multiple new railway and National Highway projects in the

State. "These initiatives and projects will greatly accelerate Odisha's progress," he said.

Chief Minister Majhi said, "Before coming to power, our party BJP had promised to roll out Subhadra Yojana. We have fulfilled our promise."

Deputy CM Pravati Parida said, "We have set a target to extend the scheme to one crore beneficiaries while 72 lakh beneficiaries have already completed the registration

Government talking to Meiteis, Kukis in Manipur to ensure peace

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

nion Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said the Government is talking to both Meitei and Kuki ensure lasting peace and has begun fencing the country's border with Myanmar to check infiltration. He also said the BJP-led NDA Government will implement the 'one nation, one election' within its current tenure.

Addressing a press conference here on the achievements of the 100 days of the Modi 3.0 Government, Shah said barring three days of violence last week, the overall situation in Manipur has been calm and the Government has been working to restore peace in the restive Northeastern State. Shah, flanked by Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, said apart from the three days of violence, no major incidents were reported in the last three months.

Asked about the possible visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Manipur, Shah said,



Union Home Minister Amit Shah with Minister of Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw at the release of a special booklet on achievements of first 100 days Photo: Ranian Dimri/The Pionee

be known to everyone. "There was peace in the last three days and I am hopeful that we will be able to control the situation. We are talking to both communities. It was ethnic violence and unless there is dialogue between the two communities, no solution could be found. We are talking to the Kuki and Meitei groups. We have prepared a roadmap and will take all possible steps (to ensure peace)," he said.

Shah said the Government when he visits the State, it will has successfully completed

Reserve personnel at

the deployment of Central Police strategic locations across Manipur. Home Minister said in the first 100 days of the Modi 3.0 Government, work on fencing the India-Myanmar border which is the root cause of the problem, has begun. "Fencing work in 30 km has been completed. Besides the Government of India has approved the budget for fencing along the over 1,500

The Home Minister said the

km border," he said.

Government has already the scrapped Myanmar Free Movement Regime (FMR), which allows people residing close to the border between the two countries to venture 16 km into each other's without any documents.

PM turns 74

PNS NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi turned 74 on Tuesday. President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and other dignitaries and politicians cutting across party lines extending their best wishes to him. Modi spent most of his day in Odisĥa during which he launched the State Government's flagship women-centric initiative, Subhadra Yojana, besides railway and national highway projects. He began his day by visiting home of an Adivasi family to attend their Grih Pravesh (house warming) event.

(Detailed report on Page 4)

Modi relishes Khiri on his birthday in tribal family

Remembers his mother feeding him Gud PNS BHUBANESWAR

While initiating 'Gruha Prabesh' (entry into new houses) of PM Awas beneficiaries at Shabara Sahi of Gadakana village in Bhubaneswar on his 74th birthday on Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was served Odia delicacy 'Khiri' at a tribal's house.

The Khiri was prepared by Antaryami Naik's daughterin-law Sadhabi Naik in an earthen pot. As per the Odia custom, Khiri is made during



Sadhabi served the Khiri to Modi and Chief Minister Mohan Majhi, both of whom relished the sweet delicacy. Sadhabi and her family members were on cloud nine after Modi enjoyed the Khiri.

"We requested the PM to eat



he relished it," said an elated

Sadhabi "He also played with my children and allowed us to take photographs with him. He asked us whether we are happy after getting a new pucca

house under the PM Awas

Yojna we expressed our plea sure," she added.

Later, Modi also mentioned his experience in his speech at the Janata Maidan during inauguration of the Subhadra Yojana. "When I was eating that

Khiri, it was obvious that I missed my mother," said Modi. "When my mother was

alive, I always used to visit her on my birthday to seek her blessings. My mother used to feed me 'Gud' (jaggery) by hand," he added.

Modi also worshipped Lord Jagannath at Naik's home and interacted with other PM Awas beneficiaries.

Heavy rains trigger floods in Baleswar

aerial survey today SIBDAS KUNDU BALESWAR

Depression-triggered heavy rainfall has caused floods in the rivers of Baleswar district. The Subarnarekha has posed threat for the residents of Bhograi, Jaleswar and Baliapal as its water level has jumped the danger level (DL) at Rajghat.

The river Jalaka is in also spate surpassing the DL causing plights of people of Basta and adjoining areas.

tioned at Bhograi to meet eventualities while 10 powerboats In Baliapal block, residents are alarmed after the sluice gate each were deployed at Baliapal at Jamkunda caved in and the and Bhograi for evacuation of embankment near Malipal residents.



Bhograi and Baliapal blocks were waterlogged on Tuesday. An NDRF team was posi-

Badamandaruni-Nachinda Road in Bhograi block was disrupted as water flowed on the highways. Road communica-

pockets to supply cooked meals in necessary cases. The vehicular traffic on the Kamarda-Baliapal Road and the

was also affected. Floodwater entered several villages and inundated hundreds of hectares of agricultural land. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has decided to make an aerial survey of the floods-affected areas on Wednesday.

Police assault on Army Major, GF

DGP Khurania orders probe by Crime Branch

After Army authorities take up matter

BHUBANESWAR

Director General of Police (DGP) YB Khurania on Tuesday ordered the Odisha Crime Branch to probe into the alleged assault and arrest of Indian Army Major Gurvansh Singh and his girlfriend by the Bharatpur police Bhubaneswar on Sunday.

The Crime Branch was asked to carry out an investigation into the incident and submit a report. The DGP has also directed to withdraw the complaint lodged against the Major's girlfriend.

It has been alleged that the Army officer and his girlfriend were brutally assaulted by on-duty cops at the Bharatpur police station when they approached the police to register a complaint of road

The Indian Army has taken up the matter seriously.

"An incident of manhandling of an Army officer at Bharatpur police station in Orissa has been reported in the media. The Indian Army takes a serious view of the incident. Necessary action has been taken up with the State authorities," wrote Surya Command of the Army on social

As per the allegation, while the Army Major and his girlfriend were travelling in a car, they were misbehaved by some miscreants on the road. When the victims visited the Bharatpur police station, they were misbehaved and brutally assaulted by the cops instead of registering the complaint.

The Major was allegedly kept in the lockup and when his girlfriend voiced her protest, she was also brutally assaulted by the police. Even the Bharatpur police station IIC allegedly threatened to rape

After coming to know about the development, the

Army intervened and subsequently, the Major was released and a medical checkup of his girlfriend was conducted. As per the medical checkup report at Sum Hospital, the woman was brutally assaulted.

However, it has been alleged that police have changed the medical report from a different hospital.

"How could one Army official and his girlfriend assault around 15 cops? Is it possible? They have done sexual assault on the girl, thrashed her with legs and given her third degree treatment at the police station. To be on safer side, they have filed a fabricated

case as evident from the report. Our association will not support it anymore after coming to know that it is a fabricated case. The cops associated with the incident should be suspended immediately," said Brigadier Antaryami Pradhan, president of the former Army Officers' Association. Earlier, the Bharatpur police

had registered a case against the Army officer and his girlfriend by alleging that four Constables and a woman Sub-Inspector were injured in their attack. As per the allegation by police, Singh was drunk and there were drugs in his vehicle.

Plantation drive at IIT BBS



BHUBANESWAR

In continuation with the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam Campaign', the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar organised a mass plantation drive in its premises on Tues-

Around 100 members of the institute participated in the drive with enthusiasm and vigour and planted about 200 saplings at different locations in the campus.

Dr Rajendra Prasad Singh, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Bhubaneswar, led the plantation drive. Prof Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, Bamadev Acharya, Registrar, and Dr Sivaiah Bathula, Coordinator-NSS, also joined him and planted saplings. Besides, faculty members and employees of the institute participated in this programme.

Dr Srikanta Patra, Professor-in-Charge, Horticulture, and KV Reddy, Horticulturist, coordinated the event besides participating in it.

Brijendra new NALCO CMD



BHUBANESWAR

In the Personal and Training, Public Enterprise Selection Board (PSEB) meeting held on Tuesday, Brijendra Pratap Singh was selected for the post of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of National Aluminium Company (NALCO).

Presently, Singh is the Director in-Charge of Burnpur and Durgapur Steel Plants of the Steel Authority of India Limited.

The other candidates who

had been interviewed for the NALCO post were Suresh Chandra Suman, Director (Mining) and Director (Planning and Projects) of NLC India; Vippagunta Rama Manhora Rao, Director (Finance) of Railtel Corporation India; Jagdish Arora, Director Project and Technical and Director (HR) of NALCO; Ashok Kumar Panda, Executive Director Finance and Accounts, Steel Authority of India Limited; and Alok Singh, Principal Commissioner of Income Tax-1, Rajkot.

Narendra pond fire tragedy 2 months on, dillydally continues over executing SRC report

As many senior officials of Police, Fire, SJTA, dist admn implicated SAROJ KUMAR MISHRA PURI

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m ollowing}$ the most horrific firecracker tragedy near the Narendra Pond during the Chandan Yatra of the holy Trinity on May 5, where 18 people were burnt to death, the Odisha Government and State police are under public scrutiny for not implementing the probe report by the Special Relief Commissioner (SRC), which has already been submitted 2 months back.

While the higher-ups of the police department are in a silence mode, the Chief Minister Office (CMO) is seen dilly

dallying as dozens of senior police officials, staff of Fire Safety department and SJTA would face the brunt of action. Since the case is related to the careers of so many senior officials, the SRC report has turned to be bone in the throat of both the CMO and the State po-

Sources said, dozens of officials of Puri police, Fire Safety Department and Sri Jagannath Temple Administration will have to face the brunt of the proceedings in the horrific death of the 18 people.

Question arises, will the Mohan Majhi Government take a strong action or continue showing a casual approach since it had happened during previous BJD tenure? Will the officials held guilty by the SRC be able to rescue

Worthy to mention here that a large crowd had congregated near the pond in the evening as it was the concluding day of 21-day Chadan festival. Like the previous years, fire crackers in huge quantities were stored on the bank for celebration. Whatever be the reasons, the crackers suddenly caught fire and went off for almost an hour.

The incident was so instant that the fire suddenly grasped the surrounding gatherings. People under fire could not rescue them amid a jam packed crowd. Many spectators jumped into the pond to save life. Situation was so grave that the injured were sent to Bhubaneswar and Cuttack due to absence of a burn ward in the Puri District Headquarters Hospital (DHH).

Realizing the gravity of the incident, the Naveen Government had appointed Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) Satybarta Sahu to probe the case. After convening a twoday-long hearing on June 5 and 6 in Puri, Sahu submitted his report to the CMO and the Home Department before the Rath Yatra this year. As per sources, Sahu has suggested actions on some officers of Kumbharpada police station, Fire Safety Department and SJTA officials. Besides, the SRC has also put a serious question mark on some officers of the district administration over dereliction of duty. But sadly, the file is gathering dust at both CMO and Home Department for the last two months allegedly under pressure.

Conference on 'Sustainable Food Systems'



Inaugurated at OUAT

BHUBANESWAR

 ${m A}$ three-day international conference on "Building Small Holder Climate Resilience for Achieving Sustainable Food Systems" was inaugurated at the Odisha University of Agriculture & Technology (OUAT) on Tuesday.

The conference is being organised with the support of RESILIENCE Project funded by the Norwegian Institute of Bio-economy Research (NIBIO).

Ambassador of Norway to India May-Elin Stener, chief guest of the inaugural function, praised the collaborative research work taken up by NIBIO and OUAT and assured to extend support of the Norway Government in future.

The inaugural session was attended by IMD, New Delhi Director General Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra; Director General, NIBIO, Norway, Dr Ivar H Kristensen; Director, Centre for International Development, NIBIO,

Dr Udaya S Nagothu; and **OUAT Vice-Chancellor Prof** PK Roul. The speakers deliberated on

climate-smart agricultural practices, production of climate-resilient crop varieties, government policies and initiatives to tackle adverse climatic situations, recent advances in integrated nutrient and pest management, conservation of natural resources, digital agriculture and application of AI in agriculture sector and agricultural policies and regulations to ensure food security.

The conference is attended by about 500 participants including team of scientists from NIBIO, Norway; Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute, Tanzania; ICAR and CGIAR institutions, SAUs across India. Besides, progressive farmers and research scholars are also participating.

The project has been in operation under the OUAT since October 2018 in stress-prone areas of Surada block in Ganjam district which has been scaled up to Nayagarh and Kandhamal districts.

Government should clarify how many women will be

benefited under the scheme,

Mohanty also dubbed the Mohan Government as

Modani Government accus-

Mohanty demanded.

15th NMC Teachers Meet at AliMS

'Country needs more med colleges to produce more docs'

I o strengthen the health along with the urban India there is need of more medical colleges to produce new doctors, said Professor Pediatric surgery, Member of UG Curriculum Board National Medical Commission Dr Vijendra

President UG Curriculum Board NMC Dr Aruna Vanekar highlighted the various changes in MBBS curriculum such as criteria for MBBS



attendance, maximum number of attempts to complete the MBBS course and Intern-

She also said the provision

of mandatory thesis submission before Postgraduate final examination has been removed and included as part of final practical examination.

Chairman, National Medical Commission, Padma Shree Dr BN Gangadhar emphasised on role of doctors as social reformers. He along with Dr

family adoption programme, AETCOM module and competency based curriculum. Dr Viswambar Singh Profes-

with Deans of all 17 medical

colleges of the State and clari-

sor ENT ,IMS BHU Varanasi, who is national coordinator for NMS Teachers Meet, briefed about different health activitis of National Medicos Organisation throughout the year in Northeast states, Kashmir and other parts of the

lation Board of NMC Dr Yogendar Mallik briefed about fied their queries pertaining to the different forums to address the doctor's grievances, and changes made in regulations to allow the foreign graduates to practice in India and uniformity in medical registra-

Vice Chancellor of Odisha University Health Sciences Professor Manas Ranjan Sahoo spoke about the change in teaching learning pattern between previous and current generation students.

'Subhadra scheme meant to hoodwink women



Youth Cong opposes PM visit BHUBANESWAR

Udisha Youth Congress members on Tuesday held a demonstration here to protest the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the State.

The agitators, who went in a procession from the Congress Bhawan, were intercepted on the way by police and many of them were de-

Youth Congress State president Ranjit Patra said Modi has duped the youths of the country. He had promised to provide 2 crore jobs to youths every year but has failed to keep his promise.

Modi had promised 'Achhe Din', but due to the soaring prices the common consumers are facing untold hardships. Recently, the prices of edible oils have gone up. The infrastructure which was created by the Congress over a period of

70 years is being donated by Modi to his favourite dubious companies. The LIC, banks and mines all have been handed over to the Adani Group on a platter, said Patra.

In the name of religion, unrest is being created in the country. In the Subhadra Yojana, only 10,000 rupees is being given to women though earlier many tall promises were made. The scheme is meant only to hoodwink women, Patra alleged.

Subhadra Yojana a Jumla of BJP: Cong While 30% women excluded from scheme. individual

beneficiary to get only Rs 833 per month **PNS**

BHUBANESWAR

The Congress slammed the State's BJP government over the hype and hoopla over the Subhadra Yojana describing it as a Jumla while huge funds are being spent from the State exchequer for spreading propaganda over it.

Addressing a Press conference here, State Congress Steering Committee member Dr Biswaranjan Mohanty said the government first told that the Subhadra scheme will be implemented on Rath Yatra



it failed to keep its promise, it announced another date marking the birth day of PM Narendra Modi. He also said the party before the election had promised to give Rs 50,000 in two years' time but now it has stretched it to five years. He counted that one

per day at Rs 27.

"How can a woman open a business with this meagre amount of money and how can they be empowered?" he questioned.

Mohanty also raised the issue of the 30 percent of the woman population of Odisha

ing it of giving a free reign to the capitalists by handing over the Gopalpur Port to Adani and planning to hand over Omfed to a Gujurat company. He reminded that the BJP

women,13 per cent are under

18 years of age and 17 percent

are over 60 years of age. He

also said there is a condition

that a family should not be

getting Rs 1,500 per month as

Government allowance and

anybody in the family should

had promised to refund the money of the chit fund victims when there was a scam of Rs 50,000 crore in the State. The Mohan Government has completed 100 days of office and how many days the people of Odisha will wait to get 1.5 crore mining revenue and justice to 20 lakh chit fund depositors when the Prime Minister is in the State, Mohanty

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'Unregulated fishing, habitat loss destroy horseshoe crabs'

Awareness drive held for fishing community at Gopalpur SIBDAS KUNDU

BALESWAR

 $oldsymbol{A}$ team of enthusiastic conservationists, under the banner of civil society body 'Ray of Hopes', organised an awareness programme about the endangered horseshoe crabs among the fishermen community residing along the seacoast at Gopalpur under Bahanaga block.

The objective was to educate the fishermen community about the importance of horseshoe crabs which have

To study human-

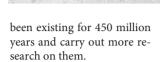
animal conflicts

in Eastern Ghats

■ BRAHMAPUR

The Berhampur University

will undertake a study on the



The programme included interactive sessions, demonstrations and distribution of educational materials that are designed to empower the community to become protector of the species, said Ray

of Hoes secretary Swastik Dey, adding, "As a part of the activity, we measured and documented some dead horseshoe crabs found on the beaches. Their death is caused mainly by the unregulated fishing and habitat destruc-

"Horseshoe crabs release a

tivity is just the beginning of our efforts to engage with the community and work towards a sustainable future for these incredible creatures," observed Sasmita Majhi, a team mem-By working together, we can fluid called Perivitelline that maintains marine ecosystem chain and to achieve sus-

make a difference and ensure long-term survival of these endangered species, maintained Omkar Mohon Dash, a team member.

tal role in our ecosystem, and

it's crucial we take action to

protect them and today's ac-

Kartik Kishore Majhi, Agnesha Pattanayak. Pintu Murmu and Anup Das were part of the enthusiastic team which conducted a meeting.

Muhammad birthday Hindus join Muslim rally in Umarkote

UMARKOTE

The people from the Muslim community observed the 1446th birth anniversary (Jayanti) of Prophet Muhammad in Umarkote on

Representatives from various parts of the locality participated in a rally taken out on the occasion. Not only the Muslims but also Hindus joined the march that moved around various parts of Umarkote. The Hindus also arranged cold drinks to offer to the Muslim brothers.

The Umarkote Anjuman Islamiya Committee organised a program on Sun-



day evening near Jama Masjid in which prominent Muslim scholars Sayed Gulam Mohiuddin of Ghazipur (UP) and Janab Ruhul Amin of IabalPur (MP) exhorted the preachings of Prophet Muhammad. Participating here, several speakers of Hindu community highlighted the preachings of the Prophet and condemned the people who play cheap politics over religion here.

"India is a pluralistic soci-

and the significance of the Prophet's teaching," said former president of Anjuman Committee, Islamiya Umarkote, Khalid Tanveer Jilani. Among others, former Nabarangpur MP Ramesh Majhi, senior leader Jaydeb Parida, Umarkote Municipality Chairperson Radha Bhatra, Jhadeswar Mohanty, Jama Masjid President Haji Salim Rathore, vice-president Seikh Aahazada Rizwi, secretary Ali Lathia, joint-secretary Anis Sunni, cashier Ibrahim Rathore and local youth president of Suni Muslim community

brothers and sisters to make

attempts to understand Islam

Sufiyan Hingora were present. 2 students missing in canal

During Vishwakarma idol immersion

BARIPADA

wo Plus II students went missing during Vishwakarma idol immersion in the Subarnarekha canal in Baripada on Tuesday.

The students were identified as Thakur Soren of Badampahad and Bhagya Prakash Patra of Tato village in Mayurbhanj district's siding in a hostel and had gone to the canal for idol immersion in morning, said sources.

The two students slipped from the Kathpal canal embankment during idol immersion and went missing, the sources added. On getting information,

locals and ODRAF personnel reached the spot and started search operations. Further details were awaited as the duo remained missing till last reports came in.

In Jharsuguda 2 workers die, 5 hurt in mishap at OMPL plant

Budhipadar in Jharsuguda district on Tuesday.

As per initial reports, the mishap occurred after the structure at the plant collapsed on the workers. The incident occurred in the afternoon when the labourers were working at the site.

occurred. "We rushed to the

critically injured were admitted to a private hospital. Senior police officials rushed to the spot after getting information about the incident. It was alleged that measures

at various plants in the district ares being neglected which is leading to the mishaps.

ther when he rushed to the spot to his rescue. Later, the miscreants hurled bombs at their house in which the father-son

Though the exact reason behind the attack was yet to be ascertained, it was suspected that it could be the fallout of

both Mrutvuniav and his father were rushed to the District Headquarters Hospital (DHH). Police registered a case and began investigating the incident.

spot and saw the filter press wo workers died and five plates had fallen down. Using others were injured in a miscranes, we rescued the injured. hap at the Orissa Metaliks Pri-Two labourers have died and five others are injured," he vate Limited (OMPL) plant at

Following the incident, the

As per reports, the miscreants first attacked Mrutyunjay and later did not spare his fa-

ily," said 65-year-old Ghana

Tiria, who lost his son to kid-

ney ailment. Like Tiria, many

villagers have lost their sons,

brothers and relatives to kid-

of chromite has been posing a

danger to the residents of

Kaliapani, Puranapani and

"Large-scale illegal mining

ney related problems.

duo was injured.

some old rivalry.

medical camps in the areas to

treat the patients. We also di-

rected mine owners to abide

by the general safety culture

by providing helmets, masks,

safety shoes and jackets to all

human-wildlife conflict in the entire stretch of Eastern Ghats in the State. The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) has awarded the study project (a longitudinal study) to the university, officials said. The five-year project on "Intervention Models for Socio-

Ecological Reconciliation of Human-Wildlife Conflicts in the Eastern Ghats in Odisha" to reconcile the human-wildlife conflict pertaining to four different animals including elephant, blackbuck, leopard

Geetanjali Dash. The Department of Envi-

3-day Vishva Sadhu

Sammelan held in Puri

and snakes. The ICSSR has sanctioned Rs 2 crore for the project, said Vice Chancellor of BU

ronmental Science of the university in collaboration with MDS University, Ajmer, XIM University, Bhubaneswar, and Centre for Youth and Social Development (CYSD) will carry out the study, she said.

