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## WHEN GOLDEN HOUR IS LOST IN A STUCK AMBULANCE

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

My father was in the ambulance, as he had just suffered a severe asthma attack. We were rushing to a hospital in South Delhi, hoping every second that we would make it in time. But as we got onto the main road, we realised we were trapped. The heavy rains in the morning had caused massive water-logging, and the traffic was completely stuck. The ambulance couldn't move an inch.

"Though, we eventually reached the hospital, the delay could have been fatal," said Ramesh Verma, echoing the helplessness of a family member stuck in a dire situation due to water-logging induced traffic snarls in the national capital.

This case is just one among many in the similar situation, highlighting systemic issues with emergency response and infrastructure, particularly during the monsoon season when water-logging is the common feature at various stretches. Despite the ongoing problems plaguing the city for years as climate change induced erratic weather plays truant, authorities continue to shift responsibility, leaving the situation unresolved year after year.

There have been cases of people dying in rain-related incidents as the capital has been witnessing heavy rainfall every other day, bringing it to a standstill with streets flooded, traffic in chaos and some commuters stranded on roads. Even upscale areas of Lutyens' Delhi, arterial lanes and key tunnels like the one at Pragati Maidan were closed due to flooding.

Clearly, this reflects a broader issue where emergency services are frequently hindered by inadequate infrastructure. Incidentally, while writing this, Sawati

Das Gupta, a commuter, called up in distress. "I am stuck up at a severe traffic snarl at Bharat Mandapam near Supreme Court due to water-logging, which is also blocking two ambulances.

"The vehicles with sirens blaring are honking consistently, but there's no space to move. I just can't imagine the distress of patients and their families inside the vehicle, trapped in gridlocked traffic. It's heart-wrenching. The pressure and fear of not knowing if they'll make it in time only add to their agony. The situation is further compounded by the fact that outside the vehicle, people seem unaware of the urgency," she said. Dasgupta asserted that such a situation is unacceptable and no one should have to endure this kind of helplessness.

"We need better emergency management and infrastructure to prevent such incidents," she strongly emphasised.

Drivers from Centralised Accident and Trauma Services (CATS), the State Government's medical emergency services too expressed their frustration, noting that their best strategy is to avoid known water-logged areas and stay updated via contacts and newspapers. Much also depends on the driving skill of the occupant behind the steering wheel, they agreed.

Jeetu (name changed), a CATS driver, emphasised the importance of the 'Golden Hour'—the critical first hour following an accident for improving survival chances.

The 'Golden Hour' principle, supported by WHO, stresses the importance of timely medical intervention to increase survival rates. Currently, traffic congestion often delays ambulances, with journeys that should take 15-20 minutes extending over an hour.

The CATS vehicles are categorised into



patient transport ambulances, basic life-support ambulances, and advanced life-support ambulances.

He also shared that CATS is in the process of updating its fleet, with plans to add over 400 new vehicles equipped with advanced facilities. The Government has also taken the services of a private firm which is playing the vehicles as 'Rakshak' Suraj (name changed), another driver with the CAT, lamented that while the population has increased, infrastructure improvements have lagged, putting critical patients at greater risk.

Requesting anonymity, a senior official from the CATS department maintained that the old fleets are on the way out. A tender has been passed in this regard and we are looking forward to adding the new vehicles equipped with improved and sophisticated facilities including at least three Oxygen cylinders. Soon there would be more than 400 vehicles.

The official admitted that roads are constructed without properly assessing actual needs, and issues like inadequate sewage management and insufficient desilting contribute to the chaos. Ultimately, it is the people and patients who suffer as a result.

Jeetu chipped in saying that most critical are especially those injured in road accidents, while on the way to hospitals. "I have been lucky that no patient has died in my ambulance due to heavy traffic on the road resulting in the ambulances getting stuck in traffic jams." Apart from patients of road mishaps, heart patients also needed to be rushed to hospitals in time.

However, on the brighter side, he said that people have been sensitised enough to give way to Ambulances.

According to the CAT drivers, if an ambulance gets a free lane it can cover the distance of 25 km within 15 to 20

minutes but due to traffic it generally takes more than an hour. If the water-logging issue is sorted, delay time in a patient reaching a hospital can be cut.

Delhi has several areas prone to waterlogging, including perennial hotspots like Minto Bridge, Pul Prahladpur Underpass, Jahangirpuri Metro Station Road, under Zakhira Flyover, Loni Road Roundabout, Karala Kanjhawala, and parts of the Ring Road, such as the area opposite WHO.

Other locations that frequently experience waterlogging include ITO, RK Puram, Janpath, Parliament Street, Karol Bagh, Nauroji Nagar, Pant Marg, and various spots in South Delhi, such as Mayur Vihar, Vasant Kunj, Greater Kailash, New Friends Colony, Saket, and Malviya Nagar.

Dr Jagdish Kaur from WILGA, an NGO working for the empowerment of women expressed displeasure at the situation, saying, "I can't recall a day when I haven't seen an ambulance struggling through our chaotic traffic, which is often anything but efficient.

"We often forget that the person in the ambulance could be someone we know or even ourselves. Imagine being in that emergency vehicle while someone in a car ignores the siren's urgent wail. That siren is actually a critical signal—a 'song of life or death.'

Each of us plays a role in ensuring that this siren leads to life, not death. Just as the ambulance driver, doctors, and nurses are responsible for responding to emergencies, we must also take responsibility for our actions on the road.

Also, the authorities instead of playing blame-games must do their part. They should responsibly ensure that the roads are free of water-logging and traffic jams," Dr Kaur summed up.

## Sensex nosedives, vapourises investors' INR five lakh crore

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Investors' wealth plummeted by ₹5.49 lakh crore on Friday as markets faced a massive correction tracking a weak trend in global peers and fresh foreign fund outflows.

Falling for the third day running, the 30-share BSE Sensex tumbled 1,017.23 points or 1.24 per cent to settle at ₹81,183.93. During the day, it plunged 1,219.23 points or 1.48 per cent to ₹80,981.93. The BSE benchmark had hit its all-time high of ₹82,725.28 on Monday. Following the weak trend in equities, the market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms slumped by ₹5,49,925.16 crore to ₹4,60,18,976.09 crore (USD 5.48 trillion).

"Markets witnessed intense profit-booking after the recent upsurge and key benchmark indices crumbled on fears a subdued US economic data could push

Fed chairman to postpone rate cut decision.

"Investors trimmed their bullish bets ahead of the US jobs report, as any uptick in the numbers could prompt the Fed to maintain the status quo on interest rates," Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said.

Among the 30 Sensex firms, State Bank of India tanked over 4 per cent. ICICI Bank, NTPC, HCL Technologies, Reliance Industries, Tata Motors, ITC, Axis Bank and Adani Ports were the major laggards. Asian Paints, Bajaj Finance, JSW Steel and Hindustan Unilever were the gainers.

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong settled lower. European markets were trading in the red. The US markets ended mostly in the negative territory on Thursday.

## BJP J and K manifesto: 370 is a thing of past says HM

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Exuding confidence that the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) will form the next government on its own, Union Home Minister Amit Shah Friday unveiled the party's Sankalp Patra (manifesto) asserting its resolve to build a peaceful, secure, developed, and prosperous Jammu and Kashmir.

Ahead of releasing the party's "Sankalp Patra", Shah said, "Article 370 is part of history and will never come back. The people of the



Home Minister Amit Shah releases the party's election manifesto ahead of the Jammu and Kashmir elections. PTI

country and the state respect the abrogation of Article 370."

Referring to the list of 25 promises made by the party in its manifesto, Shah said "wiping out terrorism and separatism in the state" figure high on our agenda, followed by prioritising and enhancing women's financial security and self-reliance.

The Home Minister also promised to bring a white paper to fix the responsibility of those involved in the emergence of terrorism in the region.

## INDIA CLAIMS SIXTH GOLD



Parveen Kumar shattered the Asian record jump of 2.08 m to win the T64 finals at Paris Paralympics 2024

## Phogat, Punia join Congress

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Wrestlers Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia joined the Congress on Friday ahead of the Haryana Assembly polls. Phogat on Friday resigned from the Indian Railways, citing personal reasons. Both of them met Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge at his 10, Rajaji Marg, residence.

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# Joshi accused, not convicted, Govt to take decision soon: BJP

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

There is a difference between being accused and being convicted. Cabinet minister Ganesh Joshi has been accused of disproportionate assets and the legal process is underway. Stating this, the Bharatiya Janata Party State spokesman Suresh Joshi said that the BJP government in Uttarakhand works with transparency and will take a decision according to the rules in the near future. Claiming that there is considerable enthusiasm among people to join the party, Joshi said that the party will expose the Congress which supports cow slaughter in Uttarakhand. The Congress should clarify

whether it supports or opposes those involved in cow slaughter. Apart from this, the State government has stated that all damaged roads, drinking water supply and other facilities damaged during the rains will be repaired as soon as the monsoon ends, he said.

day, Joshi said that the party is benefiting from the historic decisions of the Central government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and State government under chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, in its membership campaign. Appreciating Dhami, he claimed that it is due to his efforts that the Central assistance to Uttarakhand has increased by 15 per cent compared to past years. "The image of Devbhumi has been strengthened by steps like enacting Uniform Civil Code, prohibiting illegal religious conversion and encroachment on the basis of religion along with efforts aimed at preserva-



tion of Sanatan culture. Due to the anti-copying law, more than 18,000 appointment letters were issued by the government without any dispute, a first in the State's history. The results of the latest PCS exams show that about 90 per cent of the successful candidates are locals. This is also the first time when the State government has decided that all

running away from the police checking for beef in Haridwar district, Joshi said that there are ample photos and videos of the man slaughtering cows known to the public. Challenging the Congress to clarify its stand, he said that it should state whether it supports those slaughtering cows.

damaged roads, drinking water supply, school buildings and other facilities damaged during the rains will be repaired as soon as the monsoon ends," Joshi said.

# Four dengue cases in Dehradun so far

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The number of dengue cases in the provisional State capital has increased to four. The Dehradun chief medical officer Dr Sanjay Jain reported that in September, four cases of dengue have been confirmed till now. Currently, two active cases are being treated at the Government Doon Medical College (GDMC). Notably, the Health department has been on high alert since July 1, with ASHA workers conducting an awareness campaign to educate peo-

ple on prevention methods and inspecting households for larvae. About 550 ASHA workers are involved in this initiative, visiting 40 to 50 houses daily. Additionally, 100 volunteers in Dehradun and 40 in Rishikesh have been assigned to increase dengue prevention awareness in their respective wards. Currently, 9,30,420 houses have been inspected by ASHA workers and volunteers under the dengue preven-

tion campaign. Additionally, during the inspection 4160183 containers were searched out of which 50,831 containers were suspected positive for dengue larvae.

# Kumar warns companies over lapses in door to door garbage collection in Doon

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Over 20 per cent of the vehicles used for door to door garbage collection under the Municipal Corporation of Dehradun (MCD) were absent from duty on Friday. This was revealed during the inspection of the integrated garbage management control room by the Dehradun municipal commissioner Gaurav Kumar. After receiving several complaints through platforms like the Citizen App and CM Helpline regarding the failure of garbage collecting vehicles to reach certain areas, the commissioner conducted a surprise inspection of the control room at 11AM. He reviewed the movement of vehicles operated by three companies, Econ, Sunlight and Water Grace. He specifically monitored vehicles in wards 93, 92, 91 and 96, scrutinising both operational and broken-down vehicles. Upon finding gaps in the coverage, particularly in ward 99 where a vehicle had failed to visit one area despite being scheduled, Kumar demanded immediate explanations. Kumar also issued a stern warning to the companies. The commissioner emphasised that any vehicle failing to reach its designated area without valid reasons should face strict action. He also mandated that broken-down vehicles must be promptly replaced. Kumar said that the municipal corporation aims to achieve 100 per cent door to door garbage collection and urges residents to separate dry and wet waste before handing it over to collection vehicles, contributing to a clean and beautiful Doon.

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# Improve hygiene at district hospital in Doon: DM

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The newly appointed Dehradun district magistrate Savin Bansal expressed dissatisfaction with the cleanliness standards at Deen Dayal Upadhyay (Coronation) district hospital. Observing substandard hygiene practices, the DM directed the hospital authorities to strictly ad-

herence and urged hospital staff to take this matter seriously. The DM also conducted a thorough inspection of various wards, including the NICU, general ward, operation theatre, dengue ward, ICU and emergency ward. He interacted with patients and their attendants to in-

prescriptions were being issued. The DM also listened to the issues faced by the hospital staff. During his inspection of the operation theatre, he reviewed the medical equipment and directed the hospital administration to submit a proposal for any additional equipment needed. He emphasised the need for continuous monitoring and improvement of hospital services, instructing the CMO and CMS to ensure all facilities are being provided properly. He also stressed the regular presence of personnel at the Asha helpline desk to assist patients. Bansal said that the administration is committed to improving healthcare services and ensuring that the district hospital meets the needs of the public with efficiency and care.



here to establish cleanliness norms and ensure the availability of clean drinking water for patients and staff. He directed them to impose a penalty on agencies hired to maintain cleanliness and provide cooked food if they provide substandard services. In a move to assess healthcare services, Bansal arrived in a private vehicle in the hospital at about 9:30 AM. He stood in the queue like a regular citizen to get an OPD slip and personally inspected the hospital's OPD services. During his inspection, he took stock of the healthcare facilities available to the general public. As soon as hospital officials realised his presence, there was a rush among the staff and by 10 AM, all officials had arrived at the hospital. The DM instructed the medical superintendent of the hospital Anurag Aggarwal to increase the number of counters for medicines and ensure proper signage for doctors in the OPD area. He emphasised the importance of ensuring that patients and their attendants do not face any inconven-

quire about their well-being and the quality of medical services being provided. He specifically asked patients if they were being prescribed medicines from outside the hospital, to which they responded that no external

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7	Stenographer	Level-4 (25500-81100)	27 Years	19	10	02	01	02	04	01	[01VI]	01	-
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9	Junior Secretariat Assistant	Level-2(19900-63200)	27 Years	78	32	08	10	06	22	02	[01 HI, 01 IDMI]	07	-
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	Plumber	02	01	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	-	-
	Fitter	05	04	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	-	-
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## Top school under lense after alleged sexual harassment by student

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

A senior student at a prominent boys boarding school in the Dalanwala area of Dehradun has been accused of sexually harassing a junior student, along with subjecting him to ragging. The matter came to light when the victim's family discovered his plight after bringing him back from Dehradun to their home State of Assam, where they lodged a complaint. The family reportedly stated in the complaint that a senior student of the boarding school allegedly sexually harassed the boy and repeatedly bullied him, leading to significant distress.

His change in behaviour, including withdrawal and silence, reportedly raised

concern in his family. When the family visited Dehradun recently, they noticed the boy's mental condition had deteriorated and questioned him thoroughly. During this time, the boy reportedly revealed the details of his harassment and the ongoing ragging he was subjected to by his senior. It is being said that the parents informed the school administration about the incident, but reportedly, no significant action was taken by the school. Considering this, the parents reportedly decided to withdraw their son from the school and got his transfer certificate. They have enrolled him in a new school.

The family also reported

## Decision to allow Govt employees to attend RSS Shakhas suicidal: Dasauni

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The chief spokeswoman of Uttarakhand Congress, Garima Dasauni has said that the decision of the Uttarakhand government to allow its employees and officers to attend the programmes of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and visit its Shakhas is a suicidal step. She said that the step proves that the BJP has no faith in the constitution. The constitution clearly defines the roles of executive, legislature and judiciary. Dasauni said that the service rules clearly mention that the government employees should not get engaged with any political party. She said that though the Uttarakhand government has exempted its employees from service regulations, it has given an excuse to the employees for

remaining absent from their workplace. Dasauni said that the public representatives always put up a question mark on the efficiency of the executive and now after this order the officers and employees will become completely autocratic. She said that the BJP is fast losing its popularity and in desperation the party is now scouting a vote bank in the government employees. She added that the order has come at a time when Uttarakhand is fighting a battle with the natural disaster. The law and order situation has become pathetic. The Congress leader said that instead of solving problems of the people the BJP government is taking measures which can plunge the State into anarchy.

## Congress habituated to opposing Ram & nationalism: BJP

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Bharatiya Janata Party has stated that the Congress has always opposed Lord Ram and nationalism. This is the reason why it is questioning the State government's decision to allow its employees to attend programmes of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). The BJP State media in-charge Manveer Singh Chauhan welcomed the government's decision to allow its employees to attend RSS Shakhas and programmes, stating that the historic decision of the Central and State governments will strengthen efforts aimed at the cultural, social and developmental upliftment of Uttarakhand. Responding to objections raised by the Congress, he said that the Congress leaders should learn about the work of the Sangh from the disaster affected residents of its leader Rahul Gandhi's previous constituency Wayanad in Kerala. Rahul Gandhi and Congress leaders were absent from the scene while RSS volunteers served and assisted the disaster affected people in this area, he said. "An unconstitutional order was issued in 1966 restricting government employees from participating in activities of the RSS. First the Central government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and then the State government under chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhama has removed this unconstitutional ban forever. For about 99 years, the RSS has been consistently working for nation building and



serving the society. Irrespective of the party, the nation's leadership has always praised the Sangh's contribution towards national security, unity-integrity and its assistance at times of natural disasters. However, due to its political insecurity, the Indra Gandhi government had banned government employees from attending RSS programmes without a proper basis," Chauhan said. Rejecting the objections of Congress and other opposition parties, he said that one cannot expect a positive response from those opposed to Ram and nationalism. He said that the Congress and other opposition parties should recall what the RSS had done after natural disasters in Kedarnath, Uttarkashi, Malpa, during the Covid-19 pandemic and various other situations, in addition to working consistently for the upliftment of Sanatan culture.

## SCPCR seeks investigation report in ragging case

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The chairperson of the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR) Geeta Khanna has asked Dehradun's chief education officer and the senior superintendent of police to provide the investigation report regarding a recent case of a senior student ragging a student in a private school in Dehradun. A case involving the alleged ragging and sexual harassment of a student from Assam in Dehradun has recently surfaced, with the victim's parents claiming that the school did not take any action upon learning about the incident. Considering this, they filed an FIR in Assam. The Assam police have transferred the case to the Dehradun police and the Dalanwala police station has registered the case

under the POCSO Act.

