

## SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Monday arrested former RG Kar Medical College and Hospital principal Sandip Ghosh on charges of financial misconduct before the September 5 hearing in the Supreme Court, sources said.

He was later escorted to the CBI's Nizam Palace office in Kolkata which houses the agency's anticorruption wing and was shown as arrested.

Ghosh, an orthopaedic surgeon, is not only charged with financial misconduct and other illegal acts, including illegal sale of bio-medical waste, running organ trade and selling of bodies by his former colleague Akhtar Ali, but he has also been accused of controlling all the illegal syndicates that were active in most of the State-run medical colleges of West Bengal.

In March 2023, Ali, a Non-Medical Assistant Superintendent at RG Kar Medical College wrote a letter to the authorities, including the vigilance commission and even the Chief Minister's office accusing the former principal of corruption that included illegal body trafficking and biomedical waste disposal.

The Monday's arrest comes days after the CBI named Ghosh in the FIR in connection with its probe into alleged financial irregularities at the hospital during his tenure. The CBI arrested Ghosh after grilling him for more than 150 hours over davs

The arrest of Ghosh comes in the midst of a movement against the rape and murder of an on-duty postgraduate lady doctor of RGKMCH.



Former principal of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital Sandip Ghosh after he was arrested by CBI in connection with the alleged financial misconduct at the establishment, in Kolkata, on Monday

He is the second person to be arrested in the rape and murder case. Earlier, a civic volunteer was arrested on charges of raping and murdering the lady doctor.

Ghosh's arrest is significant given his close proximity to the State's political establishment. He had reportedly treated a top politician for leg injuries during the State election a few years ago. A few days after the rape and

murder case surfaced, the State Government transferred Ghosh, who had resigned earlier, with a prize-posting to another medical college in Kolkata, leading to an outcry in the medical fraternity. There was a strong demand for his dismissal and arrest.

More trouble awaits Ghosh as the Enforcement Directorate too has filed a money-laundering case to probe his alleged role in financial irregularities inside the RGKMCH. Recently, the Indian Medical Association had suspended his

membership. Protesting junior doctors, people and medical fraternity celebrated after news surfaced of the arrest of Ghosh.

Meanwhile, the CBI is likely to submit a closed envelope before the Supreme Court on September 5 detailing its preliminary findings, sources said. The envelope may contain names

not only of the prime suspects of RGKMCH who might have played a role in destroying evidence but also of some big guns in the political echelon who are the ultimate beneficiaries of the syndicate raj — that was plaguing the State-run medical colleges but for which the rape and murder might not have taken place. According to sources the CBI officials who had subjected a

number of people including prime accused Sanjoy Roy and former RG Kar principal Ghosh to polygraph tests are still in doubt about the truth that is being dished out to

them. "It is quite intriguing how the accused went up to the seminar hall on the third floor breaking the security rings. Getting inside the hospital area is difficult as even doctors' own relatives who are familiar to the security persons are not allowed in," said one source. The arrested accused in the alleged rape and murder of the woman medic would likely plead "not guilty" in the court since he was framed" in the case, his counsel said on Monday.

The accused, who is currently lodged in the Presidency Correctional Home, has told the lawyer that the doctor was not known to him, she added.

'We will fight our case based on the documents produced by the prosecution lawyers before the court," she said, claiming that the accused has maintained his innocence during the polygraph

His counsel also claimed that Roy had gone to the floor where the seminar hall of the RG Kar Hospital is located to find out the health condition of his friend's father who was operated on that day. "He went to the pulmonary department which is on the same floor where the seminar hall is situated. It was then when he saw the woman lying there," she said. The body of the post-graduate trainee, who was allegedly raped and murdered, was found in the seminar hall of the hospital on August 9. Roy, a civic volunteer of the Kolkata Police, was arrested the next day. The gruesome crime resulted in nationwide protests by doctors and citizens.

## RAJESH KUMAR 📕 NEW DELHI

Hearing pleas filed against Bulldozer Justice, the Supreme Court on Monday came down heavily on a trend of demolishing the houses or properties of those who are accused of crimes and said that it would issue guidelines to tackle such issues.

'How can anybody's house be demolished only because he is an accused? Even if he is a convict, it can't be done without following the procedure as prescribed by law," a bench of Justices B R Gavai and K V Viswanathan said.

The bench stated that no property can be demolished just because a person is accused of a criminal offence. The court, however, said it will not protect any unauthorised construction or encroachment on public roads. "We will not protect any illegal structure obstructing public roads, that includes a temple, but there should be guidelines for demolition," it added. The court also appreciated the stand taken by the State of Uttar Pradesh which said that demolition can be done only if a structure is illegal. The Bench requested that the suggestions be Advocate given to Senior Nachiketa Joshi, who was requested to collate them and present them to the Court.

Bulldozer justice, also known as bulldozer politics, refers to the practice of using the heavy-duty piece of machinery to demolish houses of alleged criminals, communal violence rioters and accused in criminal cases. Notably, the Uttar Pradesh Chief

Minister Yogi Adityanath started the practice of instant "justice" using bulldozers to bring down



properties of accused to make an example of them and put pressure on those absconding. Later other BJP ruled states-Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi, Rajasthan and even Congress ones, have followed suit. Soon, Yogi earned the 'Bulldozer Baba', nickname of through which he attempted to convey his "no-nonsense" hard taskmaster style of working. Interestingly, in the 2022 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, it became a part of the BJP's campaigning strategy to reiterate Yogi's 'bulldozer' credentials. However, the practice of using bulldozer has come under strong

criticism, with many questioning how the action can be taken even before allegations against a person are proven. They have also questioned why the administration must punish the whole family for the crime of one.

On Monday, the top court was hearing two pleas filed on the issue of such demolitions that were alleged to be taking place without notice and as a form of "revenge? The pleas were filed by Rashid Khan from Rajasthan and Mohammad

Hussain from Madhya Pradesh. The application by Khan, a 60 vear-old auto-rickshaw driver from Udaipur, said that his house was demolished by the Udaipur district administration on August 17, 2024. This was after communal clashes broke out in Udaipur, several vehicles were set on fire and markets closed following the issuance of prohibitory orders after a Muslim schoolboy allegedly stabbed his Hindu classmate who later succumbed to his injuries. Khan is the father of the accused schoolboy.

Similarly, Mohammad Hussain from Madhya Pradesh has alleged that his house and shop were illegally bulldozed by the State administration.

The two applications were filed in a case earlier filed by Jamiat Ulama I Hind against the demolition of Muslim homes in Harvana's Nuh, following the violence between Hindus and Muslims in the area. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for Uttar Pradesh, referred to an earlier affidavit filed by the State in the matter.

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## **Tragedy engulfs** Vaishno Devi pilgrims

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t least two Mata Vaishno ADevi-bound pilgrims died and a minor child received iniuries when they were hit by a massive landslide on the Himkoti track to the cave nrine



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In an effort to improve the lives of farmers and increasing their income, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday approved around outlavi





in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district on Monday

The incident took place near the Panchi colony in the Himkoti area around 2.15 p.m. The pilgrims were struck by the massive iron bar structure as it crumbled under the weight of the large tumbling stones.

The pilgrim traffic was halted for some time to carry out rescue operations in the area. The disaster management teams of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) were pressed into action to carry out the rescue operations and shift the injured to the nearby health care center. However, the pilgrimage through the continued traditional route along the track.

According to official sources deceased pilgrims have been identified as Sapna (27) of Dhianpur village in Punjab's Gurdaspur, and Neha (23) of Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh. The injured girl - Sanvi, a resident of Kanpur — is undergoing treatment in the hospital. Her grandfather L Prasad said they were taking a break from trekking to the shrine when police started clearing the track due to a monkey scare.

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big-ticket programmes related to the farming sector, including a ₹2,817-crore digital agriculture mission and a ₹3,979crore scheme for crop science. These programme will focus on harnessing publicfunded digital infrastructure to research focussed on emerg-

ing challenges in the farm The emphasis of these programmes would be on & education research climate resilience, natural

resource management and digitisation in the agriculture sector along with emphasis on growth of horticulture and livestock sectors. press Addressing а

conference after the Union Cabinet meeting, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw Union announced that the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved seven schemes to improve farmers' lives and increase their incomes at a total outlay of ₹13,966 crore. The Cabinet has approved crop science for food and nutritional security programmes with a total

outlay ₹3,979 crore. In this programme, six pillars have been included in the programme with a focus on

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw briefs the media over cabinet decisions

in New Delhi, Monday PT preparing the farmers for climate resilient crop sciences and food security by 2047. These six pillars are -

Research and Education; Plant Genetic Resource Management; Genetic improvement for food and fodder crop; pulse and oilseed crop improvement; Improvement of commercial crops; and research on insects, microbes, pollinators

A part of the fund will be utilised utilised for improving productivity of pulses and oilseeds, apart from plantgenetics management. India seeks to end its dependence on costly imports to meet local pulses demand by 2027, key а agriculture-sector

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welfare activities while cautioning against its exploitation for electoral gains. It also said no step in the direction of sub-classification of Scheduled

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At a time when the C<sub>FF</sub> the by Congress is pressurising the

NDA Government to conduct caste

census across the country, the

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)

on Monday said it has no objection

to the census as it could be useful for

at the Paralympics 2024, in France, on Monday

Castes and Scheduled Tribes

should be taken without the consensus among the communities concerned.