With objective of

Sanatan Dharma

A three-day grand Vishva

Sadhu Sammelan began in

Puri on Sunday under the call

of Pandit Shri Kashinath

Mishra, chairman of the Vishv

Sanatan Dharma Seva Trust.

have come together in the sa-

cred land of Lord Jagannath

for the conference whose aim

is to revive the Sanatan

Dharma, which is declining

The saints and Sanatan ad-

Swachhata Hi

he Paradip Port Author-

ity (PPA) began the obser-

vance of "Swachhta Hi Seva"

administering Swachhata

Pledge by DN Sondhi, FA &

CAO, PPA, to HoDs and Dy

HoDs in front of the PPA Ad-

ministrative Building on Tues-

The port's Environment

Cell undertook a plantation

drive under "Ek Ped Maa Ke

Naam" at the Paradip beach.

To make the ongoing

Viswakarma Puja festival a plas-

tic-free event, the PPA joined an awareness rally in associa-

worldwide.

All Sanatan sects of India

saving and

promoting

PNS ■ PURI

ICSSR awards Rs 2-crore project to BU After completion of the study, the university will provide the policy recommendations to the Central and State Governments for implementation of the socio-economic and technology models for reconciliation of the conflict between humans and wild ani-

mals in the region, she added. The project would be undertaken through a citizen science-centric model. A mobile app will be designed in collaboration with various departments of the State Government, which will be available for public users, said B Anjan Kumar Prusty, project coordi-

The government will be implementing an early warning system of the wild animals' proximity. The hotspot areas of these four species and human-wildlife coexistence zones would be identified, officials said.

The outcomes of the project will be focused on development of micro and small-scale entrepreneurs at the village level to ensure them a sustainable source of income and reduce their reliance on forest produce, which will ultimately reduce the faceoff between human and wildlife, they added.

herents will fight for the rights

of Sanatan Dharma, respect for

saints and protection of the

traditions, monasteries, and

temples of Sanatan Dharma.

The saints will conduct ral-

lies and promote Sanatan

Dharma across villages, towns,

and cities. They will travel

across India to propagate the Sanatan Dharma and appeal

to the Indian Government for

the rightful status of the

Dharma and work towards

promoting it in every coun-

To ensure the smooth ex-

tion with the Paradeep Mu-

nicipality. Reusable cotton

bags, biodegradable plates and

glasses are being provided by

the Paradip Saksharata Samiti

to all shops and pandals as an

The PPA has already drawn

up a detailed action plan as part

of Swachhta Hi Seva includ-

ing an awareness drive among

local school students, display

of Swachhata awareness hoard-

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ing of pump houses and digi-

tal display at important loca-

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Paradip Port embraces cleanliness and hygiene
PNS PARADIP tion with the Paradeep Mu-

In Telkoi • Jumbos eat paddy along with Rs 10K cash in bag

Break houses NARESH PATTANAYAK KEONJHAR

Panic spread in Telkoi forest range area of Keonihar division, after a rise in incidents of elephant attacks in the last couple of days.

In one such incident, a 5member elephant herd raided the forest surrounding Munda Sahi of Bena village under Telkoi Forest Beat on Sunday at about 11 pm night in search of food. First the elephant herd destroyed a banana farm of one Rabindra Patra of the village. Then the tuskers pulled down the mud wall of his house and took away a bag containing paddy and cash of Rs 10,000. The elephant herd allegedly ate out all the paddy with the cash.

Rabindra's wife Kansala with grief said, "We belong to a poor family. The herd has eaten the entire paddy with Rs 10,000

6,256 more than

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m he\ forest\ personnel\ of}$

Bhitarkanika National Park this year spotted as many as 6.256 more monsoon birds along with 1,154 more nests

This year the census was car-

ried out from September 9 to

13, stated Rajnagar Mangrove

Forest and Wildlife Division

DFO Sudarshan Gopinath

According to the DFO, an

estimated 1,30,123 residential

birds of 10 species were spot-

ted by the enumerators dur-

ing the annual residential bird

census -2024. Last year,

As per official sources, the

forest personnel came across

1,23,867 birds were spotted.

last year

than last year's.



cash that my husband had kept in the bag. We want compensation for the loss.

tainable goals, we have to pro-

tect coral reefs and its ecosys-

Pattanayak, a team member

and a research scholar of FM

"Horseshoe crabs play a vi-

Upasana

said

University.

Later, the elephant herd broke Baburam Munda's house and ate rice and paddy and damaged the kitchen utensils of the house. In fear of attack, both families escaped to another place to save them. Local people have de-

Durgaprasad Dia and Bali Dia.

While Matha Dia is located

manded compensation and shelter for the victims.

Telkoi forest range officer Shivaji Mohan Rao said, "We have already visited the place and paid compensation to the victims. We are verifying more details about the money that was eaten up by the elephant herd with the paddy. We are keeping eyes on the movement of the el-

1,30,123 monsoon birds of 10 species sighted in B'kanika

ephant herd and trying to drive them into the forest area."

Wild elephants come from the forest to the human habitations on rainy days and destroy the houses and eat rice, creating an atmosphere of fear in the minds of the people in the area, said former Sarpanch Ban Bihari Nayak, who demanded compensation and protection for the people.

> A staff member said he was in the store when the mishap

Man, son injured in Old rivalry suspected

In yet another incident of the deteriorating law and order situation in Puri district, two persons sustained injuries after unidentified miscreants allegedly hurled bombs after attacking them in the Nali Padia area under the Baliapanda police station in on Tuesday. The injured were identified as Sandip Sanyal and his son Mrutyunjay.

Following the incident,

ecution of the mission, an Inter-caste Standing Committee will be formed at the minerals

"This was the 18th death in Sukinda owing to renal failure in nine months, while 50 more are battling for life," Chief District Medical Officer (CDMO), Jajpur, Dr Sibashis

Asked about the reason for



soon, are Open bill stork, Little cormorant, Intermediate egret, Large egret, Little egret,

As many as three teams, each containing four enumerators, were engaged to carry out the drive.

Dark side of mining 18 die of kidney ailments in 9 months in Sukinda For consuming did not listen. Now I am shoulcheck the disease. dering the burden of my fam-"We are organising free

water with high concentration of **AKSHAY ROUT** ■ JAJPUR

Kidney ailments have spread their tentacles in Jajpur district's Sukinda block. Apparently, chromite min-

Those living in such areas often have stones in their kidminerals." "Around four workers have died in a month after suffering from kidney-related ailments," Bharat Chandra Mohant, a trade union leader in Kaliapani, said.

est open-cast chromite ore mines in the world, sources said. The 2,500-odd residents of the block are dependent on mining for their livelihood.

"I told my son not to work in the chromite mine, but he

other villages in Sukinda areas. We had staged several protests against illegal chromite mining activities in the villages, but no one paid heed to our pleas," alleged Jagajiban Das, a trade union leader in ore deposits and has the largthe district.

When contacted, Deputy Director Of Mines, Jajpur, Bibhuti Bhusan Behera said, "Few mining workers have died due to kidney ailments for which we recently chalked out a plan with the CDMO to the workers. We will take legal action against mining companies which violate safety norms," the DDM added. Former Minister Priti Ranjan Ghadei said, "Awareness drives should be taken in the region by the State Gov-

ernment. Besides, free dialysis units should be opened for the kidney-affected patients." Ghadei said the State Government must provide ad-

equate social security measures to the affected persons and their families. Besides, free healthcare, education and other facilities need to be extended to them, he added.

ing has been responsible for two deaths on an average every month this year. On Saturday, 51-year-old Bhima Saradar, who worked in the chromite mines Kalarangiatta village, died at home in Rasola village.

Moharana said.

ney because of drinking water Sukinda valley has 97 perwith high concentration of cent of the country's chromite

the kidney ailments, Dr

Moharana added, "Many suf-

fer from chronic kidney dis-

eases in the mining areas.

Trouble for BJP in Goa over corruption allegations on CM Pramod Sawant

Just ahead of the assembly elections in Maharashtra, trouble seems to be brewing up in neighbouring Goa for the Chief Minister Pramod Sawant as few ruling party leaders and legislators have expressed their resentment to the party high command in Delhi based on several allegations and complaints by the Opposition ranks to Central and State investigating stakeholders.

Many state BJP members who are augmenting the ongoing membership drive of the party in the State has cited turnout as they complained eroding Sawant's popularity who is allegedly controversies which could be a threat to BJP's fortune in

"Our party had set up a benchmark by putting leaders like late Manohar Parrikar and in a small state which depends on tourism economy has to always think on this line only," a party legislator camping in Delhi said.

Opposition leaders too like Vijai Sardesai and Amit Palekar, have raised serious concerns about the CM's policies and schemes and have written letters to probing

While one allegations against the CM is similar to the



ongoing Delhi liquor scam which led to arrest of top leaders including Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal, Sardesai has shed light on instances of excessive spending like the expense of Rs 40 lakh on laddoos (sweets) alone. This, along with a total of Rs 4.32 crore spent on transporting VIPs since 2022 and an additional Rs 1.33 crore spent on five-star hotel stays.

One of the most significant allegations is of land grabbing. Sardesai, who is also Goa Forward Party leader has accused Sawant of failing to address rampant land fraud in the state. Despite the formation of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) and a commission led by Justice (retd) V.K. Jadhav,

with only 22 out of 93 reported cases resulting in

Another major issue is the controversial Investment Promotion Board (IPB) Bill, which aimed to grant sweeping powers to the IPB over local panchayats and municipalities. The bill faced resistance in the Assembly, with opposition members arguing that it would undermine local governance and facilitate indiscriminate land-use changes, particularly in ecosensitive zones.

Sardesai has also intensified his criticism of Sawant and his cabinet colleague Atanasio Monserrate, accusing them of a massive 50,000 crore scam involving Zuari Agro Chemicals Ltd's (ZACL) land. Rebel BJP MLAs opposition MLAs have pointed out that despite promises from Sawant to address these concerns and to withdraw illegal permissions, construction and sale of plots continue unabated. The discrepancy in the land's

valuation—from 25 paise per square metre in 1971 to Rs 1,19,000 per square metre currently—further suspicions of a massive scam? The "Cash for Job" scam under Chief Minister's administration has also exposed deep-rooted corruption in the recruitment processes. Congress MP Capt. Viriato Fernandes accused a woman from Sanquelim, Sawant's constituency, of taking bribes in exchange for securing government job postings, particularly in the

police department. Additionally, revealed another scam in the recruitment Lower Division Clerks (LDC) at the South Goa Collectorate.

Recent reports have revealed District Mineral Foundation (DMF) funds, meant for public welfare and development in mining-affected areas of Goa, were allegedly diverted to Sai Nursing Home, a private associated

PM Modi turns 74; Leaders across party lines extend wishes

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi turned 74 on Tuesday, with President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and other dignitaries and politicians cutting party lines extending their best wishes to him.

Modi spent most of his day in Odisha during which he launched the state flagship government's women-centric initiative, Subhadra Yojana, besides railway and national highway

Speaking at an event in Bhubaneswar, Modi recalled how he used to visit his mother on his birthday and take her blessings.
"Before coming here, I went

to the home of an Adivasi family to attend their Grih Pravesh event...My sister in that family gave me khiri to eat. And when I was eating that Khiri, it was obvious for me to remember my mother. 'When my mother was alive, I always used to visit her on my birthday to seek her blessings. My mother used to feed me 'Gud' (jaggery) by hand. She is not there anymore but my Adivasi mother fed me kheer and gave me birthday

blessings," Modi said. Murmu greeted Modi on his birthday and wished that his innovative efforts pave the way to make India a developed nation. Modi was born on September 17, 1950,



in a small town in Gujarat. Hearty congratulations and best wishes to Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji on his birthday. On the strength of your personality and work, extraordinary leadership and increased the prosperity and prestige of the country," the president said in a social

media post in Hindi. "I wish that your innovative efforts with the spirit of nation first pave the way to make India a developed nation. I pray to God that you live long and always remain healthy and happy," she wrote. Greeting Modi, Dhankhar said the prime minister has firmly set the country on a trajectory towards

In a social media post, the vice president said Modi, in governance for over two decades, and as prime minister for over a decade, has aroused the soul of

developed India by 2047.

Bharat, stimulated its cultural nurtured civilisational ethos. He said

unprecedented developmental trajectory." "With new insights and resolute will, may you continue to lead Bharat for many years to come! Pray almighty to give you the strength and be blessed with good health," Dhankhar

the prime minister has firmly

set the country on the

BJP president J P Nadda said the prime minister has dedicated his life to serving the country and humanity. He is changing the lives of people and has turned his resolve into an achievement, th BJP chief said. He inaugurated a blood donation camp under 'Seva Pakhwada' and an exhibition on the life of the

Union Home Minister Amit Shah extended birthday greetings to Modi and said he

prime minister.

has brought positive changes in the lives of the people through his tireless work, perseverance and foresight, and has raised India's prestige in the world.

Leaders cutting across party lines wished Modi on his birthday.

president Congress Mallikarjun Kharge greeted the prime minister on his birthday and wished good health and long life for him. Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi also greeted Modi and wished for his long and healthy life.

Former Prime Minister and JD(S) patriarch H D Deve Gowda greeted Modi and wished he may grow from strength to strength to successfully lead India in this

third term. Taking to social media, Gowda said, "My very warm birthday greetings to Prime @narendramodi Minister avaru. May he grow from strength to strength to successfully lead India in his third term. May the lord almighty bless him with good

health and a long life." Senior TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee wished for the good health of the Prime Minister. Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and his Deputy Pawan Kalyan, and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, among others, greeted the prime minister on his birthday.



Modi: Congress, its ecosystem angry over his Ganesh Puja participation

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 $P_{\text{Modi on Tuesday said the}}^{\text{rime Minister Narendra}}$ Congress and its "ecosystem" was angry with him for taking that "power-hungry" people who were dividing society were also having problems with this

Modi made the comment in an apparent reference to the criticism by the opposition parties for participating in Ganesh Puja rituals at the residence of Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud, while addressing a rally after launching the Odisha government's flagship programme Subhadra Yojana in Bhubaneshwar.

"Ganesh Utsav is not just a festival of faith for our country. It played a very important role in the freedom movement.

"Even at that time, the British who followed the policy of divide and rule used to hate Ganesh Utsav. Even today, the power-hungry people, who

are busy in dividing society are having problems with Ganesh Puja. You must have seen that the people of Congress and its ecosystem are angry because participated in Ganesh Puja,"

He also said that Lord Ganesh was "put behind bars" in Congress-ruled Karnataka by these people. The Prime Minister was apparently referring to a viral photo of Ganesh idol in a police van in the southern state.

"The whole country disturbed because of the picture," he said adding, "We cannot let these hateful elements move forward". When the British tried to divide the country based on caste and religion, Lokmanya Tilak had organised Ganesh Utshav and awakened the soul

"Ganesh Utshav teaches us how to remain united and rise above caste and religion...Even today, all sections of people in our society participate in Ganesh Utsav without any discrimination.

doctor consultation: Researchers

of the country, he said.

SC rejects PIL seeking summer dress code exemption for lawyers

the Supreme Court on The Supreme Court of Tuesday refused to entertain a PIL seeking exemption for lawyers from wearing black coat and gown in courts during summer, saying there has to be some dress code and they cannot wear 'kurta-payjama', a tra-ditional Indian outfit of a loosefitting tunic.

"Ultimately it is a matter of decorum. You should be properly attired. You have to wear something. You cannot argue in 'kurta pajyama' or shorts and T-shirt also...," said a bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and



Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra.

however, bench, permitted lawyer Shailendra

PIL in his personal capacity, to submit a representation to the Bar Council of India, the state bar councils and the Centre on Mani Tripathi, who filed the the issue, saying they may take granted.

When Tripathi said lawyers may be exempted from wearing coat and gown during summer, CJI Chandrachud told him that the climate in Rajasthan is not similar to Bangalore and hence, let the

respective bar councils take a

decision on this. The bench said the petitioner can make a representation to the bar councils and the government for suitable amendments to the dress code. As the bench was not inclined to entertain the petition, Tripathi sought its permision to withdraw the PIL which was

demands. PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

India highlights \$5 trillion

criticises \$100 billion pledge

climate funding need,

NEW DELHI

ndia on Tuesday highlighted Lthe significant gap in climate funding, stating that developing countries will need over USD 5 trillion to meet their climate goals by 2030.

Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav criticised 100 billion from developed nations, describing it as too small' to address the scale of the challenge.

He was speaking at the 19th Sustainability organized Confederation of Indian

Industry (CII) here. Yadav pointed out that developed countries, which have historically contributed most to GHG emissions and consumed a large portion of the global carbon budget, had promised USD 100 billion and technology transfer to aid developing nations in their climate efforts.

However, he argued that this commitment has not been fulfilled. Yadav emphasised the disparity in resource needs by noting that if poorer countries like Ethiopia were to adopt the consumption

patterns of nations, humanity would require the resources of seven Earths to meet global

He also highlighted that India's consumption patterns are more aligned with those of African nations, reflecting a more sustainable lifestyle.

The Minister underscored the necessity for developing countries to have access to energy for development to ensure a dignified life for their citizens.

The need for financial

support for middle-income

and poor nations to address issue at the upcoming UN climate conference in Baku. At this conference, countries are expected to finalize the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG), which will establish a new target for the annual mobilization of funds by developed nations starting in 2025 to support climate developing

countries.

In 2009, developed countries agreed to mobilize USD 100 billion annually by 2020 to support climate action in developing countries. In 2015, under the Paris Agreement, Parties agreed to extend this goal out to 2025 and to set a new finance goal, from a floor of USD 100 billion per year, for after 2025 taking into account the needs and priorities of developing

Defence Production Department conducts 446 cleanliness drives, generates revenue of ₹14.58 lakh

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aking forward the pledge to encourage **I** the cleanliness and sanitation at the workplace, the Department of Defence Production (DDP) has held a total of 446 cleanliness drives in all of its divisions, attached offices and subordinate offices from November, 2023 to August 2024, defence ministry said here on Tuesday. Giving details, officials said under these drives, various activities like weeding out of physical files, disposal of obsolete items, all-round cleanliness drives, quick and proper disposals of public grievances and other references/assurances, etc. were undertaken in a time bound manner by all the divisions under DDP, DPSUs, both attached offices i.e. DGQA & DGAQA and subordinate offices viz. Directorate of Standardization and Directorate of Ordinances.

All organizations under the Department have also been sensitized from time to time with regard to the Swachhata Campaign.

It is noteworthy that the Department of Defence Production conducted pan-India demonstration of cleanliness campaigns through the conduct of Special Campaign 3.0 on Swacchata across its offices located in New Delhi and in all field offices and local units. During the period, the Department disposed of a total of 57 pending references from Members of Parliament, 17 pending references from the PMO, 1432 pending Public Grievances and 214

Public Grievances Appeals. Further, a total of 13,356 physical files were weeded out after being reviewed.

During this period, due to sincere efforts of all the offices under DDP, a total of 8750 square feet of space has been

Also, with increase in scrap disposal, revenue of Rs. 14,58,225 has also been generated. These campaigns have resulted in an overall improvement in the office atmosphere, with better space a healthier management and environment.

Over the last few years, the practice of Swachhata has become an integral part of the daily routine of the Department. This is due to Department's sincere efforts towards imparting cleanliness as a precursor to any work in the office environment so that we may move towards a cleaner and simplified workplace that may enable us to utilize all the resources to maximum extent.

Kharge urges Modi to discipline leaders over objectionable statements against Rahul Gandhi

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team of researchers has Aflagged that while injectable weight loss drugs have become a popular option for people struggling with obesity, 1 in 4 or 25% consider using them without consulting their doctor, exposing themselves to several health risks.

The team from The Ohio State University, US, who surveyed 1,006 adults in America attributed the usage of drugs such as Semaglutide (Ozempic and Wegovy) without seeking medical advice to higher cost and lack of insurance.

As per the survey, at least 18 per cent participants identified cost, lack of insurance coverage (15%), difficulty obtaining a prescription (9%), and availability issues (6%) as



One in four use weight loss drugs without

major reasons for bypassing professional advice.

Dr Shengyi Mao, an internal medicine physician at Ohio State, underscored the risks of self-medicating. Without supervision, medical individuals may significant health risks, such as side effects and interactions with other medications. The FDA has also issued warnings about compounded versions

of Semaglutide, which can be ineffective or improperly

GLP-1 receptor agonists, like Ozempic and Wegovy, are FDA-approved for weight loss and reducing cardiovascular face risk in those with obesity and existing cardiovascular However, conditions compounded drugs may lack efficacy and present additional

Mao stressed the importance of a comprehensive approach management, involving personalized medical guidance to address individual health needs and Effective weight management often requires a combination of changes and lifestyle medical intervention, discontinuing medication can lead to weight regain if not

managed properly.
The U.S. FDA has approved Semaglutide for weight loss and reducing cardiovascular risk in individuals with obesity or overweight and existing cardiovascular conditions. However, the FDA has also issued warnings about compounded versions of the drug, which have been linked to dosing errors ineffective ingredients.

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ongress president Mallikarjun Kharge raised with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday the issue of "extremely objectionable" and violent statements by ruling alliance members targeting Rahul Gandhi and urged him to discipline his leaders. In his letter to Modi, Kharge

asserted that strict legal action should be taken against those giving such statements so that Indian politics can be prevented from degenerating and nothing untoward happens.