Talking to The Pioneer about this, Khanna added that she recently became aware of a ragging incident at a prominent boys boarding school in Dehradun. Upon learning of the incident, she promptly drafted a letter to Dehradun CEO Pradeep Rawat and SSP Ajai Singh, urging them to conduct a thorough investigation into the ragging case. Additionally, she asked them to submit findings of the investigation to the commission.

Regarding the alleged ragging at the school, Khanna asserted that ragging is not inherently negative, but rather the actions of individuals have painted it in a

negative light. Initially, in colleges and schools, ragging was a means of introducing juniors to seniors and allowing juniors to exhibit their talents. Over time, however, students have turned ragging into a harmful activity, involving physical or sexual assault on their juniors, she added.

Given these circumstances, she emphasised that activities like ragging and any similar incidents should not be tolerated in other private schools. Regarding this, she intends to ask the CEO to distribute and enforce the anti-ragging guidelines in all private schools in Dehradun. Any school found violating these guidelines will face strict consequences, she said.

## Health Dept appoints 197 CHOs for health & wellness centres

## Officers to be deployed in centres in all districts

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The State Health department has appointed 197 new community health officers (CHOs). These officers will be deployed in the health and wellness centres in all the districts of the State.

On the requisition of the Health department, the HNB Uttarakhand Medical Education University conducted the second phase of the counselling of the candidates and released the final selection list on Friday. The department will deploy 16 CHOs in Almora, 17 in Bageshwar, 16 in Chamoli, five in Champawat, 40 in Dehradun, 22 in Haridwar, 14 in Nainital, 31 in Pauri and 12 in Pithoragarh. Similarly, two CHOs will be

deployed in Rudrapur, one in Tehri, 15 in Udham Singh Nagar and six in Uttarkashi.

The department had appointed 1,515 CHOs in the health and wellness centres last year.

Apart from health check-ups of the local people, the CHOs will also raise awareness on health. They will also visit the villages and set up 'Health Chaupals' to raise public awareness.

The Health minister Dhan Singh Rawat said that the appointment of 197 CHOs will help in further strengthening the State Health services.

## BJP, Congress brace for Kedarnath Assembly bypoll

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhama has set the ball rolling for the crucial Assembly by-election of Kedarnath by pressing as many as five of his cabinet ministers (Dhan Singh Rawat, Subodh Niyaal, Ganesh Joshi, Saurabh Bahuguna and Rekha Arya) for managing BJP's campaign in the constituency. Interestingly, the cabinet ministers have been assigned responsibilities of the Mandal units of the party in the poll bound constituency.

The Congress party on the other hand has also decided to resume its suspended Kedarnath Pratishta Raksha Yatra on September 12. The Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Karan Mahara had suspended the Yatra at Sitapur on August 1 after a rain triggered disaster hit the Kedarnath valley. Mahara and other senior party leaders will resume the rally from Sitapur. He will offer prayers at Kedarnath shrine on September 13 and meet with the priests and local stakeholders.

The Congress party had started Yatra from Har Ki Paudi in Haridwar on July 24 and tried to convey the message that the Dhama government is trying to undermine the prestige of the Kedarnath Dham. The Congress party had

attacked the CM and the BJP for participating in the foundation stone laying ceremony of Kedarnath shrine in Buradi New Delhi. When the issue snowballed into a major controversy with locals and Teerth Purohitis registering their protest, the State government forced the trust planning to construct the temple in Buradi not to go ahead with the construction work.

The by-election in Kedarnath is being necessitated due to the death of Shaila Rani Rawat.

Though the Election Commission of India is yet to announce the date of the important by-election, both the political parties have started the necessary political groundwork for the battle of by-election.

For the ruling BJP, the bypoll has become a prestige issue. After losing the recent Manglaur (Haridwar) and Badrinath (Chamoli) Assembly by-elections, the BJP is desperate to register victory in Kedarnath. The Congress which has been on a losing streak in Uttarakhand after losing all the five

Lok Sabha seats in the General elections of 2014, 2019 and 2024 and facing back to back defeats in Vidhan Sabha elections in 2017 and 2022 has got a new lease of life after recent by-election victories in Manglaur and Badrinath. The central leadership of Congress party and opposition INDI Alliance is also keen to defeat BJP in Kedarnath.

The opposition believes that after registering victories in Ayodhya (Faizabad) in Lok Sabha and Badrinath by-election, victory of Congress in Kedarnath will give a message that the people of centres of Hindu faith have rejected the politics and policies of BJP.

NORTHERN RAILWAY			
TENDER NOTICE			
DEN/II/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against following tender. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque,			
Tender No. Date	04-Q-DRM-MB-24-25 Date 05.09.2024	156-DRM-MB-24-25 Date 05.09.2024	
Name of Work	Manufacturing & supply of SHIMS of size length 70 to 75mm, thickness 0.5 mm To 0.8 mm & Dia 20 mm with fabrication & moulding to fit in MCI insert on PSC sleepers to fix elastic Rail clips properly in the jurisdiction of DEN-II/MB.	River Bed Mapping/3D scanning of River bed of bridge no 27(BLM- SPC), 52(MBG2B), 1248(NBD-SRE) & 1259(NBD-SRE) section over MB Division.	
Tender Closing Date Time	17.09.2024 16:00	30.09.2024 16:00	
Advertised Value (Rs.)	1,98,740.00	39,35,680.20	
Earnest Money (Rs.)	4000.00	78,700.00	
Bidding Start Date	05.09.2024	16.09.2024	
Validity of Offer (Days)	20 Days	60 Days	
Period of Completion	01 Months	04 Months	
No. 75-W/23/WA/Publication Dated: 05.09.2024			
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**e-Tender Notice** Date : 05.09.2024

On the behalf of the President of India, on-line item rate tenders are invited for the following works.

Sl. No.	Nature of Work	Approx. Cost (in ₹)	Period during which the tender document can be Purchased	Last date for BID submission
1.	<b>NIT No. : IIRS/CMD15/2024-25</b> Replacement of 2x10 KVA Parallel redundant UPS System at IIRS Campus, Dehradun.	21,41,995 (UPS System : 16,69,995, CAMC : 4,72,000)	From 1800 Hrs. on 09.09.2024 to 2300 Hrs. on 22.09.2024	25.09.2024 upto 1430 Hrs.
2.	<b>NIT No. : IIRS/CMD16/2024-25</b> Design, Construction & SITC of 100 KLD Sewage Treatment Plant at IIRS Campus Dehradun.	1,44,04,047 (Sewage Treatment Plant : 1,09,87,535, CAMC : 34,16,512)	From 1800 Hrs. on 09.09.2024 to 2300 Hrs. on 22.09.2024 Pre Bid Meeting on 25.09.2024 at 1100 Hrs.	27.09.2024 upto 1430 Hrs.
3.	<b>NIT No. : IIRS/CMD17/2024-25</b> Developing Lawns, Hedges, Shrubs and various Trees inside IIRS Campus, Dehradun.	9,99,781	From 1800 Hrs. on 09.09.2024 to 2300 Hrs. on 22.09.2024	25.09.2024 upto 1430 Hrs.
4.	<b>NIT No. : IIRS/CMD18/2024-25</b> Providing and fixing of welded mesh panels for Fencing with powder coated corrosion resistant galvalvanised wire inside IIRS campus, Dehradun.	19,99,585	From 1800 Hrs. on 09.09.2024 to 2300 Hrs. on 22.09.2024	25.09.2024 upto 1430 Hrs.
5.	<b>NIT No. : IIRS/CMD19/2024-25</b> Providing of Borewell and Underground water storage reservoir at housing colony of IIRS, Dehradun.	22,00,000	From 1800 Hrs. on 09.09.2024 to 2300 Hrs. on 22.09.2024	25.09.2024 upto 1430 Hrs.

Detailed NIT, eligibility criteria, EMD and bidding document etc., can be viewed/purchased from [www.tenderwizard.in/ISRO](http://www.tenderwizard.in/ISRO) portal. All amendments, time extension, clarifications etc., will be uploaded on website and will not be published in newspapers. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated.

**Dy. Head, Construction & Maintenance Division**

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**E-AUCTION NOTICE**

**"APPENDIX-IV-A" (See proviso to rule 8(6)) Sale notice for sale of Immovable/Movable property**  
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable/ Movable Assets Under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 Read with Proviso to Rule 8(6) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described movable/immovable properties Hypothecated / charged to the secured creditor, the constructive/Physical/Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of Bank of India, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is, Without Recourse" Basis. For detailed terms and condition of sale, please refer to the link provided in (a) <https://www.bankofindia.co.in/> (b) <https://www.ebkraj.in>.

DATE OF INSPECTION OF THE ASSETS	LAST DATE AND TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD AND DOCUMENTS ON OR BEFORE	DATE AND TIME OF E AUCTION
05.10.2024 From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with concerned Branch	Date : 07.10.2024 to 08.10.2024 upto 05.00 PM by ONLINE	Date : 09.10.2024 from 11.00 AM onwards till 05.00 PM with unlimited extensions of 10 Minutes duration

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower/Guarantor/ Mortgagee	Description of Immovable/Movable Assets	Demand Notice Date	Name of Auth. Officer/ Phone No./ Email ID	Reserve Price EMD Bid Increment Value
1.	Branch:Roorkee Borrower: Vipin Kumar S/o Jagdish Prasad	Land & Building admeasuring 139.54 square meter in name of Mr. Vipin Kumar S/o Jagdish Prasad and Mr. Narendra Sharma S/o Jagdish Prasad situated at House Old No. 252 New No. 322 Mohalla Gujjarwala, Landhaura, Roorkee, Haridwar- 247667	28.03.2024	Mr. Prashant Kumar Mobile No. 8085434698 E Mail I.D - Dehradun.ARD@bankofindia.co.in	Rs. 17.30 Lakh +UCI+other legal expenses incurred Rs. 4,23,527/- Rs. 10,000/-
2.	Branch:Roorkee Borrower: Amit Kumar S/o Karan Singh	Property situated at Khata No. 179, Khasra No. 70, Lakhnora Choraha, Near Sheron Public School, Mauza Jathari, Pargana Manglaur Tehseel Roorkee, Dist- Haridwar, Uttara-khand State Admeasuring Area: 341.50 Sq.M, Standing in the name of Mr. Amit Kumar	24.04.2024	Mr. Prashant Kumar Mobile No. 8085434698 E Mail I.D - Dehradun.ARD@bankofindia.co.in	Rs. 30,00,080.73 +UCI+other expenses to be incurred Rs. 6,30,904/- Rs. 10,000/-
3.	Branch:Haridwar Borrower: Ruma Sah W/o Bhaskar Sah.	The property is a free hold residential Flat. Flat No.23 at Third Floor, Sai Sadan Apartment situated at Khasra No. 485/8, with -out roof rights. Tehri Visthapit Khetra, Phase-II, Village Ranipur, Pargana Jwalapur, Dist- Haridwar, Uttarakhand. Admeasuring area 693.90 sq. ft Super Area-744.70 sq.ft, owned by Mrs. Ruma Saha W/o Mr. Bhaskar Saha. Bounded as under: East: Flat No. 21 Alok Saini, West: Road 16 ft wide (at ground), North: Common Passage and 5 ft wide open area, South: House of others.	29.01.2024	Mr. Prashant Kumar Mobile No. 8085434698 E Mail I.D - Dehradun.ARD@bankofindia.co.in	Rs. 18.29 Lakh +UCI+other legal expenses incurred Rs. 2,35,314/- Rs. 10,000/-

**Terms & conditions of E-Auction are as under:-** 1. E-Auction is being held on "as is where basis" "as what is basis" and will be conducted "On Line" before submitting bid EMD shall be deposited through NEFT/Fund Transfer in working hours on or before 07.10.2024 to 08.10.2024. 2. For downloading further details Process Compliance and Terms & Conditions, Please visit <https://www.bankofindia.co.in> b. Website address of our e-Auction Service Provider M/s PSB Alliance e-auctionportal-psba@psballiance.com Bidder may visit: <https://www.ebkraj.in> where "Guidelines" or bidders are available with educational videos Bidders have to complete following formalities well in Advance. Step 1: Bidders/Purchaser Registration Bidder to register on e-Auction Platform (link given above) using his mobile number and email-id. Step 2: KYC Verification Bidder to upload requisite KYC documents shall be verified by e-Auction service provider (may take 2 working days) Step 3: Transfer of EMD amount to Bidder Global EMD Wallet Online/offline of fund using NEFT/Transfer using challan generated on e-Auction Platform. Step 4: Bidding Process and Auction Result: Interested Registered bidders can bid online on e-Auction Platform after completing Step 1, 2 and 3/Pass note Step 1 to Step 2 should be completed by bidder well in advance before e-Auction date. 3. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the properties. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent regarding the encumbrances, title of properties put on auction and claims/rights/dues/affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be demand to constitute any commitment of any representation of the bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the bank. The Authorised officer/Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues. No claim of whatsoever nature will be entertained after submission of the online bid regarding properties put for sale. 4. Date of Inspection 05.10.2024 from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm with prior appointment with mentioned respective branches on the contact numbers given against respective branches. 5. Bids shall be submitted through online procedure only. 6. Bidders shall be deemed to have read & understood the terms & conditions of sale & be bound by them. 7. The Bid price to be submitted shall be above the Reserve price & bidders shall improve their further offers in multiples Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only). 8. It shall be the responsibility of the interested bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the property before submission of the bid. 9. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refund. 10. The Earnest Money Deposit shall not bear any interest. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price including EMD already paid, immediately on acceptance of bid price by the Authorised Officer and the balance of the sale price on or before 15th day of sale. The auction sale is subject confirm by the Bank Default in deposit of amount by the successful bidder would entail forfeiture of the whole amount, already deposited and property shall be put to re-auction and the defaulting bidder shall have no claim/right in respect of property amount. 11. Neither the Authorised Officer/ Bank nor e-Auction service provider will be held responsible for any internet Network problem failure/any other technical lapses/failure etc. In order to ward-off such contingent situation the interested bidders are requested to ensure that they are technically well equipped with adequate power back-up etc for successfully participating in the Auction event. 12. The purchaser shall bear the applicable stamp duties/Registration fee other charges etc and also all the statutory dues, taxes, assessment charges etc. owing to any body. 13. The Authorised Officer/ Bank is not bound to accept the highest offer and has the absolute right & discretion to accept or reject any or offer (s) or adjourn/postpone/cancel the e-Auction or withdraw any property or portion there of from the auction proceeding at any stage without assigning any reason there for. 14. The Sale Certificate will be issued in the name of the purchaser (s) applicant (s) any and will not issued in any other name (s). 15. The Successful bidder/purchaser would bear all taxes including TDS @ 1% of sale price payable on purchase of property (if sale price is Rs. 50 lacs- & above) and the taxes payable to service provider for conduction online sale. Also the fees payable for execution of sale certificate such as stamp duty, registration fee, etc. shall be borne by the successful bidder. 16. The sale be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002. Further details/enquiries if any on the terms and conditions of sale can be obtained from the respective branches on the contact number given. 17. This is also a mandatory notice of 30 days as per provision of the SARFAESI Act to the Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagees of the above accounts informing them about holding of sale/Auction aforesaid etc

Date: 06.09.2024 Place: Dehradun Authorised Officer, Bank of India



## Hindu bodies protest against land jihad, illegal meat shops in U'kashi

PNS ■ UTTARKASHI

Various Hindu groups held a protest rally and submitted a memorandum to the Uttarkashi district magistrate Meharban Singh Bisht

being ignored by the administration. If the authorities remain inactive and passively encourage such violations of the law, the Hindu com-



community will unite and take action, the Rashtriya Sriram Seva Dal national general secretary Suraj Dabral said. Rashtriya Hindu Sangh State head Surendra Pal Singh accused the district administration of ignoring the concerns of the Hindus regarding encroachments and other illegal activities. He said that the community organisations will approach the CM against corrupt officials in the district.

against an illegally constructed mosque and illegal sale of meat in the city. The protesters submitted the memorandum addressed to the chief minister, seeking swift action to address these issues. The protesters gathered at Sri Hanuman Chowk raising slogans against illegal meat shops and the apathy of the district administration. They said that illegal meat shops and encroachments by members of a particular community are

## 122nd Sri Ma Nanda Devi Mahotsav to start on Sept 8

PNS ■ NAINITAL

The 122nd Sri Ma Nanda Devi Mahotsav will begin in Nainital on September 8. General secretary of the organising body, Shri Ram Sevak Sabha, Jagdish Chandra Vabadi said that the festival will be organised in a grand manner this time. The local MLA Sarita Arya will be the chief guest at the inauguration while chief minister Pushkar

next day. The plantains will be used to make representation of the goddesses on September 10 and consecrated early in the morning of the next day. Ritual prayers and a bhandara will be organised on the next day followed by worship, bhajans and other programmes on September 13. Similar activities will be organised till September 15, when the rep-



Singh Dhama will preside over the conclusion of the fair. He informed that the rituals will begin on the afternoon on September 8 after which plantain plants will be welcomed and ritually worshipped on the

representations of the goddesses will be immersed after a ritual procession in the city, he said. Cultural programmes will also be held during the evenings from September 10 to 14.

## Eight women arrested for obscene acts in Doon

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The police arrested eight women at Darshan Lal Chowk in Dehradun for allegedly engaging in obscene behaviour and attempting to lure passerby with inappropriate gestures late on Thursday. The officials informed that the Dehradun senior superintendent of police Ajai Singh received information regarding a group of women allegedly

the police found a group of women standing together, making indecent gestures to attract the attention of passersby. The police intervened and arrested eight women for their conduct. The accused were identified as Kajal (35), Kavita (34), Renu (30), Shivani (30), Amrita (26), Vaishali Verma (24), Ruksar Khan (23) and Shehzadi (26). Most of these



engaging in obscene behaviour near Darshan Lal Chowk and making objectionable gestures at people. The SSP sent a joint team of the Kotwali police and Anti Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) to the spot to investigate the matter and act accordingly. The officials said that upon reaching the spot,

women live in slums of Bindal, Brahmanwala and Machhi Bazaar, the officials said. The accused have been charged under relevant sections. Further investigations are ongoing and appropriate legal proceedings have been initiated against them, they added.