RSS says, caste census important, but not for electoral gain

(From left to right) Indian para-badminton players Thulasimathi Muruqesan wins silver medal, Kumar Nitesh gold and Manisha Ramadass bronze

Making these assertions, RSS Prachar Pramukh (chief spokesperson) Sunil Ambekar said after a three-day conclave in Palakkad, " the RSS thinks that definitely, for all welfare activities, particularly those targeting such communities or castes which are lagging behind — for whom special attention is needed — for that, if sometimes the Government needs the numbers, it is a well-established practice. Earlier also, it (the

Government) has taken (such data), and so it can do it again.

But it should be done only for the welfare of those communities and castes. It should not be used as a political tool for elections. So we put this forth with a line of caution for everyone."

"As a Hindu society, caste and caste relations are sensitive issues. It is an important issue for our national unity and integrity. So, it should be dealt with very sensitively and not on the basis of elections or electoral practices and politics," he said.

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## Jail and bail for AAP

## SAUMYA SHUKLA NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday arrested AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan in connection with a money-laundering case related to financial irregularities in the Delhi Waqf Board. Khan was produced before Special Judge Rakesh Sval hours after he was arrested from his home by the ED who told the court that he was required to be confronted with other accused and evidence in the case. The ED has sought his 10 days custody. The counsel appearing for Khan challenged his arrest. The court has reserved its order on ED's plea and will likely pronounce it late night.

He was taken into custody under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) at 11.20 am after the agency conducted a search at his residence in Batla House earlier in the day. The ED told the court that some questions were put to Khan during the searches but he remained "evasive" and hence was arrested. The ED told the court that Khan was the main accused in the case.

"The proceeds of crime have been used and laundered to buy property. Cash (is) also used. There was an attempt to misguide the agency," the ED told the court.

The agency further accused Khan of noncooperation, saying 14 summons were issued to him, and he appeared only once, that too after a Supreme Court direction.

The case against Khan stems from two FIRs: One filed by the CBI concerning alleged irregularities in Waqf Board appointments, and another by the Delhi ACB regarding an alleged case of disproportionate assets. The agency had earlier summoned Khan and questioned him for 13 hours.

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## Kejriwal's aide Bibhav gets bail in Swati assault case

## PNS NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday granted bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's aide Bibhav Kumar in the Swati Maliwal assault case noting that he has been in custody for over 100 days

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan also took into account that the prosecution has proposed to examine more than 51 witnesses and said the trial will take time to conclude.

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Govt summons Netflix India after IC-814 web series face backlash

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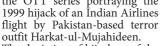
The Government has sum-I moned the content head of OTT platform Netflix over the series 'IC-814: The Kandahar Hijack', which has triggered a row over the depiction of hijackers, contending that nobody has the right to play with the sentiments of the nation.

Official sources said the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has summoned the content head of Netflix India on Tuesday, seeking an explanation on the allegedly contentious aspects of

the OTT series portraying the 1999 hijack of an Indian Airlines

The depiction of hijackers of the Indian Airlines flight from Kathmandu to Delhi has stirred controversy with a section of objecting to the viewers 'humane' projection of the perpetrators.

Nobody has the right to play with the sentiments of the people of this nation. Indian culture and civilisation should always be respected," another official source said. "Should we allow any foreign people to slipshod





over our cultural values," the source said without elaborating. The sources said filmmakers have to think before portraying something in a wrong manner. "You may be liberal, but you cannot portray institutions in a wrong manner," the source said. Using hashtags #BoycottNetflix, #BoycottBollywood and #IC814, several X users shared posts claiming the filmmakers changed the names of the hijackers to 'Shankar' and 'Bhola' to allegedly protect the terrorists who belonged to a certain community. BJP IT Cell chief Amit Malviya said the hijackers of the IC-814

flight were dreaded terrorists, who acquired aliases to hide their Muslim identities.

"Filmmaker Anubhav Sinha, legitimised their criminal intent, by furthering their non-Muslim names. Decades later, people will think Hindus hijacked IC-814," Malviya posted on X.

"Left's agenda to whitewash the crimes of Pakistani terrorists, all Muslims, served. This is the power of cinema, which the Communists have been using aggressively, since the 70s. Perhaps even earlier," Malviya said.

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members in line with its con-

stitutional requirement, Shah

echoed Nadda, saying no other

party follows its membership

process in a truthful and demo-

cratic manner like the BJP.The

BJP is nourished by its mem-

bers, Shah said, asserting that

the party's lively organisation

spawns its brimming enthusi-

Both Nadda and Shah

expressed confidence that the

party will cross the milestone

of 10 crore members in the

drive as it did for the first time

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# Many parties example of what happens when organisations don't follow internal democracy: Modi

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday took a swipe at opposition parties, saying many of them are examples of what happens when political organisations do not follow internal democracy. Speaking at the launch of the BJP's membership drive, he said the 33 per cent reservation for women in assemblies and Lok Sabha will get implement-ed when the BJP build itself further through this campaign. During the BJP's membership drive held every six years, existing memberships are renewed and new members are enrolled into its fold. BJP president J P Nadda enrolled Modi as the first member, marking the launch of the drive.

The prime minister asked BJP members to think innovatively and make border villages fortresses for the party. PM Modi said the new generation is not aware of headlines about scams 10 years ago, and asked party leaders to target the 18-25 year age group during the membership drive. Addressing the event, PM Modi outlined the distinctive-

ness of the BJP in the Indian political landscape, underscoring its adherence to democratic values and internal democracy. "From the days of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh to the present, we have strived to bring a new political culture to the country," PM Modi stated. He highlighted that for any political organization entrusted with power by the people, it is essential to embody and

nurture democratic values internally. "BJP is the only party that expands its work by following democratic processes in letter and spirit, as per the constitution of our party, continuously making itself capable of living up to the hopes and aspirations of the common people," said PM Modi. Reflecting on the historical

journey of the BJP, PM Modi recalled the early days when party workers, with unwavering dedication, would paint lotus symbols on walls, signifying their commitment and belief. "We are those people who painted lotus on the walls with devotion because we believed that the lotus painted on the walls will someday be painted on the hearts too," said PM Modi. Even today, in some states, Bharatiya Janata



Party workers live the same life and fight for their ideals, he added.

Mentioning the 33% reservation for women in assemblies and Parliament, PM Modi also suggested that the Sadasyta Abhiyan should focus on including individuals who can

help maximize the success of women candidates in the Party. While concluding his address, PM Modi underscored the commitment and emotion behind the 'Sadasyta Abhiyan',

and said, "This 'Sadasyta Abhiyan' isn't just a ritual. It's an expansion of our family. It

isn't a game of numbers. It doesn't matter the numbers we achieve. This membership drive is an ideological and emotional movement.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Home Minister Amit Shah asserted that the BJP's membership drive will again launch the campaign of "Bharat Vijay" and "Bhajapa Vijay". Speaking at the launch of the party's membership drive, he said the programme will reinvigorate the organisation. The home minister said the BJP will work to enrol people from every age group, caste and religion during the drive. Shah said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, India made a new mark in every sector and resolved long-pending matters such as the Ram Janmabhoomi issue.

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injuries in the firing incident

inside the Sunjwan army camp

on the outskirts of Jammu on

According to official sources, a

few rounds were fired at

Sunjwan Military Station at

around 10.50 a.m. in which one

soldier received critical injuries.

Sources claimed the soldier

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Monday.

He lauded Modi for institutionalising the party's membership drive and recalled the prime minister's work as its senior organisation leader in Gujarat.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said Prime Minister Narendra Modi ended the credibility crisis in politics and the BJP is seen as the most credible party. The party has consistently followed its ideology and works to build society, he said.

Party president J P Nadda said the BJP is the only political organisation which is run democratically and follows its constitution.

During a similar membership Taking a swipe at the rivals, he drive in 2014 and afterwards, said the BJP does not work the BJP went on to form govfrom home in a clandestine ernments in several states, way but follows a transparent including in some for the first process. With the party set to time.