"I want to draw your attention to an issue which is directly related to democracy and the Constitution. You must be aware that a series of extremely objectionable, violent and rude statements



are being made against the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi," the Congress chief

"I have to say with sadness that the violent language used by the leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party and your allies is harmful for the future. The world is shocked that the Minister of State for Railways in the central government, a minister from BJP-ruled Uttar Pradesh, is calling the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok

Gandhi, he is the "number Kharge said in an apparent reference to the remarks by Minister of State for Railways Ravneet Singh Bittu and UP minister Raghuraj Singh. "An MLA from a party that has ties with your government

in Maharashtra is announcing a reward of Rs 11 lakh to the person who 'cuts off the tongue of the Leader of the Opposition and brings it to him. A BJP leader and former MLA in Delhi is threatening to make him 'fate like his grandmother," Kharge said. Shiv Sena MLA Sanjay

Gaikwad announced that he will give Rs 11 lakh to anyone chopping off Gandhi's tongue for his remarks on scrapping the reservation system.

Union minister Ravneet Singh Bittu on Sunday said if those "manufacturing bombs" supporting

one terrorist". Minister in the BJP's UP government Raghuraj Singh reportedly made similar remarks as that of Bittu. Earlier, BJP leader Tarvinder Singh Marvah had purportedly made "threatening" remarks against Rahul Gandhi. In his letter to Modi in Hindi,

Kharge said Indian culture is known throughout the world for non-violence, harmony and love. "Our heroes established these as standards in politics. Gandhi ji had made these standards an important part of politics during the British rule itself. After independence, there has been a long history of respectful disagreements between the ruling party and the opposition in the parliamentary arena.

BJP set to face anti incumbency test in high stakes Haryana Assembly polls

CHANDIGARH/NEW DELHI

¬he high-stakes Haryana assembly election will witness a multi-cornered contest with the ruling BJP set to face the anti-incumbency test as well as a resurgent Congress as it looks to script a hat-trick in the state. Among the 1,031 candidates

in the fray for the October 5 polls are several kin of Harvana's three famous 'Lals' -- former chief ministers Bansi Lal, Devi Lal and Bhajan Lal -- with some even taking on each other. The entry of a few more from other prominent political families has made the electoral battle an interesting one. Besides the BJP and the Congress, AAP has also fielded candidates for the polls. The Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) and Azad Samai Party are contesting the election in alliance, as are the INLD and

are BJP candidates Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini from Kurukshetra's Ladwa and Anil Vij from Ambala Cantt, the Congress' Bhupinder Singh Hooda from Rohtak's Garhi Sampla-Kiloi and Vinesh Phogat from Julana, JJP's Dushyant Chautala from Uchana Kalan, INLD's Abhay Singh Chautala from Ellenabad and AAP's Anurag Dhanda from Kalayat. According to the election department, over two crore voters are eligible to cast their votes in the state -- 1,07,75,957 men, 95,77,926 women and 467 transgender

Among the kin of the three 'Lals', Congress candidate Anirudh Chaudhry, Bansi Lal's grandson and former treasurer of the BCCI, is contesting from Bhiwani's Tosham seat against his cousin and ex-MP Shruti Choudhry, fielded by the BJP. From the Dabwali seat, Devi

Lal, an INLD candidate, will take on the JJP's Digvijay Singh Chautala, the greatgrandson of the former deputy prime minister.

In Hisar's Adampur constituency, Bhajan Lal's grandson Bhavya Bishnoi of the BJP is seeking re-election.

The Congress and the BJP are contesting on 89 seats each. The Haryana assembly has a strength of 90. While the Congress has left the Bhiwani seat for the CPI(M), the BJP pulled its candidate from Sirsa, leaving the seat for its ally Haryana Lokhit Party. Both the BJP and the Congress faced rebellion on a

race before the last date for nomination withdrawal. The BJP is aiming for a hattrick in the state but faces a tough challenge from a resurgent Congress looking to cash in on the anti-incumbency

few seats but several of these

leaders withdrew from the

Haryana after a decade. To offset the Congress challenge, the BJP made a bold move in March by replacing Manohar Lal Khattar with Nayab Singh Saini as the chief minister ahead of the Lok

Sabha polls. Khattar is now a

Saini is the BJP's chief ministerial face but senior party leader and six-time MLA Anil Vij has thrown his hat in the ring by declaring that he would stake claim for the

Union minister.

post if the party won. The BJP came to power in Haryana on its own for the first time in 2014.

Following the 2019 assembly polls, the Dushyant Chautalaled JJP joined hands with the BJP to form the government after the saffron party failed to get a clear majority. However, the alliance ended

in March after Saini replaced Khattar.

While the Congress is the

outfits and the Aam Aadmi Party make it a multi-cornered contest.

The split in the Jat vote among parties like the INLD and the JJP may not work to the Congress' advantage. Congress leader Bhupinder

Hooda, a two-time former chief minister, maintains that it is going to be direct fight. "In Haryana, the direct contest is between the Congress and the BJP. All the parties like the INLD, JJP and HLP have been fielded only to cut the votes of the Congress. BJP has also given this responsibility to many Independents. The public needs to be cautious of such candidates," Hooda said.

On the other hand, Chief Minister Saini has maintained that the BJP will come to power for a third time and said people know that the Congress spreads "falsehood". The BJP is looking to cash in on the "clean image" of Chief Prime Minister Narendra Modi lavished praises while during a poll rally in Kurukshetra recently. The party claims to have pro-

vided "transparent administration" and jobs on merit and undertaken equitable development, as against the alleged favouritism in jobs, corrup-tion and regional bias that prevailed earlier during the Congress regime.

The BJP has the added advantage of being in power at the Centre which allows it to pitch to voters its "doubleengine capability". However, being in power in

the state for 10 years, the party will have to counter the anti-incumbency factor. To counteract this, the party has been highlighting the work done by its governments at the Centre and in the state over the past decade and welfare schemes brought for various sections of society, including farmers.

opposition parties have made farmers, unemployment and law and order major poll

The Congress also ran a "Haryana Maange Hisab" campaign and attacked the

BJP over these issues. It also got a boost in the recent general election as it wrested five of the 10 Lok

Sabha seats in Haryana from However, BJP leaders have also been raking up infighting within the Congress, dubbing it as a "divided house".

The JJP and INLD are facing an uphill task as both outfits faced a rout in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. The INLD, led by former

chief minister Om Prakash Chautala, currently has just one member in the Haryana AAP leaders, meanwhile, are

hopeful that the people of Haryana will give them a

Submit status report on financial irregularities at RG Kar hospital: SC to CBI

factor to return to power in

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

 $T^{\text{he Supreme Court on}}_{\text{Tuesday directed the CBI}}$ to submit a status report on the probe into alleged financial irregularities at the R G Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata where a trainee doctor was raped and murdered last month. The top court also perused the status report filed by the central probe agency concerning the rape and murder incident and said disclosing the status will jeopardise further inves-

Refusing to stop streaming live proceedings in the suo motu case related to the incident, the apex court said it was a matter of public interest and the public must know what is transpiring in the courtroom. Meanwhile the apex court directed free encyclopedia Wikipedia to remove the photograph and name of the resident doctor who was raped and murdered at the hospital.

A bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and

Justices J B Pardiwala and

Manoj Misra asked the central agency to file a status report on the probe so far on the alleged financial irregularities in the medical departments of the hospital. The court later adjourned hearing in the case

matter after a week. It perused the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) report and said that disclosing the leads of the agency would not be fair as it would only lead to the dislocation of the investi-"The father of the deceased has made some suggestions on the leads that

and said that it would take up

should be taken up for investigation. We are not making them public, we will say that these are valuable inputs and the CBI should look into them," the bench said.

As the hearing commenced, senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the West Bengal Government, sought the stopping of live proceedings in the case. He alleged that women lawyers of the chamber were facing threats of acid attacks and rapes. "I have great concerns at what is happening. What happens when you livestream matters like this

which has huge emotive implications. We are not representing the accused. We appear for the state government and as soon as the court is making a comment our reputation is getting destroyed overnight. We have 50 years of reputation," Sibal said. The top court assured Sibal

that it would step in if there were any threats to lawyers and others. "We will not stop the live streaming of the proceedings. It is in public interest," the bench said. During the hearing, the apex court took objection to the West government's 'Rattierer Saathi' programme which prescribes night duty avoidance for women doctors and that the working hours of women doctors should not exceed 12 hours at a time.

"The West Bengal Government should correct the notification. Your duty is to provide security, you cannot say that women (doctors) cannot work at night. Pilots, the army etc all work at night. This will prejudice their (doctors) careers. The hours of duty should be reasonable for all doctors," the

After the top court's objection, the West Bengal government told the bench that it would withdraw the notification for women doctors The top court also questioned West Bengal

Government's decision to hire contractual staff for the protection of doctors and other staff in hospitals. "We are in a situation where there is a lack of security for doctors. The state government should have at least deployed police in government hospitals. We are dealing with young interns and students who are coming to Kolkata for work," the bench said.

The West Bengal Government also assured the bench that no punitive or adverse action would be taken against protesting doctors after senior advocate Indira Jaising, appearing for junior doctors, urged the court to record that no punitive action be taken against the doctors. Jaising also said that junior doctors know the people who were at the scene of the crime and the information shall be shared with the CBI in sealed

SC closes criminal proceedings against army personnel accused of killing 13 civilians

 $T^{
m he\ Supreme\ Court\ on}_{
m Tuesday\ closed\ criminal}$ proceedings against 30 Army personnel accused of killing 13 civilians in a 2021 botched operation to ambush militants in Nagaland's Mon district. It also said the case may be taken to its logical end if the Centre sanctions their prosecution.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and P B Varale also said the order will not prevent the Army from taking any disciplinary action against the per-

The Nagaland government in separate proceedings has challenged the denial of sanction to prosecute the Army personnel. The apex court closed the proceedings on two separate petitions filed by wives of the personnel, including a major rank officer, who sought closure of the case lodged by Nagaland

The wives were seeking closure of the criminal proceedings on the ground that the state gov-ernment has no jurisdiction to prosecute the personnel due to immunity granted under the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA).

Their plea contended that prior

sanction from the Centre was

needed to initiate any legal proceedings against Army personnel if the area falls under In April last year, the Central government had denied sanc-

tion to prosecute the Army men who were allegedly involved in the botched ambush at Oting in Mon district of the state. The state government has moved the apex court challenging the denial of sanction

to prosecute 30 Army person-

The Nagaland government has contended that it has clinching evidence against the Army personnel, including a major, and yet the Centre has arbitrarily

denied sanction to prosecute

nel through a separate petition

in which notice has been issued

by a bench headed by Chief

Justice D Y Chandrachud.

In July 2022, the top court had stayed prosecution of the Army personnel belonging to a special forces on the pleas from their wives, who claimed their husbands were being prosecuted without the state obtaining mandatory sanction for

President calls for shift in water management efforts to mass movement



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

 $H^{ighlighting}$ the critical importance of addressing water scarcity for humanity, President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday called for a shift in water management efforts to a mass movement, urging all citizens to become 'waterwarriors' who actively participate in preserving and managing water resources. She emphasised the need to

support local communities in water and sanitation management, asserting that it is central to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). "Historically, water manage-

ment systems in India, from Ladakh to Kerala, were wellestablished but diminished during British rule. These ancient systems, based on harmony with nature, are being revisited globally," President advocated for researching and applying these traditional methods in modern contexts. She was speaking during the inaugur-al of 'India Water Week-2024'

She drew an analogy between water and money, noting that just as one must save money before spending, people must store water before using it. Effective water storage in regions like Rajasthan and Gujarat has successfully alle-

viated water scarcity. ".... Similarly, villages that areas remain safe from water

crises. In many areas of Rajasthan and Gujarat, villagers have got rid of water scarcity through their efforts and by adopting effective methods of water storage," she The President pointed out that only 2.5% of Earth's water is freshwater, with just

1% available for human use.

India's share of global water

resources is 4%, with 80% uti-

lized for agriculture, under-

scoring the need for efficient water use across all sectors, Talking about the "Catch the Rain - Where it Falls When it Falls" campaign, launched in 2021, she said it aims to promote water conservation and rainwater harvesting. Forest conservation and involving children in water

management efforts are also The President also highlighted the stark reality that only 2.5% of the world's water is freshwater, with just 1% being accessible for human use. In India, the share of global water resources is 4%. The majority of this water, about 80%, is used for agriculture, while other sectors like power generation, industry, and generation, industry, and domestic needs also require water. She stressed that water resources are finite and that efficient use is crucial to

ensure supply for all purpos-

Finally, CPI(M) accepts Islamic terrorists as a threat

 ■ that Kerala has become a recruiting hub of terrorists for the Islamic State, a dreaded extremist organization. The statement was made by P Jayarajan, the State Committee member of the CPI(M) and described as one of the three strong leaders from Kannur district, the other two being E P Jayarajan Nambiyar and M V Jayarajan. 'Many operatives of SÍMI and Popular Front of India (two banned extremist outfits) have managed to infiltrate into the party and facilitating the recruitment of indoctrinated youth to the IS. Kannur leads the table in this massive operation," said Jayarajan on Monday.

payroll of Islamic terrorist organizations have blacked Adding fuel to fire, Jayarajan disclosed the statistics associated with the recruitment of youths from the State to the

"There is an increase in Islamic extremism across the world. Many youths from the districts of Kannur and Kasaragod have made it to the IS through the recruitment drive undertaken by SIMI and PFI, two leading religious fundamentalist organizations," said Jayarajan.

Interestingly, V S Achuthanandan, former chief minister of Kerala, while addressing a press meet in New Delhi in 2010 had said that various Islamic outfits like SIMI and PFI were resort-Interestingly, the media in the State, allegedly under the to make Kerala an Islamic



republic. The Congress had termed the statement as dangerous and deplorable while a section of the CPI(M) leadership had lambasted Achuthanandan for the reported statement.

The Muslim League and other Islamist organizations in the State played their cards well and saw to it that Achuthanandan was kept away from the corridors of power for his stance against

Love Jihad. It is an open per having served the people upper hand in the CPI(M) and Congress. A CPI(M) leader who misbehaved with Prof Vijayalakshmi of Kerala University was made a Rajya Sabha member since it was not possible for the party to ensure his success in the election. Though the police issued a look out notice for him, this leader is seen in the forefront of all TV debates as well as discussions in Rajya Sabha, cocking a snook at law. Right now, two Islamists P V

Anwar MLA who is supporting the LDF and K T Jaleel, former higher education minister are hogging limelight by attacking police officers who do not toe their line of thinking. Jaleel was the president of the banned SIMI while Anwar is a party hop-

secret in Kerala that Islamic through Congress and Musim CPI(M)-led LDF. The recent verbal attacks unleashed by Anwar on addi-

tional director general of police (ADGP) M R Ajit Kumar, P Sasi, political secretary to chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan and E P Jayarajan, the ousted LDF convener are all being seen as the Islamists tightening their grip on the CPI(M). A for-mer Rajya Sabha member from Kerala is the unofficial link between the CPI(M) and the Jamaat-e-Islami. Anwar and Jaleel were on record attacking Ajit Kumar for the latter's meeting with Dattatreya Hassabole, the RSS general secretary. All these have cost the CPI(M) support from its traditional voters, the Hindus.

Yet to find trace of gangrape: CBI to court

PNS KOLKATA

The Central Bureau of Investigation on Tuesday told a designated lower court that the investigators were yet to find evidence of gangrape in the RG Kar Medical College Hospital rape and murder case, "though inves-tigations are still going on." The CBI had earlier expressed its dissatisfaction at the way the preliminary investigation was conducted by the Kolkata Police which might have led to destruction of evidence.

While seeking an extended three-day remand for arrested former Principal of RGKMCH Sandip Ghosh and the Officer in-charge of Tala Police Station Abhijeet Mondal the CBI counsel said that "till now there is no evidence of gang rape but further investigation is required." The CBI lawyer's reply came



asked as to whether Ghosh and Mondal too had been involved in the rape and murder of the victim a postgraduate lady doctor.

The CBI however claimed that further investigation was required to ascertain the exact role of Mondal and Ghosh in destruction of evidence. The Court allowed an addithe two accused persons. Meanwhile, the CBI on Tuesday subjected another

junior police officer, this time the Additional Officer incharge of the Tala Police Station Pallav Biswas. The police officer was summoned to explain his role in the initial days of investigation,

TMC RS MP resigns as party mouthpiece editor

A fter Jahar Sircar the TMC Rajya Sabha MP who resigned his post in protest against the alleged police inaction in RG Kar Medical College rape and murder case another senior party leader Sukhendu Shekhar Roy on Tuesday resigned as the editor of Trinamool Congress mouth-

piece Jago Bangla. Roy, also a Rajya Sabha MP tendered his resignation to the "leadership" on Monday night inscribing his letter with "Satyameva Jayate," or Truth must Prevail.

Roy has been vocal against the alleged police inaction in the RG Kar case saying he being a father and a grandfather himself was scared of the incident. "A time comes when everyone should stand up for the truth

. this time has come ... because as a normal human demands were for custodial being and a father and a grandinterrogation of 2 heads of RG

father I too am scared after the Kar Hospital and Kolkata Police have now been accept-

incident ... particularly the way the police have acted," he said. He even demanded custodial investigation of some top Kolkata Police officials for their alleged complicity in the case. There was no information regarding whether his resignation had been accepted by the leadership or not.

He wrote on X "My 2 fold

like everybody."
Roy had earlier been summoned by Kolkata Police for

interrogation --- with Vineet Goyal then as its Commissioner --- after he had demanded his custodial inter-

ed under pressures from pop-ular movement unleashed by Jr.

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First 100 days of Modi 3.0

As PM Modi marks 100 days, his Govt has achieved significant milestones, but new challenges demand nuanced approach

s the Narendra Modi-led NDA Government completes 100 days in office, a reflec-, tive assessment reveals notable accomplishments, emerging challenges, and key Shifts from its earlier tenures. The Government continues to advance its vision of a "New India," driven by development, global leadership, and inclusive growth. However, the complexities of governance and the evolving political landscape have also introduced fresh hurdles that demand careful navigation. The biggest shift has been in the composition of the Government. Though PM Modi retained his previous cabinet with minor changes but the reliance on allies makes his third term depart from his earlier two terms where he had complete say in governance and policy making. The coalition compulsions led to roll back on 'lateral entry' and rethink on 'broadcast bill.' However, there is continuity in the policies. One of the key achievements of Modi's third term is the continued expansion of India's global footprint. His high profile visit to Ukraine and Russia



where he implored the two sides to "to sit down and talk" won him praise. Besides, furthering his "Act East" initiative got a push through his visit to Singapore and Brunei. Indeed, the government has also taken bold steps in shaping foreign policy, such as balancing its relations with the US, Russia, and China.

In its first 100 days the Government approved projects worth Rs 3 lakh crore, focusing on roads, railways, ports, and airways. Capital expenditure was raised to Rs 11.11 lakh crore to spur job creation. Significant efforts were made in the agriculture sector, with Rs 20,000 crore distributed to 9.3 crore farmers under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme, while MSP hikes

benefited 12 crore farmers. The GENESIS program was launched to support startups in Tier-II and Tier-III cities, alongside a Rs 2 lakh crore package for youth employment, targeting 41 million over five years. Women empowerment saw the recognition of over 1 crore 'Lakhpati Didis.' On security front, a peace deal was brokered in Tripura, and steps were taken to counter cybercrime with initiatives like the 'Samanvay' platform and a Cyber Fraud Mitigation Center. Despite big ticket announcements and policy decision the Government will have to be mindful of the challenges that must be addressed immediately. Despite a development push, India faces rising inflation, particularly in food prices, affecting the average citizen. The political climate has become increasingly polarised. The government is facing opposition over economic policies, controversial legislative moves like the Uniform Civil Code, and rising social tensions. The upcoming assembly elections, especially in Jammu and Kashmir would be a referendum of its policies. The Government did well to built upon the successes of its earlier terms, but now it faces new challenges that demand nuanced responses. From fortifying India's global position to tackling domestic concerns like inflation, economic growth, and social unity, the Government's approach will be crucial for shaping the future of the nation.



Devotees take part in a procession to immerse an idol of Lord Ganesha at the end of the Ganpati festival, in Mumbai PTI

Myanmar Junta on the backfoot 4



For the first time, the military junta is losing ground to a powerful alliance of Ethnic Armed Organisations and the People's Defence Force

n 3 September, the palace in Mandalay,(Central Command), the second biggest city in Myanmar after Yangon, faced its first rocket attack. The Southwest Rakhine state could fall shortly with two strategic ports overlooking the Bay of Bengal-Sittwe leased to India and Kyaukphu leased to China- and Manaung left in Junta's possession in Rakhine. Military coups in the past have not failed in Myanmar. It has the biggest military in southeast Asia not unfamiliar with coups. Thailand holds the dubious record of 32 coups since 1932. More than nearly four years later, Gen Min Aung Hlaing-led Junta in Myanmar is fighting a losing battle but this time not against Buddhist monks and civil society but against a wellcoordinated alliance of Ethnic Armed Organisations (EAO), local militia and the new People's Defence Force born out of ousted Aung San Suu Kyii's National League for Democracy which is calling itself the National Unity Government (NUG). They are the Resistance.
The junta had so far managed

rebels and revolts seeking autonomy/independence through ceasefire agreements. The junta is a formidable triservice force adept in counter-insurgency. For it to be flailing is surprising. Battlefield losses have been unprecedented in both territory and manpower through battle fatigue and fighting its people has been taxing on the psyche of soldiers and Generals. An implosion is no longer fanciful. Reliable sources place 70 per cent loss of territory. The Resistance does not control all the territory that the Junta retreated from as it does not have holding capability. But it does control key sectors along the borders that the junta ceded due to surrender/desertions.