## 1,631 students receive degrees at Shri Venkateshwara University's 10th convocation

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The tenth convocation of Shri Venkateshwara University was held in the Meerut campus of the institute on Friday during which 1,631 students of the 2024 batch of UG, PG and PhD were awarded degrees. Besides,

NCC cadets and PAC soldiers of the 28th Battalion. In his address, Gangwar exhorted the students to equip themselves with the qualities of head and heart and contribute to the welfare of their families, states and nation. The chancellor Sudhir Giri in his address expressed gratitude to the parents of the students for having reposed their confidence in the university. The pro-chancellor Rajiv Tyagi urged the students to stand out from the crowd and establish their identity while the vice-chancellor Krishna Kant Dave



24 students were presented gold medals, 23 silver medals and two the chancellor's medal. Inaugurated by the Uttar Pradesh minister of Sugarcane Development Sanjay Singh Gangwar, it saw 'Dikshant Shobha Yatra' led by

recounted the university's transformational works done in the fields of education and health over the past five years.

## UPES secures 46th slot in 'university' category in NIRF ratings

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

UPES stated that as per the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) ratings 2024, the university has secured the 46th position in India in the 'university' category, showcasing a 6-place jump from 2023 rankings. UPES also made a 20-place leap to 59th position in the 'overall' category compared to last year, senior UPES functionaries said, adding that it secured 28th place in the Law, 41st in Management and 42nd in Engineering categories. This year, for the first time ever, UPES also entered the Top 50 institutions in India under

the Innovation category. Lauding the university's latest rankings, the university vice-chancellor Ram Sharma said it was a proud moment for them to be recognised among the top institutions in India.

Notably, NIRF, an initiative by the Union Ministry of Education, evaluates institutions based on various parameters, including teaching, learning, research, graduation outcomes, inclusivity and perception.

## Need to sensitise people, placement agencies for safe & legal migration: CS

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Chief secretary Radha Raturi has said that there is a need to provide information to the students going abroad for education, sensitisation of placement agencies, safe and legal migration, marital disputes and data sharing of migrants. She was addressing the Videsh Sampark- State outreach conference here on Friday. The programme was organised under joint aegis of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and government of Uttarakhand. She said that the conference will help in providing information to the officers and different stakeholders about the efforts being made by the government for the migrants. Raturi said that the state government has constituted a migrant cell for the benefit of the migrant population. The CS said that the State administration should also know about the best practices of other States for welfare and benefit of the migrants. She added that there is a need to understand the process of registration of students and workers. Cyber crime is also a major challenge, she said. Speaking on the occasion the secretary (CPV and OIA), ministry of foreign affairs, Arun Kumar Chatterjee said that the Videsh Sampark programme is an important initiative of the ministry and its objective is to strengthen relationships with the Indian Diaspora. He informed that such conferences have so far been held in Punjab, Haryana, Telangana, Maharashtra, Kerala, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka with the support of State governments.

**बैंक ऑफ इंडिया** Branch: Kotdwara, Najibabad Road, Kotdwara - 246149, Uttarakhand; Email: kotdwara.dehradun@bankofindia.co.in Appendix-IV (See rule-8 (1)) POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the authorized Officer of Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices on the dates mentioned against account (details of which have been mentioned below) calling upon the following borrower to repay the amounts mentioned in the notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this mentioned date. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Bank of India for notice amounts and interest thereon. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of subsection (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower/Guarantor	Description of the Immovable Property	Date of Demand Notice	Outstanding as per Demand Notice
1.	Branch: Kotdwara Borrower & Guarantor: Mrs. Uma Charles W/o Mr. Arun Charles, Mr. Arun S/o Cryl Charles both at H.No. 176, Village Shivpur, Near SDA Church, Kotdwara-246149 Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand.	All that the part and parcel of land on part of Khata No. 2, Khat No. 152Gha, 152Kha/2, 152Ka & 152 Kha admeasuring 94.80 sq.mt. and house constructed thereon with a total built up area admeasuring 65.24 sq.mt alongwith all facilities and amenities, situated in village Shivpur, Patti Sukho, Tehsil Kotdwar, District Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand State and bounded as under: North: House of Rajeev Charles, South: 12 ft wide road, East: Land of Rajan Charles, West: Land of Ajay Charles	01.06.2024 Date of possession 02.09.2024	Rs. 10,11,403.33 plus interest w.e.f. 30.04.2024 Housing Term Loan A/c No.694175110000125 & Rs. 2,12,456.61 plus interest w.e.f. 30.04.2024 Housing Term Loan A/c No.694175110000143 & Rs. 1,21,436.20 plus interest w.e.f.30.04.2024 Personal Term Loan A/c No.694160110000253

Date: 06.09.2024 Place: Kotdwara Authorised Officer, Bank of India

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## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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- Register on MCA website (www.mca.gov.in): Create a Login ID & Password in V3.
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- Original Documents to be sent to Company: Courier the complete set of the IEPF-5 form to the Nodal Officer of the company along with other support documents. All print/photocopies must be self-attested. Postal receipt should be submitted under Pending for Action tab.

#### General information

On receiving the original documents, the concerned company will verify the claim against their records within 30 days of filing and upload an "E-Verification Report (EVR)" on the MCA portal, indicating either approval or rejection of the claim. Based on the EVR recommendation, the Authority will process the case according to IEPF rules.

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NOTE:

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**CORRIGENDUM**

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager Northern Railway, Moradabad for and on behalf of the President of India had invited applications till Dt: 17.09.2024 for appointment of Ticket booking agents at nine Halt Stations over Moradabad division vide notification published on Dt- 15.08.2024. Notifications had been published in Hindi and English newspapers viz. Dainik Jagran, Amar Ujala, Hindustan etc. in which "Purvakheda" halt station was written erroneously. Please note that "Purvakheda" halt station is not available for appointment of ticket booking agent. Apart from this, the notification available for appointment of ticket booking agent at other 08 halt stations will remain the same. All the other information related to ticket booking agent can be downloaded from the railway website: www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in.

No.: 20-Halt-Contract-Allot-MB-Division-23.C 2793/2024

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In reference to the newspaper advertisement number CBC 17102/11/0011/2425 dated 31/09/2024, published in prominent English and Hindi Daily newspapers, it is hereby clarified that the Serial no. 1 in the advertisement may be read as "Applicant's upper age limit must not be exceeding 66 years of age as on 01.08.2024"

All other terms and conditions of the advertisement remain unchanged.

CBC - 17102/11/0012/2425

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I have changed my name from Pramode Kumar Arora to Pramod Arora. So I shall be known as Pramod Arora for all future purposes. Pramod Arora S/o Late Shri Naresh Arora R/o 28, Tagore Villa, Chakrata Road, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

The general public is informed that I have changed my name from Dheeraj to Dheeraj Singh Also my tehsil has been changed from Dhumakot to Birokhal. In future I should be known and recognised as Dheeraj Singh. S/O Bharosi Lal R/o Village & Post Kanda Talia, Vikas Khand Birokhal, Tehsil Birokhal, District Pauri Garhwal Uttarakhand

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# Punjab farmers end protest after CM Mann's assurance on agriculture policy

PTI ■ CHANDIGARH

Farmers protesting against the alleged delay in implementation of Punjab's new agriculture policy ended their strike on Friday, a day after Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann assured them that a draft of the policy would be shared with them by September 30.

Mann also assured them that their suggestions would be incorporated before the policy's implementation.

Mann on Thursday held an over two-hour meeting with leaders of the Bharti Kisan Union (Ugrahan) and Punjab Khet Mazdoor Union, which led the protesting farmers, to discuss their demands.

Farmers under the banner of the Bharti Kisan Union (Ugrahan) and the Punjab Khet Mazdoor Union began a five-day protest on Sunday to press for their demands, including the agriculture policy's implementation.

Speaking to reporters at the protest site, Bharti Kisan Union (Ugrahan) president



Joginder Singh Ugrahan said they had urged the state government to make the agriculture policy public. "They (the government) said it was being finalised... They said by September 30, they would finalise it and hand over a copy," he said.

"We will wait till September 30. After we get a copy of the policy, we will go through it and hold a big meeting and decide the next course of action," he added.

In the interim, "we have

The draft of the policy is ready but it will be finalised only after due deliberations with the farmers, the chief minister had said.

The draft will be shared with the farmers by September 30 and their suggestions sought, he had added.

The farmers' suggestions will be incorporated in the policy as the state government does not want to impose anything on the growers, Mann had said and added that his dispensation was committed to consulting them for making agriculture a profitable venture.

Ugrahan said after the meeting that they were informed a 1,600-page draft of the policy would be shared with them by September 30.

The farmers' other demands included the promotion of chemical-free crops, compensation to the families of farmers who committed suicide, and curbing the drugs problem in the state, Punjab Khet Mazdoor Union general secretary Lachhman Singh Sewewala had earlier said.

# SC dismisses Bombay HC order for drinking water at Mumbai cricket grounds

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a plea challenging the Bombay High Court's order which had disposed of a petition seeking directions to provide drinking water and other facilities to cricket players during practice or unofficial matches on public grounds in Mumbai.

"What kind of a PIL (public interest litigation) is this? Cricketers will take care if they are not provided toilets. Why an advocate should be bothered about it," a bench of Justices A S Oka and A G Masih observed. The bench was hearing a petition filed by a lawyer, who had challenged the high court's June last year order disposing of his petition.

In his PIL filed before the high court, he had sought directions to the Mumbai Cricket Association and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to provide drinking water and other facilities to players during practice or unofficial matches on public grounds.

"Look at the photographs which you have annexed.



Playing in these conditions, these grounds in Mumbai have given greatest cricketers," the apex court observed.

The bench also asked the petitioner whether he was predominantly a cricketer or a lawyer.

"I am a practising advocate," the petitioner, who was appearing in person, said.

The bench observed, "What kind of prayers are made in a public interest litigation. You want toilets to be provided to the cricketers in various grounds in Mumbai?" The top court said the high court was right in not entertaining the PIL at the instance of the petitioner.

"We concur with the view taken by the high court in paragraphs 3 and 5 of the impugned order," the bench said, while dismissing the plea. In its order, the high

court had said there was no reason given by the petitioner why the players cannot seek redressal of their grievance on their own.

"In these circumstances, the appropriate course of action would be to call upon respondent nos. 1 and 2 (Mumbai Cricket Association and BCCI) to consider the PIL as suggestions made and if it is feasible for them to do so, proceed to implement the same. We make it clear that our order is not to be construed as direction to respondent nos. 1 and 2 to grant relief as sought for by the petitioner but only as suggestions," it had said.

The high court had also clarified that if and when this cause would be raised by any aggrieved player, the same would be considered on its own merits.

# Army being roped in to plug Budameru breaches in Vijayawada, says Andhra CM

PTI ■ AMARAVATI

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has said that Army teams are being roped in to plug the Budameru rivulet breaches to control the flood situation in Vijayawada.

Addressing a press conference at the NTR district collectorate in Vijayawada on Thursday, Naidu, who was accompanied by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, said Chouhan had been apprised about the catastrophe.

Chouhan earlier in the day conducted an aerial survey of the flood-hit areas in Vijayawada.

"The Army is also coming to close the breach... We are putting in all efforts we need to do," said Naidu.

According to the CM, a technical team has arrived to analyse the situation, following unprecedented rains and floods in the centrally located commercial city.

Naidu noted that the deluge had ravaged all the houses in its path, destroying vehicles, household appliances and many other things.

He also said that there is a need to raise the capacity of Prakasam Barrage to discharge up to 15 lakh cusecs of floodwaters, noting that it can withstand only up to 11.9 lakh cusecs.

Union Minister Chouhan said that the situation is bad in the flood-hit areas, adding that he has never seen such a situation before.

He said 400 mm rainfall at one time is a major catastrophe, but appreciated the efforts being put in by the chief minister and the government machinery.

He appreciated that drones are being used to deliver food in the affected areas, and said that the Army is expected to come soon to close Budameru breaches.

Chouhan alleged that illegal mining had occurred near Budameru during the previous YSRCP government and claimed that it also contributed to the disaster.



# Nadda inaugurates Regional Institute of Ophthalmology at Patna

PTI ■ PATNA

Union Health minister J P Nadda inaugurated the Regional Institute of Ophthalmology on the campus of Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (IGIMS) and also the institute's extended building here on Friday.

Nadda arrived on a two-day visit to Bihar on Friday. During his two-day visit to Bihar, the Union Health Minister will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of several health facilities in Patna, Muzaffarpur, Gaya, Darbhanga and Bhagalpur.

Accompanied by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Deputy Chief Ministers Samrat Choudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha, Bihar ministers Mangal Pandey and Vijay Kumar Chaudhary, Nadda inaugurated the Regional Institute of Ophthalmology which has been constructed at a cost of around Rs 188 crore.

According to health department officials, this institute is the biggest eye hospital in Eastern India with a trauma centre facility.

Nadda also laid the

foundation stone of several health projects, including health sub-centre (HSC), additional primary health centre (APHC), health and wellness centre (HWC), community health centre, worth Rs 850 crore at the IGIMS.

Later in the day, the Union Health Minister will also inaugurate a government-operated super-specialty block at Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College and Hospital in Bhagalpur and another at Anurag Narayan Magadh Medical College and Hospital in Gaya.

Nadda was earlier in the day welcomed by BJP workers at Jay Prakash Narayan International Airport in Patna. Bihar BJP president Dilip Jaiswal, both DyCMs and other BJP ministers in the state government received Nadda at the airport.

Shortly after his arrival at the airport, Nadda left for 1 Anne Marg, the official residence of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. It was a courtesy meeting between Kumar, JD(U) supremo and the BJP national president, said a senior state BJP leader.

# India, Japan discuss cooperation in railways, IT

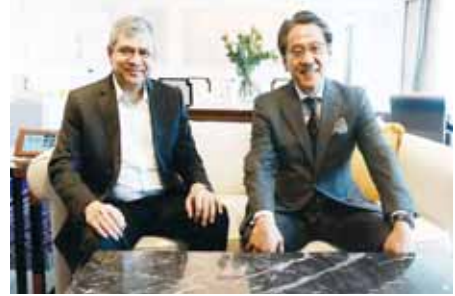
PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw discussed further enhancing cooperation with Japan in the field of railways, innovation in the digital landscape and focusing on futuristic technological advancements during his visit to Tokyo.

Vaishnaw, who holds the portfolios of railways, information and broadcasting, and information technology and electronics, held productive discussions with Tetsuo Saito, Japan's minister of land, infrastructure, transport and tourism on enhancing India-Japan cooperation.

Vaishnaw said he discussed enhancing railway cooperation, promoting economic growth and deepening cultural ties with Saito. The meeting with Saito took place on Thursday.

"Met with Mr. Tadashi Maeda, MD & Chairman of Japan Bank for International Cooperation, to discuss progress under the India-Japan strategic partnership. Exchanged views on key areas of cooperation and future opportunities," he posted on X on Friday.



Vaishnaw also met Taro Kono, the minister for digital transformation of Japan, to discuss strengthening India-Japan digital ties.

"Explored avenues for collaboration and innovation in the digital landscape, focusing on futuristic technological advancements," he said.

Vaishnaw said he also met Masafumi Mori, special adviser to Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, for a comprehensive discussion on the current state and future trajectory of the India-Japan strategic partnership.

# Two CRPF personnel killed in lightning strike at training centre in Chhattisgarh

PTI ■ DANTEWADA

Two personnel of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) were killed in a lightning strike at an anti-Naxalite training centre of the paramilitary force in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district on Friday, police said.

The incident occurred around 3 pm when a training session was underway at the facility in the Barsoor police station area of the district, an official said.

Constables Mahendra Kumar and S Sahuat Alam, belonging to the CRPF's 111th battalion, were struck by lightning and severely injured, he said.

The duo were shifted to Dantewada hospital in an ambulance, and after examination, doctors declared them dead, the official said.

Kumar hailed from Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh, while Alam was from Sahibganj in Jharkhand, he said, adding that their families were informed about the tragedy.

A CRPF jawan died in a similar incident of lightning strike in neighbouring Bijapur district during an anti-Naxal operation on Thursday, police said.

The CRPF is extensively deployed in south Bastar, comprising Dantewada, Sukma and Bijapur districts for anti-Naxal operations.

# Moon's seismic activity might be due to past meteorite impacts or heat effects: ISRO

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Seismic activity in the Moon's soil could be due to impact from meteorites in the past or local heat-related effects, according to ISRO's preliminary analysis of data received from Chandrayaan-3's quake-detecting instrument.

However, detailed studies are needed to get more insights from the data, they said.

Their research paper, published in the journal Icarus, is a summary of observations made on 190 hours of data recorded by the Instrument for Lunar Seismic Activity (ILSA).

ILSA is one of the five major global scientific instruments, all of them carried by Chandrayaan-3's Vikram



lander and Pragyaan rover together. Chandrayaan-3 made a soft-landing on the Moon's south pole on August 23, 2023.

The quake-detecting ILSA was operated continuously until September 2, 2023, after which it was switched off and was packed back up, before the lander was relocated to a new point roughly 50 centimetres away from the initial one, the researchers from the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) explained.

# Great teaching echoes Gita's wisdom, empowers students to think, question: UGC chairman

PTI ■ KURUKSHETRA

University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman Mamidala Jagadeesh Kumar on Friday said like Lord Krishna's guidance to Arjuna in the Gita, great teaching involves giving students the freedom to think, question, and make their own decisions.

Kumar was the chief guest at the 17th Goyal Award ceremony organised by Kurukshetra University in the Senate Hall here.

"Goyal Awards were instituted by late Ram S Goyal, an NRI settled in the US, in 1990, to honour scientists for their exceptional work."

"Addressing the gathering at the event, Kumar highlighted that the teachings from the land of the Gita embody the

essence of great teaching.

"At the start of Mahabharata, Lord Krishna says to Arjuna, I have told you everything you needed to know about but now you decide what you want to do," Kumar said, citing the holy scripture.

"This is what a great teacher does to the students. They give the students the freedom to think and the freedom to question and know themselves and the world around them," he added.

"He also said that 'students should never become conformists, but keep questioning, challenging what you feel an accepted fact'."

"The UGC chairman said India has huge talent, and young people are our asset."

"More than 10 per cent of CEOs of multi-national companies are headed by people coming from the

Indian education system. It is one of the biggest education systems. But, we have still to improve and reform the system so that over 50 per cent of the companies are headed by Indians, he noted.