Indian soldier succumbs to bullet injuries

in firing incident inside Sunjwan army camp

## Time for uprising, not grief: Protesting Docs

## SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

ar kobe chitto bhoy shun-Ano hobe .... (How long before the mind shakes off fear)

These lines from singer Arijit Singh dedicated to "Abhaya" the victim lady doctor of RG Medical College Hospital became the leitmotif of Bengal's ongoing protest movement against what they called a "rotting system where sleaze and rape are as insep-arable as the Siamese Twins." This, even as Kolkata continued to erupt from tip to the toe with celebrities, and the common citizenry joining hundreds, maybe thousands of doctors in marches, in sitin demonstrations, in forming kms-long human chains and night dharnas demanding justice for the lady doctor who was on August 9 raped and murdered inside Asia's one of the leading medical colleges. Within days of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee advising

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her party men from a public meeting to "at least hiss at ... if not bite" the detractors large posse of doctors on Monday took out a grand rally marching towards the Bazaar Police Lal Headquarters demanding resignation of Police Commissioner Vineet Goyal for not only failing to protect one of their colleagues at her work place but for allowing his team to destroy evidence allegedly at the behest of his handlers



And to counter an armed-tothe-teeth police force the marching doctors carried with them red roses, bouquets and some fabricated Erect Spines apparently to remind the top cops their duty to safeguard the citizens first. The doctors were barricaded away about a km from the Police Headquarters they squatted on the road beginning a sit-in demonstration and singing the Bollywood vocalists latest song that was uploaded on the YouTube a

few days ago. Immediately the busy BB Ganguli Street --- where the doctors were sitting in dharna till reports last came in on Monday evening --- became loaded with emotive slogans some of which read: "Spines are for sale" and No more grief ... it is time for uprising." A few miles away the celebrities from the film and theater fraternities jammed Esplanade --- one of the busiest crossings of the country --- demanding "justice for RG Kar." The cine stars had spent the entire Sunday night awake on the streets. Down South-eastern part of Kolkata citizens and doctors joined hands in protest forming a miles' long human chain.

'As the days are passing the demand for justice for Abhaya is turning into a demand for justice for the entire society ... if the powers that be do not come to senses and continue to tough talk and act coercively then this demand will turn into a bigger demand for Change and those in power are well aware of what that term implies," said Ushashi a

Bengali film actress. The rallying doctors who carried replicas of "Erect Spines remained firm on their desire to gift some of those to the police bosses even as they said, "why are the police afraid ... are we carrying knives or guns ... we are carrying some spines and roses for them ... because we want an end to this rape and kill culture ... we want an end to had received a gunshot injury this syndicate raj in the medon his forehead. ical education where the students are forced to pay to pass their exams," said one of the junior doctors. Elsewhere the BJP workers too held protests at many places in Cooch Behar, Malda,

the area. House-to-house searches were conducted to rule out the presence of ter-Birbhum and other places rorists in the close vicinity of where they gheraoed the the Sunjwan Army camp. The offices of the district magisarmy camp is surrounded by trates and submitted deputaresidential areas on all sides. High alert was also sounded in

the entire Jammu city and traffic was diverted to prevent injuries to the common citizens. Several security checkpoints were activated to enhance the general vigil in crowded places.

After thorough investigations, the Indian army late Monday evening clarified, " Initial investigations by the Indian Army suggest that the incident in which a soldier lost his life in the morning is not a terror attack. The cause of the death of the soldier is being investigated".

The deceased soldier has been Following the incident, a joint identified as Naik Kuldeep team of security forces immediately rushed to the spot to Singh from Punjab. Earlier on conduct search operations in 10 February 2018, JeM terrorists attacked the Sunjawan military camp in Jammu, which led to the killing of six soldiers, a civilian, and three terrorists. Around 20 people, including soldiers and civilians, were also injured in the attack. In a separate search operation

launched by the Border Security Force (BSF), Police Component Jammu, and Samba Police, three pistols were recovered suspected to have been dropped by a drone from across the border in Ramgarh Sector of district Samba. According to a police spokesman, "On creditable input regarding the drone activity in the Mallu Chack area, a joint ambush by BSF, PC Jammu and Samba Police was laid in the area. On hearing the humming sound of the drone coming from the Pak side, security personnel fired some rounds towards the direction of the humming sound and pushed the drone back to the Pak side" After spotting suspected drone

movement, a thorough search operation was launched in the general area of Mallu Chack and three pistols were recovered suspected to be dropped by the drone.

## CCS chaired by Modi approves procurement of 240 aero-engines worth ₹26K crore

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Tn an effort to further enhance Loperational capabilities to meet threat from China, Cabinet Committee

on Security(CCS)chaired by Prime Narendra Modi

## **RSS** says, caste census important, but not...

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Rahul Gandhi has been a staunch supporter of a nationwide socio-economic caste census, which was also part of the party's manifesto for the Lok Sabha elections.

Calls for a national caste census crystallised after Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal (United), the ruling party in Bihar, published the results of a statewide caste survey. Released in October last, it revealed that over 80 per cent of the state's population belongs to

saying it was not opposed to the govern-ment conducting a nationwide exercise. "Recently, a discussion around caste census has started again. We believe it must be used for all-encompassing progress of the society, and while doing so all sides must ensure that social harmony and integrity is not disturbed," Ambekar had said.

The RSS's clarification came after Shridhar Gadge, an RSS functionary, sparked controversy by calling the caste census a "futile exercise" that would serve only certain individuals.

"A caste census will quantify caste-wise populations. But it is not going to be in the interest of society or the nation," Gadge had said.Following the release of the Bihar caste Union

actually opposed a caste census. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court on

tions.

Monday refused to entertain a plea seeking direction to the Centre for conducting a socio-economic caste census for the welfare of backward and other marginalised sections, saying the issue falls in the domain of governance.

A bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy and SVN Bhatti allowed the petitioner P Prasad Naidu to withdraw his plea in which he had sought a direction for expediting the enumeration of data for census.

"What can be done about this? The issue is in the domain of governance. It is a policv matter," the bench told senior advocate Ravishankar Jandyala and advocate Sravan Kumar Karanam, appearing for the peti

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"Suddenly, there was a landslide and the debris fell on the tin shed which collapsed," he said.

On New Year's Day in 2022, a stampede at the shrine left 12 pilgrims dead and 16 injured.

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Netflix...

bloodshed," he added.

Abdullah said it was really

amusing to see the people who took movies like

'Kashmir Files' as the gospel

truth having a meltdown at

the way the events of IC814

are depicted in the Netflix

Minister Omar

SC: Why demolish houses...

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that merely because a person was alleged to have been a part of some offence can never be a ground for demolition of his

immovable property. Mehta said the state has said that demolition of an immovable property can take place "only for violation of and in accordance with the procedure prescribed in the applicable respective

municipal law or law develop erning nent

Pradesh) affidavit which I had filed long time back," he said.

Stressing on the need for formulating guidelines on the issue, the bench said it was necessary to ensure that neither an individual takes advantage of a loophole nor authorities rely on lacunae."As they said, a pious father can have recalcitrant son and vice-versa, but this is no way to go about it," the

bench said. Dushyan enior advocate Dave, appearing for one of

the petitioners, said, "Let a

statement be recorded that

across the country, bulldozer

justice will not be meted out

to people". He said almost

every state was now indulging in this and

d e m o l i s h i n g properties.Senior advocate C

U Singh, appearing for some

Monday approved procurement of 240 aero-engines for IAF's Su-30 MKI aircraft from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited(HAL) worth Rs 26,000 crore.

Giving details, the defence ministry said here the CCS approved the proposal for procurement of 240 aero-engines (AL-31FP) for Su-30 MKI aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) under Buy (Indian) category from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) at a cost of over Rs 26,000 crore inclusive of all taxes and duties. The delivery of these aero-engines would start after one year and complete

over a period of eight years. The engines will have indigenous content over 54%, enhanced due to indigenisation of some key components of aero-engines. These would be manufactured at Koraput division of HAL.