Stretched for troops Junta has followed a scorched earth policy: indiscriminate bombings by artillery, helicopters and aircraft to avenge defeat that UNHRC's voicker Tolker(?) nas called genocidal. This has led to nearly 400,000 IDPs with many having crossed over into neighbouring Bangladesh, India, China and



The Kuki-Zo-Chin people in Chinland are ethnically similar to Mizos. Chinese have had active links with the Arakan Army in Rakhine state which traverses India's Multi-Modal Kaladan river connectivity project originating in Indiaoperated Sittwe Port in Rakhine, the key to India's Act East policy. So, with the Junta forced out of Chin, Rakhine, Sagaing and Magwae, contiguous with the Indian border, New Delhi must engage these new power wielders. But it is dithering which could lead to Chinese fishing in troubled waters in a region where Manipur is breaking into a new dangerous phase of interethnic conflict.

Earlier in September embattled Gen Hlaing warned civilians in territory captured by Resistance that it will soon counterattack to regain ground. He also declared the Three Brotherhood Alliance in Shan state as a terrorist organization. It is these groups including the Arakan Army, that have captured the prestigious Army's North East Command at Lashio and in



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Shan state and now Mandalay's Central Command headquarters, is threatened.

How much longer the junta can fight on multiple fronts is unclear even as Gen Hlaing has continually extended the emergency while advocating holding of election which is most unlikely. He is disinclined to use the good offices of pro-Junta countries in ASEAN like Laos, its current chair, Cambodia and Thailand to start a dialogue which the PDF and EAOs will reject as they see the balance of advantage with them. With the economy in grave distress, this war cannot go on indefi-

China has and continues to play a crucial role in supporting the Junta and selected EAOs in the north and west. China and Russia are the junta's main sources of military hardware though India too has provided non-lethal military equipment. Army tanks, artillery and small arms are Chinese. So are most of the transport and fighter aircraft. The same goes for the Navy though India has provided Coast Guard vessels

Russian MiG 29 and Su30 aircraft have been serviced by HAL and India has provided aviation fuel which is a sanctioned item. New Delhi has called for a ceasefire and a return to a democratic process but its support for the Junta is undiminished as it burnt its fingers two decades ago in supporting NLD in preference to the Junta which led to Chinese ascendency. Although the Junta has a love-hate relationship with Beijing it is forced to take its support due to its proximity and domination of the economy. Still, India must review its policy due to the changed ground reality and engage the forces that control the border areas.

A working relationship with

the Arakan Army and Chinland authorities is essential to restore stability to troubled Manipur. It should also consider establishing humanitarian corridors to provide succour and relief to people bombed out of their habitat.India can keep reciting the import of its Act East policy to Asian neighbours but its implementation is contingent upon the operationalisation of connectivity projects like the trilateral highway through Myanmar to Thailand and the Multi-Modal Kaladan river project from Sittwe Port to Paletwa and on to Mizoram. India's eastern and western flanks are both vulnerable especially the east which is sandwiched between Bangladesh and Myanmar. A triangulation of threats from

not be ruled out. (The writer, a retired Major General, was Commander, IPKF South, Sri Lanka, and jounaer member of the Defence Planning Staff, cur-rently the Integrated Defence Staff. The views are

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Kejriwal's resignation: Theatrics at its best



PRADEEP BAJPAI

Beneath Kejriwal's impassioned speech lay contradictions, omissions, and questionable parallels aimed at swaying the electorate

ejriwal's expertise in political charade was on show when he spoke to his party members on 15th September, two days after being released from Tihar jail on interim bail granted by the Supreme Court subject to stringent, limiting conditions. He made this out to be an acquittal when it was only a reprieve and an initial indictment.He started with Vande Mataram, Bharat Mata ki Jai, and Inqalab Zindabad, invoking Hindutva, patriotism, and the anti-government revolutionary sentiment of our

freedom struggle. He likened himself to Bhagat Singh by quoting from his diary and drawing parallels with the legendary freedom fighter. He sought the sympathy of the electorate by making out the Central Government to be more cruel than the British rulers and to be wanting to destroy him and AAP. He made himself out to be the Messiah of Democracy trying to save the Constitution, which is why, he claimed, he had not resigned earlier. The coup de grace was his He evokes emotions and quer.

announcement that over

the next two days, he would quit as Delhi's CM and not sit on the CM's chair until and unless the public judges him to be honest. He reminded his audience of the Agnipareekshathat Sita had to undergo, after Lord Rama's 14 years-long exile, to prove her innocence. He was, he said, willing to undergo a similar trial-byfire to prove his innocence by seeking the public's mandate. Not even once, did he name the BJP or Modi; both were subsumed in the pronoun innocuous "they".It was a masterly performance of demagoguery. In the hoodwinking of the Indian masses, Kejriwal is miles ahead of other politi-

obscures facts, sometimes even twisting them. Consider these omissions and contradictions.If Kejriwal wanted the people's verdict, to assuage his "conscience", he should have resigned much earlier, when he was sent to Tihar. Why do it after the SC has severely limited your powers as CM? Bhagat Singh was fighting for the country's independence and was accused of sedition, Kejriwal for his political survival after being found prima facie guilty of cor-

ruption by court. Bhagat Singh was hanged by the British rulers. GoI is unlikely to do that with Kejriwal. The parallel drawn was specious, the basis given — of the undelivered letter to LG crafty. He boasted of the freebies he has been able to give because of his uncorrupted government — free electricity and free bus travel for women — unmindful of the burden that the honest taxpayer has to bear to fund his vote-buying spree and the damage it does to

the national capital's exche-

His claim of improved medical care and better government school education would be contested by many Delhi-ites. His mohallaclinics are ministered to by unqualified doctors who visit on an ad hoc basis. Many government schools are short of teachers and have poor infrastructure. As always, he appealed to the emotions of the gullible electorate of the slums, announcing that he would not sit on the CM's chair unless and until the public judges him to be honest by voting him into power in the next assembly elections.

Surely, he would have known that, given the serious corruption charges against him, his honesty would be judged not by the common man on sentiment but by erudite judges, wellversed in law, based on concrete evidence admissible in law.

(The writer, a former banker, has turned in his mellow years to columnwriting out of his love for nonviolence, social harmonv and universal brotherhood; views are personal)

KEJRIWAL'S RESIGNATION

Madam - The Delhi CM Aravind Kejriwal's decision to resign to the post is not surprising since the Supreme Court's bail conditions have restricted his access both to the physical office to the CM office and its official authority. But Kejriwal's strategy to face elections and secure fresh mandate in order to get the "certificate of honesty" from the people isn't easy. Last time Kejriwal resigned as CM, he returned to office with a landslide win. Much water, and waste, has flown in the Yamuna since. Over it, hangs almost a decade's worth of anti-incumbency. This can't simply be wished away by replaying the resignation card. AAP has tasted success by getting accorded as national party. While it has a super majority in the Punjab assembly and five seats in Gujarat, Delhi is crucial to further its political base and Kejriwal's ambitions.

In BJP, it has a relentless opposition and the party remains in good health. In the other hand, AAP doesn't have this luxury at all. As its principal campaigner, Kejriwal has to deliver big. But he now doesn't enjoy the unblemished image being an accused in multi crore excise scandal. Only time will decide the fate and future of the Kejriwal and his party. But in all this drama, the capital's citizens find themselves lost and unheard. At the end of elections, the national capital will hope to have a normal

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AMIT SHAH CAMPAIGNS IN JAMMU

Madam — Reference: HM shah to wrap up first round of High voltage campaign in Jammu (September 16). The conclusion of HM Shah's high-voltage campaign in Jammu marks a significant moment in the region's political landscape. This campaign has seen fervent discussions on development, security, and local concerns, bringing national attention to the area. However, it's crucial that the energy from this campaign translates into tangible actions that address the everyday struggles of the

EEDITOR **India brokers peace**

s a further escalation in the Russia Ukraine conflict appears likely, India's possible role in peace negotiations have come into sharp focus, in the wake of recent diplomatic activity, mainly of External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and National Security Ajit

Promises made should be followed by clear timelines and transparent policies, ensuring that the political enthusiasm doesn't fade post-election. The people of Jammu need long-term solutions, not just campaign rhetoric. It's vital that this momentum is maintained, and leaders remain accountable to the commitments they've made during this charged political engagement. As the campaign wraps up, eyes will be on the next steps and whether real progress follows the promises made.

Priya Gupta | Kushinagar

ALL LANGUAGES MUST BE TREATED ALIKE Madam — This is in response to the news report titled "Hindi, other languages are

friends: Shah" (September 15) Based upon my "limited knowledge", ideal friends would share even a piece of bread equally, how tiny crumb it might be! But the language of few North Indian states are so "friendly" that it dominates over all other languages in this huge democratic land of diversities not only in Centralised sphere, but also in pusillanimous states like West Bengal where Hindi gets brutally imposed

Doval. Given India's unique placement on the spectrum of positions on the conflict, based on its historic, strong ties with Russia, can New Delhi belatedly step up as a possible peacemaker in the conflict persisting for well over two years? The Ukraine's Ambassador to India Oleksandr Polishchuk said that Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy had proposed a retrospective move by India to join the peace process ahead of plans for a second Peace Summit in October or November this year, and that Ukraine had more "ambition" than for India to play "post office" between the leaders. We hope that PM Modi's visit to Ukraine and conversations with President Zelenskyy indicate India's support for the peace-

building effort. Jayanthy Ramani | Coimbatore

in Railway Banking Postal sectors. Hindi is so "friendly" with others that it enjoys more Central fund for its "promotion" than the amount allotted for rest of the Indian languages put together! Yet, it remains the fact that there lies no provision of any "National Language" in the Indian Constitution. Hindi is just another language of this multi-lingual India; the latter's right over the country is neither superior nor inferior to the other languages Thus, those who zealously project Hindi as "numero uno" and imposing it over all are merely assaulting the very basis of the Constitution - posing a fatal assault upon all norms of democracy and equality.

The Government should see to it that all funds related to promotion of languages do not get usurped by Hindi.

Thus if an equitable distribution of Central resources is ensured, it would benefit the cause of all languages and dialects to a great

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LEARNING IS A LIFELONG PROCESS

Life is a continuous education, every experience shapes our understanding



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rom the time we are born till the day we die; we keep on learning something in life. Irrespective of whether we want it or not, we can't stop learning because there is no existence of life without the process of learning. Our whole life is a bundle of experience and in turn, an education, where we all are in ever learning mode, every moment and everywhere. As conscious beings, having sense organs, also known as the five doors of knowledge, we, by our very nature, cannot remain without creating perception.

Our ears are always open, so we are constantly listening. The words that go through our ears to our brains are like lessons that we receive constantly. Similarly, we see the whole world through our eyes which also results in learning good things as well as bad things. The electrical impulses that we receive through our skin or taste buds, reach our brain which is also a kind of learning for us. However, one must understand the fact that all the above mentioned processes of learning take place by awareness or consciousness that is present in our brain without which learning is next to impossible. Once we finish our studies, we feel that the education phase of our life is finally over and now it's time for us to go out in the world & attain the highest level of success. But doesn't this sound too casual & an odd idea? That only a quarter of our lives should be devoted to learning, and then we should simply rest on our laurels for the remaining part of our lives? Well!! It is said that learning never exhausts the mind, so why do we restrict the process of learning until we are pursuing formal education? Just because you've



finished your formal education, doesn't mean that your education is over! It's quite an erroneous idea, but unfortunately, the majority of us have absorbed it subconsciously. ? Remember !! It is only a dead body that ceases to participate in the process of learning & not the ones who resonate with life. Our life is a series of experiences, each one of which makes us enlightened, even though many times it is hard to realize this. We must always remember that the setbacks and grieves that we endure help us in our marching onward. Hence, we must always make it a point to learn something about everything and everything about something. Throughout our journey of life, we constantly learn some such lessons that result in the formation of sanskaras according to our karma. Hence, if we know clearly that learning is unavoidable and that we are always learning good or bad things, resulting in good or bad sanskaras that lead to happiness or sorrow, then we will never say that we have no time or no interest in learning. Likewise, if we know that our sanskaras go along with our life after life, then we will be more careful in learning good things and in giving up bad things because education seems to be an elixir that can bring us a healthy mind & body along with a lasting fruitful life.

We all need to be enlightened & we urgently need to improve the quality of our thoughts, speech and actions. Since we cannot avoid learning, even if we wish, why don't we then learn to inculcate, in us, moral values, virtues or good qualities so that we may make progress towards perfection? What do we gain by making lame excuses, saying that we have no time or that we are not interested? What is it that we are interested in? Are we interested in our downfall, decay or doom? In sinking and drowning deep down in the quagmire of vices, evils and mud? Remember !! The more we delay, the worse will be our condition and the more difficult it be to rectify our ways

The process of learning, as was said earlier, is ceaseless and continuous and hence someone has rightly said "we learn everyday & shed the ego and the perception that I know everything". Hence we cannot stop it even if we try our best, putting all our might into it. So why not remain alert & follow the right path that saves us from tragedies, traumas, tensions and turmoil of life? The answer lies within us.

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Karnataka's dilemma:

Conservation vs development-



Buffer zones, designed to protect water bodies, biodiversity, and forest ecosystems, are under threat as development pressures in Karnataka intensify



he buffer Zones are contemplated to secure the core area of streams, water bodies and biodiversity sites and definitions in each case are supported by respective statutes, government guidelines and Court orders. The flow of water in stormwater drains and urban lakes needs to be regulated at the time of cloud bursts in the city causing flooding. Karnataka State Board for Prevention and Control of Water Pollution was amended in December 2021 to locate red industries beyond 500 meters from the centre of the stream and also at the same distance from the outer boundary of the lake. 75 meter buffer Zone is fixed for orange industries and 30 meters for non-polluting green establishments.

Zonal regulation of Bangalore Development Authority also prohibits any development within 30 meters from the outer boundary of the lake and similarly primary, secondary and tertiary drains have a buffer zone of 50, 25 and 15 meters from the centre on either side. Karnataka government is contemplating utilising barren buffer Zone areas for development and this would not go well with the environment conservation ethos and would have wide ranging repercussions like destroying the natural drainage pattern of the landscape and would bring misery to the people at the time of flash floods. It is recommended to evict encroachments from buffer areas and plant up with native tree

To protect the integrity of the forests and to minimize the interference of communities around, rule 41 of Karnataka Forest Rules, 1969 specifies a buffer Zone of 100 meters from the periphery of Reserved Forests. The rule in effect prohibits the grant of any revenue land within 100 meters from the fringes of the forests without express approval from the Forest Department. Legislatures in 1969 knew that if revenue land abetting forests is granted to any individual or used for community projects, the forests would be subjected to anthropogenic pressure and



INDUSTRIES LIKE MINING, QUARRYING. ETC HAS BEEN **PROHIBITED BUSINESSES** LIKE RESORTS, TREE FELLING ETC ARE TO BE **REGULATED AND ECO-FRIENDLY** ACTIVITIES LIKE

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would be encroached and degraded. Today we find that the provision has not been implemented in true spirit and there has been large-scale unauthorized occupation of forest lands after plundering the tree growth. Revenue lands are also lost in the process. If the provision is not properly regulated, even the deemed forests will be plundered and tree growth and lands will be lost. Forests are the mothers of rivers. The origin THE GROUP OF and catchments of many rivers are POLLUTING notified by Tiger Reserves (TRs). The original TRs that have been carved out of forests, Sanctuaries and National Parks are its core

By an amendment in the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 in 2006, it was mandated to include areas surrounding the core, as buffer areas. In respect of several TRs, IN ESZ, WHILE buffer areas have already been pending. The buffer areas of the TRs include forest areas, sometimes even part of the Sanctuaries and National Parks interspersed with villages and agricultural lands. With the apprehension that the area commands a higher degree of protection and it may be difficult to divert any portion of it for public projects later, many state Governments are holding back the notification.

> Buffer for Nagarhole TR in Kodagu district of Karnataka has not been notified even after 18 years of amendment. Cores and buffers of TRs comprise luxuriant forests and are an important source of water, air, carbon sequestration, and controlling diseasespreading viruses necessary for the survival of humans and all other forms of life on earth. Taking a cue

Supreme Court of India earlier laid down an 'Eco Sensitive Zone' (ESZ) of 10 km from the periphery of National Parks and Sanctuaries, which are not TRs. It led to a huge public outcry and that resulted in several state Governments moving the Court for modification. Finally, the Court has relented and prescribed a minimum width of 1 km. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has categorized industries into three groups

The group of polluting industries like mining, quarrying, etc has been prohibited in ESZ, while some businesses like resorts, tree felling etc are to be regulated and eco-friendly activities like agriculture and horticulture development are to be permitted. Mining and quarrying lobby located on the fringes of National Parks and Sanctuaries, who aspire to expand the activities, prevail on public representatives and government to lower the width of the strip and postpone ESZ notification.

Many ESZ proposals are caught in the crossfire and are held back either by respective state governments or central governments, making the conservation of biodiversity and protection of soil and water more difficult.

This makes National Parks and Sanctuaries insecure. Anshi National Park and Dandeli Sanctuary of Uttar Kannada district of Karnataka have ESZ strip of zero meter width along some portion of the boundary. The origin of river Kali, on which we are dependent for power, is kept out

of ESZ and made insecure. To make way for the Saravathi pump storage project near Jog Falls, the width of the ESZ strip from the Environment around Saravathi Sanctuary is (Protection) Act, 1986, the reduced from the proposed 2 km

questioned the viability of such projects, where excess power generated during the night time is utilized to pump the same water to the upper reservoir, which in turn can again be utilized for power generation by allowing it to flow down to the lower reservoir under gravity. We have also to sacrifice 200 ha of virgin forests of the Western Ghats in this case. This author had an opportunity to visit a similar project site "Purulia Pump storage project" in West Bengal in 1993 while working in the Government of India. Against the recommendation, the project was approved by the Ministry of Environment and

to 1 km. Energy experts have

We destroyed 200 ha of wonderful Sal forests and today the project is a failure. Sal forests are the source of artisan wells and we lost them. The tragedy in Wayanad in the wee nours of 30th July 2024 is also attributed to the diversion of wooded areas for tea plantations and mining causing a major shift in land use pattern and exposing the earth rich in clayey soil to absorb water during incessant rains, swell sufficiently to become unstable and prone for landslides. Expert Committees headed by Madhav Gadgil and Kasturirangan have recommended Western Ghats areas be notified as Eco-Sensitive Areas (ESA) so that environmentally hazardous activities like deforestation and diverting lands for mining, industries etc are prohibited. Both the states of Karnataka and Kerala have not come on board to notify section of Western Ghats areas in the state as ESA. (The writer is retired Principal

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India must address the growing crisis of spinal cord injuries

As India faces an alarming rise in spinal cord injuries, the call for a comprehensive support system has never been more urgent

s India faces the staggering reality of thou-sands of fatalities and with 15 lakh people living with spinal cord injuries (SCIs), the call for a robust support system is now more critical than ever. On the occasion of SCI Day (September 5) the healthcare experts and leaders geared up to strongly advocate for a holistic and inclusive solution that includes surgical interventions and comprehensive rehabilitation

programs According to the WHO reports every year, between 250,000 and 500,000 people suffer a spinal cord injury (SCI). The majority of SCIs are due to preventable causes such as Road Traffic Accidents (RTAs), Falls or Violence. As many as 1.2 lakh die and



another 12 lakhs are seriously injured in road accidents in

India has 15 lakh people with SCIs and nearly 20,000 people are added each year. SCI is devastating, with morbidity not only limited to physical aspects but emotional, social, and vocational life areas too. Violence stands as one of the top three causes of SCIs in India, according to a recent

Analyzing data from 2012 to 2022, the study revealed that road RTAs accounted for 44% of SCIs, followed closely by falls from heights at 38.3%. Violent incidents, including stabbings and shootings, also significantly contributed, highlighting the diverse factors leading to these life-altering injuries. The study encompassed 1,537 SCI patients admitted between 2012 and 2022, maintaining consistency with earlier findings from 2002 to 2010, which reported RTAs at 45% and falls at 39.64%. In the last 10 years, the Centre treated nearly 200 SCI patients who were victims of

violence. This year's theme of SCI Day is "End Violence - Protect study by the Indian Spinal Spinal Cord." It is very crucial

Injuries Centre (ISIC). to intensify awareness and preventive and curative efforts. Spinal cord injuries are not just physical afflictions; they profoundly alter every aspect of life, including emotional wellbeing, social interactions, and vocational capabilities. Addressing these issues requires a comprehensive, multifaceted approach that includes policy recognition, accessibility, enhanced safety measures, and robust treatment and rehabilitation ser-Rehabilitation is vital for

improving the functional abilities of persons with SCIs. This multifaceted process includes physiotherapy, occupational therapy, peer counselling, plastic surgery, psychological mentorship, nursing care, assistive technology, uro-



support-often essential following surgical stabilization of the spinal column.

Rehabilitation, which is critical in teaching patients to adapt to their new normal post-injury, remains inadequately covered under existing government schemes and

Unfortunately, rehabilitation costs are rarely covered by government schemes like CGHS, DGEHS, and ECHS, nor by many insurance companies, posing significant financial challenges for SCI patients.

The Delhi High Court's 2023

directive to include disabled

persons in insurance schemes is a significant step toward equality, especially for SCI patients facing ongoing medical expenses. The 2016 Disabilities Act

expanded recognized disabilities but excludes spinal cord injury (SCI) as a separate category. Including SCI would grant patients access to key benefits like reservations and vocational support. Despite progress in accessibility under Accessible India Campaign, universal access and vocational opportunities for SCI patients remain incomplete.On the treatment and care part, all solutions under one roof are needed with highly experienced, internationally trained, and dedicated spine surgeons. The Centre has also

established India's first dedicat-

ed neuro-urology department to take care of SCI patients who suffer considerably after spine surgery and are neglected. Institutions like ISIC provide essential surgical, rehabilitation, and vocational training, but gaps remain in broader societal support, particularly in accessibility and longterm healthcare affordability. It should be a mission to create holistic and inclusive solutions for those battling spinal cord injuries, aiming to build a society that truly values diversity and inclusivity. There is a need to provide more facilities and services for all SCI patients, including those who are victims of violence.