"On this occasion, the Vice-Chancellor of Kurukshetra University and chairman of the Goyal Award Organizing Committee Som Nath Sachdeva, during his address, said scientists make people's lives better in a meaningful and measurable way with their brilliant scientific research."

"Sachdeva also announced that the Goyal Peace Prize will be awarded shortly to ISRO Chairman S Somnath."

"Sachdeva proposed to the scientists of Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru that Kurukshetra University is ready to allocate 100 acres of

land if the institute plans to set up a science research centre in Haryana.

"Professor S P Singh, co-chairman of the Goyal Award Organizing Committee, said the Goyal Awards have been recognising substantial research by scientists since 1992."

"Bhim Singh, Professor Emeritus, IIT Delhi, professor Santanu Bhattacharya of IISc, Bengaluru, professor V. Nagaraja of Department of Microbiological and Cell Biology, IISc, Bengaluru, and professor S K Satheesh of Centre for Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, IISc, Bengaluru were awarded the Goyal Awards for the year 2021-22 by Kurukshetra University.

Each of them received a medal, a citation and a cash prize of Rs 2 lakh.

# Houses in Bageshwar villages develop cracks, residents blame soapstone mining

PTI ■ PITHORAGARH (UKHAND)

Cracks similar to those in Joshimath have appeared on the walls and ceilings of houses in more than two dozen villages of Bageshwar district in Uttarakhand's Kumaon region, sending residents in a state of alarm.

Locals attributed land subsidence, which had aggravated with time, to large-scale soapstone mining in the area and excavated ditches being left untreated by contractors, who often violated mining norms by blasting and using heavy machinery for digging.

"Despite mining being stopped in the area two years ago, we found at least seven to eight houses in Kanda village with cracks still appearing on the walls and ceilings," said District Mining Officer Jigyasa Bisht, who visited the

village on September 3 along with a geologist and revenue officials.

Around 1,000 people had to leave their homes in Joshimath, recently renamed Jyotirmath, in early 2023 when large cracks appeared on the walls and floors due to land subsidence.

The administration's attention was drawn to the latest threat when locals raised the issue during a janata darbar at the collectorate in Bageshwar.

However, the National Green Tribunal has not taken cognisance of any such incident in the district, Bisht said.

Cracks have also appeared in houses in more than 25 villages adjacent to the areas where mining is still going on in the district, the officer said. These are mostly villages whose residents had given a no-objection certificate for



conducting mining rehabilitation as landslides were endangering their habitation.

"More surveys of such villages are on the anvil," she said. Officials of the departments concerned visited the Kalika temple in Kapkot block after receiving complaints but found no violation of mining rules.

"The mines in the Kalika

temple region of Kapkot were closed two years ago but the cracks are still occurring in houses," Bisht, the mining officer, said.

Former Kapkot MLA and senior BJP leader Balwant Bhauriyal, who owns a soapstone mine in the Saneti region of Bageshwar, said soapstone mining in the region was done in fields given by villagers for mining.

"So the question of mining being done against their wishes does not arise. At one time, the district had 121 soapstone mines, out of which only 50 are running at present," he said.

"Regions of Kapkot and Kanda blocks have the maximum number of mines and, due to mining activities nearby, the villagers suffer from sliding and cracks in houses almost every monsoon," said Chandra Shekhar Dwivedi, who is

studying the effects of soapstone mining in Bageshwar's villages.

"When mining norms are violated by contractors by using blasts and JCB machines (excavators), the villagers are compensated by them in various ways to placate them and prevent protests. This is also responsible for the aggravating problem of subsidence," Dwivedi said.

Most of the villagers get jobs in these mines as compensation that stops them from reporting the damages caused to their fields by reckless mining, he said.

Most of the houses are empty in Kandekanyal village. Only five families are living there, said Bisht, the district mining officer.

"The National Green Tribunal is yet to take note of the matter and issue directions to us," she said.

# Cricketer Ravindra Jadeja has joined BJP, says MLA wife Rivaba

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Cricketer Ravindra Jadeja has joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) during its ongoing membership drive, his wife and party MLA Rivaba Jadeja has said.

In a post on X on Thursday, Rivaba shared photos of Jadeja's membership card along with hers, with a hashtag, "Sadasyata Abhiyan 2024".

Talking to reporters, Rivaba said the cricketer became a party member during the nationwide membership drive kickstarted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who renewed his membership in New Delhi on September 2.

The seasoned India all-rounder announced his retirement from T20 Internationals after India's T20 World Cup victory against South Africa in June



this year.

"The BJP has become a large banyan tree over the years and eventually became the world's largest party through its membership drive. Before asking others to join the party, it's better to start with our family. This will convince others to follow suit. Hence, I first enrolled my husband as the BJP's primary member to kickstart the membership drive in Jamnagar," Rivaba said.

Rivaba joined the BJP in 2019 and won the 2022 state elections from the Jamnagar North assembly seat after defeating the AAP candidate by over 50,000 votes.



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## India the peacemaker

With Putin now suggesting that India could mediate in peace talks, India's role on the global stage continues to grow

The Russia-Ukraine war, which erupted in February 2022, has resulted in devastating human and economic losses, with no clear end in sight. What began as a territorial conflict over Ukraine's desire to align itself more closely with Western institutions like NATO and the European Union has turned into a prolonged military engagement with Russia, leading to mass displacement, thousands of casualties, and significant global economic disruptions. In recent months, efforts to find a peaceful resolution have gained renewed attention. One potential pathway for peace emerged when Russian President Vladimir Putin suggested that countries like India, China, and Brazil could act as mediators in peace talks. This proposal points to a potential role for these major Global South nations in shaping the future of negotiations. Russian President Vladimir Putin's recent remarks on peace efforts are significant, especially in light of earlier failed negotiations. In the initial weeks of the war, a preliminary agreement was reached between



Russian and Ukrainian negotiators during talks in Istanbul.

Now, Putin suggests that this could serve as a basis for future discussions, with mediation from nations like India, China, and Brazil, which have historically maintained neutral or balanced positions in the conflict. These nations, particularly India, could bring fresh perspectives to the table. India's long-standing policy of non-alignment and its diplomatic clout as a leader among Global South countries make it a credible mediator in a highly polarised international arena. India has consistently advocated for peace in the ongoing conflict, calling for both Russia and Ukraine to engage in dialogue.

Prime Minister Modi's diplomatic stance has been underscored by his visit to Ukraine last month. During this historic visit, PM Modi met with Zelenskyy, who proposed that India could host the second Ukraine peace summit. This proposal, Zelenskyy said, was due to India's position as a major democracy and its efforts to remain neutral in the conflict. India's position as a potential mediator offers several advantages. First, India's diplomatic relations with both Russia and Ukraine have been strong over the years. Second, India's neutrality in the conflict positions it as an acceptable mediator to both sides, which have faced varying degrees of global isolation and support. For Russia, India remains a crucial partner, and for Ukraine, India's growing global influence makes it a key player in any future peace talks. Third, India's active participation in global multilateral forums, including the G20 and BRICS, gives it a platform to influence discussions on peace efforts at a broader level. While the potential for peace talks with India, China, and Brazil as mediators is promising, challenges remain. The conflict has seen entrenched positions from both sides, with Ukraine's territorial integrity at the center of any resolution. The success of such mediation will ultimately depend on the willingness of both Russia and Ukraine to make compromises and find common ground for peace.

### PICTALK



Giant panda cub Katyusha, the first panda bear born in Russia plays with her mother at a zoo in Moscow .

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## The death of window shopping: How e-commerce stole the joy

Spontaneity has given way to algorithms, and the sensory delights of browsing have been replaced by sterile scrolling

Once upon a time, I was a passionate window-shopper. I could spend hours gawking in a mall or a market, viewing and trying out things I didn't need, but often ended up purchasing. Not any longer.

During my latest visit to a mall this week after several months, I realised how my appetite for browsing and buying had nearly died. Our family now happily gets everything delivered to our doorstep: from Apple to Android phones. Shopping had long been a cherished ritual, offering an experience that transcended mere transactions. It tapped into emotions and senses, creating memories, fostering relationships, and offering solace in unexpected ways.

Yet, the rise of e-commerce has drastically altered this landscape, leading to the erosion of the joys of traditional shopping. The sensory overload of colours, smells, and sounds has been replaced by the sterile, one-dimensional world of online shopping. We now scroll through product images on a screen, devoid of any real human interaction. Shopping was



once an opportunity to step out of our daily routines, to wander through aisles with no particular destination in mind, and to let our imaginations run wild as we browsed items we didn't know we needed until we saw them. This spontaneity is all but lost in the algorithm-driven world of e-commerce, where every click is tracked and every recommendation is based on past behaviour, leaving little room for surprise or serendipity.

Moreover, shopping in physical stores offered a tactile connection to the products we bought. We could feel the fabric of a garment, test the weight of a book in our hands, or smell the aroma of freshly baked bread before making a decision. These sensory experiences are deeply rooted in our memo-

ries and play a significant role in our attachment to the items we purchase. Online shopping, in contrast, offers a purely visual experience, reducing our interaction with products to mere images on a screen. The absence of this tangible connection often leads to a lack of emotional attachment to the items we buy, turning shopping into a mechanical process rather than an enjoyable pastime. In the past, shopping was as much about the experience as it was about the purchase. The thrill of discovery, the joy of window shopping, and the satisfaction of finding that perfect item after hours of searching were all part of the journey. However, it would be unfair to dismiss the advantages of e-commerce entirely. The convenience of shopping from the comfort of our homes and the ability to compare prices across multiple retailers are undeniable benefits. For those with busy schedules or physical limitations, online shopping has been a game-changer, providing opportunities that would have been unimaginable a few decades ago.

Yet, as we embrace these con-

veniences, we must also consider what we are losing in the process. The act of shopping is not just a means to an end but a valuable experience in itself. It is a chance to connect with our communities, indulge our senses, and find joy in the unexpected. As we move towards a digital future, it is worth considering how we can preserve these intangible aspects of shopping that bring richness and depth to our lives.

In the end, the choice is not about rejecting technology or clinging to the past, but about finding a balance that allows us to enjoy the best of both worlds. We can find ways to reintroduce the joy of discovery, the pleasure of the tactile, and the warmth of human connection into our shopping experiences, even as we click our way through the digital aisles. In my case, I attribute my loss of interest to a feeling of satiety, a recognition that I have more than I need and it's time for me to stop indulging in senseless accumulation of material things. Period.

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# Sexism in politics: The unfinished battle

The recent disparaging remarks by Donald Trump against Kamala Harris have once again spotlighted the rampant sexism entrenched in politics



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The Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump's recent disparaging comments against her Democratic rival, Vice President Harris about her 'appearance', re-established the fact that 'sexism is very much alive in American politics'. His party, however, had denied that 'it had anything to do with race or gender'. Harris, on the other hand, urged Trump to commit to debating her, 'if he got something to say'. Such sexist vilification, many believe, is on the expected lines in a country that had no women, and only one person of colour as president, which is now, for the first time, having a woman of colour running for the presidency on a major party ticket. Harris' entry into the presidential battle has unleashed a wave of misogyny, and personal attacks on her marriage and stepchildren. She is also accused of leaning into 'being Black for political expediency'. Republican vice-presidential nominee Cyrus Vance's remarks that the Democratic Party is dominated by 'childless cat ladies', with no 'direct stake' in America's future, is also a dig at Harris' life choices.

While, early this year, Nikki Haley, the first woman governor of South Carolina, when encountered the race for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination, she was dismissed as a 'token' candidate, and her achievements hardly got any attention. In 2016, Hillary Clinton had to undergo similar ordeals with apprehensions about her health and integrity, and even for her political ambitions. In 2008, Sarah Palin wasn't spared, she was constantly jeered at for her looks, personal life and intelligence, while her policy positions and records were overlooked. While only a relatively small share of the US adults (18%) consider that it is important that a woman be elected as president in their lifetime, most (64%) say this is not too or not at all important or that the president's gender doesn't matter. Overall, 62% of Americans believe that the media focuses too much on the physical appearance of women contesting for high elected offices, and there is not enough attentiveness to their views on key policy matters (Pew



Research Centre). Along the party lines, 25 per cent of Republicans are of the view that 'men generally make better leaders than women, only 4 percent said that women are better suited to lead'. While, Democrats, were found to be 'more likely to say women were better leaders than men' (August, 22, PerryUdem survey). Many of the politicians may be progressive in their policy beliefs, but, when it comes to equity, their socialisation around gender stereotypes and expectations is quite stubborn', commented Kelly Dittmar, professor of political science, at Rutgers University. In the USA, women hold only 27.9 per cent of seats in Congress, while, there is currently no Black woman in the Senate. A 2016 IPU study on the experiences of fifty-five women members of national parliaments from 39 countries across the continents of Africa, Europe, Asia-Pacific, the Americas and Arab countries, confirmed that 'sexism, harassment and violence against women parliamentarians are very real and rampant'. While, psychological violence, the most widely spread, and, now, more on social media, affected 81.8 per cent of the respondents surveyed. A majority (61.5 per cent) believed that



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such behaviour and/or violence was intended primarily to dissuade them from continuing in politics. While 'young and feminist women parliamentarians are particularly targeted', said an Asian parliamentarian. A parliamentarian from sub-Saharan Africa underscored that 'men need to be educated about the benefits of women's presence in parliament'. While, many opined that an increase in the number of women in parliament and solidarity among them, can help change such a political culture. While, in India, women parliamentarians, a minuscule minority, just 13.63% of the elected strength of the Lower House, much less than the 33% that the Women's Reservation Act, 2023, proposes to put into effect, face sexist comments from all corners, their colleagues, rivals or voters, and their achievements reduced to their gender only, rued a women's rights activist. An erstwhile woman Union minister lamented that 'when a woman is attacked, she gets attacked for her character, but never for her policymaking'. Women politicians, cutting across party lines, seem to agree on the issue of character assassination, and consider that it 'reflects the larger psyche of the society'. Many also complain that 'women politi-

cians aren't taken seriously... and male members have been often preferred for speaking on serious issues, while, women are only expected to raise soft issues'. Outright misogynist remarks are quite the norm in political discourse. Recently, a senior woman Rajya Sabha MP expressed discomfort with her identity being tied to her husband's name by the Chair. Globally, only 26.9 per cent of parliamentarians in single or lower houses are now women (IPU). Many countries have resorted to women's quotas and reserved shares. But, that's not enough. What is needed is a nuanced approach to addressing the issues of sexism and double standards existing within the political parties and parliament. Political parties must have an internal assessment mechanism to look into the gaps in all areas of internal practices and operations. A parliament must also ensure inclusivity in its work processes and outputs, with the help of a strong regulatory framework. Gender parity and pluralism are essential in electoral politics for the greater good.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### FALL FROM GRACE

Madam — Malayalam film Industry has been in a crisis since the release of Hema Committee report which has recorded sexual exploitation by senior artistes/technicians over the women artistes/technicians. The women artiste/technicians in their enthusiasm/eagerness/greed approach the other side for a favor, over looking the others who score over them on merits in the industry and offer /submit to them with what would please them for grabbing the chance. If the person who is the so called perpetrator of the crime which is sexual exploitation in this case is wrong the lady who has approached him for favor of a chance and offering/accepting to entertain him is considered an abettor of the crime. It is a quid pro quo though apart from crime also unethical on the part of the grantor of the chance. Such quid pro quos exist not only in film industry and every other industry and in fact it is a universal phenomenon in today's world. While this affects the only individuals concerned and to a limited extent the industry or the corporate concerned, the political leaders /parties accepting bribes in any form say organized /un organized methods including through the electoral bonds route is also a quid pro even as per SC ruling and more harmful as it harms the nation as a whole.

Gopalaswamy J | Chennai

#### TEACHERS' CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOCIETY

Madam — The interruption of the Covid had been epochal and served to direct our focus on education, across the globe. It would be a great pity should we fail to subsequently comprehend the vital role of teachers, pe se. A greater tragedy if we still look to stitch up patchwork approach in education that is rendered more complex as the stakeholder base is vast. So are its key elements of content, quality and efficiency of transmission. In each of these there

#### Eco-friendly Ganesha



With environmental concerns gaining too much ground, many of the well-wishers of Lord Ganesha in the city have

started to conduct environmentally friendly Ganesh Utsav celebrations this year. So it is our earnest desire to avoid pollution. Paint from Ganesh Idols could form a deadly cocktail with oil spill on the sea may cause environmental problems after Ganpati immersion on Anant Chaturdashi day. The oil paint contains carcinogenic heavy metals such as lead, mercury and chromium which have an adverse effect on marine life as well. Despite caution, people prefer POP idols instead of clay. It is time to have a broader outlook on this subject. This responsibility rests with each and every one of us. The civic body should have proper planning and the pick and choose method to make sure the festivity achieves a religious objective rather than making it a politicised one with maximum pollution level.

Jayanthy Ramaswamy | Mumbai

#### FOR THE LOVE OF FOOTBALL

Madam — Rarely do our politicians talk sense. It was heartwarming therefore, to hear the CM of UP, Yogi Adityanath, announce that a number of football stadia as well as a large number of football grounds will be prepared to give a boost to the "beautiful game". This is far better than sponsoring temples that cater only to a particular religious constituency. To quote Nelson Mandela, "Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire, it has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope, where once there was only despair. It is more powerful than governments in breaking down racial barriers. It laughs in the face of all types of discrimination." Yogi's done well, in bending it like Beckham.

Avinash Godbole | Dewas

emerges a rare opportunity for a seminal rethink or even reinvented with greater imagination and resolve. While planners and social scientists devise the content of education in a time horizon, its quality is entirely determined by the calibre, training and upgrade of the teachers and their leadership, creativity and innovation. We seldom realise how teachers have helped and guided our value systems and attitudes. They would seed visions of the limitless achievements ahead as gurus, train us to meet failures to then rise even higher. This profession, from time immemorial, though respected stays hardly recognised and adequately compensated. They need to be now firmly placed on higher pedestals, sustained by training and incentives and given greater autonomy. It is they who shape the future in real sense of the word. Our education system and polity need to do much more. Our gurus must be zealously cherished.