Su-30 MKI is one of the most powerful and strategically-significant fleet of IAF. The supply of these aero-engines by the HAL would meet the fleet sustenance requirement of IAF to continue their unhindered operations and strengthen the defence preparedness of the country

The RSS had clarified its stance on the issue Amit Shah had said the BJP had never tioner

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Khan has claimed that the way we got justice in the Enforcement Directorate officourt earlier, this time too we will get justice. This is a case cials have arrived at his house in Okhla in the national capthat is completely fake," he ital to arrest him. In a post on added. X at 7.43 am, Khan said, "ED In another video, an elderly woman was seen lying on the people have just arrived at my house to arrest me."In a selfbed as Khan asked a man at made video, the AAP MLA his door why the officials said that the investigative were there when he had sought four weeks to appear agency has been continuously harassing him for the past before the ED. Visuals showed, Khan telling officials: two years." It is seven in the morning, and the ED has "I want four weeks' time. My come to arrest me in the mother-in-law has been operated upon." The man outside the gate replied, "Why do you name of a search warrant. My mother-in-law has cancer. believe we are here to arrest and she is currently at my home. I have written to them, you?" The legislator replies, and I have also replied to "Why else have you come?"A each of their notices. These woman, apparently Khan's people have been harassing wife, was heard saying, "What do you need to search at a me continuously for the last two years. Their only aim is three-room house. Why do to break our party. We are not you have to turn my home going to bow down, and we upside down every time?"She are not going to break," Khan has cancer and she has been

operated upon. I will take you said."I am hopeful that the the court if anything happens to my mother. She can't even stand," the woman further said.

Significantly, in another video from inside the residence of AAP MLA has also emerged where the officials from the ED and Delhi Police can be seen working over some documents. While, disgruntled AAP MLA can be seen sitting in next room near his ailing mother-in-law

Earlier in April this year, the Rouse Avenue Court granted bail to Khan in connection with the Enforcement Directorate's recent complaint filed against him for alleged non-attendance of the summons in the Delhi Waqf Board money laundering case.

ED recently moved a complaint against him for not appearing before the agency

and not joining the probe in the case related to the alleged irregularities in appointment in Delhi Waqf Board and leasing of its properties. The ED had alleged that Khan has

elevated his role from witness to accused by filing an anticipatory bail plea and running away from the investigation. ED's lawyer further stated that they were never able to conclude the probe against him because he was not presenting himself before the agency. A charge sheet has already been filed against four accused persons and one firm. It has been alleged that Rs 100 crore Waqf Properties were given on lease illegally.

It is also alleged that 32 contractual employees were appointed in the Delhi Waqf Board during the chairmanship of Khan, who flouted the rules.

authorities of the area". He said no immovable property can be demolished solely on the ground that the owner or occupant of such property was involved in a criminal offence.

"If you are accepting this position, we will record and issue guidelines for all the states," the bench said. "We are not going to protect any unauthorised construction or "This will not just weaken/put in question encroachment in public roads. Not even the temples India's security apparatus in the long run but also shift on public roads," the top the blame away from the court said. Mehta said the religious cohort, that is issue will be discussed with responsible for all the states in order to find a solution. Former Jammu and Kashmir

"Though it is a question of law, it is seen that it is followed more in breach," the bench observed. The solicitor general said the petitioners have projected the issue as if houses were demolished only because some people committed an offence.

Mehta said he can show that "Now suddenly they want authorities had issued notices accuracy and nuance well in advance before packaged in the script," demolition was carried out."This controversy can be Abdullah said in a social put to an end by my (Uttar

applicants, referred to demolition of properties in some other states." We will lay down guidelines for across the country," the bench said. The top court noted that these petitions have raised grievances about immovable properties of people accused of crime being demolished.It said this position has been disputed by Uttar Pradesh and an affidavit has been filed by the state which says immovable properties can be demolished only in accordance with the procedure prescribed by law.

"We propose to lay down certain guidelines on a pan-India basis so that the concerns with regard to the issues raised are taken care of," the bench said.

## Cabinet announces big ticket reforms for farming...

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In the financial year ended March, imports went up 84% year-on-year to 4.65 million tonne, the most in six years. In value terms, the country's spending on imports rose 93% to \$3.75 billion. India largely imports from Canada, Australia, Myanmar, Mozambique, Tanzania, Sudan and Malawi. Extreme weather linked to the climate crisis has dented farm output in Asia's third largest economy, hurting crops such as wheat and stocking prices. The Cabinet also approved an outlay of Rs 2,291 crore strengthening agricultural education,

management and social dynamically to the State's sciences. This programme land records, livestock will be under Indian Council of Agricultural Research. The aim is to modernise details, schemes and benefits agri-research and education in line with New Education Policy 2020. The use of latest through technology like Digital DPI, Al, big data, remote, etc will be promoted and the programme includes natural farming and climate resilience. "Under AgriStack, farmers will be given a digital identity (Farmer ID) similar to Aadhaar, which will be a trusted 'Kisan ki Pehchaan,"

ownership, crops sown, demographic details, family availed etc. Crops sown by farmers will be recorded mobile-based ground surveys i.E. Digital Crop Survey to be conducted in each season. For the creation of Farmer IDs, pilots have been conducted in one district each across 6 States: Uttar Pradesh (Farrukhabad), Gujarat (Gandhinagar), Maharashtra (Beed), Haryana (Yamuna Nagar), Punjab (Fatehgarh the statement said. This Sahib), and Tamil Nadu 'Farmer ID' will be linked (Virudhnagar). "It is targeted

to create digital identities for 11 crore farmers: six crore farmers in FY 2024-25, three crore farmers in FY 2025-26, and two crore farmers in FY 2026-27", the statement said. The third project worth Rs 1,702-crore has also been cleared for sustainable livestock health and their production. The scheme aims to increase farmers' income from livestock and dairy. Under this scheme, the focus will be on animal health management and veterinary education; dairy production and technology development; animal genetic resource management, production and

improvement; and animal nutrition and small ruminant production and development.

The Cabinet also approved the Digital Agriculture Mission with a total investment of Rs 2,817 crore. There are two foundation pillars in the project -- Agri Stack and Krishi Decision Support System. A major component of DAM mission is the creation of an Agri Stack, which includes a Farmers Registry, Village Land Maps Registry, and Crop Sown Registry. The Agri Stack will serve as a comprehensive database through detailed records of

farmers, land usage, and crop patterns. Another crucial aspect of the mission is the Krishi Decision Support System. This system will leverage geospatial data, and flood drought monitoring, weather and data, satellite and groundwater availability information to assist farmers in making informed decisions. Additionally, the system will include modeling tools for crop yield and insurance, helping farmers to better plan their activities and mitigate risks.

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Another major scheme cleared by the Cabinet relates to sustainable development for horticulture. "With a total outlay of Rs 860 crore country.

the measure is aimed at increasing farmers' income from horticulture plants." The programme comprises of tropical, sub-tropical and temperate horticulture crops; root, tuber, bulbous and arid crops; vegetable, floriculture, and mushroom crops; and plantation, spices, medicinal, and aromatic plants Other decisions taken by the Cabinet pertains to strengthening Krish Vigyan Kendra (Rs 1,202 crore), and Natural Resource

Management (Rs 1,115

crore). There are more than 700 KVKs across the

## capital 03



# ACB takes cognisance of plaint against corruption in Health Dept

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The Delhi Anti-Corruption The Denn And Company Branch (ACB) on Monday took cognisance of a complaint regarding rampant corruption in the state Health Department under AAP leaders including Saurabh Bhardwaj and Satyendra Iain.

The complaint was lodged with the ACB by Leader of Opposition (LoP) in Delhi Assembly Vijendra Gupta. The branch also said they have sought prior approval for conducting enquiry into the matter has been sent to the competent authority.

Earlier, Gupta wrote a letter to the ACB and said, "We are writing to demand an immediate and thorough investigation into the rampant corruption plaguing the Health Department of the Government of NCT of Delhi. The scale of financial misconduct under the current Health Minister, Saurabh Bhardwaj, and the former Health Minister, Satyendra Jain, is staggering and

requires urgent attention." Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva said, "Vijender Gupta, had filed a complaint with the ACB regarding scams in the Delhi government's health department. Now, an FIR is about to be registered, and Kejriwal's dark truths will be revealed'

He alleged that healthcare services in Delhi have completely collapsed and whether it is operational hospitals, those under

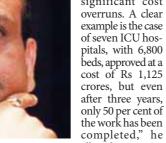


construction, or Mohalla Clinics, all have become centres of corruption.

"Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj and the ministers of Kejriwal's Government, whose health department projects are all delayed, should take responsibility and resign. Forget the construction of new hospitals, even the upgrading of existing ones has been delayed by years," Sachdeva said.

He called AAP leaders including Delhi Health Minister as Ministers of press conferences'. "Delhi's Mohalla Clinics, and their patient bills, pathology tests, and X-rays, have all become subjects of corruption, and an investigation is ongoing. Such scams are not possible without the silent consent of the Minister and the Chief Minister," he said.

Gupta, in a press conference, highlighted numerous cases of mismanagement and corruption. "The 24 approved hospital projects, with a total cost of Rs 5,590 crores, many are still incomplete and have incurred



alleged

Further, he claimed that out of the 94 planned multipurpose clinics, only 52 have been constructed. Another issue raised was the Health Information Management System (HIMS) project stating that the transparent system hasn't been implemented even after eight years, resulting in a waste of Rs 130 crores.