(The writer is chief of Spinal Services, Indian Spinal Injuries Cenre, New Delhi; views are personal)

US criticises Israel's Gaza strikes

The US ambassador to the United Nations on Monday accused Israel's military of striking schools, humanitarian workers and civilians in Gaza in a sign of growing American frustration with its close ally as the war approaches its first anniversary. Israel has repeatedly said it targets Hamas militants, who often hide with civilians and use them as human shields, in retaliation for the October 7 attacks in southern Israel that killed about 1,200 people and launched the war in Gaza.

US Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield was unusually outspoken against the Israeli military at a UN Security Council meeting, saying many of the strikes in recent weeks that injured or killed UN personnel and humanitarian workers "were preventable"

Many council members cited last week's Israeli strike on a former school turned civilian shelter run by the UN agency helping Palestinian refugees known as UNRWA, in which six UNRWA staffers were among at least 18 people killed, including women and chil-

Israel said it targeted a Hamas command-and-control center in the compound, and Israel's UN ambassador, Danny Danon, asserted Monday that Hamas militants were killed in the strike. He named four, claiming to the council that they worked for UNRWA during the day and Hamas at

night. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has called for an inde-

pendent investigation. Thomas-Greenfield told council members that the US will keep raising the need for Israel to facilitate humanitarian operations in the Palestinian territory and protect humanitarian workers and facilities like the UNRWA shelter.

at the death of Turkish American activist Aysenur Eygi, who was shot and killed during a protest in the West Bank last week. Israeli Defense Forces said it likely killed Eygi by mistake, and the government has begun a criminal investigation.

itary and knows well how to ensure that incidents such as these do not happen," the US envoy said.

Israel says halting Hezbollah attacks is now war goal as officials warn of wider operation

Jerusalem (AP): Israel announced Tuesday that halting Hezbollah's attacks in the north in order to allow its residents to return is now an official war goal, as the country considers a wider military operation that could ignite an all-out conflict. Israeli officials have repeatedly threatened to take heavier military action to halt the near-daily attacks, which began shortly after the outbreak of the nearly yearlong Israel-Hamas war in Gaza. Israel has regularly launched airstrikes in response and has targeted and killed senior Hezbollah commanders. As recently as last month it appeared a fullblown war was imminent. The tit-for-tat strikes have displaced tens of thousands of people on both sides of the border. Hezbollah has said it would halt the attacks if there is a cease-fire in Gaza, but those talks have repeatedly bogged down. The United States has pressed for restraint even as it has rushed military aid to Israel, warning its close ally that a wider war would not achieve its goals.

Israeli media have meanwhile reported that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is considering firing Defence Minister Yoav Gallant and replacing him with a politician



seen as far more hawkish. That would be the biggest leadership shakeup in Israel since Hamas' October 7 attack triggered the war in Gaza and set off wider regional tensions.

The announcement on Lebanon came after Israel's security Cabinet met late into the night. It said the Cabinet has "updated the objectives of the war" to include safely returning the residents of the

north to their homes. "Israel will continue to act to implement this objective," it said. US envoy Amos Hochstein, who has made several visits to Lebanon and Israel to try to ease tensions, met with Netanyahu on Monday. Hochstein told the prime

minister that intensifying the conflict with Hezbollah would not help achieve the goal of returning Israelis to their homes, according to a US

remained committed to find ing a diplomatic solution in conjunction with a Gaza cease-fire or on its own, the official said. Israeli denials of access, delays, a lack of safety and security,

official, who spoke on the

condition of anonymity to discuss the private talks. Hochstein said Netanyahu

risked sparking a broad and

protracted regional conflict is

he moved forward with a full-

scale war in Lebanon and

said the Biden administration

ture," Kaag said. Danon insisted that Israel's humanitarian efforts "are unparalleled" for a country forced to go to war and urged the Security Council and the UN "to speak to the facts."

and "poor logistical infrastruc-

Over 1 million tons of aid have been delivered via more than 50,000 trucks and nearly 1 million land crossings, he said, adding that hardly a fraction have been stopped. When asked about Danon's

statement, Kaag pointed to recent strikes on humanitarian convoys and schools and health facilities where Israel had received prior notification.

German CDU picks Merz as chancellor candidate

Germany's opposition centre-right Christian Democratic Union announced Tuesday that it has chosen its leader, Friedrich Merz, to be its candidate for chancellor in next year's national election. The decision sets the stage for a possible challenge of Chancellor Olaf Scholz in the federal election scheduled for September 2025. Germans are looking ahead to next year's vote at a critical time, as the country's struggles to integrate large numbers of refugees and migrants and as the major European economy weakens. Recent extremist attacks have fuelled a backlash against migration that is leading to a surge in support for the far right. The fate of Ukraine will also be influenced by Germany's political direction. Berlin under Scholz has been one of the largest weapons donors to Kyiv, but many German voters are growing tired of the 2 1/2-year war

against Russian invasion, and have turned their support to far-right and far-left parties that oppose arms deliveries to Ukraine. Merz wants to continue supporting Ukraine. The choice was announced at a news conference in Berlin with Merz and Markus Soeder, the leader of the CDU's smaller Bavarian counterpart, the Christian Social Union, who had also been a contender for the role. Soeder, who is the governor of Bavaria, announced the decision, saying that the chancellor question "is decided. Friedrich Merz is doing it." He stressed that he fully supported Merz, and that they were united by a common goal to unseat the current government "and get Germany back on track." Merz thanked Merz thanked Soeder for his support and said his party, led for many years by former Chancellor Angela Merkel, has the "firm intention of taking over leadership responsibility in this country again." An unpopular three-party coalition led by Scholz

has governed since 2021. The coalition, which is made up of Scholz's Social Democrats, the Greens and the pro-business Free Democrats, suffered losses in elections to the European Parliament earlier this year and in recent German state elections in Thuringia and

The 68-year-old Merz was considered the favorite after Soeder failed to get the backing for his candidacy, according to German media reports, and after another contender, North Rhine Westphalia's state Premier Hendrik Wuest, announced he wouldn't run. Currently polls show the Christian Democrats as the strongest party in the country. But Merz himself is not personally very popular. Scholz said during a visit to Kazakhstan that he would welcome a Merz candidacy, the German news agency dpa reported. Scholz has said he would like to run for chancellor again but his candidacy hasn't been confirmed by his party.

Typhoon Yagi death toll in South Asia surpasses 500

Bangkok (AP): Floods and landslides in Myanmar triggered by last week's Typhoon Yagi and seasonal monsoon rains have claimed at least 226 lives, with 77 people missing, state-run media reported Tuesday.

The new figures push the total number of dead in Southeast Asia from the storm past 500. The accounting of casualties has been slow, in part

due to communication difficulties with the affected areas. Myanmar is wracked by a civil war that began in 2021 after the army seized power from the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi. Independent analysts believe the ruling military controls much less than half of the country's territory. Typhoon Yagi earlier hit Vietnam, north ern Thailand and Laos, killing almost 300 peo-ple in Vietnam, 42 in Thailand and four in Laos, according to the ASEAN Coordinating Center for Humanitarian Assistance. It said 21 people were killed in the Philippines, with another 26 miss-

The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, said on Monday that an estimated 631,000 people may have been affected by flooding across Myanmar. There were already 3.4 million displaced people in Myanmar at the beginning of September, according to the U.N. refugee agency, mostly because of war and unrest in recent years.

Heavy rains from the typhoon and the seasonal monsoon brought widespread flash floods to Myanmar, especially the central regions of Mandalay, Magway, Bago and the Ayeyarwaddy Delta; the eastern states Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon; and the country's capital, Naypyitaw. Some flooded areas have started to see water levels recede but others in the Shan and Kayah states remain critical. More than 160,000 houses have been damaged and

438 temporary relief camps have been opened for more than 160,000 flood victims, Myanma Alinn reported. The military government announced that nearly 240,000 people have been displaced. Myanma Alinn said 117 government offices and buildings, 1,040 schools, 386 religious buildings, roads, bridges, power towers, and telecom towers were damaged by the floods in 56 townships. It also said nearly 130,000 animals were killed and more than 259,000 hectares (640,000 acres) of agricultural land were damaged by the floods. The U.N.'s humanitarian affairs agency said food, drinking water, medicine, clothes, dignity kits, and shelters are urgent needs for the flood victims but alleviation efforts are hampered by blocked roads, damaged bridges and ongoing armed clashes.ice Senior Gen. Soe Win, the second-ranking member of Myanmar's ruling military council, said the country had received relief aid from other countries, and some humanitarian assistance from the Association of Southeast Asia, will arrive soon Soe Win, speaking at a meeting of the National Disaster Management Committee on Monday said that the extent of flooding in the capital was unprecedented, and cleaning and rehabilitation activities in the flooded areas began Thursday as

the water level declined.

She also reiterated US "outrage" civilian facilities. 'We have also been unequivo-

"The IĎF is a professional mil-

Thomas-Greenfield said the United States expects Israeli military leaders to implement "fundamental changes" in their operations — including to their rules of engagement and procedures to ensure that military operations do not conflict with humanitarian activities and do not target schools and other

cal in communicating to Israel that there is no basis — absolutely none — for its forces to be opening fire on clearly marked UN vehicles as recently occurred on numerous occasions," Thomas-Greenfield said. At the same time, she said Hamas is also hiding in — and in some cases, taking over or using — civilian sites, which poses "an ongoing threat."

She said it underscores the urgency of reaching a cease-fire and hostage release deal in Gaza. While the United States works with fellow mediators Egypt and Qatar to try to get both sides "to agree that enough is enough," she said, "this is ultimately a question of political will" and difficult compromises.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken heads to Egypt this week for talks partly about refining a proposal to present to Israel and Hamas.

The United States urges "all council members with influence over Hamas to join others in pressing its leaders to stop stalling, make these compromises, and accept the deal without delay," ThomasShe spoke after the top UN humanitarian official in Gaza said the territory is "hell on Earth" for its more than 2 million people, calling the lack of effective protection for civilians "unconscionable." Sigrid Kaag, the UN senior

humanitarian and reconstruction coordinator for Gaza, told council members and reporters that the war has turned the territory "into the abyss." Over 41,000 Palestinians have been killed during Israel's

offensive, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which doesn't distinguish between civilians and combatants. Humanitarian operations are being impeded by lawlessness,

Israeli evacuation orders, fight-

ing and difficult conditions

for aid workers that include

"It's not about trucks. It's about what people need," she said.

Trump blames Biden and Harris' rhetoric, despite his own history

AP NEW YORK

Donald Trump claimed with-out evidence Monday that President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris' comments that he is a threat to democracy had inspired the latest apparent attempt on his life, despite his own long history of inflammatory campaign rhetoric and advocacy for jailing or pros-ecuting his political enemies. With the election now just 50 days away and early ballots already being mailed out in some places, this year's presidential campaign was among the most turbulent in American history even before Sunday's apparent assassination attempt. Trump was safe after the incident in Florida and praised the Secret Service for protecting him but didn't shy away from blaming his opponents.

Their rhetoric is causing me to be shot at, when I am the one Florida to launch probe into Trump assassination attempt

West Palm Beach (USA)
(AP): Florida law enforcement will launch a state-level was charged with federal (AP): Florida law enforcecriminal probe of the apparent assassination attempt of former President Donald Trump, Gov Ron DeSantis said Tuesday. DeSantis told reporters that the "suspect is believed to have committed state law violations.'

firearms crimes.

who is going to save the country and they are the ones that are destroying the country — both from the inside and out," Trump said in comments to Fox News Digital. The Republican former president's statements are a sharp departure from how he reacted after an assassination attempt in July during a rally in Butler,

Routh did not fire any shots, never had Trump in his line of sight and sped away after an agent who spotted him shot in his direction, officials said. He was arrested in a neighboring county.

Pennsylvania, in which a bullet grazed his ear. Then, Trump called for national unity, saying in a social media post that "it is more important than ever that we stand United." A few days later, though, the former president returned to sharply criticizing Democrats and relishing the political bombast.

Nikki Haley to launch weekly radio talk show

New York (AP): Former Republican presidential candi-date Nikki Haley is launching her own radio talk show next week on SiriusXM that's set to air once a week at least through the inauguration of a new president. She'll do interviews, take listener calls and talk politics on the show, which will be carried Wednesdays from 8 to 9 am ET on the satellite radio system's Triumph channel. Expect some talk mixed in about Clemson football, her passion for running and music — maybe even Taylor Swift. The former UN ambassador said she wanted to get away from some of the tribalism that dominates the media.

Oxford Street

London (PTI): London Mayor Sadiq Khan on Tuesday set out proposals to transform Oxford Street by turning the city's worldfamous shopping hub into a traffic-free pedestrianised avenue. The plans, backed by the new Labour Party government, are aimed at rejuvenating Oxford Street to drive the UK capital's economic prosperity and regain its status as the "leading retail destination in the world". "Oxford Street is a world-renowned shopping destination and we want it to stay that way. By working with the Mayor and local leaders, we can ensure it gets the boost it needs," said UK Deputy Prime Minister Angela Rayner. "This plan to revitalise Oxford Street will drive growth by creating new jobs, generating economic activity, and giving a much-needed boost to London's night-time economy," she said.

Mayor unveils | US lawmakers, officials condemn plais to pedestrianise vandalism of temple in New York about 28 kilometres from the

PTI NEW YORK

Bipartisan lawmakers across the US have strongly condemned the vandalism at a Hindu temple here and called for an investigation into the incident, asserting that America must stand together against all forms of hate. The road and the signage outside the BAPS Swaminarayan Temple in Melville, New York, were sprayed with expletives on Monday, according to footage shared online. The BAPS Public Affairs said in a post on X that it was deeply saddened by the desecration of the temple, calling it an "act aimed at inciting hatred against Hindus".

"Today, local, state & federal leaders gathered to promote peace, respect and unity. Guided by our faith, we stand united against hate with compassion and solidarity," it said. Melville is located in in Suffolk County, on Long Island and is

16,000-seater Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum where Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to address a mega community event on September 22. US lawmakers across party lines strongly condemned the vandalism, calling for perpetrators to be held accountable

Democratic Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi from Illinois said he was "appalled by the despicable acts" of vandalism targeting the temple. "As our country faces a surge in political violence and acts of bigotry, we must stand together as Americans against all forms of hate," he said

Democratic Congressman Ro Khanna also strongly condemned the act of desecration. 'Freedom of worship is a bedrock of our democracy. There is no place for acts of intimidation, harassment or violence. We need account-

ability and to make sure this does not happen again," he said. Calling the vandalism "totally" unacceptable, US Congressman from Michigan Shri Thanedar "strongly con-demn the hideous acts of vandalism" targeting the temple. "Such acts of vandalism, big-

otry, and hate must be fully investigated. The BAPS community deserves answers and justice," Thanedar said.

Democratic Congress member Tom Suozzi, representing New York's Third Congressional District said in a post on X that he was appalled by the "hideous acts" of vandalism targeting the temple. "There is too much hate!... Such acts of vandalism, bigotry, and hate are happening far too often because of inflammatory rhetoric by national leaders, extremism, and lack of accountability. Acts like these are un-American and contradict the core values of our

Instagram unveils teen accounts to boost online safety

Washington (AP): Instagram is introducing separate teen accounts for those under 18 as it tries to make the platform safer for children amid a growing backlash against how social media affects young people's lives. Beginning Tuesday in the US, UK, Canada and Australia, anyone under under 18 who signs up for Instagram will be placed into a teen account and those with existing accounts will be migrated over the next 60

Teens in the European Union will see their accounts adjusted later this year. Meta acknowledges that teenagers may lie about their age and says it will require them to verify their ages in more instances, like if they try to create a new account with an adult birthday. The Menlo Park, California company also said it is building tech-

tend to be grownups and automatically places them into the restricted teen accounts. The teen accounts will be private by default. Private messages are

restricted so teens can only receive them from people they follow or are already connected to. "Sensitive content," such as videos of people fighting or those promoting cosmet-ic procedures, will be limited, Meta said. Teens will also get notifications if they are on Instagram for more than 60 minutes and a "sleep mode" will be enabled that turns off notifications and sends auto-replies to direct messages from 10 pm until 7 am. While these settings

will be turned on for all teens,

nology that proactively finds 16 and 17-year-olds will be able teen accounts that preunder 16 will need their parents' per-

mission to do so. The three concerns we're hearing from parents are that their teens are seeing content that they don't want to see or that

they're getting contacted by people they don't want to be contacted by or that they're spending too much on the app, said Naomi Gleit, head of product at Meta. "So teen accounts is really focused on addressing those three concerns.

The announcement comes as the company faces lawsuits from dozens of US states that accuse it of harming young people and contributing to the youth mental health crisis by knowingly and deliberately designing fea-

tures on Instagram and Facebook that addict children to its platforms.

In the past, Meta's efforts at addressing teen safety and mental health on its platforms have been met with criticism that the changes don't go far enough. For instance, while kids will get a notification when they've spent 60 minutes on the app, they will be able to bypass it and continue scrolling.

That's unless the child's parents turn on "parental supervision" mode, where parents can limit teens' time on Instagram to a specific amount of time, such as 15 minutes. With the latest changes, Meta is giving parents more options to oversee their kids' accounts. Those under 16 will need a parent or guardian's permission to change their settings to less restrictive ones. They can do this by setting up "parental supervision" on their accounts and connecting them to a parent or guardian. Nick Clegg, Meta's president of global affairs, said last week that parents don't use the parental controls the company has introduced in recent years. Gleit said she thinks teen

accounts will create a "big incentive for parents and teens to set up parental supervision." "Parents will be able to see, via the family center, who is messaging their teen and hopefully have a conversation with their teen," she said. "If there is bullying or harassment happening, parents will have visibility into who their teen's following, who's following their teen, who their teen has messaged in the past seven days and hopefully have some of these conversations and help them navigate these really difficult situations online."



Giant pandas eat bamboo shoots around a table at a zoo in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, Monday.

Imran's military trial not on cards, govt tells IHC

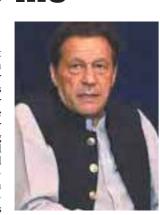
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The Pakistan government has informed the High Court here that jailed former prime minister İmran Khan's military trial is not under consideration, days after the court sought clarification over the uncertainty surrounding the issue. Khan, 71, had filed a petition in the Islamabad High Court against the possibility of his military trial in connection with cases registered against him over his involvement in the May 9, 2023 violence in which supporters of his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party allegedly attacked military installations following his arrest.

The IHC last week asked the government to clarify the uncertainty over the issue.

Additional Attorney General (AAG) Barrister Munawar Iqbal Duggal on Monday presented the government's statement on the issue before the IHC bench comprising Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb during the hearing of Khan's petition, the Dawn newspaper reported.

He told the court that Khan's trial by military court was not under the government's consideration, the paper said. The judge asked the AAG and the law officer of the defence ministry, retired Brigadier Falak Naz, about the procedure of trying a civilian by military courts. Naz informed the court that the magistrate concerned was notified before initiating the court martial proceedings. He said a civilian can be tried by a military court for certain offences under the Pakistan Army Act. Justice Aurangzeb asked if the military authorities served notice on the accused prior to the court martial proceedings, adding that Khan's peti-



tion could be disposed of if the court is assured that he would be issued notice well before his trial in a military court.

Duggal said there was no information from the defence ministry about Khan's military trial to date, adding that in case military authorities sought his trial, the ex-premier would be dealt with in accordance with the law. However, he informed the court no decision has been made in this matter so far. The court asked Khan's counsel if the petition was premature since the defence ministry has yet to make a decision.

The counsel, Uzair Bhandari said that the government's spokesperson for legal affairs Barrister Aqeel Malik is on record having said that the ex-PM would be tried by the military court.

The court then sought a categorical response from the government and adjourned the hearing to September 24. Khan, the PTI founder, has been in jail since August last year after being convicted in some of the nearly 200 cases slapped on him since his ouster in April 2022. Various government officials have been indicating about holding the military trial of Khan, but any such decision will depend on the final judgment of the Supreme Court.

the basis of GPA to the following persons:-A GPA was executed in favour of Mrs. Apella

Mazumdar W/o Sh. Randhir Mazumdar R/o

WW-60, Ground Floor, Malibu Town, Sohna

Road, South City-II, Gurgaon Haryana-122018, GPA which is duly registered at Sub

Registrar office Delhi dated 06.03.1996 and

Agreement to sell is not registered. The said

roperty is going to be transferred in favour

of Ram Prasad Singh S/o Deshraj Singh R/o

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his/her, objection in the Residential Plot Department of Noida Authority along-with

sufficient proofs which publication this notice.

Mrs. Apella Mazumdar sufficient proofs within 30 days of the

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Notice is hereby given to the public at large, on behalf of o client, Mrs. Kamlesh W/o Mr. Yad Ram R/o H. No. D-584

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Public are warned not to deal with the Document and an person receiving or dealing with the said Document would do so at their own risk and responsibility (including criminal liability) and our client shall not be liable in an

manner whatsoever for any loss incurred by such person (on account of any such unauthorized dealing, our client w

Schedule Property

Residential area measuring-90 sq. yds. Out of Khewat Khata No. 34/36, Must No. 167, Kila No. 10/1(3-15) Situated at Mauza Palwal Islamabad, Palwal Bairu Had

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PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE It is publically notified that the Residential Plot G-44, G-Block, Sector-41, Noida (U.P), has been allotted in the name of Shri S.P. Sethi S/o M.R. Sethi B/o C-2C/12/12, Janak Puri, New Delhi-58, had sold the said plot on

Known to all that my client Deepak Datta owner of the FLAT NO. 19AGF, POCKET-B, SECTOR-26 DWARKA, NEW DELHI and Deepika Dutta have not Original 1. Allotment letter dt.30.09.2011, issued by DDA in favour of Smt. Joney. And Its informed that any deal with said documents by any person except my said documents by any person except my said client and said institution regarding said property, shall be deemed as null and void. If any person having any claim, right in said property then he may contact and handover the same and apprise his claim to undersigned within 8 days of this publication.