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## FIRST COLUMN

### FINDING PEACE AMIDST THE CHAOS

Embrace divine shelter to overcome life's struggles



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

It may sound very insulting, but this is what most of us, if not almost all of us routinely do. Because it is so natural to do. We have a deep desire for something considered most dear. Or, we may not want to lose something considered crucial for our existence. So what do we do? We keep on thinking about it. Yes, we also do whatever we can to ensure it or should. What happens in most cases? We fall short because we are small, and helpless in the ultimate sense.

God keeps control of Himself regarding the fruits of our actions. (The Bhagavad-Geeta 2.47) We have only been given the right to desire and do. (2.47) But we either don't give up trying by ourselves or with the help of others, if we choose to do that. Now worry sets in because we have set our hearts on it. And we hurt ourselves both in terms of mental health and physical health because they are so intertwined. Are we doomed? No, we are not, if we choose to do what we are expected to do, which is to approach God. That is why our scriptures, especially the Bhagavad-Geeta, persuade us to do that. I will cite some verses in this connection. The verse #18.62 goes like this, "In all respects take shelter of God only. By His mercy, you will achieve supreme peace." What does this mean? We will not suffer from mental problems, by which a quarter and more in the world are suffering. (9.22) Isn't what we want? You get started on this path and start becoming deserving. God will respond suitably. But our natures won't allow us to do what God wants us to do to qualify for His 'kripa' (grace).

Even if we somehow curb our natures, our egos come in the way. For



us human beings, our egos are everything; we cannot imagine taking unconditional shelter from anyone including God of course. So we remain in the shelter of worry. Exalted personalities have surrendered to God and reaped all kinds of benefits from Him. Sanjaya of the Mahabharata fame illuminates, "Where there is the yogeshwar Shri Krishna and where there is a devotee of God (as Arjuna was), there will be opulence (saubhagya), victory (success), wealth and definite principles (dharma)." (18.78) God is unlimited and He can give what we cannot even imagine. Swami Vivekananda went to America in 1843. Not only did Swamiji give an iconic speech on Hinduism at the World's Religious in Chicago on September 11, 1843, but introduced Hinduism and Indian spirituality to the Western world.

We just have to get started and achieve what these exalted personalities achieved after several lives. It is not so difficult, but requires determination. What is so difficult to pray? All we have to ensure that whatever we pray for is according to dharma. God will respond in a way He decides about what we deserve. Then, doing 'naman' (namaskar) to a Deity of God in a temple shouldn't be so difficult. God, being what He is, cannot be a debtor ever. He will give something, again what He feels is good for us. What is wrong with chanting God's names? This activity appears so innocuous but people of all religions for ages have been chanting Ohm and God's names. It must be useful, otherwise it would have been discontinued a long time back. What is so difficult to thank God if something good happens? We know how thanking helps us to make friends even with strangers. Then, how it must benefit if we thank God. 'Dhyan' (meditation) is catching attention worldwide. Why? Because it is extremely useful. Remembering God is another spiritual activity, for which God rewards handsomely. I can go on. Believe that these spiritual acts are highly beneficial, and can be done by one and all. Spiritual acts help in this regard and change us for the better. Then, why take shelter from worry, anxiety, depression, sadness, etc.? Take shelter from the omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, controller and owner of the Creation and say goodbye to negative emotions.

(The writer is a spiritual teacher, views expressed are personal)

# Bangladesh: Terrorism redivivus?



HIRANMAY KARLEKAR

## Some developments since the installation of the interim Government provides cause for concern



Several developments in Bangladesh since the ouster of Sheikh Hasina raise the question: Is that country set to become a fundamentalist Islamist state and a cradle and exporter of Islamist terrorism? As of now, none of what the students who led the Anti-Discrimination Students' Movement (ADSM) have said indicates that they support fundamentalist Islam or terrorism. It is, however, not clear what they stand for. A report in the *Dhaka Tribune* (datelined August 16, 2024) quoted Nahid Islam, one of the coordinators of the ADSM and an advisor in the interim government, as saying, "The spirit of the movement was to create a new Bangladesh, one where no fascist or autocrat can return." The same reported quoted him as saying that structural reforms were needed to achieve this aim, and that would require time.

One does not know what structural reforms they have in mind and the policies they intend to pursue. *The Tribune* report in question quotes Tahmid Chowdhury, another student leader, as saying that they were still working out their programme, which would be rooted in secularism and free speech. Reuters reported on August 16, 2024, that the students were contemplating forming their own party to carry their movement forward and bring a closure on the history of the last three decades when Bangladesh was governed either by the Awami League or the Bangladesh Nationalist Party. Not much has been heard about the matter since then.

The question is whether the overwhelming majority of them share their leader's views. One needs to ask this as fundamentalist Islamist and terrorist organisations have been increasingly spreading their tentacles inside Bangladesh's colleges and universities. Consider the case of North South University (NSU), one of that country's best-known private universities. Professor Gias Uddin Ahsan, Dean of the School of Health and Life Sciences, and acting Pro-Vice Chancellor, was arrested on July 16, 2016, along with two of his associates, for renting out his flat, and not informing the police about the fact of its being rented out and details of the tenants-which he was required to do. The flat was subsequently used by the



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perpetrators of the terror attack at Holey Artisan Bakery restaurant in Dhaka on July 1, 2016. The University has suspended Professor Ahsan after his arrest. Earlier, it had dismissed four teachers for their links with the terrorist outfit, Hizbut Tahrir.

Nibras Islam, one of the six identified as those attacking the Holey Artisan Bakery and killed by the police in the encounter that followed, was one of its students. Abir Rahman, one of those who attacked a police post guarding Bangladesh's largest eid prayer congregation at Sholakia in Kishoreganj on July 7, 2016, and was killed, was a student of NSU. The attack, which was repelled, led to three deaths. Quazi Mohammad Rezwanul Ahsan Nafis, who, in 2012, was convicted on the charge of attempting to blow up the New York Federal Reserve Bank, and of coming to the United States for waging jihad, had also been a student of NSU. Besides, all the young men-Sadman Yasir Mamun, Faisal Bin Nayeem Dwip, Ehsan Reza Rumman, Maksudul Hasan Anik, Nayeem Irad and Nafiz Intiaz-arrested for killing the blogger and Ganajagan Mancha activist, Ahmed Rajib Haidar, in 2013, were its students.

There has been large-scale irregular inundation of educational institutions by fundamentalist elements. A report by Ekramul Huq Bulbul and Masud Milad in the *Bengali daily Pratham* Alo of August 12, 2004, states, "The allegation has been levelled of the jama'atification of the Chittagong University by violating all rules. Most applicants were not appointed as teachers despite getting four first classes in their educational life. Yet there has been the unprecedented occurrence of appointment of the supporters of Jamaat-e-Islami, a partner in the present four-party coalition government headed by Begum Khaleda

Zia of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) despite their being without a single first class." The report further stated that investigations by Pratham also revealed that of the 122 teachers appointed during this period, 57 had been appointed by ignoring the recommendations of the Departmental Planning Committee and the number of posts advertised.

Whether all this has caused a significant section of students to be influenced by militant fundamentalist Islam need to be seen, given the continued operations of terrorist organisations. A number of Bangladeshis had fought the Soviet forces occupying Afghanistan. The Soviet Union's defeat at the hands of the Mujahideen and withdrawal from the country in February, 1989, had boosted their morale as also that of militant Islamists the world over. Osama bin-Laden, who had been involved in the jihad and who harboured the vision of establishing sharia rule worldwide, helped the establishment of the Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami Bangladesh (HUJIB) in 1992. The formation of Jama'at-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) and Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh (JMJB), followed.

Pressure from the United States and other Western countries following the large-scale violence unleashed by these organisations, compelled the Khaleda Zia government to act against them. More resolute action followed the ascent to power of the second Awami League-led government, with Sheikh Hasina as prime minister, in 2009. Nine Islamist terrorist groups were banned during her prime minister-ship. These included the JMB, Shahadat-e al-Hikma, Hizb ut-Tahrir, HuJI-B, Ansarullah Bangla Team and the last-named's subsequent reincarnation, Ansar al-Islam. The list also included Jamaat

Ansar Fil Hindal Sharqiya formed in 2018. Another seven Islamic extremist groups were blacklisted during her regime. These were Ulama Anjuman E Al Bayyinat, Neo-JMB, Dawlatul Islam Bangladesh, Hezbut Tawheed, At-Tamkin, Tamiruddin-Bangladesh and Towhidi Trust.

Particularly active among these was the Ansar al-Islam, which played a major role in the murder of the bloggers, which began with the killing of Ahmed Rajib Haider in Dhaka on February 15, 2013 and continued until 2015. The Neo-JMB, however, is believed to have been behind the attack on the Holey Artisan Bakery which killed 23 persons, including three Bangladeshis, seven Japanese, nine Italians and one Indian.

The tough measures that followed, had kept Islamist terrorism more and less under control. Following Sheikh Hasina's ouster, the Hizb-ut-Tahrir (Hijb-ut) has been staging processions in different parts of Bangladesh and putting up posters articulating its ideology. On August 9, 2024, it held a rally in Dhaka demanding the establishment of an Islamic Caliphate in Bangladesh. Also, the statues of two police officers who died fighting the terrorists at the Holey Artisan Bakery, have been destroyed and a Hijb-ut Tahrir poster has been found at the site. On its part, the interim government has released Jashimuddin Rahmani, the chief of the Ansarullah Bangla Team, now Ansar al-Islam. Neither all this nor the very cordial meeting of Muhammad Yunus has had with leaders of the Jama'at and Hefazat-e-Islam, of course, indicates that the interim government supports Islamist militancy. Nevertheless, skating on thin ice is better avoided.

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# The United Nations' struggle for relevance in a changing global order

The United Nations faces unprecedented challenges that threaten its relevance in the modern world writes NAND KISHOR and AMAL CHANDRA

The United Nations (UN), a symbol of global cooperation since its founding in 1945, now finds itself at a pivotal moment. Established to promote international peace, security, and development, the organization faces growing pressure to reform in response to the ever-changing global landscape. However, despite widespread recognition of the need for restructuring, numerous obstacles hinder the reform process. Political, institutional, financial, legal, and socio-cultural barriers make consensus among member states difficult to achieve, thus stalling efforts to enhance the UN's relevance and effectiveness. Three critical areas demand attention—representation, effectiveness, and operational efficiency. Without

addressing these, meaningful reform remains elusive. One of the most significant barriers to UN reform is the veto power held by the five permanent members (P5) of the Security Council: China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States. This power enables any of these nations to block resolutions, including those aimed at restructuring the UN. The P5's vested interest in maintaining their influential status has led to repeated failures to expand the Security Council to include new permanent members, such as India, which is the world's largest democracy. India's exclusion from permanent membership, despite its growing global influence, highlights a major flaw in the

UN's current structure. Similarly, other responsible powers, such as Japan and Germany, have long called for permanent seats on the Council. The reluctance of the P5 to share their privileged status stifles efforts to make the UN more representative of today's geopolitical realities. Another complicating factor is the principle of state sovereignty enshrined in the UN Charter. Many member states, particularly smaller or less powerful nations, are wary of reforms that they perceive as infringing on their sovereignty. These states fear that in a restructured UN, their voices might be drowned out by larger, more powerful countries. This divergence in priorities complicates efforts to build the broad consensus

necessary for substantial reform. While some states advocate for a more democratic and inclusive Security Council, others focus on regional issues or specific conflicts, making agreement difficult. The UN's effectiveness in addressing global challenges has been called into question, further complicating the reform debate. Public opinion and trust in the organization are crucial to its ability to implement meaningful changes. However, repeated failures to effectively address major crises, such as those in Afghanistan and Palestine, have eroded public confidence in the UN's capacity to respond to contemporary challenges. UN peacekeeping missions, a cornerstone of the organiza-



tion's efforts to maintain global peace, have also come under fire. Critics argue that these missions have often failed to prevent conflicts or protect civilians adequately. To enhance the effectiveness of peacekeeping operations, reforms must focus on improving the mandates, training, and resources available to peacekeepers. Additionally, addressing allegations of misconduct, including sexual

abuse and exploitation by peacekeepers, is essential to restoring the organization's credibility and ensuring accountability. These limitations highlight the urgent need for innovation and reform within the UN. Building and maintaining public trust is essential to securing the political and financial support necessary for any restructuring efforts. Efforts to improve the UN's operational efficiency, such as those initiated by former Secretary-General Kofi Annan, have demonstrated the institutional challenges of reform. While some administrative changes have been implemented, resistance from within the organization and differing priorities among member states have limited the

scope of these reforms. The UN's extensive bureaucracy presents a major obstacle to meaningful change. Established procedures and norms are deeply ingrained, making it difficult to implement significant reforms. Bureaucratic inertia often leads to resistance from within the organization, as staff and officials may be reluctant to change familiar processes and structures. Moreover, the UN's broad mandate, which covers peace and security, development, and human rights, adds complexity to any reform effort. This wide scope can lead to overlapping functions and responsibilities among different UN bodies, resulting in inefficiencies. Reforming the UN also involves navigating a com-

plex web of international law. Any proposed changes must comply with existing legal frameworks and secure broad international support. This legal complexity adds another layer of difficulty, as reforms must be not only politically acceptable but also legally sound. While the need for reform is widely acknowledged, the path to achieving it remains fraught with challenges. Political dynamics, institutional inertia, financial limitations, and legal hurdles all contribute to the slow pace of change.

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Israeli forces appear to withdraw from Jenin

AP ■ JENIN REFUGEE CAMP Israeli forces appeared to have withdrawn from three refugee camps in the occupied West Bank by Friday morning...

milantins in Jenin, Tulkarem and the Al-Faraa refugee camps in an attempt to curb recent attacks against Israeli civilians...

Hamas war began, employing what the United Nations called "lethal war-like tactics". The main focus has been the Jenin refugee camp...

lances evacuating the wounded have been slowed on their way to nearby hospitals, as Israeli soldiers search for militants.

mage through the rubble of destroyed buildings and take stock of the damage. Twisted rebar protruded from the concrete of collapsed buildings...

in the morning outside a United Nations health centre in Khan Younis to receive the vaccine, which was being administered by local health care crews...

Telegram CEO addresses French charges

Paris (AP): Telegram founder and CEO Pavel Durov promised to step up efforts to fight criminality on the messaging app...

post said. "Building technology is hard enough as it is. No innovator will ever build new tools if they know they can be personally held responsible for potential abuse of those tools."

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PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform the general public that Smt. Gurmeet Kaur is the owner of Ground Floor and First Floor without roof rights area measuring 27.12 sq. yds. built on Property No. NA/19 out of Ghansu No. 21/25...

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Table with columns: Sr. No., CUSTOMER NAME, LOAN A/C NO., AMOUNT OUTSTANDING (IN RS.), DATE OF RECEIPT NOTICE, GROSS WEIGHT, NET WEIGHT. Lists various borrowers and their loan details.

CORRIGENDUM CORRIGENDUM TO PUBLICATION OF APPENDIX IV-A DATED 23.08.2024 ISSUED UNDER RULE 8(6) AND RULE 9(1) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 ("The Act"). This Corrigendum is issued in relation to the publication of Appendix IV-A dated 23.08.2024 in THE PIONEER - DELHI COVERS GHAZIABAD - ENGLISH and RASHTRIYA SAHARA - DELHI COVERS GHAZIABAD - HINDI, both dated 29th August, 2024, issued by the Authorised Officer of Samman Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.) under Rule 8(6) read with Rule 9(1) and Proviso Thereto of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 for the following correction(s):

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# Rupee rises two paise to settle at 83.95 against US dollar

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**  
The rupee gained 2 paise to close at 83.95 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday amid a weak greenback in overseas markets. However, negative domestic markets, rise in crude oil prices, and outflow of foreign capital capped sharp gains, forex traders said. At the interbank currency market, the local unit opened at 83.97 and witnessed an intra-day high of 83.91 against the American currency. The unit, which traded in the range of 83.91-83.97, finally settled at 83.95 (provisional), registering a gain of 2 paise. It had closed at 83.97 on Tuesday. "Indian rupee recovered today on weak US dollar. However, weak domestic markets



capped sharp gains," Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas, said. "We expect rupee to trade with a slight negative bias on

weak global equities and concerns over global economic growth," he said, adding that the USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of Rs 83.70 to Rs 84.20. Traders may take cues from non-farm payrolls report and speeches by the US Federal Reserve's rate-setting panel members, he added. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was down 0.14 per cent to 100.96 points. Brent crude, the international benchmark, gained 0.58 per cent to USD 73.11 per barrel in futures trade. In the domestic equity markets, Sensex tanked 1,017.23 points to settle at 81,183.93, while Nifty slumped 292.95 points to 24,852.15.

# Revisiting Sri Lanka's debt sustainability assessment can derail IMF programme: Finance Ministry

**PTI ■ COLOMBO**  
Any attempt to revisit Sri Lanka's debt sustainability assessment (DSA) can derail the ongoing IMF programme bailout, the finance ministry said on Friday. "Any country can of course stand its ground and refuse to move forward based on the IMF's DSA if it disagrees with the outcomes of the model and the IMF's assessment," the Ministry of Finance said in a statement titled "Clarifications on Debt Restructuring and the Debt Sustainability Analysis." It added that a standoff in such a scenario would only delay an agreement on a financing programme for several months if not years. The statement highlighted that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) cannot proceed with a financing programme if a country's debt



is deemed unsustainable. The statement comes as Marxist Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) front National People's Power (NPP) in its manifesto for the September 21 presidential election said last week that it would work for an alternative debt sustainability analysis and the Washington-based global lender's condition of revenue-based fiscal consolidation. The finance ministry statement asserted that Sri Lanka's agreement with creditors for sovereign debt restructuring needed IMF endorsement "to confirm as the independent actor that the negotiated terms indeed provide the required debt relief to comply with the debt targets". The ministry's warning on DSA aligns with incumbent president Ranil Wickremesinghe's narrative that the current bail-out

programme requirements must persist for Sri Lanka to achieve complete recovery. The opposition parties have heavily criticised Wickremesinghe's steer of the economy since the island nation declared its bankruptcy in April 2022, announcing its first-ever sovereign default. Wickremesinghe was able to revive the negative growth of six successive quarters with the help of international partners of recovery. However, his reforms at the behest of the IMF, which sent the cost of utilities high, have made him unpopular. Anura Kumara Disissanayake, the NPP candidate, believes he leads in the unofficial polls to win the election over Wickremesinghe and the main opposition challenger Sajith Premadasa. The two main contenders, however, did not directly pledge to reverse them.