He highlighted the Delhi government's failure to utilise central funds, particularly Rs 2,406 crores sanctioned under the PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM). He demanded the immediate resignation of Health Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, as criminal negligence and corruption have put countless lives at risk and wasted taxpayer money.

Reacting to Health Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj's attempts to distance himself from the allegations, Gupta said that the AAP ministers are completely stunned by these revelations and are now on the back foot.

## AAP, BJP at loggerheads over |SC grants bail to Kejriwal's aide Bibhav arrest of Amanatullah by ED in Maliwal assault case

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The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) are at loggerheads over the arrest of MLA Amanatullah Khan by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a money laundering case related to financial irreg-ularities in the Delhi Waqf Board as the former has called him as 'revolutionary who won't surrender before a dictator', while the latter has said that if there are any allegations against him, then the court would decide on it. Reacting to the news of the arrest of senior AAP leader, Delhi Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj on Monday criticised the Centre for allegedly "misusing" agencies to harass the AAP leaders, describing it as "open hooliganism" and claimed the investigative agencies have till date found no evidence against his party leader in the alleged money laundering case.

Questioning the central agency's raid at Khan's residence in Okhla, the senior AAP leader asked, "He lives in a three-room flat in Okhla. His mother, who is suffering from cancer, was seen lying on a bed during the search. How many times will you go there to search and harass the family?" With Delhi assembly elections expected to be held early next year, Bharadwaj further said the BJP's downfall has begun and people will soon give the party a befitting reply.

Meanwhile, accusing the AAP of having corrupt and criminal



individuals, Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva said, "AAP leaders behave like birds that rush to peck at grain, forgetting that there is also a trap around, and that trap does its job. Amanatullah Khan has fallen into the legal trap for illegally recruiting people in the Delhi Waqf Board and misusing funds that could have been spent on public welfare." He added that AAP has a long

list of criminals and corrupt individuals, and whenever action is taken against them, they start making noise. "Once again, that drama has unfolded before everyone," Sachdeva claimed, adding that in India, the rule of law prevails, and whenever you loot, steal, or indulge in corruption, you will have to answer for it.

New Delhi BJP MP Bansuri Swaraj held ÉD's raid at the AAP MLA's house as a valid legal step and claimed that the AAP leaders are engaged in propoganda, publicity and corruption' instead of working towards the welfare of the peo-

Amanatullah Khan faces several serious allegations. During his tenure as the Chairman of the Waqf Board, he made ille-

custody for over 100 days. A bench of Justices Surva Kant gal recruitments and misused funds meant for social and public welfare, which was being investigated by the CBI. Today, the ED has arrested him as part of a legal process. However, it is an old habit of the AAP to be completely immersed in propaganda and corruption, and they have done no work for the people," Bansuri asserted, adding that no one is above the tion. law, and thus, Amanatullah Khan is accountable for why he

looted the Waqf Board. Northwest Delhi BJP MP Yogendra Chandolia claimed that the MLAs and councillors of the AAP in Delhi are all corrupt. "When the investigating agency arrested him today, he started making a fuss. In real ity, AAP leaders are habitual offenders and are used to making noise," he added.

Leader of Opposition (LoP) in Delhi assembly Vijender Gupta questioned the AAP, asking why they are compelled to shelter such criminal-minded people. "When he was the Chairman of the Waqf Board, four members of the board filed complaints against him, but it is regrettable that AAP members themselves are trying to protect him," he said.



Kumar, said the injuries are

simple and the invocation of

the offence under Section 308

of the Indian Penal Code

(attempt to commit culpable

homicide not amounting to

murder) was not justified. In

order to address the concerns

about the possibility of Kumar

influencing the witnesses, the

bench imposed a number of conditions on him including

that he will not be reinstated as

a personal assistant to Kejriwal

and Ujjal Bhuyan also took of bail at this stage into account that the prosecution has proposed to examine "There are certain important more than 51 witnesses and witnesses who are under his said the trial will take time to influence. Let them be exam-ined first," Raju submitted conclude.It also noted that since the charge sheet in the while claiming that CCTV case has already been filed, footage of the incident has Kumar's release will not cause been tampered with. Senior advocate Abhishek any prejudice to the investiga-Singhvi, who represented

"Allegations are that the petitioner, who is personal secretary to Delhi chief minister, assaulted the complainant-vic-tim who is a Rajya Sabha MP... Investigation in the case is complete. Charge sheet has been filed. We are not inclined to hear on the point as to where prima facie offense is made out. It's exclusive domain of trial court.

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"While we appreciate the concern to keep witnesses free from influence for conclusion of a fair and free trial, we are satisfied that desired protection can be afforded through other measures. Without expressing opinion on merits, we deem it appropriate to grant bail to petitioner," the bench said.

or given any official assign-ment in the chief minister's office. The top court also restrained Kumar from entering the chief minister's residence till all witnesses have been examined. The petitioner shall not make any public comment regarding the case, it

Additional Solicitor General S V Raju, appearing for the Delhi Police, opposed the grant added.

## AAP ex-communication Rain-induced waterlogging causes traffic congestions in-charge released on bail STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

## STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

mid the Supreme Court's Adecision to grant bail to former AAP communication in-charge Vijay Nair, the AAP on Monday claimed that the BJP and its agencies' false cases are falling flat and asserted that incarcerated Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will soon emerge victorious, thwarting the Modi government's plots. Senior AAP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia too to 'X' and shared, "Another bomb of BJP's fabricated liquor scam story burst today. Vijay Nair was kept in

jail for 23 months without any

 $S^{\text{evere waterlogging and}}_{\text{uprooting of trees were}}$ proof or any recovery. The only aim was - if we cannot witnessed in the national stop Arvind Kejriwal in elec-Capital after rainfall lashed tions, then we should stop him various parts of Delhi on and his entire team. Get him Monday causing traffic conarrested by ED-CBI and keep gestion and irking comhim in jail. It may take time but muters. in the end, truth always wins." Albeit residents of Delhi wak-AAP General Secretary ing up to a pleasant morning, (Organisation) and Rajva office goers and commuters office goers and commuters witnessed heavy waterlogging at arterial roads of the city causing traffic jams. Areas including Dhaula Kuan, Moti Bagh, Mundka, Mehrauli-Badarpur road, Sainik Farm, Lajpat Nagar, Karol Bagh, Punjabi Bagh, Khanpur, ITO Sabha MP Dr. Sandeep Pathak asserted, "Satyamev Jayate. Another BJP-fabricated liquor scam exposed. Vijay Nair was kept in jail for 23 months without any evidence, why? Just to stop Kejriwal? Truth always prevails.

and Okhla Estate among others were flooded after the showers causing slow traffic movement.

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi received a total of 11 calls regarding waterlogging and tree falling in the city. It received a total of six complaints regarding waterlogging including two from Shahdara North zone, one each from Narela zone, Karol Bagh zone, West zone and Keshavpuram zone while it got five calls regarding tree falling including two from Central zone, one each from South zone, Rohini zone and City SP zone. Meanwhile, the Delhi Police



asked commuters to plan their peak-hour travel carefully in view of the traffic situation in the city. In a post on X, the police said traffic was affected on both carriage-ways of National Highway-48 Enclave Road on the car-riageway from Saket court

from Dhaula Kuan towards Mahipalpur and vice-versa due to waterlogging.

In another post, they said traffic was affected on Press

HC refuses to quash proceedings against AAP leaders in defamation case

towards Malviya Nagar due to waterlogging near the Hauz

Rani red light. Traffic was also hit on Ring Road on the carriageway from DND towards the Moolchand underpass due to waterlogging; on both carriageways from Road No 13 towards Okhla Estate Road; both carriageways of the Outer Ring Road; Safdarjang towards Dhaula Kuan; and Badarpur towards Mehrauli, among others. Traffic was affected at the Birla Vidya Niketan Marg in Saket due to a tree being uprooted near Amity School. Driver of the car, who was sitting inside the vehicle at the time of incident, escaped unhurt. Amit Singh, a resident of south Delhi, said vehicles were crawling near Safdarjung and from Dhaula Kuan to Mahipalpur. "One can see waterlogging at several areas of south Delhi, leading to such traffic chaos during peak hours," he said.

A commuter travelling from Gurugram to central Delhi said there was a massive traffic jam at Mahipalpur on the carriageway towards Dhaula Kuan. Several commuters also posted on X, complaining about the traffic and waterlogging in Khanpur, Moti Bagh and Chhattarpur, among others.