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform general public that **Mrs. Raj Bala** has acquired Residential Plot of land area has acquired Residential Plot of land area measuring 200 sar, yds., comprised in khasra na 1715/1780 (0-17), 7178/5300/784-785(2-17), 5299/783(0-2), stuated at waka Sonipat Patify Jatan, tehsil and district Sonipat, Haryana vide Sale Deed dated 22.05.2000 and same was duly registered with SRO as Doo cn. 8.414. Documents related to the above said property has been misplaced ie. Sale Deed dated 05.03.1999 registered as Document no. 7826. Anyone who find the said documents shall handover the same to the Manager of Roha Housing Finance PVL Ltd. and Further Mr. Jagdhir and Mrs. Raj Bala who is availing loan on above said property from Roha Housing Finance PVL Ltd. & in case anyone has any objection, the same may be raised within 7 days of this publication to Mr. Pramod Kumar Singh (Advocate), Accul.aw Source LLP, Unit No. S-2-U, 2nd Floor, built on Plot no. 4 and 5, Ansal U. 2nd Floor, built on Plot no. 4 and 5. Ans Utility Commercial Center, Paschim Vihar, Ne Delhi-110063 or contact at +91 9560309909 (M)

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NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. Parveen Kalra (herein after referred to as the said Mortgagor/ Borrower) is purchasing Southern Side First Floor (without roof rights) on Property No. 27-8, Road No. 16, adm. 140 Sq. Vistor of total adm. 279,55 Sq. Vds., East Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi (hereinafter referred to "said property") from Mr. Om Prakash Manocha who is it's absolute owner by virtue of Sale Deed dated 16.09.2005 regd. As Doc. No. 4465, in Addl. Book No. 1, Vol. No. 176, on pages 153-161, on 16.09.2005. Previous Original Allorment & Possession Letter, Unilatoral Declaration dated 17.04.1976, Death Certificates & Mo. of Malik Govind Ram Khanna & Harmak Singh have been misplaced. The Ram Khanna & Harnak Singh have been misplaced. Th Ram Khanna & Harnak Singth have been misplaced. The Borrower will create mortgage in respect of the said property in favour of our clients Indusind Bank Limited, New Iower, 8° Floor, Hyatt Regency Complex, Block-A, District Centre Blikaji Cama Place, R.K Puram, New Delhi-110066. Any person who finds the said documents should intimate the undersigned and if and person, Bank, Fl has any claim and/or objection in respect of the said property are hereby called upon to the contract of the said property are the contract of the said the contract of the said the contract of intimate to the undersigned within 10 days from the dat of publication of this notice of his such claim if any wit documentary evidence in support thereof, falling whice all the claim, of such person, Bank, FI shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned. An objections raised after the completion of the 10 day shall not be binding upon the said property or my client

Ms. Shweta Garg (Advocate)
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PUBLIC NOTICE : House/Bhawan Plot No. K.C.-58, area assuring 200 sq. yds. ie. 167.22 sq. mtr, uated at Residential Colony, Kavi Nagar, aziabad, Tehsil & Distt. Ghaziabad (UP); reinafter referred to as "said property". Notice is hereby given to the general publiculding Banks, Financial Institutions, etc. the as informed by our clients, Mr Abhay Saxena ar Mrs. Megha Saxena, they are the joint owners the said property vide Sale Deed executed by M Gopala Mohan Sharma, Mrs. Urmila Sharma an Mrs. Shalini Hanspal in their favour a registered as Document No.3749, Book No.

INITS. Snalini Hanspal in their favour and registered as Document No.3749, Book No. 1 Volume No. 19883, pages 107-160 or 18.04.2023 (SRO-Ghaziabad-I) The said property was also mutated in their names by GDA wide letter dated 17.10.2023. Now, our clients intend to mortgage the said property with IDFC FIRST Bank Limited for availing loan facility If any person, society, bank, financial institution or other institutions have any objection against the ownership of our clients on the said property and subsequently rightful mortgage of the said property in favour of IDFC FIRST Bank Limited by our clients, may raise his/her/their objection/s, in writing, by Registered AD post, to the undersigned, within 07 days, on address mentioned below. Otherwise after expiry of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice, the said property shall be mortgaged by our clients in favour of IDFC FIRST Bank Ltd, and no objection shall be acceptable against such mortgage.

SHIVKANT ARORA, ADVOCATE FOR M/S INTELLECTIVE LAW OFFICES, A-74, LOWER GROUND FLOOR, DEFENCE COLONY, NEW DELHI-110024

Meta bans Russia state media outlets over 'foreign interference'

Meta said it's banning Russia state media organisation from its social media platforms, alleging that the outlets used deceptive tactics to amplify Moscow's propaganda. The announcement drew a rebuke from the Kremlin on Tuesday. The company, which owns Facebook, WhatsApp and Instagram, said late Monday that it will roll out the ban over the next few days in an escalation of its efforts to counter Russia's covert influence operations. "After careful consideration, we expanded our ongoing enforcement against Russian state media outlets: Rossiya Segodnya, RT and other related entities are the Kremlin news outlet of viding millions of dollars in now banned from our apps being a key part of Russia's war funding to a Tennessee-based globally for foreign interference activity," Meta said in a prepared statement. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov lashed out, saying that "such selective actions against Russian media are unacceptable," and that "Meta with these actions are discrediting themselves."

attitude towards this. And this, of course, complicates the prospects for normalizing our relations with Meta," Peskov told reporters during his daily conference call.

"We have an extremely negative

Meta's actions comes days after the United States announced new sanctions on RT, accusing machine and its efforts to undermine its democratic adversaries.

US officials alleged last week that RT was working hand-inhand with the Russian military and running fundraising campaigns to pay for sniper rifles, body armour and other equipment for soldiers fighting in Ukraine. They also said RT websites masqueraded as legitimate news sites but were used to spread disinformation and propaganda in Europe, Africa, South America and elsewhere. Earlier this month, the Biden administration seized Kremlinrun websites and charged two RT employees of covertly pro-

funding to a Tennessee-based content creation company to publish English-language social media videos pushing pro-Kremlin messages.

Moscow has rejected the allegations. Two years ago, Meta took steps to limit Moscow's online influence by taking down a sprawling disinformation network originating in Russia that sought to use hundreds of fake social media accounts and dozens of sham news websites to spread Kremlin talking points about the invasion of Ukraine. Russian authorities designated Meta as an extremist group in March 2022, shortly after sending troops into Ukraine, and blocked Facebook and Instagram.

Both platforms - as well as Elon Musk's X, formerly known as Twitter, which is also blocked — were popular with Russians before the invasion and the subsequent crackdown on independent media and other forms of critical speech. The social media platforms are now only accessible through virtual private networks. In April, a court in Russia convicted Meta communications director Andy Stone of justifying terrorism and sentenced him to six years in prison in a swift trial in absentia. The charges against Stone stemmed from his remarks in 2022 following Moscow's full-

scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24 that year.

Stone, who is based in the United States, announced temporary changes to Meta's hate speech policy to allow for forms of political expression that would normally violate (its) rules, like violent speech such as death to the Russian invaders."

In the same statement, Stone added that "credible calls for violence against Russian civilians" would remain banned The Russian authorities opened a criminal case implicating Stone and other unidentified Meta employees nonetheless, describing the statement as "illegal calls to violence and killings of Russian citizens."

PM Modi to visit US for Quad Summit | Military camp attacked in Mali

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will pay a three-day visit to the US from September 21-23. He will take part in the Quad summit there hosted by President Joe Biden. Prime Ministers of Australia and Japan will also take part in the highprofile meet. Announcing schedule of Prime

Minister Modi's upcoming visit, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said here on Tuesday, during the visit, he will take part

in the fourth Quad Leaders' Summit in Wilmington, Delaware, which is being hosted by the US President Joe Biden on September 21. Following the request of the US side to host the Quad Summit this year, India has agreed to host the next Quad Summit in 2025. At the Quad Summit, the leaders will review the progress achieved by the Quad over the last one year and set the agenda for the year ahead to assist the countries of the Indo-Pacific region in meeting their development goals and aspirations,

MEA said. On September 23, Prime Minister will address the 'Summit of the Future' at the United Nations General Assembly in New York. The theme of the Summit is 'Multilateral Solutions for a Better Tomorrow'.

A large number of global leaders are expected to participate in the Summit. On the sidelines of the Summit, Prime Minister would be holding bilateral meetings with several world leaders and discuss issues of mutual

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military training camp in Amali's capital was attacked by extremists early Tuesday, said the army. Gunmen attempted to infiltrate the Faladie gendarme school and a sweep operation is underway, said a statement from the military. The army said the situation was under control and asked people to avoid the area. Early Tuesday morning an Associated Press reporter heard two explosions and saw smoke rise in the distance. The train-

ing school is located on the outskirts of the city.Mali, along with its neighbours Burkina Faso and Niger, has for over a decade battled an insurgency fought by armed groups, including some Islamic State group. Following military coups in all three nations in recent years, the ruling juntas have expelled French forces and turned to Russian mercenary units for security assistance instead. Since taking power, Col. Assifmi Goita has struggled to stave off growing attacks by the jihadis. Attacks in

central and northern Mali are increasing. In July, approximately 50 Russian mercenaries in a convoy were killed in an al-Oaida ambush. The mercenaries had been fighting mostly Tuareg rebels alongside Mali's army when their convoy was forced to retreat into jihadi territory and ambushed south of the commune of Tinzaouaten. Attacks in the capital are rare. In 2022, gunmen struck a Malian army checkpoint about 60 kilometres outside the city, killing at least six people and wounding several others.

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(For Immovable Property) [See rule 8 (1)]

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized officer of the Indian Bank under the curitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Intere Act. 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 8 of the ecurity Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated 21.12.2017 calling pon the borrower Sh. Chandra Prakash & Santosh Kumari at Flat No. 1104, 3rd Floor runima Palace, GH-4, Sector-4, Vasundhra, Ghaziabad, UP-201012 Also at A-17, New Defence Colony, Bhopura, Ghaziabad, UP- 201005 to repay the amount mentioned in the eing Rs. 28,69,121.00/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand One Hundred Twenty One Only) Plus uncharged interest from 20.12.2017 till its realization and expenses incurred by Bank within 60 Days, from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowerf Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowerf Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties/ assets described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him nder Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interes (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 13,09,2024.

The Borrower/ Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to leal with the said Property/ assets and any dealings with the property/ assets will be subjec the charge of the Indian Bank, Anand Vihar Branch for an amo Rs. 28,69,121.00/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand One Hundred wenty one Only) together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs

charges and expenses till date of the payment.

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.

DESCRIBED OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Equitable Mortgaged of Immovable Property Flat No. 1104, 3rd Floor, Arunima Palace, GH-04 dhara, Ghaziabad, UP-201010. Having Super Cover Area 1446 Sq. Ft

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Borrower/ Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties/ assets described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 13.09.2024. The Borrower/ Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to

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DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Equitable Mortgaged of Flat No. 2, First Floor, ML-2, Sector 11, Vasundhara G Uttar Pradesh.

Sachin Maheshwari & Associates (SMA New Delhi. Ph.: 011-69653588, Mob.-991138032

and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

AICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh. Delhi- 110005

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET [See proviso to rule 8(6)] Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is'

Sr. No.		Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Vandana Sinha (Applicant), Kamlesh Kaur Sinha (Co Applicant) Lan no LBDEL00003217779	Property Bearing No RZ-F-1/49, On Plot No.49, Gali No 1-A, Entire 1st Floor Without Roof Rights and along with one small car parking space, Out of Khasara No.88/7 Situated In Revenue Stamp of Village Palam, Mahavir Enclave Delhi 110045, Area-900 Sa ft	Rs. 37,05,924/- as on September 11, 2024.	Rs. 50,00, 000/- Rs. 5,00, 000/-	October 01, 2024 From 12:00 PM to 02:00 PM	October 10, 2024 From 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

The online auction will be conducted on the website URL Link-https://www.bankeauctions.com of our auction agency C1 india Pvt. Ltd. The Mortgagors/ Noticees are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by October 09, 2024 before 05:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.

The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh. Delhi-110005 on or before October 09, 2024 before 05:00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before October 09, 2024 before 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh. Delhi-110005 on or before October 09, 2024 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of

tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 8928935040/8584874809
Please note that the Marketing agencies 1. M/s. NexXen Solutions Private Limited, 2. Augeo Asset Managemer Pvt. Ltd., 3. Hecta Proptech Pvt. Ltd. have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Tender Notice

Tender for "Mechanized intensive de-rusting and anti-ru and its location coating of Brake Disc at RCNK/SNP. Rs. 47,20,000.00 including GS1 Approx. Cost

Earnest Money Rs. 94,400.00 Completion Period of Work | 12 Months of date of execution of work Cost of Tender document on cash/by post | NIL

Date and Time for submission of Upto 15:00 hrs on 08.10.2024

ender and opening of tender Opening of Tender at 15:00 hrs

Website particulars, notice board location, Above tender available on complete details of tender can be seen IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.i

No.: 264194 Dated: 17.09.2024 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

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This is to bring to your notice that UJJWAL KUMAR PANDEY/ MUNN DEVI (borrower/s) has availed Home loan facility vide facility agreemen number LBGUR00004731822 located at FLAT NO-902, SOLITAIRIAN CITY-TOWER S2, 9TH FLOOR, SECTOR-25, GREATER NOIDA, NOIDA

PUBLIC NOTICE

ouilder as per the terms and conditions of the agreement The Bank had informed the same to the borrower through letter dated July 12, 2021, informing that PARY DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED. has cancelled the allotment of the above mentioned property. You are therefore requested to resolve this matter with the builder within 7 days

201307. The borrower/s has failed to pay the contractual amount to the

from the date of this publication. Please take further notice that post cancellation of the allotment of the said property ICICI Bank shall not be bound and/or responsible for any

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The Borrower/ Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/ Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possessio of the properties/ assets described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him nder Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interes Enforcement) Rules: 2002 on this 13.09.2024

he Borrower/ Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the said Property/ assets and any dealings with the property/ assets will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank, Anand Vihar Branch for an amount of being Rs. 32,33,266.00/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Six Only) together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs harges and expenses till date of the payment.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of section 13 of the Act

DESCRIBED OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:

Equitable Mortgaged of Immovable Property Flat No. 409, 8th Floor, Arunima Palace GH-04, Sector-4, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, UP-201010. Date: 13.09.2024 | Place: Ghaziabad

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Act. 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 8 of th Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated 08.02.2019 ca upon the borrower Shri Vikas Sharma S/o Shri Ratan Kumar Sharma at B-6/ M-2 Shalimar Garden, Ext-II, Ghaziabad UP-201301 to repay the amount mentioned in the being Rs. 33,90,308.00/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Ninety Thousand Three Hundred

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n respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Equitable Mortgaged of Immovable Property Flat No. 0901, Ground Floor, Arunim Palace, GH- 04, Sector-4, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, UP- 201010. Having Super Cove

Date:13.09.2024. | Place: Ghaziabad

Area 1381 Sq. ft. Boundary of Plot: - East: Road 45 meter wide West: Road 25 meter wide North: Plot No. 4/GH-3 South: By Green Belt Place: Gurugram, Haryana Date: September 16, 2024

CAN FIN HOMES LTD. CIN - L85110KA1987PLC008699 Above Canara Bank Building

Can Fin Homes Ltd First Floor, Plot No. C-3, Sector-1, Noida Pincode-201301 Mob.: 7625079126 **DEMAND NOTICE** Under Section 13 (2) of "The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financia

Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002)" All legal heirs of Late Gyanendra Kumar S/o Seva Ram (Applicant)

Mr. Saurabh Kumar S/O Late Gyanendra Kumar (Co-Applicant) (Represented of Late Gyanendra Kumar) Adress: 1- Plot No. 479 Measuring 69.375 SQ Yards Out Of Total Area 138.75, Khasra No

44, Radhey Shyam Vihar-5 Muradnagar, Village - Mahiuddinpur Hisnoli, Pargana Jalalabad, Tehsil - Modinagar, District-Ghaziabad, UP-201206 Adress: 2- Saurabh Kumar C/O Vivo Mobile Co. Pvt Ltd, Plot No J-5, First Floor, Secto

You along with Late Gyanendra Kumar availed a housing loan from our branch against the security of mortgage of the following asset/s belonging to both of you. An amount of Rs. 26,75,878/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lac Seventy Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Eight Only) is due from you, to Can Fin Homes Ltd. as on 09/09/2024 together with future interest at the contracted rate

Details of the mortgaged asset

Plot No. 479 Measuring 69.375 SQ Yards Out Of Total Area 138.75, Khasra No. 44, Radhey Shyam Vihar-5 Muradnagar, Village – Mahiuddinpur Hisnoli, Pargana – Jalalabad, Tehsil - Modinagar, District- Ghaziabad. Bounded by: East: 20 fit Wide Road Bhuja 13 Fit 10.5 INCH, West: Plot No. 492 Swati Goswami Bhuja 13 Fit 10.5 Inch, North: Half Portion of Plot No. 479 Janki Bhuja 45 Fit, South: Plot No 480 Sukhveer Singh Bhuja

Registered demand notice was sent to you under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, but the same was returned unserved. The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrower/s as per the said Act. Hence this paper publication. As you have failed to adhere to the terms of the sanction, the account is classified as a Non Performing Asset on-29/08/2023 as per the NHB Guidelines. You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon from 09/09/2024.

within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which the undersigned will b constrained to Initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the aforesaid security. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured

Date: 17-09-2024 Place: Noida

omnanies Act 2013

Can Fin Homes Ltd.

Sd/- Authorised Office

ASHNOOR TEXTILE MILLS LIMITED Corporate Identity Number: L17226HR1984PLC033384

<u>INFORMATION FOR REMOTE E-VOTING AND BOOK CLOSURE</u>

Regd. Office: Behrampur Road, Village Khandsa, District Gurgaon, Haryana-122001 Phone: 0124 4809755; E-mail: atml delhi@yahoo.com; Web: ashnoortex.com **NOTICE OF 41st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,**

lotice is hereby given that the 41st Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the r the Company will be held through Video Conferencing ("VC")/Other Audio-Visual Means "OAVM") on Monday, September 30, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. to transact the business as etforth in the notice of the AGM, in compliance with the regulatory provisions and irculars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs(MCA) and Securities and Exchange Board of India permitted convening AGM through VC/OAVM, without the physical presence of the members at a common venue. In accordance with relevant circulars, the AGM of the Company through VC/OAVM shall be deemed to convene at the registered office of the Company. Members will be able to attend the AGM through VC/DAVM or view the live webcast at https://instemeet.linkintime.co.in All the members participation through VC/OAVM facility shall be counted for a quorum under section 103 of the

n compliance with relevant circulars notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report for the financial year 2023-2024 has been sent through electronic mode to those Members whose email addresses are registered with the RTA/Company/Depositories. Members may note that the Notice and Annual Report for the financial year 2023-2024 are available or the Company's website www.ashnoortex.com, the website of the Stock Exchange, i.e. BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com, and on the website of Company's Registrar and Fransfer Agent, Link Intime India Private Limited at www.linkintime.co.in.

The Company is providing to its members the facility to exercise their right to vote on esolutions proposed to be passed at the AGM by electronic means (e-voting) eithe remotely before the AGM or during the AGM in respect of all the businesses to be ransacted at the aforesaid meeting using an electronic voting system to be provided by Link Intime India Private Limited. The remote e-voting period will start on Friday, September 27, 2024 (9:00 A.M. IST) and ends on Sunday, September 29, 2024 (5:00 P.M. IST). During this period shareholders of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date (record date) of Monday, September 23, 2024, may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled for voting thereafter. A detailed procedure for voting by electronic means is given in the notice of the AGM. The members who have cast their vote(s) by remote e-voting may attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote(s) again in the AGM.

Pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with relevant Rules the Registe of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company shall remain closed from Monday eptember 24, 2024, to Monday, September 30, 2024 (both days inclusive) for AGM.

Any person who becomes a member of the Company after mailing the notice of AGM but before the cut-off date may obtain a login ID and password by sending a request to Mr. Neeraj Jain, Link Intime India Private Limited at Noble Heights, 1st Floor, Plot NH 2 C-Block LSC, Near Savitri Market, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058 (Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent) at email ID-neeraj.jain@linkintime.co.in or phone number- +91 11 49411000 for obtaining the credentials for remote e-voting. However, if a person is already registered with LIIPL for e-voting then an existing user ID and password can be used for casting his/her vote.

n case of queries/grievances regarding e-voting, you may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and e-Voting manual available at https://instavote.linkintime.co.in under the help section enotices@linkintime.co.in or may call at:- Tel: +91-11 49411000/022-49186000 or write to the Company at atml delhi@yahoo.co.in.

> For and on behalf of Ashnoor Textile Mills Limited Suneel Gupta **Managing Director**

Government has implemented several farmer-friendly policies: Amit Shah

prosperity of the farming

"This will help boost the

production and exports,

thereby improving farmers' plight," he added.

government's commitment to

farmers, Shah said, "Compared to the UPA

regime, the Modi government

has procured more crops at MSP. This shows that the

The MSP for Kharif crops has

been increased for the 2024-

25 season, ensuring that the

farmers get fair prices for their produce. They will

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NDA government committed towards

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government 1 implemented farmer-friendly policies in its first 100 days of the third term with focus on improving agricultural productivity and exports, Cooperation Minister Amit Shah said on Tuesday.