# Allow natural growth of India's E-vehicle sector to avoid becoming EV colony for China: GTRI

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
The government should allow the domestic electric vehicle sector to grow naturally without relying on incentives as it would avoid India becoming an 'EV colony' for China, think tank GTRI said on Friday. India faces unique challenges not faced by other countries in adopting EVs (electric vehicles) at large scale, it added. These challenges include 80 per cent of electricity generated from fossil fuels like coal, frequent power cuts, and dependency on imports for making EVs in the country like batteries and critical minerals, the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) said. "Considering these challenges, instead of rushing into the fray with heavy incentives or falling into dependence on Chinese imports, India has the opportunity to let its EV sector evolve naturally. By allowing market forces to steer the sector's growth, India can avoid becoming an 'EV colony' for China and carve out its own path in the global EV landscape," it added. It also said the global EV market is undergoing a seismic shift, driven by the US, EU, and Canada imposing high tariffs and restrictions on imports of EVs and parts from China. These regions make up about half of China's global EV exports and in a strategic pivot, China is moving its production to ASEAN countries and setting its sights on India. "These production units would still depend heavily on imports from China, with 70-80 per cent of parts, including batteries, coming from there. Thailand, the first to allow local production by Chinese firms, is already facing challenges with rising imports and complaints



of lower sales from established manufacturers," GTRI founder Ajay Srivastava said. He added that there is also a risk that China might dump excess EVs in India as access to developed markets becomes tougher. The GTRI suggested that India should focus on capturing leadership in the next phase of EVs, using a new generation of batteries. Increasing investment in research and development (R&D) for advanced battery technologies, battery recycling infrastructure, and supporting clean energy sources to power EV charging stations are some of the steps which would help boost the sector's growth, it added. Hi-Tech Gears Chairman Deep Kapuria said the world EVs market is all set to face more turbulence and structural transformation as the sector is witnessing several trends that are driving its growth. "Firstly, many countries (developed and developing) are offering subsidies, tax benefits, and other incentives to encourage consumers to switch to electric cars. Secondly, the macroeconomic factors, such as the availability of critical minerals like lithium, cobalt, and nickel, essential for battery production, can positively impact the growth of the EV industry," Kapuria said.

# Prozeal Green Energy, Golyan Power sign JV pact for solar projects in Nepal

**PTI ■ New Delhi**  
Ahmedabad-based Prozeal Green Energy and Nepalese firm Golyan Power have inked a joint venture agreement for setting up solar power projects in the Himalayan region. The agreement was signed on Tuesday at Golyan Group headquarters in Kathmandu, marking a significant milestone in both companies' commitment to advancing renewable energy solutions, a statement said. The agreement was signed by Shobit Rai, Director of Prozeal Green Energy, and Akshay Golyan, Director of Golyan Power. The partnership underscores a shared vision to contribute meaningfully to a cleaner and greener future for Nepal. The joint venture -- Prozeal Green Energy Nepal -- aims to establish over 500 MW of solar energy projects across multiple locations in Nepal over the next 18 months. Prozeal Green Energy will hold a 60 per cent stake in the JV and Golyan Group will own the remaining 40 per cent. Rai said this joint venture represents "a powerful alliance between Nepal and



India, uniting our expertise to lead the global decarbonisation movement. Together, we're setting new benchmarks for clean energy and sustainability in Nepal." Golyan Power director Akshay Golyan said, "Nepal is growing rapidly in the renewable energy sector and I am confident that this partnership will open up new avenues for both entities. We have come together through our shared vision and the massive possibilities ahead." The joint venture will develop both solar rooftop and ground-mounted photovoltaic (PV) solar plants. The energy produced from these projects will be sold to the Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) and various commercial and industrial consumers.

# Spicejet plans to raise over ₹3,200 crore via debt, equity

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**  
Cash-strapped domestic carrier Spicejet plans to raise Rs 3,200 crore through QIP, warrants and capital infusion by the promoter, the airline said in a presentation on Friday. The funds will be utilised in taking back the grounded fleet in operations, liability settlement, new fleet induction and other general purposes, Spicejet in the presentations. "Spicejet plan to raise Rs 2,500 crore through QIP and Rs 736 crore through Previous Warrants and promoter infusion, the airline said in an investor presentation," it said in a corporate presentation to investors ahead of its proposed capital infusion. The proposed funds raised are subject to shareholders' approval. Ajay Singh-promoted SpiceJet had earlier in January this year, could raise only Rs 1,060 crore through preferential issues against its Rs 2,250 crore funding plan announced in December last year. The airline attributed factors



like reduction in fleet, and subsequent grounding, higher cost of working capital, escalating fixed costs, fixed rentals at airports, and outstanding statutory dues as the factors for its current problem. According to the presentation, its operational fleet reduced to 28 planes in 2024 against 74 aircraft in 2019, while 36 aircraft remained on the ground due to the funding issue. However, according to the live aircraft fleet tracking website, Planespotter.Net, it had only 20 aircraft in operations as of September 5 and 38 on the ground. It may also be noted that several of these aircraft are out of operation due to SpiceJet's lessors and other vendors taking the airline to court for non-payment.

# Bengaluru sees 19 per cent hike in home sales: Report

**PTI ■ BENGALURU**  
Bengaluru's residential market continues to display steady growth as registered transactions maintain upward momentum both sequentially and annually, a report by Square Yards, an integrated platform for real estate and mortgages, said on Friday. According to the data, 28,356 transactions were recorded in the city during the second quarter of 2024, marking a 19 per cent increase over the previous quarter. "Despite challenges such as flooding and water shortage, home buyer demand remains notably resilient, underpinned by a strengthening IT sector and the blend of full-time and hybrid working models," said Sopan Gupta, Principal Partner, Square Yards. According to him, east and southern suburbs retain their appeal, northern suburbs are rapidly emerging as key areas of interest for both apartments and plots. "Branded developers, particularly those delivering quality projects, are witnessing successful launches with swift offtake," he added.

## INBRIEF

**SESSION ON TRADE VISION ORGANISED AT GNDU**  
**NEW DELHI:** The Dinero Finance Club of University Business School, Guru Nanak Dev University hosted a Industry Interactive Session Trade Vision: Decoding the Dynamics Of Stock Market under the guidance and scientific vision of Prof (Dr.) Jaspal Singh Sandhu, Vice Chancellor.

**VIT UNIVERSITY DONATES ₹1,57,50,000 FOR FLOOD VICTIMS**  
**AMARAVATI:** To support the Andhra Pradesh government in the wake of recent floods, Dr.G.Viswanthan, Chancellor, Sri Sankar Viswantha, Vice-President, VIT University presented a cheque of Rs1,57,50,000 (One crore fifty seven lakhs fifty thousand) to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

**ATES, ANOTHER STEP BY NFR TO ENHANCE SAFETY**  
**MALIGAON:** Northeast Frontier Railway has installed a prototype Automatic Train Examination System (ATES) for the first time at its rolling in & rolling out examination point at New Jalpaiguri. ATES is an Artificial Intelligence based technology that involves capturing, processing and analysing visual data such as images and videos of rolling stocks.

**NBCC RECEIVES AWARD IN VARIOUS CATEGORIES**  
**NEW DELHI:** NBCC (India) Limited a Navratna CPSE under the aegis of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, was presented with Shield by the Town Official Language Implementation Committee, Delhi (Undertaking-2) in their half yearly meeting and prize distribution ceremony organised at Silver Oak Auditorium, India Habitat Center, Lodhi Road, New Delhi on September 4, 2024 for exhibition in Rajbhasha Utsav; publication of in-house Hindi magazine "Nirman Bharti" and securing first position in Quiz Competition.

**GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES TEACHER'S DAY**  
**AMRITSAR:** Guru Nanak Dev University celebrated Teacher's Day with enthusiasm and reverence, honoring the dedication and commitment of its educators. The various departments includes Punjab School of Economics, Department of History organised special events and activities to express gratitude towards the teaching staff.

**SRM INSTITUTE HOSTS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**KATTANKULATHUR:** SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST) recently hosted the International Conference on Precision Bio-Medicine and Sustainable Smart City Development (ICPBSSC) in collaboration with National Chung Cheng University (CCU), Taiwan held over three days.

**REC HONOURED AS NODAL AGENCY OF THE YEAR**  
**NEW DELHI:** REC Limited, a Maharatna CPSE under the Ministry of Power and a leading NBFC, has been conferred with the prestigious "Nodal Agency of the Year" award at the Bharat Electricity - Powering India Awards 2024.



# Gold rises ₹100; silver bounces ₹1,200

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
Silver prices surged Rs 1,200 to Rs 85,800 per kilogram, while gold rose Rs 100 to Rs 74,200 per 10 grams in the national capital on Friday, according to the All India Sarafa Association. In the previous session, the precious metal of 99.9 per cent purity had ended at Rs 74,100 per 10 gram. The silver metal had ended higher at Rs 84,600 per kilogram in the previous session on Thursday. Additionally, gold of 99.9 and 99.5 per cent purity rose Rs 100 each to Rs 74,200 and Rs 73,850 per 10 grams, respectively. Traders attributed the rise in gold prices due to increased demand by jewellers and stockists as well as a jump in the precious metal rates in the overseas markets. Globally, Comex gold rose 0.22 per cent higher at USD 2,548.80 per ounce. "Gold extended gains on Friday, as the US dollar and Treasury yields fell following another set of data showing a sluggish US labour market," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst of Commodities at HDFC Securities, said. Silver also quoted marginally higher at 0.26 per cent to USD 29.18 per ounce in the international markets. "US jobs data released in recent sessions have shown mixed readings, though it confirmed that the labour market is cooling enough to consider an interest rate cut in September meeting by the US Federal Reserve," Maneesh Sharma, AVP -- Commodities & Currencies, Anand Rathi Shares and Stock Brokers, said. Following a strong monthly increase in July, gold posted another healthy gain in August to finish 3.6 per cent higher at USD 2,513 per ounce internationally, according to a report by World Gold Council (WGC). The custom duty cut on gold in India, which took place in late July, has been a shot in the arm for gold demand in the country. The reduction was followed by strong buying interest from jewellery retailers as well as consumers. Meanwhile, global physically-backed gold ETFs extended their inflow streak to four months while western funds once again contributed to the share of flows, the report said. According to Manav Modi, Senior Analyst, Commodity Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd, after lower jobs data this week, focus now turns to all-important US non-farm payroll and unemployment rate data to be released later on Friday.

# VA Tech WABAG bags ₹2,700 crore sea water desalination plant order from Saudi Water Authority

**PTI ■ CHENNAI**  
Water treatment player VA Tech WABAG has secured an order from Saudi Water Authority worth USD 317 million (Rs 2,700 crore) for setting up a Mega Sea Water Desalination plant in Saudi Arabia, the company said on Friday. The Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Commissioning (EPC) contract including design and supply of the 300 million litres per day mega desalination plant which would be developed on a greenfield site in the west coast of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Saudi Water Authority, formally known as the Saline

water. The plant would be built with the state-of-the-art desalination technologies, designed for superior energy efficiency and would produce stellar quality of water complying with the environmental regulations of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. "We are extremely honoured and proud to secure this mega order from prestigious customer Saudi Water Authority, which will contribute to the ambitious Saudi Vision 2030. This mega order is a testament to our expertise and commitment to delivering high-quality, sustainable water solutions worldwide," company Head-Strategy and Business Growth - GCC, Rohan Mittal said in a company statement here. WABAG said, globally, it has established 60 desalination plants in 17 countries, for various municipalities and industries. "This (project) win reinforces our position in the desalination sector and we are confident that WABAG's Global Leadership in Desalination will grow further with this win," Mittal said. The Saudi Water Authority currently manages over 40 desalination plants producing over 11 million cubic meters per day and over 139 ground and surface water purification stations producing over 4 million cubic meters per day.

# RBI imposes penalties on Housing and Urban Development Corporation, two others

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**  
The Reserve Bank has imposed penalties on three entities, including Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd, for non-compliance with certain provisions of directions on 'non-banking financial company - housing finance company'. A penalty of Rs 3.5 lakh has been imposed on Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited, the central bank said in a statement on Friday. In a separate release, RBI said it has imposed a penalty of Rs 5 lakh on Godrej Housing. The Reserve Bank of India has also imposed a monetary

# Forex reserves jump USD 2.3 billion to fresh record of USD 683.987 billion

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**  
India's forex reserves jumped by USD 2.299 billion to a new high of USD 683.987 billion for the week ended on August 30, according to the RBI data release on Friday. In the previous reporting week, the forex reserves had jumped by USD 7.023 billion to a high of USD 681.688 billion. For the week ended August 30, foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, increased by USD 1.485 billion to USD 599.037 billion, the data showed. Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. Gold reserves increased by USD 862 million to USD 61.859 billion during the week. The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were up by USD 9 million to USD 18.468 billion. India's reserve position with the IMF was down by USD 58 million to USD 4.622 billion in the reporting week, the apex bank data showed.





# THE STORY BEHIND KABINI ON MY MIND AN AUTHOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Discover the inspirations, experiences and insights behind **VIKRAM NANJAPPA'S** compelling wildlife narratives in *Kabini on my Mind: Musings of a Naturalist*

BY **SHARMILA CHAND**

**V**ikram Nanjappa likes to be described as an interested and well-informed amateur. He draws inspiration from the band of men called the Orientalists, most of whom were amateurs. Like them, his field of inquiry is 'Man and Nature; (with an emphasis on Nature) whatever is performed by the one or produced by the other'.

Vikram's first exposure to wildlife came through the shikar tales he had heard from his friends while studying at Mayo College in Ajmer in Rajasthan, one of the country's oldest and celebrated institutions of learning. Vikram cites the writings of Billy Arjan Singh and Jim Corbett as having played a pivotal role in inclining him passionately and committedly towards wildlife.

After completing his Bachelor's in History and Political Science from St. Stephen's College in New Delhi, Vikram joined the tea plantations. It was during the thirteen years he spent in Kerala and the Duars of West Bengal that he found the opportunity to hone his twin hobbies of wildlife and photography. In 2002 he moved to Kabini and took up organizing wildlife tours full time. He is one of those rare gems who managed to turn his passion into a rewarding and fulfilling vocation.

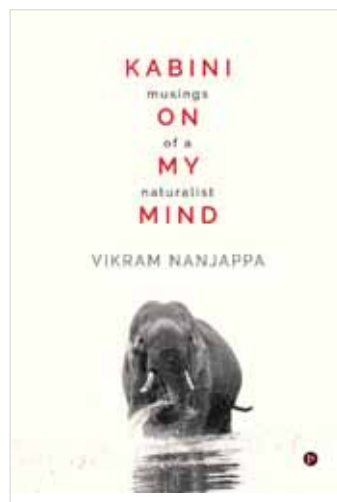
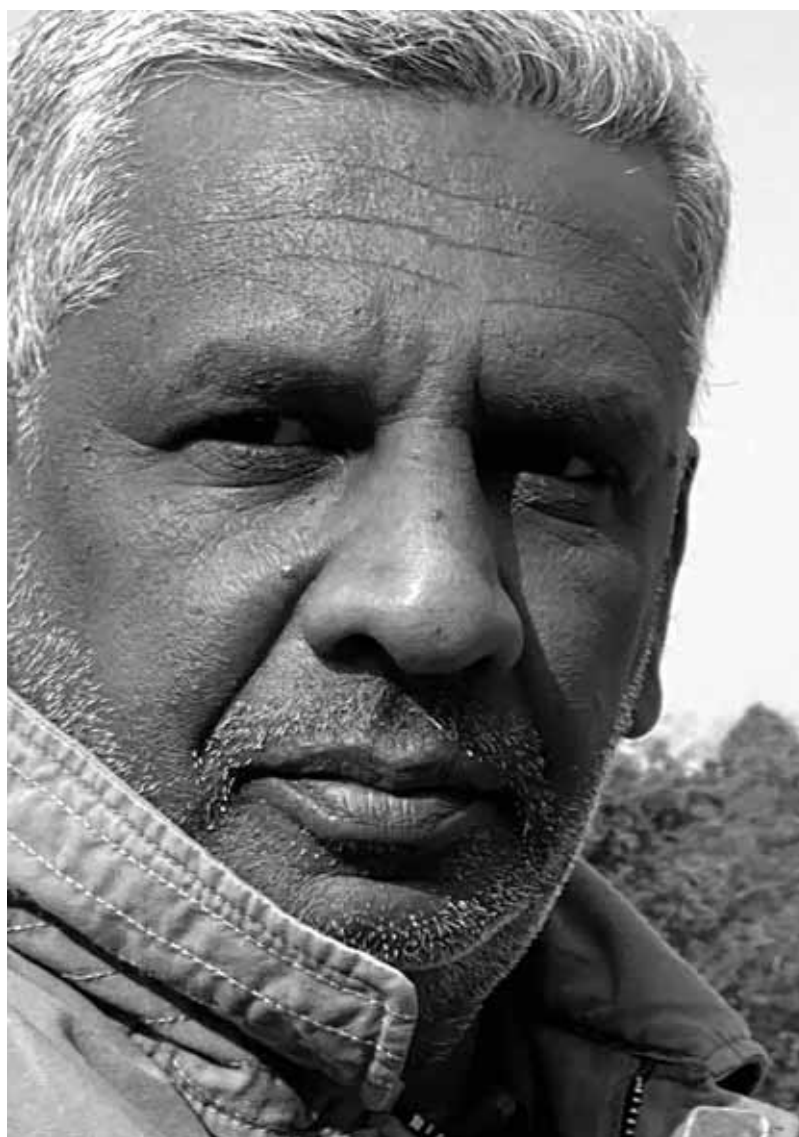
After leaving Kabini, in a manner of natural progression, Vikram ventured into the field of wildlife conservation (Non-profit Organization Management) with the Asian Nature Conservation Foundation for a few

years. He also explored the world of fashion as a freelance writer and as a photographer. His current avatar is that of a marketing professional. Vikram avers that traditional knowledge and field skills coupled with good science and common sense is the best way to understand, expose and preserve our wildlife, which is alarmingly on the decline. He strongly disapproves of what he calls the 'tabloid portrayal' of wildlife, where aberrant animal behaviour is highlighted to reinforce false myths and stereotypes. This has to be eclipsed by an attitude of respect and reverence for the animal kingdom if we are to continue enjoying sightings of our wild brethren in their natural habitats.