## to be held on Sept 27: DU

Students' union elections

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he Delhi University on I Monday announced that its student union elections for 2024-25 will be held on September 27.

The nominations for DUSU polls can be filed on September 17, a varsity official said, adding that the counting of votes will take place on September 28.

The voting will take place for day-time classes between 8.30 am to 1 pm and for the evening classes from 3 pm to 7.30 pm, as per the official.

After scrutiny of the nominations filed, the list of the duly nominated candidates will be released by 6 pm on September 17.

The last date to withdraw the nominations is set as September 18, till 12 noon. The final list of nominated candidates contesting the DUSU polls will be published Lon VOFB

till 5 pm on September 18. The nomination papers for the DUSU central panel are required to be submitted at the office of Chief Election Officer Satyapal Singh in North Campus from 10 am to

For the Central Council elections, to be held in respective institutes affiliated to DUSU, the nomination papers are



the concerned college and department.

Last year, the RSS-affiliated ABVP had won three central panel polls including that of president while the Congress' student wing NSUI bagged post of vice-president.

The elections were held after a gap of three years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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The Delhi High Court on Monday refused to quash the proceedings against Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and other AAP leaders in a defamation case over their remarks about alleged deletion of the names of 30 lakh voters belonging to some communities from electoral rolls in the national capital. The high court said the imputations in the present case were prima facie "defamatory" with an intention of vilifying Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and gaining undue political mileage. Justice Anoop Kumar Mendiratta dismissed the plea by Kejriwal and three others -- Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) former Rajya Sabha member Sushil Kumar Gupta, Minister of Education Atishi and party leader Manoj Kumar -- challenging the defamation proceedings before the trial court.



February 28, 2020 stayed the proceedings before the trial court, vacated the interim order and asked the parties to appear before the trial court on October 3. It said a political party cannot be allowed to engage in mud-slinging and making "mischievous, false and defamatory" imputations against rival political parties.

'Under the constitutional schemes, the citizens have a right to know truthful and The high court, which had on correct information in order

to form an appropriate opinion about the social processes. "However, at the same time, a political party cannot be permitted to sponsor the print media for political purposes, thereby slinging mud and making mischievous, false and defamatory imputations on the rival political parties," the high court said. It further said, "The imputations in the present case are

prima facie defamatory with an intention of vilifying BJP and gaining undue political

mileage by attributing that BJP was responsible for deletion of names of about 30 lakh voters belonging to particular communities". The AAP leaders had challenged a sessions court order which upheld a magisterial court's decision to summon them as accused in the complaint filed by BJP leader Rajeev Babbar.

The high court, while pronouncing its order, said the summoning order passed by the trial court for the commission of offences under section 499 (offence of defamation) and 500 (punishment for the offence of defamation) of the IPC does not call for any interference. It said the defence taken by the petitioner AAP leaders

that the imputations were

bonafide and in public good

needs to be proved and estab-

lished during the course of the

The AAP leaders had sought

the quashing of the magiste-

rial court's March 15, 2019

and sessions court's January

trial.

28, 2020 orders. Babbar, who moved the defamation complaint on behalf of the party's Delhi unit, had sought action against them for "harming" the reputation of the BJP by blaming it for the deletion of the names of voters from electoral rolls.

He had claimed that the AAP leaders, during a press conference held in December 2018, alleged that on the directions of the BJP the names of 30 lakh voters from Bania, Poorvanchali and the Muslim community were deleted by the Election Commission.

Kejriwal and others had claimed that the trial court failed to appreciate that no offence, whether of defamation or otherwise, was made out against them. The trial courts failed to appreciate that the AAP leaders did not make or publish any statement against Babbar or his party as alleged by him, the plea in the high court

claimed.

Power to arrest must be directly proportional to its checks and balances, court tells ED

## STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

city court has pulled up Athe Enforcement Directorate (ED) while granting bail to an accused in a money laundering case and said that the power to arrest must be directly proportional to its checks and balances coupled with unambiguous regulations.

Granting bail to Mangelal Sunil Agarwal, Additional Sessions Judge (ASJ) Dheeraj Mor noted that in a "very unpleasant situation", while the previous investigating officer had cited him as a witness, the next IO chose to arrest him based on the same evidence available on record. "The hallmark of investigation

deprecated as it would make a supposed objective investigation dependent upon his uncontrolled whims and fancies, who has been conferred extreme power of arrest that leads to curtailing liberty of an individual," the judge said in the order passed on August

"In these circumstances, it is apparent that one of the lOs was/is wrong and either acted upon the considerations extraneous to law for the reasons to be ascertained or he was incompetent to comprehend the facts of the case in proper perspective. "Both the situations are perilous as it may allow an

is its objectivity. Subjective accused getting (away) scot-interpretation of IO must be free or result in unlawful curtailment of liberty of an individual thereby impinging his cherished fundamental right of liberty," the order stated. The judge noted that the court had in November 2022 opted not to summon Agarwal as it did not find the evidence collected on record against him to be sufficient to

consider him an accused. "It appears that the IO, while arresting the applicant on the basis of the same evidence, chose to sit as an appellate forum on the wisdom of the court which desisted to summon the applicant for the offence based upon the same evidence," the court said. It further noted that after



arresting the applicant, the tions or Standard Operating ED has been trying to collect additional evidence against Agarwal by evaluating his mobile data and emails. "That is putting a cart ahead of horse and nothing more but an attempt to justify the arrest," it said.

The court said that admittedly, the IO has the prerogative to take the decision to arrest or not arrest any person. "However, it cannot be arbitrary... The act of the IO to arrest him on the same evidence is an apparent over-reach of his powers that deserves to be disapproved. The power to arrest must be directly proportional to its checks and balances coupled with unambiguous regulaProtocol (SOP)," it said.

Accordingly, the ED director is requested to apprise this court if there is any SOP or regulation for affecting arrest and what process is adopted by seniors to monitor the arrest of an accused, the order stated. "If these systems are evolved and are in place, this case is classic example of its violation. Therefore, it is expedient in interest of justice to call upon worthy Director, ED to conduct an inquiry for ascertaining the reasons for adopting absolutely diametrically opposite approach by two IOs confronted with exactly same evidence against the accused," it said.

The court also directed the

duties and what action, if any, was taken against the erring official. "In case the opposite views of both of them are found to be justifiable, though (it) doesn't appeal to common sense, it be clarified as to how to reconcile with this distasteful situation," it said. According to the prosecution, the case was filed against

ED to file an inquiry report within a month, stating if

either of the IOs faulted in his

Phoenix International FZC and other accused, including Agarwal, in connection with an alleged conspiracy to cheat Ligare Aviation Ltd. By siphoning of its funds to the tune of Rs 18.88 crore using fake invoices.



## Shambhu border stir: SC forms panel to address farmers' issues | Indian Navy's P-8I aircraft to participate

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Observing that farmers' protest should not be politicised, the Supreme Court on Monday constituted a highpowered committee headed by former Punjab and Haryana High Court judge

### PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that Nikhil Negi & father Vijay Singh Negi had booked a residential flat Tower C-11, Upper Ground Floor, H.No-01, in the project being developed by Ms/ PRATEEK REALTORS INDIA PVT. ITD. Siddharth Vihar, Ghaziabad (hereinafter referred to as "the Company") with the name of "Grand Carnesia" at plot 4/bs-01 & 4/bs 05. That Mr. Vijay Singh Negi has unfortunately expired on 07th May, 2021 and Nikhil Negi S/o Late Vijay Singh Negi R/o Ward No.-6, Sainik Basti Nagar Ghar Rani-pokhari, Dehradun (Uttrakhand) 248145 have approached and applied to the Company being the legal heir of Late Vijay Singh Negi. In case there is/ are any other legal heirs of Vijay Singh Negi, the said person is required to approach the Company along with the relevant documents within 15 days from the publication of this notice. In case no name(s) is/ are received by the Company Nikhil Negi S/o Late Vijay Singh Negi R/o Ward No.-6, Sainik Basti Ragar Company Nikhil Negi S/o Late Vijay Singh Negi R/o Ward No.-6, Sainik Basti Ragar Company Nikhil Negi S/o Late Vijay Singh Negi R/o Ward No.-6, Sainik Basti Ragar Company Nikhil Negi S/o Late Vijay Singh Negi R/o Ward No.-6, Sainik Basti Ragar Company Nikhil Negi S/o Late Vijay Singh Negi R/o Ward No.-6, Sainik Basti Ragar Company Nikhil Negi S/o Late Vijay Singh Negi R/o Ward No.-6, Sainik Basti Ragar Company Nikhil Negi S/o Late Vijay Singh Negi R/o Ward No.-6, Sainik Basti Ragar Company Nikhil Negi S/o Late Vijay Singh Negi R/o Ward No.-6, Sainik Basti Ragar Company Nikhil Negi S/o Late Vijay Singh Negi R/o Ward No.-6, Sainik Basti Ragar Case Negi R/o Ward No.-6, Sainik Basti Ragar Company Nikhil Negi S/o Late Vijay Singh Negi R/o Ward No.-6, Sainik Bast Nagar Ghar Ranipokhari, Dehradun (Uttrakhand) 248145 will be registered as legal heir of Vijay Singh Negi and no objection would be accepted thereafter