Addressing a press conference on the completion of 100 days of the Modi 3.0 regime, Shah said the government has implemented policies worth Rs 15 lakh crore across 14 sectors.

Listing works initiated for the welfare of the farmers, he also said the Modi government has launched the agriculture fund to support startups and rural enterprises, driving agricultural innovation.

The minister said the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund has been expanded to agricultural enhance infrastructure and support to farmers, and Rs 14,200 crore has been allocated across seven schemes to improve farmers' lives and livelihoods. The minister highlighted key achievements in the farm sector, including the disbursement of Rs 20,000 crore to 9.3 crore farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-



"Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first decision of his third term was disbursement of Rs 20,000 crore to 9.3 crore farmers under the 17th instalment of PM Kisan Nidhi. So far, Rs 3 lakh crore has been disbursed to 12.33

crore farmers," Shah said. The PM-KISAN offers an annual benefit of Rs 6,000, distributed in three equal instalments of Rs 2,000 every four months, directly into the bank accounts of eligible farmers through the Direct Transfer (DBT) Benefit system.

The minister said that farm policies are being implemented keeping in the welfare and

3.4 million tonnes (MT) across the country. This will reduce grain losses and extend shelf life.

The minister said special Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) subsidy packages have been provided at Rs 3,500 per MT to P&K fertiliser companies ensure affordable soil nutrient availability for farmers.

through MSP, he added.

He also said the government

will construct wheat silos

with a combined capacity of

He said five integrated aquaparks will be set up in the country to strengthen the fisheries sector. A total of 109 climate-

resilient and biofortified high-yielding crops were dedicated to boosting productivity and bridging the boosting gap between lab and land. Under the 'Mission Mausam' with Rs 2,000 crore outlay, the government will help create a weather-ready and climatesmart Bharat, directly

sector. He said under the Digital Agriculture Mission, farming will be modernised through

benefitting the agriculture

digital technology.

To boost ethanol production, the minister said sugar mills are being converted into multi-feed distilleries.

"Now, mills can make ethanol not only from sugarcane juice but also from maize. Ethanol will be made from maize when sugarcane juice is required for making sugar in the country.

Ethanol from sugar juice will be made when there is higher sugar production," explained.

Besides, he said, Rs 12,100

crore has been sanctioned by government Polavaram Irrigation Project to boost irrigation capacity. Under the Clean Plant Programme with a budget of Rs 1,765 crore, the government will enhance fruit crop standards and establish nine state-of-the-art clean plant centres and 50 multi-product irradiation facilities for helping preservation of fruits and helping vegetables, he said.

In a move to support exports, the minister said the minimum export price (MEP) on onion and basmati rice has been scrapped. These policies are part of the

government's broader strategy to enhance farmer welfare and boost India's agricultural exports, Shah said. Shah was flanked by Information Minister Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnaw at the

press conference.

Wholesale inflation falls a four month low in August

Wholesale inflation fell to a 4-month low of 1.31 per cent in August due to a decline in prices of vegetables and fuel, even though onion and potato prices spiked, according to official data released on Tuesday.

Wholesale price index-based inflation fell for the second straight month in August

straight month in August after it hit a high of 3.43 per cent in May. Inflation in July was 2.04 per cent. In August last year, WPI inflation was (-) 0.46 per cent.

Positive rate of inflation in August 2024 is primarily due to an increase in prices of food articles, processed food products,

manufacturing, manufacture of textiles and manufacture of machinery & equipment etc," the Commerce and Industry Ministry said in a statement. Inflation in food items was 3.11 per cent in August against 3.45 per cent in July. This was led by declining prices of vegetables, which

Inflation in potatoes and onions continued to be high at 77.96 per cent and 65.75 per cent, respectively, in August.

dropped 10.01 per cent in

Barclays in a note said the slowing in August WPI was driven by a sequential decline in food (vegetable) prices. The continued climb in nonperishable food prices needs to be watched.



Senior Economist Agrawal said while Rahul Kharif sowing has been healthy so far, the surplus rainfall in the ongoing month can potentially delay the Kharif harvesting and/or impact such yields, even as reasonably healthy reservoir storage at pan-India level is likely to boost the sowing of rabi crops."The WPI inflation eased to a four-month low of 1.3 per cent in August 2024, with the fuel and power, core (non-food manufacturing), and crude petroleum and natural gas sub-groups together pulling down the headline WPI print by as much as 70 bps in the month vis-à-vis July 2024," Agrawal said. Barclays said lower manufactured costs owing to the fall in energy and metal prices reduce the risk of spillover to core consumer

Inflation in manufactured products was 1.22 per cent in

price inflation.

The fuel and power category witnessed deflation of 0.67 per cent in August against inflation of 1.72 per cent in July. ICRA said global commodity

prices have remained benign through September 2024 so far, which is likely to contain the sequential momentum in the non-food WPI.

Additionally, the price of the Indian basket of crude oil has averaged 6 per cent lower in September 2024 on a sequential basis, while touching the lowest levels in 33 months, which would also help contain the uptick in the headline WPI inflation print

in the month. Overall, ICRA expects the WPI inflation to rise to 2 per cent in September 2024 from

1.3 per cent in August. Data released last week showed retail inflation was at 3.65 per cent in August on higher prices of vegetables. This was higher than 3.60 per cent in July."Given the slight acceleration in the August CPI inflation, we think the RBI is likely to remain on a cautious hold at the October meeting and assess the impact of the monsoon on food prices, before considering monetary easing. We expect rate cuts to begin in December 2024," Barclays said. he Reserve Bank of India (RBI), which mainly takes into account retail inflation while framing monetary policy, kept the benchmark interest rate or repo rate unchanged for the ninth

consecutive time in August at

India's exports tumble 9.3 per cent in August

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KISAN) scheme.

India's merchandise exports in August declined 9.3 per cent to USD 34.71 billion from USD 38.28 billion in the year-ago month, according to government data released on Tuesday. Imports increased by 3.3 per cent to USD 64.36 billion in August against USD 62.3 billion a year ago.

The trade deficit, or the gap between imports and exports, during the month under ballooned to USD 29.65 billion.

India's merchandise exports dipped by 1.5 per cent in July. Exports during April-August this fiscal increased 1.14 per cent to USD 178.68 billion, and imports grew 7 per cent to USD 295.32 billion.

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ir India on Tuesday said it Air India on Tuesday said it expects to complete the upgradation of its 27 legacy A320 neo aircraft by mid-2025, following which all its narrow body planes will have the three-class configuration business, premium economy and economy seats. Under the USD 400 million refit programme that commenced on Monday, the Tata Group-owned airline will upgrade all the 67 legacy narrow body and wide body aircraft, including 40 Boeing The upgradation has started

with the single-aisle A320 neo aircraft and after prototyping and necessary regulatory approvals, the plane VT-EXN is expected to re-enter commercial service in December 2024.

"Following VT-EXN, between three and four aircraft per month will undergo retrofit, with upgradation of the full narrow body fleet expected by the middle of 2025," the airline said in a release. The refit of the first wide

body aircraft will commence in early 2025, subject to supply chains. The carrier's legacy wide body fleet comprises B787 and B777 planes. The refit project will be

coordinated by Air India's Engineering team **OEMs** global leading (Original Equipment Manufacturers) such as Collins, Astronics and Thales.



Air India to upgrade its legacy A320 neo aircraft by mid-2025

installation of over 15,000 and economy class, the release next generation seats across said.

The exercise will see the business, premium economy

The precious metal accounts

for over 5 per cent of the

The jump in gold imports pushed the country's trade

deficit (difference between

imports and exports) to USD

India is the world's second-

biggest gold consumer after China. The imports mainly

take care of the demand by

India recorded a current account surplus of USD 5.7

billion or 0.6 per cent of GDP

in the March quarter. For

FY24, the current account

deficit narrowed to USD 23.2

billion or 0.7 per cent of GDP against USD 67 billion or 2

A current account deficit

occurs when the value of

goods and services imported

and other payments exceeds

the value of the export of

goods and services and other

per cent of GDP in FY23.

country's total imports.

29.65 billion in August.

the jewellery industry.

have complaining about some service issues with the airline's legacy fleet, including those related to inflight entertainment systems. According to the airline, the refitted A320 neo aircraft will feature 8 business class seats, 24 premium economy seats and 132 economy seats.

Among other facilities, these planes will have portable electronic device holders and USB ports. Air India said the final preparations continue for the full interior upgradation of

the 40 legacy wide body aircraft. "The commencement of interior refit of the narrow body fleet is an important

step in our journey of

body aircraft will also be refitted," Air India Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director Campbell Wilson said. Currently, Air India has a fleet of 142 planes, including around 60 wide body aircraft.

experience of our customers.

Over time, all the legacy wide

enhancing

The fleet also includes 11 B 777 planes and 25 A320 family aircraft taken on lease. After taking over the loss-making Air India in January 2022, Tata Group has put in a place a transformation road map for the airline, which is now expanding its fleet as well as network. The carrier has also started operating wide body A350 planes on various routes.

INBRIEF

ACHARYA BALKRISHNA INAUGURATES THE STATE-OF-THE-ART BLOOD TESTING MACHINE MINDRAY BC 760

HARIDWAR: Acharya Balkrishna j Maharaj, Vice Chancellor of Central University New Delhi, Prof. Srinivas Varkhedi and Prof. Shivani ji from Bangalore inaugurated the state-of-theart blood testing machine- Mindray BC 760 Automated Heamatology Analyser in the pathology lab run under the aegis of Patanjali Ayurveda Hospital.



CANFIN HOMES NOIDA GIFTS WATER PURIFICATION SYSTEM



DELHI: Canfin Homes Ltd, a Housing finance Company always remains ahead in providing housing needs said the company's zonal manager, Santosh Kumar Srivastava, on the occasion of the inauguration of the water cooler

, STAFF & STUDENTS PLANT MEDICINAL SAPLINGS AT GOVT STATE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

PATIALA: To promote environmental awareness, a medicinal tree plantation drive was launched at Nanak Bagichi in Government State College of Education, Patiala by the Principal Dr Depinder Kaur.



GNDU STUDENTS DO ROBOTICS HANDS-ON PRACTICE



AMRITSAR: A hands-on work shop "Robotics Workshop, Kickstart Your Robotics Journey Beginner's Workshop on Robotics" was held at Golden Jubilee Centre Entrepreneurship and Innovation of Guru Nanak Dev University

NFR TO BOOST FREIGHT OPERATIONS AND TRAIN SAFETY

MALIGAON: Northeast Frontier Railway in a bid to further improve railway safety and efficiency of train operations, has introduced significant initiatives across

RELEASE OF DOCUMENTARY, PICTORIAL ART WORK ON GNDU **BOTANICAL GARDEN**

AMRITSAR: Prof. Dr. Jaspal Singh Sandhu released documentary film & pictorial art work titled "Peacock's Serenade - Nature's Elegance in Botanical Gardens



India, UK may hold next round of talks on proposed FTA in October

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Tndia and the UK are Lexpected to hold the next round of talks for a proposed free trade agreement in October to resolve the pending issues and close the negotiations, a senior official said on Tuesday.

Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal said the officials of the UK are briefing their new ministers about the proposed free trade agreement (FTA). The two sides have already taken stock of the progress of talks at secretary and minister

The briefings are going on in the UK...They are briefing their new ministers and based on that, the negotiations will start. We are hoping that in October, the negotiations should resume," Barthwal told reporters here.

He also said India is progressing on all FTAs, but there are certain things which are not in control of anyone. The India-UK talks for the proposed FTA began in January 2022. The 14th round of talks stalled as the two

nations stepped into their general election cycles. Due to the elections in India and Britain, both the

countries lost that period. There are pending issues in both the goods and services sectors. The Indian industry is demanding greater access for its skilled professionals from sectors like IT and healthcare in the UK market, besides market access for several goods at nil customs duty. On the other hand, the UK is



seeking a significant cut in import duties on goods such as scotch whiskey, electric vehicles, lamb chocolates and

segments

and financial services (banking and insurance). negotiating a bilinvestment treaty (BIT).

There are 26 chapters in the agreement, which includes goods, services, investments and intellectual property rights.The bilateral trade between India and the UK increased to USD 21.34 billion in 2023-24 from 20.36 billion in 2022-23. The Labour Party's election manifesto for the recent polls also committed to clinching the deal. A virtual meeting between Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Jonathan Reynolds, UK Secretary of State for Business and Trade was held on July 11 to discuss

looking at ways to conclude

negotiations before



confectionary items.

Britain is also looking for more opportunities for UK services in Indian markets in telecommunications, legal

The two countries are also bilatera

during April-July 2024-25. next steps on the pact. Talking to USD 45.54 billion. Switzerland is the largest about the trade agreement with Australia, the secretary source of gold imports, with about 40 per cent share, followed by the UAE (over 16 said that the two sides are

(about 10 per cent).

Gold imports surge record high



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

old imports more than doubled in August to a record high of USD 10.06 billion, mainly on account of a drastic cut in customs duty and ongoing festive demand, according to the Commerce Ministry data.

Gold imports stood at USD 4.93 billion in August 2023. On record high imports,

Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal said that the tariff rates on gold have been reduced drastically so that smuggling and other activities can come down. "And this is the time when

jewellers start stocking for their inventories to be sold in the festival season," he told reporters.

In the Budget, the government slashed the duty from 15 per cent to 6 per cent. India's gold imports, which have a bearing on the country's current account deficit (CAD), dipped by 4.23 per cent to USD 12.64 billion In 2023-24, Índia's gold imports surged by 30 per cent

per cent) and South Africa

receipts by a country in a particular period. India is seeking review of certain provisions of the free trade agreement with the on May 1, 2022. The review

UAE, which came into force assumes significance as experts have raised serious concerns over the spurt in imports of

UAE under the trade

agreement.

NIA ties up with Statiq for EV charging infrastructure

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Noida International Airport (NIA) on Tuesday announced a strategic partnership with Statiq to provide EV charging infrastructure at the airside.
As part of the collaboration, Statiq will set up, operate, and

maintain the airside electric vehicle charging infrastructure for round-the-clock operations, the company said. All concessionaires and airport vehicles will have access to this EV charging network, designed to support the airport's

The charging infrastructure will allow all airport partners to deploy electric ground support equipment (GSE) and other electric vehicles within the airport.

sustainability initiatives and reduce emissions across its

In the first phase of this partnership, Statiq will install a mix of 7.4 kW AC chargers for smaller EVs, and 120 kW and 240 kW chargers for high-powered, rapid-charging needs, it

India, China imports up 15.55 per cent in August

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's exports to China dipped by 22.44 per cent to USD 1 billion, while imports rose by 15.55 per cent to USD 10.8 billion in August, according to the commerce ministry data.

Cumulatively, in the April-August period this fiscal, exports to the neighbouring country dipped by 8.3 per cent to USD 5.8 billion while imports grew 10.96 per cent to USD 46.65 billion, leaving a trade deficit of USD 35.85 billion, the data showed.

The country's exports to the US, the UAE, Singapore, Bangladesh, Australia, South Africa, France, Nepal, Belgium, and Turkey also declined during the month precious metals from the under review.

Also, imports from the UAE, Switzerland, Korea, Japan,

Thailand, Vietnam and Taiwan, recorded growth. According to the data, India's exports to the US declined

6.29 per cent to USD 6.55 billion while imports from that country dipped by 6.3 per cent to USD 3.82 billion in August. Cumulatively, during the April-August 2024-25, April-August

exports to the US increased 5.72 per cent to USD 34 billion, while imports grew 3.72 per cent to USD 19 billion, leaving a trade surplus of USD 15 billion. Similarly, the country's imports from Russia dipped by about 40 per cent to USD 2.57 billion in August. During April-August 2024-25, imports grew by 6.39 per cent to USD 27.35 billion, due to crude oil imports. In 2023-24, the US was India's largest trading partner, followed by China.

WFI requests CGF to not drop wrestling from CWG 2026 roster, but not very hopeful

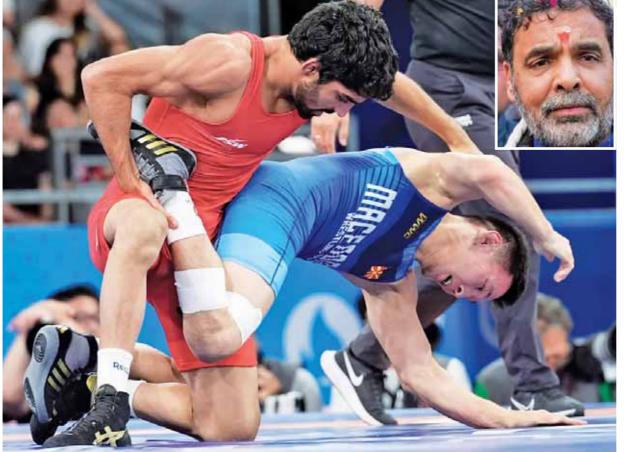
restling Federation of India (WFI) India President Singh on Tuesday urged the Commonwealth Games Federation to retain the sport in the 2026 CWG roster but conceded prospective host Scotland might not relent.

India is one of the most successful wrestling nations in CWG, having won 114 medals in the sport till the 2022 edition.

Wrestling was part of the CWG roster in the last three editions. The last time wrestling missed out was in when basketball replaced it. Before that, wrestling was removed from the programme in 1998 for the addition of 10-pin

bowling.
Scottish capital Glasgow is set
to host the 2026
Commonwealth Games after Victoria pulled out, citing the huge cost of conducting the showpiece.

"I met CGF President Chris Jenkins and CGF CEO Katie Sadleir during (National Sports Federations) meeting with



how important it is for India and several other nations to have wrestling on the CWG roster. They said that Scotland will have a final say," Singh told PTI.

"Wrestling is not very popular in the UK. England and Scotland do not send many wrestlers, so chances of it being retained are not very high. They told us the roster will have only 10-11 sports and Scotland will make the final decision," he added.

The last edition in Birmingham in 2022 had 20 sports with India winning 61

sports with India winning 61 medals and 12 of those medals were snared by the wrestlers.

Out of 22 gold medals that India won, wrestling had contributed six, the highest by any sport followed by table tennis (4) and boxing (3). The 2026 Commonwealth

Games were to be held in multiple cities across Victoria but the Australian state made a shock withdrawal in July 2023 citing a steep rise in projected expenditure.

Shooting will, however, return to the Commonwealth Games roster after being kept of the Birmingham



Priyanshu Rajawat makes first-round exit from China Open

PTI ■ CHANGZHOU (CHINA)

 $R^{\text{ising}}_{\text{Priyanshu Rajawat suffered}} \text{ Indian shuttler}$ a straight-game defeat to Canada's Brian Yang as he made an opening-round exit from the China Open here on Tuesday. The 22-year-old Indian, who won the Orleans Master last year, went down 13-21 16-21 to his Canadian opponent in a 36-minute men's round-of-32 contest of the Super 1000 tournament.

Rajawat, the world number 36, was a member of the Indian team that won the historic Thomas Cup title two years ago. World number 40 Kiran George is now the lone Indian challenger left in the men's singles event. He will take on Japanese shuttler Kenta

The Indian shuttler, who competed at the Paris Olympics including Sindhu, Lakshya Sen and the men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, are giving the tournament, the year's last BWF Super 1000 event, a miss. Commonwealth bronze medallist duo of Gayatri Gopichand and Treesa Jolly and Rutaparna Panda and Swetaparna Panda will compete in the women's doubles event while N Sikki Reddy and B Sumeeth Reddy will lead the challenge in mixed doubles competition. Aakarshi Kashyap, Malvika Bansod and Samiya Imad Farooqui will compete in the women's singles event.

Rodri says top soccer players might go on strike because there are too many games



AP ■ MANCHESTER (ENGLAND)

Manchester City midfielder Rodri says top soccer players are close to going on strike because of the number of games they are having to play. players are concerned about the way the game is headed as more games are added to the calendar in competitions like the Champions League, which starts on Tuesday.

Rodri was asked on Tuesday if players might start refusing to play because of the calendar. "I think we are close to that," he

said in a news conference ahead of City's Champions League opener against Inter Milan on Wednesday. "It's easy to understand. You ask any player, he will say the same - it's not the opinion of (just) Rodri or whoever. I think it's a general opinion of the players. "If it keeps this way, it will be a moment when we have no other option, I really think. It's something that worries us because we are the guys who

Rodri is expected to start his

first game for City this season when Inter visits Etihad Stadium, having been given an extended break by the club after winning the European Championship with Spain in

play in the first stage of the Champions League and up to seven matches more in the Club World Cup, which is scheduled to take place in the United States at the end of the domestic season.

The introduction by FIFA of a 32-team Club World Cup, which will be played every four years, is regarded by global players' union FIFPRO as a tipping point for the expansion of international competitions. The union has started a legal challenge against FIFA over its expanded competitions, which include the first 48-team men's World Cup in 2026, because it believes too much is being asked of players without consultation.

Rodri said players can be

matches, a number Rodri might have to play if City goes far in all of the competitions it

Julian Alvarez, who played for City the past two seasons before moving to Atletico match-day squads last season. Another City player, Phil Foden, played in 72.

'In my humble opinion, I think it is too much," Rodri said. "We have to take care of ourselves. Someone has to take care of ourselves because we are the main characters of, let's say, this sport or this business. "Not everything is money or marketing. It is also the quality of the show. In my opinion, when I rest, when I'm not tired, I perform better. If people want to see better football, we need

Rodri said teammate Erling Haaland is demonstrating how a player can benefit from getting more of a break.

Norway did not qualify for Euro 2024 so Haaland had the expected to *perform at the highest level" if they play 40 to 50 games. Not 60 to 70 summer off, and has started this season by scoring nine goals in City's first four games.