**In an informal chat, he talks about his book and more .....**

**Firstly, let's hear about your book....**  
In the winter of 2002-03 I found myself in Kabini managing a farmhouse that was taking its first baby steps towards becoming a wildlife resort and if you had asked me a year earlier if that was where I saw myself a year hence, I would have laughed in your face. As the 1900s turned to the 2000s I was happily living on the Bhutan border, managing a tea estate and indulging in my love of photography and wildlife.

I did not know then that the previously dreaded but now forgotten Y2K problem would culminate in me reaching Kabini in the middle of the night to discover that my quarters had an outdoor toilet without a door. Not wishing to make a fuss, I decided to tackle the problem in the morning



#### ABOUT THE BOOK

**Book :** 'Kabini on my Mind: Musings of a Naturalist' by **VIKRAM NANJAPPA**  
**Publisher :** Notionpress

by catching the first available transport out. As day broke and I got my first look ... the rest, as they say, is history.

I was shortly joined by my wife Gowri, my daughter Tara and our dog (a St Bernard mix) Bernie. We later added another member to our family - Bruno, a dachshund. In Kabini I eagerly embarked on the next phase of my wildlife journey, exploring the forests and honing my skills as a Naturalist. Up until then I had been happily engrossed in tackling the human-elephant conflict prevailing in the Duars and keeping track of the resident leopards on the estate. I enjoyed my wild life in the Duars, observing elephants and, to a lesser degree, leopards.

We stayed in Kabini for nearly ten years, finally leaving in 2011 when I had become the Chief Naturalist at Evolve Back, and Kabini had become one of the premier wildlife destinations in India.

This book is a compilation of various musings, natural history notes, opinions and incidents that occurred in Kabini during my stint there. While they are arranged in no particular order, they were written as

they occurred and accurately reflect my mood, opinions and emotions as the incidents played out. A lot of water has flowed by since but I have resisted the temptation to 'update' them as I feel hindsight is not always a good thing - it can be unfair to those who actually lived through the moment.

**How did you get the idea or let's say inspiration behind the book?**

During my childhood my interest in wildlife was fueled by wildlife books written by various authors. Most of these books were written by western authors and were mostly about Africa. As I grew up, I realized that a lot of researchers from the west were writing and publishing 'popular' books about their research experiences while at the same time imparting knowledge on wildlife in a very easy to absorb manner. This unfortunately was missing in India and information on Indian wildlife was difficult to get. Sometime ago I realized that instead of complaining maybe I should write a book on my experiences as a naturalist in Kabini.

**What is the target audience for the book?**

The book is a compilation of various incidents that occurred during my stint and written in a very easy to read manner - the aim was to cater to both young adults and adults. It is also targeted at those who are not into wildlife as well as those who are. It's not really targeted at hardcore wild lifers - but I am sure they will enjoy the stories.

**Any specific aim of writing on this subject?**

The idea is to get young people interested in wildlife by presenting facts in an easy to read format. The chapters are independent of each other and easy to digest, the book can be read at leisure - it's not a heavy and laborious read. With today's declining attention span this was a deliberate move on my part.

**Your favorite chapters?**

I love elephants and I think that comes out very strongly in the book. My favorite parts are the ones about elephants - the following chapters in particular:

Spirit of Kabini  
A Trunk Full of Tales  
A Tale of Two Giants  
The Amphitheatre of Life and Death

**You had mentioned the book is not tiger centric?**

I have purposely not focused too much on the tiger - I feel that too our tourism industry is too tiger centric to the detriment of other species. There is much more to Indian wildlife and therefore I have given more

attention to other lesser known and charismatic species.

**Any personal opinions / beliefs you have shared in the book?**

Yes, I have also touched upon my personal beliefs which are not quite conventional but at the same time tried not to sensationalize aberrant animal behavior reinforce false myths and stereotypes.

**Are you a Critique of current trends in wildlife guiding?**

It ends with a mild critique (Last Chapter: The Mystic Naturalist) of the current trends in wildlife guiding which I feel is getting too 'professional' 'with scripted storytelling and more. I hope that this critique will be taken in the spirit it is intended and lead to a more mindful approach to guiding.

**Is this your first book ? Were you always into writing ? You wanted to be an author ?**

Yes, it's my first book. I have always enjoyed writing and maintaining an online blog for a long time. I also briefly freelanced as a writer, writing articles on wildlife and men's style. Also dreamt of writing a book so one dream was fulfilled.

**Why Kabini ?**

I spent nearly ten years of my life in kabini. I know it very well and it's my home jungle. It's my karma Bhoomi as far as wildlife goes

**How and when did you become a naturalist?**

I became a naturalist in 2003 when I decided to quit my job as a tea planter and work in the wildlife field. As I was not 'qualified' to do research it was the only viable option for me.

**How has your journey been as a Naturalist ? Pls share a couple of milestones or anecdotes to share.**

It was great. The biggest learning was when my boss Krishan Prasad or KP for short who is a great wildlifer himself advised me to ditch my camera for a pair of binoculars. Best advice I ever received- the learning that followed was stupendous. Also getting the opportunity to interact with Dr Ullas Karanth and other such greats.

My outlook and philosophy towards wildlife was formed and greatly influenced by these individuals.

**What did you enjoy the most about the book ?**

Writing it. I love to write.

**What next ? Which book ? What subject?**

Nothing definitive but I would like to write something from a foresters perspective about the day to day challenges of managing a national park in India.

## NEW ARRIVALS

September Releases by Aleph Book Company



**The Third Eye of Indian Art: Aesthetics as Vedanta**  
By HARSHA V. DEHEJIA (INR-499, PP-240)

*The Third Eye of Indian Art* delves into how Indian art offers more than just visual pleasure by inviting deeper, contemplative experiences. Harsha V. Dehejia introduces the 'third eye,' a concept for perceiving art not only objectively but through a serene, inner perspective. This book guides readers in appreciating art's spiritual and subjective dimensions, encouraging a profound understanding of beauty and truth. Dehejia, a physician and Indic studies professor with dual doctorates, offers insights drawn from his extensive expertise in Indian aesthetics.

**A Wonderland of Words: Around the World in 101 Essays**  
By Shashi Tharoor (INR-999, PP-472)

Words possess extraordinary power. They can move, entertain and reveal the world in profound ways. In this captivating book, renowned wordsmith Shashi Tharoor invites readers into the fascinating realm of the English language. He unravels punctuation, spelling and grammar, while exploring the richness of acronyms, oxymorons, metaphors, idioms and more. Tharoor's engaging prose offers insights into English's history, regional variations and literary brilliance, making *A Wonderland of Words* a delightful read for language enthusiasts.

**Unlocking Wealth: Secrets to Getting Rich at Any Age**  
By ROHIT SARIN (INR-599, PP-224)

*Unlocking Wealth* reveals how individuals and families can grip India's economic growth to build substantial wealth. Rohit Sarin, a seasoned banker and entrepreneur, offers practical strategies for smart saving, sound investments, and risk-taking, emphasising that it's never too early or late to start. The book is both a guide for personal wealth creation and a broader vision for societal advancement, showing how increased wealth can benefit all Indians. With nearly three decades of wealth management experience, Sarin provides clear, actionable advice for creating and growing wealth at any age.

# Journey of Self-Discovery and Courage

Niharika Nigam's debut novel, *Joy of Missing Out*, explores the transformative journey of Nanki Mehta, a young woman searching for meaning and fulfillment beyond societal expectations. Through an unexpected adventure, Nanki learns to embrace uncertainty, redefine purpose and take a leap of faith towards a more authentic life, says **SAKSHI PRIYA**

*Joy of Missing Out* by Niharika Nigam is a deeply engaging novel that explores the themes of self-discovery, existentialism and the quest for a meaningful life. Nigam, an entrepreneur with years of experience in the adventure sports industry, brings a unique perspective to her storytelling, blending personal insights with a broader commentary on modern life.

The novel centers around Nanki Mehta, a thirty-two-year-old brand strategist from Delhi, whose seemingly perfect life feels increasingly unfulfilling. Nanki's struggle is relatable, she grapples with societal expectations and a sense of stagnation in her career, marriage and personal life. Nigam paints a vivid portrait of a woman in crisis, yearning for something more than the mundane routines that have come to define her existence. Her portrayal of Nanki's internal conflict is rich and nuanced, making her journey of self-discovery both engaging and thought-provoking.

A turning point in the novel comes when Nanki stumbles upon a Bungy Jumping ad for Rishikesh, a place tied to her childhood memories. This ad becomes the catalyst for Nanki's journey towards transformation. Her interactions with River, a Bungy Jump Master, add a fresh dimension to her life. River's outsider perspective challenges Nanki to reconsider her own beliefs, offering new ways of thinking about purpose and fulfillment. This friendship serves as a mirror for Nanki's own soul-searching, encouraging readers to reflect on their own lives. One of the novel's most effective elements is its use of Bungy



Jumping as a metaphor for Nanki's leap of faith. What begins as a simple adventure turns into a powerful symbol of courage, trust and the willingness to embrace the unknown. This metaphor is woven throughout the narrative, providing a poignant backdrop to Nanki's internal transformation and reinforcing the novel's central themes of risk, renewal, and self-discovery.

Nigam's own experience in the adventure sports sector gives the book an authentic feel, especially in the scenes set in Rishikesh. Her understanding of courage, risk and the human desire for freedom adds depth and realism to Nanki's journey. The novel also delves into the challenges of social



entrepreneurship, showing how Nanki uses her business acumen to support a local NGO, blending purpose with practicality. The emotional core of the story is further enriched by Nanki's relationship with her grandfather, Nanu, whose illness and eventual death force her to confront her fears and redefine her understanding of loss and resilience. This subplot adds emotional weight to the narrative, making Nanki's journey even more

compelling. *Joy of Missing Out* is a novel that challenges readers to reflect on their own paths and the choices they make. It captures the tension between societal expectations and personal fulfillment, urging readers to take their own leaps of faith. Nigam's writing is insightful and empathetic, making this a book that resonates with anyone who has ever felt the need to step away from the familiar in search of a deeper sense of purpose.

#### ABOUT THE BOOK

**Title:** Joy of Missing Out

**Author:** Niharika Nigam | **Publisher:** Nu Voice

**Price:** INR 299 | **Pages:** 288



# Neeraj Chopra qualifies for Diamond League season finale in Brussels

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
India's two-time Olympic medal-winning javelin throw star Neeraj Chopra has qualified for this month's season finale of the prestigious Diamond League after finishing fourth in the overall standings at the end of its 14 series meetings across the world. The season finale will be a two-day affair on September 13 and 14 in Brussels. Chopra accumulated 14 points from his two second-place finishes in the one-day meets held in Doha and Lausanne. He skipped the last series meet in Zurich on Thursday. The 26-year-old is two points adrift of Czechia's Jakub Vadlech.

Grenada's Anderson Peters and German star Julian Weber occupy the top two spots with 29 and 21 points respectively. Peters had pipped Weber in the Zurich meet. Chopra, who won gold in the Tokyo Olympics in 2021 and added a silver to his kitty in the Paris edition last month, has been struggling with his fitness this season. The Haryana-lad has talked about a groin injury troubling him since before the Olympic Games that has come in the way of his quest to hit the 90m mark. The Indian finished second in the Lausanne Diamond Leg, bested by Peters, who threw 90.61m. In Paris Olympics, Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem had taken the gold with a

monster throw of 92.97m. "First goal, go to the doctor and make my groin 100 per cent fit and also I will be technically better and try to throw far again," he had said last month about his plans for this year and the coming one. Chopra had won the Lausanne leg in 2022 and 2023 and finished second behind Vadlech in the winner-takes-all finale in Eugene, USA, last year. Each Diamond League season finale champion is awarded a prestigious "Diamond Trophy", USD 30,000 prize money and a wild card for the World Athletics Championships. The DL finale will mark the end of Chopra's season.

# Indian Hockey can aim for gold in next Olympics: Sreejesh



**PTI ■ PATNA**  
Riding high on the success of winning a bronze medal in Paris - ending a four-decade-long dry spell - the Indian hockey team now aims to build on this momentum with hopes of clinching gold at the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028, ace goalkeeper P R Sreejesh said on Friday. The former national team captain, who announced his retirement after the Paris Olympics, told journalists in the Bihar capital that he saw the state as the future "sports hub". "I see many positive developments in Bihar, particularly at the sports complex in Rajgir, which now features an astro turf and will host the women's Asian Cup Trophy tournament later this year," Sreejesh remarked. He added, "I see no reason why Bihar cannot emerge as the country's next sports hub. I have met sports department officials here and found many initiatives, like establishment of a sports university, quite impressive". Sreejesh, who has taken up a new assignment as the coach for the junior men's hockey team, said he had set his eyes on the next Asia Cup and revealed that he was drawing inspiration from former cricket team captain Rahul Dravid. After a successful playing career, Dravid, known as "The Wall" for his steadfast batting, has made significant contributions as head coach of the Indian cricket team, helping it to new heights. Sreejesh broke into a wide grin that like his idol, his own skills earned him the sobriquet "The Great Wall of Indian Hockey". At 36, Sreejesh reminisced about his experiences at the Paris Olympics and expressed hope that the national team would "revive the old glory of Indian hockey" by aiming for gold in Los Angeles and performing well in tournaments leading up to the 2028 Games.



# Australia stunned by Bahrain in World Cup qualifying as Palestinians draw with South Korea

**AP ■ SEOUL**  
Australia fell to a shock 1-0 loss to Bahrain at home in the opening game of the third round of Asian World Cup qualifying. Meanwhile, South Korea was held to 0-0 by the Palestinians in Seoul. Despite losing all six previous games against Australia, Bahrain won thanks to an own goal from Harry Souther with a minute remaining on the Gold Coast. Abdullah Al-Khalisi's cross from the left side of the area hit the defender and flew past goalkeeper Mat Ryan. Australia dominated the game but was reduced to 10 men when Kusini Yengi was red-carded after 77 minutes for a reckless tackle. "It's not the way that we want to start our campaign, a loss at home, but we have to go away and improve," Australia winger Craig Goodwin said. "We have to look at the positives. This is the first game, there are nine games to go." Bahrain is second in Group C behind Japan, which thrashed China 7-0 in Saitama. First-half headers from midfielder Wataru Endo and winger Kaoru Mitoma put Japan in control by the break. Then Takumi Minamoto scored twice in quick succession and Junya Ito, Daizen Maeda and Takefusa Kubo also found the target to make it a painful evening for China. Also in Group C, Saudi Arabia was held to a 1-1 draw by Indonesia in Jeddah. Ragnar Oratmangoen scored for Indonesia but Musab Al-Juwair equalized before the break for Roberto

Mancini's team. Salem Al-Dawsari missed a late penalty. The 18 teams remaining in Asian qualification have been divided into three groups of six. The top two from each qualify automatically for the 2026 World Cup while the six teams that finish in third and fourth will advance to the fourth round where there are two more places on offer. South Korea last missed out on the World Cup in 1982 and got off to a poor start in Group B due to the Palestinians. South Korea missed chance after chance - captain Son Heung-min hit the post - but could not find a way through a determined defense from a visitor that has never reached this stage before. The Palestinians almost snatched what would have been a stunning victory in added time. Through on goal, Wessam Abou Ali's shot was saved by Jo Hyun-woo. "It was a difficult match, but we were able to come away with a good result because we brought all the players that we could get our hands on," Palestinian coach Makram Daboub said. "I am extremely happy to bring joy to our fans in Palestine." Iraq is above Korea in Group B after a 1-0 win over Oman in Basra while Jordan drew 1-1 with Kuwait. Iran got off to a winning start in Group A, defeating Kyrgyzstan 1-0 thanks to a first half goal from Inter Milan striker Mehdi Taremi. Uzbekistan is level on three points after a 1-0 victory over North Korea. United Arab Emirates is top of the group with a 3-1 win at Asian champion Qatar.

# India's fast bowling makes them difficult to beat in Australia: Marnus Labuschagne

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**  
Star batter Marnus Labuschagne reckons fast bowlers make India a "difficult" side to beat in Australian conditions and make them such a tough team to beat in Australian conditions, Labuschagne told Star Sports. The middle-order mainstay termed the rivalry as "tough" irrespective of where they are playing. "There is always high anticipation. To these two teams, it doesn't matter where we're playing, if it's in England, Australia, or India, it's always a tough contest," he said.



Australia spinner Nathan Lyon termed Indian players as "superstars" while hoping to revive his on-field rivalry with India spinner Ravichandran Ashwin. "I've always said throughout my

whole career (that) I want to compete against the best and you look through the whole Indian line-up, the whole squad, there's absolute superstars everywhere," he said. "I know Ashwin, we debuted around similar times and we've competed against each other in a number of series. I have got nothing but respect for him. He is an absolute master in the craft of off-spin bowling and it's been an absolute privilege to play against him and learn off him," said Lyon.