## APPENDIX IV-A

Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcer Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to **Sammaar** Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.) [CIN L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 20.09.2024 from 04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 29,55,821/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty One only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLVAS00277128, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 23.08.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 24.08.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from VIKASH BADAL SUNITA KESHRLand IOBAL AHMAD

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 13,00,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,30,000/-(Rupees One Lakh Thirty Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve

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PLOT NO. F - 35, F. NO. FF - 2, FIRST FLOOR, FRONT RHS, SLF VED VIHAR LONI, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH - 201010. For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided on the

website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.sammaancapital.com; Contact No : 0124 6910910, +91 7065451024; E-mail id : auctionhelpline@sammaancapital.com. For oidding, log on to www.auctionfocus.ir

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE** In re: **M/S. ADRIA MEDICARE PRIVATE LIMITED**

## (CIN U85100DL2021PTC391818) having its registered office at W-4, West Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008.

This is to bring to the notice of all concerned that Our Client Ms. Divya Bhasin wife of Shri P. Gupta of B-27, Vishal Enclave, New Delhi-110027 has initiated proceedings in the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, New Delhi bearing No. CP-231/ND/2023 u/s 241-242 r/w Section 59 of Companies Act, 2013 against M/s. Adria Medicare Pvt. Limited, Dr. Anil Kumar Singh s/o Tellu Singh & others, which is pending adjudication. Apart from other prayers, our Client has also challenged her illegal removal from the Board of Directors of Adria Medicare Pvt. Limited and illegal transfer of her shares of Adria Medicare Pvt. Limited. Our Client has also filed a criminal complaint u/s 200 for commission of offences u/s 406, 468, 469, 471 etc. along with an application u/s 156 (3) of the Code of Criminal Procedure against Dr. Anil Kumar Singh s/o Tellu Singh & others which is pending adjudication before the Ld. Court of M.M-02/WEST/THC/ Delhi.

We state on behalf and on the instructions of our Client

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Service Rolling Justice Nawab Singh to amicably resolve the grievances of farmers agitating at the Shambhu border. A bench of Justices Surva

ed the five-member commitand Haryana Governments tee to convene its first meeting will be free to give suggestions to the committee, it added. within a week and reach out to the agitating farmers to per-The farmers are agitating over suade them to immediately a plethora of demands includremove their tractors, troling legal guarantee of minileys etc. From the Shambhu mum support price (MSP) for border between Punjab and their produce. Haryana to provide relief to "We hope and trust that one of

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#### APPENDIX IV-A Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable Property mortgaged to Sammaan Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.) [CIN : L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 04.10.2024 from 04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 25,43,497/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Forty Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Seven only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLDMT00465196, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 20.08.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 21.08.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from PAWAN KUMAR and MALA.

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 15,75,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Seventy Five Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,57,500/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Five Hundred only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

FLAT NO. - UGF - 2 (M. I. G.), HAVING COVERED AREA 550 SQUARE FEET EQUIVALENT TO 51.09 SQUARE METERS ON UPPER GROUND FLOOR, (LEFT HAND BACK SIDE) CONSTRUCTED UPON PLOT NO -D-8/12 IN DLE ANKUE VIHAR, SITUATED IN VILLAGE LONI, PARGANA & TEHSIL LONI, GHAZIABAD 201102, UTTAR PRADESH.

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

AUTHORISED OFFICER SAMMAAN CAPITAL LIMITED

(Formerly known as INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD.)

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Date : 27.08.2024

Date : 28.08.2024

Place : GHAZIABAD

Place : GHAZIABAD

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation a Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Surantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Sammaan Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.) [CIN L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold or "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 20.09.2024 from the secure of the secu 04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 16,67,956/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Six only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLDCP00199513, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 28.08.2024 with applicable future interest in along with legal expenses and other related loan document(s) w.ef. 29.08.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from NARESH CHAND DUNG and GITA.

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be **Rs. 8,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakh only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit ("**EMD**") will be **Rs. 80,000/- (Rupees Eighty Thousand only)** i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FLAT NO. 103, GROUND FLOOR, MIDDLE LIG, PLOT NO. MM - 122, SAI APARTMENT - I, DLF ANKUR VIHAR, LONI, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH -201010. For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided on the

website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.sammaancapital.com; Contact No : 0124 6910910, +91 7065451024; E-mail id : auctionhelpline@sammaancapital.com. Fo idding, log on to www.auctionfocus.ir

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Sammaan Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.) ICIN L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold or 'as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 20.09.2024 from 04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 26,90,914/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakt Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Fourteen only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLRHN00280798, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 23.08.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 24.08.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from RAJESH

KUMAR SAH and SMITA KUMARI. he Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 13,00,000/- (Rupee Thirteen Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,30,000/ Rupees One Lakh Thirty Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reser

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PNS NEW DELHI

P-8 I aircraft of the Indian ANavy has reached France to participate in 'Exercise Varuna' with the French Navy, an official said adding it marked the first-ever deployment of the aircraft in Europe. The 2024 edition of Indo-French bilateral naval 'Exercise

September two to four in the Mediterranean Sea, will include

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The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 41,10,000/- (Rupees Forty One Lakh Ten Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 4,11,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Eleven Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNIT BEARING NO. 1903, HAVING SUPER AREA MEASURING 1100 SQ. FT. AND BUILT - UP AREA MEASURING 900 SQ. FT. ON 19TH FLOOR, TOWER RIDDHI, IN WILLAGE MEHRAULI, NH - 24 GHAZIABAD - 201010, UTTAR PRADESH, TOGETHER WITH ONE COVERED CAR PARKING SPACE.

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

Date : 28.08.2024 Place : GHAZIABAD

(Incorporation) Rules 2014] Before the Central Government ICICI Bank (Regional Director, Northern Region) the matter of sub-section (4) o

Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation

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will immediately respond to

the request of the high-pow-

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the Shambhu border or the

other roads connecting the

two States without any delay.

Public Notice It is informed to the public at large

that Mr. Tanui Gulati r/o BG-6/

298C, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-

110063, is the absolute and bona

fide owner and in possession of

Plot Bearing No. 21 situated at

Shivaji Enclave, New Delhi-110027.

He has the sole rights to sell this

property. No other person (s)/ party is authorized to deal regarding the

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of India Gulmohar Park Delhi-

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above-mentioned property.

Rules,2014 AND n the matter of VOSTRO DESIGN & FASHION PRIVATE LIMITED having its registered office at C-198/4-A, G No. 8, Bhajanpura, Shahdra, Delhi 110053, Petitioner

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make application to the Central nt (Regional Director) unde ection 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 eeking confirmation of alteration of the lemorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special esolution passed at the Extra ordinary general meeting held on 2nd September 2024 to enable the company to change its Registered Office from "National Capital Territory of Delhi" to "State of Uttar Pradesh' Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver either on the MCA-21 oortal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing nvestor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/he interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director at the address B 2 Wing, 2nd Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi 110003 within fourteen days of the date f publication of this notice with a copy

gistered office. For and on behalf o **VOSTRO DESIGN & FASHION PRIVATE** LIMITED Sd/

the applicant company at its

Date:02.09.2024. Vinita Panigrah Director (DIN 07264579) Place:Delhi

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Date : 27.08.2024 Place : GHAZIABAD



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

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

(Enforcement) Rules, 2002. This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest	Date and Time of Property	Date & Time of E-Auction
	Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	encumbrances, if any		Money Deposit	Inspection	
A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Arnav Tandon (Borrower) Loan Account Number LBBNG0005829057/ LBBNG00005864325	All That Property Being Two Bedrooms, Hall, Kitchen Residential Apartment Bearing No.001 in Ground Floor of The Development Known As "Dream Delight" And Presently Bearing Bbmp Katha No. 4961/39/10/48/4/55/1 Gf-001 With 1150 Sq. Ft., of Super Built Up Area Along With One Car Parking Slot No. 01, in Stilt Floor. The Apartment Is Having Vitrified Tiles Flooring And Jungle Wood Windows Situated At Dr. Vishnuvardhan Road, Kengeri Village And Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore.	Rs. 74,18, 270.35 (as on August 28, 2024)	Rs. 50,40, 000/- Rs. 5,04, 000/-	September 15, 2024 From 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	October 15, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Interest by October 14, 2024 before 04:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule. The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at 1910 Benefician Definition of the Def The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before October 14, 2024 before 05:00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before October 14, 2024 before 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before October 14, 2024 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Bangalore. For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee number 9844542086/8008999536. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s Date : September 03, 2024

Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited



Navy said in a statement. The Indian Navy's P8I aircraft touched down at Air Base 125 Istres-Le Tube, France, mark-Varuna', scheduled from ing its first-ever deployment in

Europe, it said.