Ishfaq Ahmed names 23-member India squad for SAFF U17 Championship

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The India U-17 men's team head coach Ishfaq Ahmed on Tuesday named a 23-member squad for the SAFF U17 Championship, which will be held in Bhutan.

India will face Bangladesh (September 20) and Maldives (September 24) in Group A of the tournament.

The semifinals will take place on September 28, followed by the final on September 30. All the matches will be played at the Changlimithang Stadium in Thimphu.

The Blue Colts will depart for Thimphu from their camp in Srinagar on Wednesday.
INDIA'S 23-MEMBER SQUAD FOR SAFF U17 CHAMPIONSHIP: Goalkeepers: Aheibam Suraj

Singh, Nandan Roy, Rohit. Defenders: Brahmacharimayum Sumit Sharma, Chingtham Renin Singh,



Soram, Mohammed Kaif. Usham Thoungamba Singh, Yaipharemba Chingakham. Midfielders: Abdul Salha Sheergojri, Ahongshangbam Samson, Banlamkupar Rynjah, Kh Azlaan Khan, Levis Zangminlun, Mahmad Sami, Manbhakupar Malngiang, Md Arbash, Ngamgouhou Mate, Ningthoukhongjam Rishi Singh, Vishal Yadav. Forwards: Bharat Lairenjam,

Al-Nassr draws with Al Shorta in first game in AFC Champions League Elite

Saudi Arabia drew with Al-Shorta of Irag 1-1 in the first ever game in the revamped and rebranded AFC Champions League Elite on Monday.

Ronaldo was left behind in Riyadh because Al-Nassr said the Portugal superstar, who has won five UEFA Champions Leagues but has yet to win a major trophy with his current club, had a viral infection and could not travel to Baghdad. Sultan Al-Ghannam put Al-Nassr ahead after 14 minutes though Mohammed Dawood leveled 10 minutes later.

There was another blow for Al-Nassr as Croatia international Marcelo Brozovic left the field injured early in the second half. Al-Ahli, another of Saudi Arabia's three star-studded teams in the tournament, beat Persepolis of Iran 1-0 in Jeddah. Former Barcelona and AC Milan midfielder Franck Kessie scored in the first

minute. Ivan Toney, signed from English Premier League Without an ill Cristiano club Brentford in August, made his Asian debut for Al Ahli but the England striker was unable to scoresheet.

Former Manchester City star Riyad Mahrez missed a second half penalty but Al-Ahli held

Al-Ain of the United Arab Emirates, which in May was the last winner of the Asian Champions League which has been replaced by the more streamlined Elite, started with a 1-1 draw against Al-Sadd of Qatar. Elsewhere, Esteghlal of Iran defeated Al-Gharafa of Qatar 3-0.

The 24 teams have been divided into two groups of 12, divided into east and west geographic zones, and each plays eight games. The top eight from each group progresses to the round of 16. Saudi Arabia's third team, Al-Hilal, is in action on Tuesday and travels to Qatar to face Al-

Two Indian teams to participate in Pickleball World Cup in Peru

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian teams L comprising a total of nine players have been selected to compete in the Pickleball World Cup, which will be from October 22-27.

Pickleball The Indian Association said it was invited to send two teams to compete on the global stage.

"At the recently-concluded selection trials Ahmedabad, organised under the aegis of the IPA and the Gujarat State Pickleball Association (GSPA), nine talented players were selected to represent India," IPA made announcement partnership with Pickleball World Rankings on Tuesday.

The Indian team for Open category will be led by Dhiren Patel and will feature Himansh Mehta, Suraj Desai, Rakshika Ravi and Anshi

The Seniors 50 plus category will feature Nozer Amalsdiwala, Kiran Salian, Bela Kotwani and Sujay



The sport shares similarities with tennis but players in Pickleball use paddles instead of racquets, and play on a court which is similar to the size of a doubles' badminton court. The height of the net is 36 inches on the sidelines and

in the middle it is 34 inches. "It is a proud moment for the Indian Pickleball Association to be invited to send two teams to the World Cup. We have full faith in these players and hope they will bring glory to India," said IPA president Suryaveer Singh Bhullar.

PSG starts Champions League without a galactico but clearly better equipped to succeed

AP ■ PARIS

Paris Saint-Germain's Qatari owners have spent lavishly to attract big stars. Their goal was to make the

club profitable, to erase the amateurish image of a side associated hooligans, and to build a competitive team capable of winning the Champions League. With unprecedented revenues

surpassing 800 million euros (\$890 million) for the first time last year, they have managed to build solid growth. They also succeeded in ridding

their stadium of the violence that often made the atmosphere at the Parc des Princes so tense and hostile.

And they also managed to bring the biggest names in the game to Paris. The likes of Zlatan Ibrahimovic, Lionel Messi, Neymar and Kylian Mbappé at times offered a glimpse of the possibility of

winning Europe's biggest But the Champions League crown remained a distant

The superstars have all now left the Parc des Princes, and it might sound paradoxical, but the club may be better equipped in its quest for continental glory.

"The coach is leading us more more towards his philosophy, it's more and more a soccer based on a collective philosophy. We're moving in that direction," PSG captain Marquinhos said on Tuesday. "Even if there are not any big names or stars, we are ready to

go for big achievements." Following the exits of Messi to Inter Miami and Neymar to Saudi Arabia team Al-Hilal in previous years, the departure of Mbappé to Real Madrid this summer marked the end of an era at PSG, where relying on the individual skills of star players and splashing money

2011 Qatari takeover. The big hole left by Mbappé was not filled by yet another superstar.

Instead, coach Luis Enrique insisted on moulding what he had. Enrique's project makes sense: Mbappé can't be duplicated but he could be replaced by a handful of attacking players capable of scoring as much, or more, than the France captain did.

To me, this is the continuation of last season," said Enrique, who has used 21 players in four French league games so far. We are a young team, that is true. But we are full of desire and hunger, which is a wonderful thing. I'm so lucky to have this sort of squad."

Enrique asked for recruitment of less known but excellent players in every sector to create competition and have second options at every position. It could be even more crucial this season as the Champions League's new have been the norm since the format will see more teams



playing more games. PSG starts on Wednesday against Spanish side Girona.

PSG signed goalkeeper Matvey Safonov, highly rated defender Willian Pacho and promising midfielder João Neves, as well as winger Désiré Doué. Pacho was impressive at Eintracht Frankfurt while the versatile Neves has already earned 11 caps with Portugal at the age of

Pacho and Neves have quickly gelled with the team and the new-look PSG has delivered immediately. They have won their first four matches to top the Ligue 1 standings.

"PSG is way stronger collectively than last year, everybody runs and defends," Brest coach Eric Roy said after his side lost to the French titleholder 3-1 over the weekend. "Especially when they lose the ball, they put a lot of pressure."

The biggest question mark going into the season was PSG's ability to maintain a potent attack without its best player. With two quick and powerful players on the wings -Ousmane Dembélé and Badley Barcola - partnering Marco Asensio in a false No. 9 role, PSG seems to have found the right answer.

The team has scored 16 goals, conceding just three, and boasts the best goal difference after four Ligue matches since Reims in 1952. Only Marseille forward Mason Greenwood has more goals than Barcola and Dembélé, while João Neves leads the league with three assists.

But for all of PSG's dominance of the French league winning it in 10 of the last 12 seasons — it has reached just one Champions League final since being bought by Qatar Investments. No Sports surprise Enrique does not want to get carried away.

Asked about the perceived improvement, he said, "We will see at the end of the season what the team has achieved.

NEW SUPPORT STAFF WILL HAVE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE, **BUT NO PROBLEM AS OF NOW: ROHIT SHARMA**

India captain Rohit Sharma on Tuesday said head coach Gautam Gambhir's style is different from his predecessor Rahul Dravid but insisted he shares a good rapport with the new appointee, and the rest of his

fresh set of support staff.
Gambhir, a World Cupwinning former opener, took charge of India in July during a white ball tour to Sri Lanka, and will now helm the team in its first Test series under tutelage Bangladesh, beginning here

from Thursday.

In Gambhir's first outing as coach, India swept the T20I series against the Islanders 3-0, but lost the ensuing ODI series 0-2.

"Obviously, Rahul bhai, Vikram Rathour (former batting coach) and Paras Mhambrey (former bowling coach) were a different team and it is only acceptable that the new support staff will bring different perspective," Rohit said in the pre-series press conference here on Tuesday.

"But the matches that we engaged in (with the new staff) in Sri Lanka, they seemed to be sensible and understanding. They began to learn things pretty quickly within the team," he added. Dravid's tenure ended after India's T20 World Cup triumph in the West Indies



and he will next be seen heading the coaching staff of IPL side Rajasthan Royals. Rathour and Mhambrey were replaced by Abhishek Nayar (assistant coach) and South African Morne Morkel (bowling coach), while

former Dutch all-rounder IPL, beat former pacers R Ryan ten Doeschate also joined as an assistant coach. While Nayar joining the team was largely a given, Morkel and Doeschate, who worked with Gambhir at the Kolkata Knight Riders in the

Vinayakumar and L Balaji in the race to spots among the India support staff.

used his Rohit association with Gambhir during the latter's playing days, and with Abhishek

Nayar in the Mumbai dressing room to underline his comfortable working relation with them.

"It's a new (support) staff for sure, but I have known Gautam Gambhir

enough. Every support staff has its operating style, and what expecting.

"I have worked with different coaches over 17 years of my career, and it's vital to understand that all of them have a unique perspective (about cricket), and it's a must that you adjust with them," said Rohit.

While Rohit has never worked alongside Morkel and Doeschate, the 37-yearold said he has enough knowledge of them from their days as cricketers to comfortable equation.

"I have also played matches against Morne Morkel and Ryan ten Doeschate. I have some close encounters with Morkel, but not so much with Ryan, may be a couple of matches. But that doesn't

"As of now, there have been no issues or problems as such (with the new set of support staff). We have a great understanding of each other. "Good understanding is important, and I have that with them," he added on his dynamics with the new head coach and his team.

In his first media interaction after taking charge in July, the 42-year-old Gambhir had also rejected apprehensions about his equation with the team's senior players by citing his familiarity with them during his playing days.

Massive hike in Women's T20 WC prize fund as ICC announces pay parity

In a landmark decision, the International Cricket Council on Tuesday announced equal prize money for men and women in World Cups, starting with next month's women's showpiece, the purse for which has been hiked by a staggering 225 per cent to USD 7.95 million.

The winners of the women's T20 World Cup will walk away with USD 2.34 million from this fund, a 134 per cent increase on the USD one million awarded to Australian women when they clinched the title in South Africa in 2023, said the ICC in a statement. Men's T20 World Cup

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The semi-finals are scheduled for October 17 and 18, followed by the final on October 20.

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The International Hockey

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Both Harmanpreet and Sreejesh

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Olympics where the team

Skipper Harmanpreet led from

the front with 10 goals - most for

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Playing against India is the best challenge you get nowadays: Bangladesh coach

Bangladesh head coach Chandika Hathurusingha feels playing against cricketing powerhouse India will give his team a fair assessment of where it stands internationally, as he looks forward to relishing the challenge against Rohit Sharma's side in the two-Test series commencing on Thursday.

Bangladesh are coming off a triumphant 2-0 away Test-series win against Pakistan, having annihilated the Shan Masood-led side by 10 wickets in the opening game, following which they won the second match by six wickets.

However, India, currently leading the World Test Championship (WTC) table, are expected to pose a much stronger challenge to Bangladesh despite the eastern neighbours riding high on confidence. 'We are encouraged by playing the best team in the world, and coming to India and playing against them is the best challenge you get nowadays. Plaving against the best alv ception of where you stand, and as sportspersons, we always look forward to it," said Hathurusingha, the former Sri Lankan all-rounder, who was appointed Bangladesh coach early last year, during a pre-match press conference on Tuesday. Bangladesh, following the two-Test series against India, will also play three-T20Is starting October

Hathurusingha, when asked if the Test series whitewash of Pakistan had created pressure of expectation on his side coming into the series against India, said that though the victories had boosted the team's confidence, it also knew its

strengths and weaknesses. "It's (win against Pakistan) certainly given us a lot of confidence coming into this series. Keeping the outcome aside, the way we played the series and we handled certain situations, like lagging and coming back, and the people who contributed to it -- all give us a lot of belief for this series"

"Pressure (of playing against India) is a privilege. We understand where we stand, along with our strengths and limitations," he said.

The Bangladesh squad comprises eight specialist batters, six bowlers and two all-rounders and Hathurusingha called it the "most rounded" side



across departments.

'This is probably the most rounded team produced by Bangladesh. We have covered a lot of bases and have got a lot of fast bowlers," he said. "We also have an experienced spin attack, besides lepth in our hatting Also two of our spinners are genuine batters with Test hundreds. It all gives a great balance to our side, along with confidence.

Bangladesh will continue to have the services of veterans like Shakib Al Hasan, Mushfiqur Rahim and Mehidy Hasan Miraz.

While Shakib was decent across departments in Pakistan, Mushfiqur emerged as the side's highest run-scorer in the series, while Miraz was their top wicket-taker.

"Shakib has always played a huge part in Bangladesh cricket, and he always gives us the luxury to balance the team the way we want, thanks to his all-round abilities," he said.

"His adaptability and experience add to it. He is coming off a county stint and is in good shape. Miraz has been the most-improved Bangladesh cricketer in the last 5-6 years and is ready to take over whenever Shakib moves out.

"He has been batting well, and his bowling has always been his number one strength, while he has also been great on the field lately," added the Sri Lankan.

Speaking about the track, which has a fair sprinkling of red soil, Hathurusingha said it looked like a "sporting wicket".

Harmanpreet, Sreejesh shortlisted

E-Procurement Notice Bid Identification No. S.E (R&B)- MLK-03/2024-25 Date. 13.09.2024

1. Name of the work

2. Total No. of Works 04 Nos

3. Estimated cost

4. Period of completion: 01 (One) month

5. Date & time of availability of bid document in the portal: From 11.00 hrs. Of 20.09.2024 To 16.00 hrs.Of 30.09.2024

6. Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the Portal:

11.00 hours of 01.10.2024

Superintending Engineer Malkangiri(R&B) Division 8. Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid:

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal https://tendersorissa.gov.in Superintending Engineer OIPR-34063/11/0005/2425 Malkangiri (R&B) Division

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER: SONEPUR (R&B) DIVISION, SONEPUR

BID IDENTIFICATION No. SE/R&B/SNPR/05/2024-25 // Dt. 13.09.24 No. 4967

The Superintending Engineer, Sonepur (R&B) Division, Sonepur on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites Percentage Rate bids in Single cover system in Online Mode for Road works detailed in the DTCN from the eligible Class of Contractors

7. Date of opening of Tender;

: Rs.6,000/- for Serial No.1 : Rs.2000/- for Serial No.2 to 4

: Rs.600/- for Serial No.5 & 6

Class of Contractor: "D" & "C" Class Contractor for Serial No.1 to 6

Date and time Available in Web site & receipt of Bids: From 10.00 A.M. of 17.09.2024 to 5.00 P.M. of 23.09.2024 Date of Opening of Tender: 24.09.2024 at 11.00 A.M.

The Bidders have to participate in Online bidding only further details can be seen from the Web Site.

8. Any Corrigendum / Addendum will be displayed in the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in only

OIPR-34081/11/0002/2425 Sonepur (R&B) Division, Sonepur

Bid Identification No. DFO(DGH)-FE & CC-01/2024-25 Office Order No.151 Date. 17.09.2024

The Divisional Forest Officer, Deogarh Forest Division, Deogarh on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Percentage Rate bids in Single cover system (Composite) online mode for the construction of works as detailed in the table, from the class of eligible contractors as mentioned in column-5 (five) registered with the State Governments and Contractors of equivalent Grade / Class Registered with Central Government / MES / Railways for execution of Civil, E.I. & G.P.H and Sanitary Works. The proof of registration from the appropriate authority shall be enclosed along with the Bid. If successful, the bidder who has not registered under state government, Odisha has to register under the state PWD in appropriate class of eligibility before award of the work. 2.The bidders may submit bids for any or all of the following work separately. abmit bids for any or all of the following work separately.

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01	Construction of 1 No. Forest Guard Quarter, Ratiabahal beat under Barkote Range Deogarh Forest Division during the year 2024-25. Plinth Area-500 Sq. Ft Office Area-126 Sq. Ft Total Area-626 Sq. Ft	Civil, E.I & G.P.H- 12.33865/-	3 Calendar Month	"D" & "C" Class	12339.00	Rs. 6,000/-	11:00 Hrs of 19.9.2024 to 17:00 Hrs of 03.10.2024
02	Construction of 1 No. Forest Guard Quarter, Siarimalia Beat under Barkote Range of Deogarh Forest Division during the year 2024-25 Plinth Area-500 Sq. Ft Office Area- 126 Sq. Ft Total Area-626 Sq. Ft	Civil, E.I & G.P.H- 12.33865/-	3 Calendar Month	"D" & "C" Class	12339.00	Rs. 6,000/-	11:00 Hrs of 19.9.2024 to 17:00 Hrs of 03.10.2024
03	Construction of 1 No. Forest Guard Quarter, Salohi beat under Barkote Range under Barkote Range of Deogarh Forest Division during the year 2024-25, Plinth Area-500 Sq. Ft Office Area-126 Sq. Ft Total Area-626 Sq. Ft	Civil, E.I & G.P.H- 12.27948/-	3 Calendar Month	"D" & "C" Class	12279.00	Rs. 6,000/-	11:00 Hrs of 19.9.2024 to 17:00 Hrs of 03.10.2024
04	Construction of 1 No. Forest Guard Quarter, Chatibarghat Beat of under Deogarh Range of Deogarh Forest Division during the year 2024-25 Plinth Area-500 Sq. Ft Office Area-126 Sq. Ft Total Area-626 Sq. Ft	Civil, E.I & G.P.H- 12.30658/-	3 Calendar Month	"D" & "C" Class	12307.00	Rs. 6,000/-	11:00 Hrs of 19.9.2024 to 17:00 Hrs of 03.10.2024
05	Construction of 1 No. Forest Guard Quarter, Sibida Beat of under Pallahara Range of Deogarh Forest Division during the year 2024-25 Plinth Area-500 Sq. Ft Office Area- 126 Sq. Ft Total Area-626 Sq. Ft	Civil, E.I & G.P.H- 12.42448/-	3 Calendar Month	"D" & "C" Class	12424.00	Rs. 6,000/-	11:00 Hrs of 19.9.2024 to 17:00 Hrs of 03.10.2024
06	Construction of 1 No. Forest Guard Quarter, Siria Beat of under Reamal Range of Deogarh Forest Division during the year 2024-25 Plinth Area-500 Sq. Ft Office Area- 126 Sq. Ft Total Area-626 Sq. Ft	Civil, E.I & G.P.H- 12.27891/-	3 Calendar Month	"D" & "C" Class	12278.00	Rs. 6,000/-	11:00 Hrs of 19.9.2024 to 17:00 Hrs of 03.10.2024

Documents can be seen in the website www.doishaforest.in | www.doishaforest.in | The Bidders shall transfer online the cost of Bid Documents as mentioned in Col.7 of table above towards the cost of bid through a process as mentioned under DTCN. 5. The Bid documents will be available in the website www.doishaforest.in | / www.doishaforest.in | / www.doogarh.nic.in from 11:00 Hours of 19.9.2024 to 17:00 Hours of 03.10.24 for online bidding. 6. The Bidder must possess Compatible Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class III or Class III. 1910 Hours of 03.10.224 in the office of the Division, Deogarh for escrived "on-line" on or before 17:00 Hours of 03.10.2024. 8. Bids received "on-line" shall be opened at 11:00 Hours on 04.10.2024 in the office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Deogarh Forest Division, Deogarh in the presence of bidders who wish to attend. Bidders who participated in the bid can witness the opening of bids after logging in to the site through their DSC. If the office happens to be closed on the stipulated date of opening of Bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

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FIH Hockey Stars Awards put forth resolute display of defence throughout the campaign, especially against the Hockey Nations Cups, FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers and the Olympic Games Paris 2024 **PTI** ■ LAUSANNE (SWITZERLAND) of nominees." The voting process will remain open till October 11 for nation- $\mathbf{I}^{ ext{ndia}}$ captain Harmanpreet Singh was on Tuesday nomi-Great Britain when the team before establishing the final list all associations (represented by nated for the player of the year was reduced to 10 men in the

India beat Great Britain 4-2 in penalty shootout to reach the semifinal and later on defeated

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Spain 2-1 to win the bronze medal contest. Sreejesh has competition from Pirmin Blaak (Netherlands), Luis Calzado (Spain), Jean-Paul Danneberg (GER), and Tomas

second quarter of the quarter-

Santiago (Argentina). The list of nominees was established by an Expert Panel composed of players, coaches and officials selected by each of their Continental Federations," the FIH said on its website.

(Netherlands), Joep de Mol (Netherlands), Hannes Müller 'The expert panel was provid-(Germany), and Zach Wallace ed access to match data from all international matches held in Playing in his last tournament 2024, including Test matches, for India, the venerable Sreejesh the FIH hockey Pro League, FIH

their respective national teams' captains and coaches), fans, players, coaches, officials and

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER KANTABANJI (R&B) DIVISION

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:- 04 Nos. (Single Cover) Nature of work :- (Civil) Road work

Class of contractor :- C and D&C

:- Between Rs.3.42 Lakh to 39.31 Lakh Tender cost :- Between Rs.2.000/- to Rs.6.000/-

Date and time of vailability of Bid documents in part of the property of the p Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I) :- Dt.25.09.2024 at 11:30 A.M.

The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website "www.tendersodisha.gov.in". All future corrigendum will be available on ONLINE MODE only.