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S. No.	Name of the Borrower/Guarantor	Details of Security/Property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of possession notice affixed	Amount Outstanding
1.	<b>Branch: Imlikhera bhagwanpur</b> Smt. Mujia Wo Mausam Ali, R/o Jhidiyan Grant Khand-2, Teh- Bhagwanpur, Distt- Haridwar-247667 (Borrower & Mortgagor). Sh. Mausam Ali S/o Shaif R/o Jhidiyan Grant Khand-2, Teh- Bhagwanpur, Distt- Haridwar- 247667 (Co-Borrower) and Sh. Musaraf Ali S/o Mausam Ali, R/o Jhidiyan Grant Khand-2, Teh. Bhagwanpur, Distt. haridwar- 247667 (Co-Borrower).	All that property having Khasra No. 227 Situated at Mauza Piran kaliyar, Pargana & Tehsil Roorkee District Haridwar, bearing plot No. 11, 12, 14 & 15 having land measuring in East- 53 feet 9 inch, West- 53 feet 9 inch, North- 75 feet & South- 75 feet having total land area measuring 4031.25 sq. feet i.e. 374.651 sq. mtr. Sale deed registered at bahi No. 1 Zild No. 2606 on pages 323 to 350 at serial No. 2280 executed on 09.03.2015 at Sub- Registrar Roorkee- II in favour of Mrs. Munija W/o Mr. Mausam Ali. Bounded as under: East: 16 ft or 4.88 m wide road, North: Private Plot No. 10 & 12, Land of seller, West: Road 16 ft or 4.88 m wide Road, South: Property of Asdulla.	21.05.2024	05.09.2024	Rs. 24,64,693.40 + interest thereon
2.	<b>Branch: Gurukul Narsan, Roorkee</b> M/s Aaradhya Enterprises (Through its Proprietor), 776, Dehradun Road, Azad Nagar Roorkee Haridwar-249407. Sh. Pradeep Kumar S/o Sh. Rajender Saini (Proprietor), 214, Village- Njampur, Post- Gurukul Narsan Roorkee Haridwar- 247670. Armit Kumar [Guarantor [Aaradhya Enterprises]] (Proprietor of balaji Enterprises), Village Njampur, Post- Gurukul Narsan Roorkee Haridwar- 247670.	<b>Primary Security:</b> Hypothecation of stock of Poultry Farm, Sheds and Receivables. <b>Collateral Security:</b> Industrial land having total area 0.7425 hectare i.e. 743 sq. mtr. Part of Khata No. 272 khasra No. 448 situated at Village Nizampur Pargana Manglore Tehsil Roorkee, Haridwar, registered vide Sale deed at Bahi No. 1, Zild No. 3164 of page 229-244 serial No. 5261 on dated 06.06.2016 in the office of Sub-Registrar Roorkee in the name of Sh. Pradeep kumar S/o Sh. Rajender Saini which is bounded as: East: Property of Chhatarsal, West: Property of Satender, North: Property of Chhatarsal & Other, South: Way 3 meter wide.	30.05.2024	05.09.2024	Rs. 19,43,028.08 + interest thereon
3.	<b>Branch: Civil Lines Roorkee (092400)</b> 1. M/s Street View Bar Lounge (Through its Partners), 2/2 2nd Floor Sangam Tower/Civil Lines Haridwar Road Roorkee Tehsil Roorkee District Haridwar Pin - 247667, 2. Smt Anila Sharma W/o Sh Jagat Singh Sharma (Partner), H no 382/1 44 Civil Lines Roorkee District Haridwar Pin - 247667, 3. Sh Sagar Sharma S/o Sh Jagat Singh Sharma (Partner), H no 382/1 44 Civil Lines Roorkee District Haridwar Pin - 247667, 4. Smt Reshu Sharma W/o ShSagar Sharma, H no 382/1 44 Civil Lines Roorkee District Haridwar Pin - 247667.	<b>Property No. 1.</b> One Residential House bearing No 382/1, land area measuring 1440 Sq ft or 133.83 Sq mt Situated at Mohalla 44 Civil Lines Roorkee Pargana & Tehsil Roorkee, Munciple House tax No 1306 Sale Deed Registered at Bahi No. 1, Zild No 2/66 on Page No 254/265-268 at Serial No 2209 executed on 24/10/1996 at Sub Registrar Roorkee in favour of Smt Anila Sharma W/o Jagat singh Sharma. Bounded & Butted as under: East - Property of Sanjeev Sharma, Side Measuring 37 ft, West- Remaining Part of Seller, Side Measuring 35 Ft, North- Road, Side Measuring 40 Ft, South - Remaining Part of Seller, Side Measuring 40Ft. <b>Property No. 2.</b> An East facing Shop bearing No 24, without roof rights, area measuring 200sqft i.e.18.59 sqmt Situated at 2nd floor 2/2 Civil Lines Roorkee within Munciple Limits of Roorkee. East - Open Passage , Side Measuring 10 ft, West - Shop of Seller , Side Measuring 10 Ft, North- Shop of Seller, Side Measuring 20 Ft, South - Shop of Seller, Side Measuring 20 Ft.Sale deed registered at bahi no 1 Zild No 598, Pages 361-380 at Serial No 563 executed on 06/02/2016 in favour of Smt Anila Sharma at Sub-registrar Roorkee III. <b>Property No. 3.</b> A South facing Shop bearing No 25, without roof rights, area measuring 185 sqft i.e.17.19sqmt Situated at 2nd floor 2/2 Civil Lines Roorkee within Munciple Limits of Roorkee. East - Shop of Seller, Side Measuring 20 ft, West - Shop of Seller, Side Measuring 17 Ft, North- Shop of Seller, Side Measuring 10 Ft, South - 4ft Wide Open passage, Side Measuring 10 Ft. Sale deed registered at bahi no 1 Zild No 598, Pages 381-400 at Serial No 564 executed on 06/02/2016 in favour of Smt Anila Sharma at Sub-registrar Roorkee III. <b>Property No. 4.</b> A South facing Shop bearing No 26, without roof rights, area measuring 155 sq ft i.e.14.41 sqmt Situated at 2nd floor 2/2 Civil Lines Roorkee within Munciple Limits of Roorkee. East - Shop of Seller, Side Measuring 17 ft, West - Shop of Seller , Side Measuring 14 Ft, North- Shop of Seller, Side Measuring 10 Ft, South - 4 ft Open passage, Side Measuring 10 Ft. Sale deed registered at bahi no 1 Zild No 598, Pages 381-400 at Serial No 564 executed on 06/02/2016 in favour of Smt Anila Sharma at Sub-registrar Roorkee III. <b>Property No. 5.</b> A East facing Shop bearing No 16, without roof rights, area measuring 180 sqft i.e.16.73 sqmt Situated at 2nd floor 2/2 Civil Lines Roorkee within Munciple Limits of Roorkee. East - 6ft Open Passage, Side Measuring 9 ft, West - Shop of Seller , Side Measuring 9 Ft, North- Shop No. 15, Side Measuring 20 Ft, South - Shop No. 17, Side Measuring 20 Ft. Sale deed registered at bahi no 1 Zild No 3951, Pages 25-48 at Serial No 713 executed on 06/02/2016 in favour of Smt Reshu Sharma at Sub-registrar Roorkee-I. <b>Property No. 6.</b> A East facing Shop bearing No 17, without roof rights, area measuring 180 sqft i.e.16.73 sqmt Situated at 2nd floor 2/2 Civil Lines Roorkee within Munciple Limits of Roorkee. East - 6ft Open Passage, Side Measuring 9 ft, West - Shop of Seller , Side Measuring 9 Ft, North- Shop No. 16, Side Measuring 20 Ft, South - Shop No. 18, Side Measuring 20 Ft. Sale deed registered at bahi no 1 Zild No 3951, Pages 1-24 at Serial No 712 executed on 06/02/2016 in favour of SmtReshu Sharma at Sub-registrar Roorkee-I. <b>Property No. 7.</b> A West facing Shop bearing No 33, without roof rights, area measuring 162 sqft i.e.15.05 sqmt Situated at 2nd floor 2/2 Civil Lines Roorkee within Munciple Limits of Roorkee. East - Shop of Seller, Side Measuring 9 ft, West - Open Passage, Side Measuring 9 Ft, North- Property of seller, Side Measuring 18 Ft, South - Shop of Seller, Side Measuring 18 Ft. Sale deed registered at bahi no 1 Zild No 598, Pages 217-234 at Serial No 555 executed on 06/02/2016 in favour of Smt Reshu Sharma at Sub-registrar Roorkee-III. <b>Property No. 8.</b> A West facing Shop bearing No 34, without roof rights, area measuring 162 sqft i.e.15.05 sqmt Situated at 2nd floor 2/2 Civil Lines Roorkee within Munciple Limits of Roorkee. East - Shop of Seller, Side Measuring 9 ft, West - Open Passage, Side Measuring 9 Ft, North- Property of seller, Side Measuring 18 Ft, South - Shop of Seller, Side Measuring 18 Ft. Sale deed registered at bahi no 1 Zild No 598, Pages 217-234 at Serial No 555 executed on 06/02/2016 in favour of Smt Reshu Sharma at Sub-registrar Roorkee-III. <b>Property No. 9.</b> A East facing Shop bearing No 18, without roof rights, area measuring 180 sqft i.e.15.73 sqmt Situated at 2nd floor 2/2 Civil Lines Roorkee within Munciple Limits of Roorkee. East - Open Passage, Side Measuring 9 ft, West - Shop of Seller, Side Measuring 9 Ft, North- Shop No 18, Side Measuring 20 Ft, South - Shop No 19, Side Measuring 20 Ft. Sale deed registered at bahi no 1 Zild No 3950, Pages 339-368 at Serial No 709 executed on 06/02/2016 in favour of Sh Sagar Sharma S/o Jagat Singh Sharma at Sub-registrar Roorkee-I. <b>Property No. 10.</b> A East facing Shop bearing No 19, without roof rights, area measuring 225 sqft i.e.20.91 sqmt Situated at 2nd floor 2/2 Civil Lines Roorkee within Munciple Limits of Roorkee. East - 6ft Open Passage, Side Measuring 12 ft, West - Shop of Seller, Side Measuring 10 Ft Binch, North- Shop No 18, Side Measuring 20 Ft, South - Shop No 20, Side Measuring 20 Ft. Sale deed registered at bahi no 1 Zild No 3950, Pages 307-338 at Serial No 708 executed on 06/02/2016 in favour of Sh Sagar Sharma S/o Jagat Singh Sharma at Sub-registrar Roorkee-I. <b>Property No. 11.</b> A West facing Shop bearing No 32, without roof rights, area measuring 175.5 sqft i.e.16.31 sqmt Situated at 2nd floor 2/2 Civil Lines Roorkee within Munciple Limits of Roorkee. East - Shop of Seller, Side Measuring 10.5 ft, West - Open Passage, Side Measuring 10 Ft, North- Property of seller, Side Measuring 18 Ft, South - Shop of Seller, Side Measuring 18 Ft. Sale deed registered at bahi no 1 Zild No 3950, Pages 391-414 at Serial No 711 executed on 06/02/2016 in favour of Sh Sagar Sharma S/o Jagat Singh Sharma at Sub-registrar Roorkee-I. <b>Property No. 12.</b> A West facing Shop bearing No 35, without roof rights, area measuring 162 sqft i.e.15.05 sqmt Situated at 2nd floor 2/2 Civil Lines Roorkee within Munciple Limits of Roorkee. East - Shop of Seller, Side Measuring 9 ft, West - Open Passage, Side Measuring 9 Ft, North- Property of seller, Side Measuring 18 Ft, South - Shop of Seller, Side Measuring 18 Ft. Sale deed registered at bahi no 1 Zild No 3950, Pages 391-414 at Serial No 711 executed on 06/02/2016 in favour of Sh Sagar Sharma S/o Jagat Singh Sharma at Sub-registrar Roorkee-I.	04.06.2024	05.09.2024	Rs. 35,35,128.18 + interest thereon
4.	<b>Branch: B.T. Ganj, Roorkee (040700)</b> M/s Ganpati Stone Crusher Through its Prop. Mr. Anil Saini S/o Sh. Sewa Ram Saini, Address- Village - Ganeshpur Sunderpur, Distt. - Behat, Saharanpur, Uttarpradesh - 247662 & Mr. Anil Saini S/o Sh. Sewa Ram Saini (Proprietor), Address- D- 369, Rajender Nagar Saifpur, Gali No. - 8, Roorkee - 247667, Uttarakhnad & Smt. Seema Saini W/o Sh. Anil Saini (Guarantor), Address- D- 369, Rajender Nagar Saifpur, Gali No. - 8, Roorkee- 247667, Uttarakhnad.	<b>Primary Security:</b> Hypothecation of Stocks, Plant and Machinery, entire book Debts, & Current asset of the firm. <b>Collateral Security:</b> Residential House - D - 369, Land Measuring East - 70 Feet 2 inch, West - 70 Feet, North - 50 Feet and South- 50 Feet, Having Total Land Area 3500 Square Feet i.e. 325.28 Square Meter, belonging to Part of Khasra No. 30/2, Situated in Mohalla Rajendra Nagar Gali No. - 8 Shaifpur, Pargana and Tehsil Roorkee, Distt. Haridwar. <b>Part 1.</b> Registered Vide Sale Deed Dated 29.04.1985 Registered in Bahi No. 1, Zild No. 1559/1578, Pages 395/89-92, At Serial No. 2992 Dated 17.05.1985 At Sub Registrar Roorkee in The Name of Mr. Anil Kumar S/O. Sh. Sewa Ram Saini & Mr. Sushil Kumar Saini S/O. Sh. Sewa Ram Saini, Which is Bounded as: East - Way 16 Feet Wide, West - Plot of Kamlesh & Other, North - Plot of Smt. Mukund Kar and South - Plot of Smt. Mukund Kar. <b>Part 2.</b> Registered Vide Sale Deed Dated 18.08.2005 Registered in Bahi No. 1, Zild No. 2659/2967, Pages 141/119-122, Serial No. 6348, On Dated 18.08.2005 At Sub Registrar Roorkee in The Name of Mr. Anil Kumar S/O Sh. Sewa Ram Saini, Which is Bounded as: East - Way 11 Feet Wide, West - Plot of Kamlesh & Other, North - House of Purchaser and South - House of Dhan Prakash. The Above Mentioned Property is Also Mortgaged in Housing Loan Bearing No. 040700nc4420756, 040700nc4421348, 040700nc4421940, Overdraft Facilities 040700900000074, 040700r000000050 In The Name of Mr. Anil Kumar Saini & Smt. Seema Saini, Cash Credit Facility Bearing No. 0407008700003801 In The Name of M/s. Siddhant Group And Education Loan Bearing No. 040700UB00000667 In The Name Of Ms. Prerna Saini & Mr. Anil Saini & Smt. Seema Saini.	23.08.2023	05.09.2024	Rs. 1,04,50,817.33 + interest thereon
5.	<b>Branch: Civil Lines Roorkee (092400)</b> Smt Anila Sharma W/o Sh Jagat Singh Sharma (Borrower), H no 382/1 44 Civil Lines Roorkee District Haridwar Pin - 247667.	One Residential House bearing No 382/1, land area measuring in East- 37 feet, in West- 35 feet, in North- 40 feet and in South- 40 feet, total area measuring 1440 Sqft or 133.83 Sqmt Situated at Mohalla 44 Civil Lines Roorkee Pargana & Tehsil Roorkee, Munciple House tax No 1306 Sale Deed Registered at Bahi No. 1, Zild No 2/66 on Page No 254/265-268 at Serial No 2209 executed on 24/10/1996 at Sub Registrar Roorkee in favour of Smt Anila Sharma W/o Jagat singh Sharma which is Bounded & Butted as under: East- Property of Sanjeev Sharma, West- Remaining Part of Seller, North- Road, South- Remaining Part of Seller.	04.06.2024	05.09.2024	Rs. 20,64,005.67 + interest thereon
6.	<b>Branch: Civil Lines Roorkee (092400)</b> M/s Max Enterprises (through proprietor: Mr. Ikram Ali s/o Mr. Ahmad Ali) (Borrower) Village Tanishpur, Tehsil Roorkee Haridwar-247656 and Mr. Ikram Ali s/o Mr. Ahmad Ali (Borrower/Proprietor/Mortgagor), Village Tanishpur, Tehsil Roorkee District Haridwar pin-247656.	<b>Primary Security:</b> 1. Hypothecation of Stock, Book debts and all current assets of the firm. 2. Hypothecation of Plant and machinery. <b>Collateral Security:</b> All that property bearing part of Khata No. 185 old khasra no. 577 area measuring 4 biswa, khasra no. 602 area measuring 16 biswa, khasra no. 592 area measuring 8 biswa & khasra no. 578 area measuring 4 biswa total area 1 bighwa 12 biswa i.e. 0.3280 hectare with 1/2 share area 0.1640 hectare i.e. 1640 sqmt. Bearing New khata no. 41 khasra no. 794 of 1427 to 1432 feet, out of 1640 sqmt total non-agriculture area is 964 sqmt. situated at Mauza Tanishpur pargana Bhagwanpur tehsil Roorkee haridwar. Sale deed registered at bahi no. 1 zild no. 2550/2560 on pages 115/149 to 154, serial no. 327 executed on 24/01/2000 in office of sub-registrar Roorkee in favour of Mr. Ikram Ali. Sh. Ahmed Ali.	02.05.2024	05.09.2024	Rs. 35,81,197.52 + interest thereon
7.	<b>Branch: Bhagwanpur, Roorkee (488200)</b> M/s Sudhir Kumar & Sons (Through its Proprietor) Late Sh. Sudhir Kumar urf Ajab Singh s/o Sh. Sobha Ram Saini (Represented his Legal Heirs), Smt. Vimla Devi w/o Late Sh. Sudhir Kumar, Sh. Vipul Kumar s/o Late Sh. Sudhir Kumar, Late Sh. Vipul Kumar s/o Late Sh. Sudhir Kumar (through his Legal Heirs) Smt. Sapna w/o Late Sh. Vipul Kumar, Master Veer Pratap Saini s/o Late Sh. Vipul Kumar, Master Rudra s/o Late Sh. Vipul Kumar, all are resident of H. no. 331, Village - Dada, Jalalpur, PO- Hallumajra, Bhagwanpur, Haridwar - 247667.	<b>Adjoining Property: Part-1:</b> Residential Property having total area measuring 683 square meter i.e. 0.683 hectare situated at Village Patta Dada Pargana Bhagwanpur Haridwar belonging to Khasra no 888 registered vide Sale deed at Bahi No. 1, Zild No 2165 at Pages 175-192 Serial no. 1145 dated 11.02.2014 at Sub registrar- Haridwar which is bounded as: East- way 12 feet wide, West- Land of Sh. Madan Kumar, North - Land of Sh. Neeki Ram presently Sudhir Kumar, South- Land of Sh. Dharampal. <b>Part-2:</b> Residential Property having total area measuring 950 square meter i.e. 0.0950 hectare situated at Village Patta Dada Pargana Bhagwanpur Haridwar belonging to Khasra no 886 & 888 registered vide Sale deed at Bahi No. 1, Zild No 2165 at Pages 175-192, Serial no. 1145 dated 11.02.2014 at Sub registrar- Haridwar which is bounded as: East- Land of Sh. Sudhir Kumar, West- Remaining Land of Seller, North - Way 30 feet wide, South- Land of Sh. Dharampal.	09.04.2024	05.09.2024	Rs. 23,35,909.64 + interest thereon

Date: 06.09.2024 Place : Haridwar Authorised Officer