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that, any person/s or institution/s intending to enter into any agreement/transaction or creating any charge, title and interest in Adria Medicare Pvt. Limited and the concerns being run under Adria Medicare Pvt. Limited, shall be subject to the outcome of CP-231/ND/2023 pending in Hon'ble NCLT, New Delhi and subject to the rights, title and interest of our Client.

#### Kumar Ayush, Advocate Law Offices of Navin Kumar

Date: 29.08.2024

1403-1405, 14th Floor, Tower-D. Urbtech Trade Center, Sector-132, Noida-201301 Email: info@navinlaw.in | Ph. No: 0120-6025061

## ADDI INDUSTRIES LIMITED

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

Website: www.addiindustries.com INFORMATION REGARDING 42<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE

HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING (VC) / OTHER AUDIO VISUAL MEANS (OAVM), RECORD DATE AND FINAL DIVIDEND

Date : 02.09.2024 Place : New Delhi

Dear Members, The 42<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting ('AGM') of the members of ADDI Industries Limited ("the Company") will be held on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. through Video Contegray / will be field of motidagy sor September, 2024 at 9.00 A.M. through Video Contegrance (VC) / Other Audio Visual Means (\*OAVM) facility in compliance with General Circular 10/2022 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) dated 28<sup>th</sup> Deccember,2022, SEBI circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/PoD-2/PICIR/2023/167 dated 07<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Circulars") and all other perilicible laws to the second the Minister of the on forth the partice of the Mexico applicable laws, to transact the business that will be set forth in the notice of the Meeting In accordance with the aforesaid Circular(s), the Notice of 42<sup>nd</sup> AGM and Annual Repo In accordance with the atoresaid Circular(s), the volte of 42<sup>--</sup> Adm and Afridat heport for the Financial Year 2023-24 will be sent only through electronic mode to those members, whose e-mail address is registered / available with the Company / Depository Participant(s). Shareholders holding shares in dematerialized mode are requested to register their email address and mobile numbers with their relevant depositories through their depository participants and shareholders holding shares in physical mode are requested to furnish details to the Company or Company's Registrar and Share Transfe Agent (RTA) at <u>addiind@gmail.com</u> or <u>beelarta@gmail.com</u>. The Notice of the 42<sup>rd</sup> AGM and Annual Report 2023-24 will also be available on the Company's website at <u>www.addiindustries.com</u> and on the website of the Stock Exchange i.e. BSE Limited the stock and th at www.bseindia.com.

The members will have an opportunity to cast their vote electronically on the businesse

The members will have an opportunity to cast their vote electronically on the businesses set out in the AGM Notice through remote e-voting / e-voting during the AGM. The detailed procedure for remote e-voting / e-voting during the AGM by Members holding shares in Physical mode and Members, who have not registered their e-mail address with the company, will be provided in the Notice of AGM. Members may have note that the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 has recommended a final dividend of Rs. 1.25<sup>/-</sup> per equity share of the Face Value of Rs. 5<sup>/-</sup> each. The dividend, once approved by the Members in the ensuing AGM, will be paid on/or after 1<sup>sth</sup> October, 2024 electronically to those shareholders who have updated their bank account details. For shareholders who have not updated their bank account details, dividend warrants / demand drafts will be sent to their registered address. Payment of dividend will be subject to deduction of Tax at Source (TDS) at applicable rates. rates

Members whose shareholding is in dematerialized mode are requested to notify an change in address or bank account details to their respective depositor or bank account details to their respective depositor participant(s). Shareholders whose shareholding is in physical mode are requested to opt for the National Electronic Clearing System (NECS) mode to receive dividend on time in line with the Circulars. We urge shareholders to utilize the NECS for receiving dividends. fembers who have not registered their e-mail address with the Company / Depository Participant(s) are requested to register their e-mail address as per Instructions give Annual Report 2023-24 and updation of Bank Account Details: Physical Holding Register/update the details in prescribed Form ISR – 1, and other relevant forms with RTA of the Company Beetal Financial Annual Re

Computer Services Private Limited at **beetafrta@gmail.com**. Please update e-mail address / Bank Account Details with your Demat Holding

In Terms of the Section 91 of the Companies Act 2013, the Company has fixed the record date 23° September, 2024 for the purpose of determining the members entitled to receiving dividend for the financial year 2023-24 and the said notice is also available or In Terms of the Section receiving dividend for the financial year 2000 2 for the second the website of the Company at <u>www.addiindustries.com</u>. For Addi Industries Limited Sate

Taranjeet Kaur Company Secretary, Membership No. 8991

Place: New Delh

Date: 02/09/2024

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

MIG ELATING, UGE - 2, ON UPPER GROUND ELOOR, MIG. HAVING COVERED AREA 500 SQ. FEET, EQUIVALENT TO 46.45 SQ. MTRS., FRONT RHS, WITHOUT ROOF RIGHT, SITUATED ON RESIDENTIAL PLOT NO. F - 35, KHASRA NO. 1218, (4 STORIED BUILDING), S. L. F. VED VIHAR, VILLAGE LONI, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH - 201101. THE SAME IS BOUNDED AS UNDER: EAST

- 9 MTRS, WIDE ROAD COMMON PASSAGES AND FLAT NO. U. G. F. 03, L. I. G. PLOT NO. F 34 FLAT NO. U. G. F. -01 (L. I. G.) WEST
- SOUTH

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AUTHORISED OFFICER SAMMAAN CAPITAL LIMITED (Formerly known as INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD.) Date : 28.08.2024 Place : GHAZIABAD

#### **GOLDEDGE ESTATE & INVESTMENT LTD.** CIN: L70101DL1992PLC047541

Head Office : C-115 Mansarover Garden, New Delhi-110015. Ph.: 011-25193268, Email : goldedgeestate2016@gmail.com Web.: www.goldedgeesiate. NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting ('AGM') of the members of the Company is scheduled to be held on Monday, the 30th day of September, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.(IST) through Video Conferencing ("VC") or Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM"), in compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, (the 'Act') and the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India (the "MCA") vide its General Circular Nos.14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020, 22/2020 dated June 15, 2020, 33/2020 dated September 28, 2020, 39/2020 dated December 3\* 2020, 10/2021 dated June 23, 2021, 20/2021 dated December 8, 2021, 2/2022 dated May 5, 2022, 10/2022 dated December 28, 2022, 09/2023 dated September 25, 2023 (hereinafter, collectively referred as the "MCA Circulars") read with the SEBI Circulars No SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-PoD-2/P/CIR/2023/167 dated October 07, 2023; SEBI/HO/CFD/PoD2 CIR/P/2023/120 dated July 11, 2023, issued in supersession of earlier circulars issued by SEBI bearing nos. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79, SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2 CIR/P/2021/11; SEBI/HO/CFD/C MD2/CIR/P/2022/62; and SEBI/HO/CFD/PoD-2/P CIR/2023/4 dated May 12, 2020, January 15, 2021; May 13, 2022, and January 05, 2023 respectively, (hereinafter, collectively referred as the "SEBI Circulars" and together with the MCA Circulars referred as the "Circulars") to transact the businesses as set out in the Notice of the meeting

In compliance with the said circulars, the Notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report for Financial Year 2023-24 will be sent to all the members at their email address as registered with the Company/Depository Participants.

We request the members to register (who have not yet registered) or update (in case of an change) their email addresses or other mandates in following manner

- Shareholders holding equity share(s) in dematerialized form, are requested to register update their email address, mobile numbers or other mandates with their relevan depositories through their depository participants
- Shareholders holding equity share(s) in physical mode are requested to furnish the email addresses, mobile numbers or other mandates with the Company's Registrar and
- Share Transfer Agent i.e. Skyline Financial Services Private Limited, D-153A, 1st Floor Okhla Industrial Area, Phase -1, New Delhi -110020, e-mail info@skylinerta.com, phon number 011-26812682.

The Notice of 32<sup>nd</sup> AGM and Annual Report for FY 2023-24 will also be made available of the Company's website at www.goldedgeestate.in and website of the stock exchange, i.e MSEI www.msei.in

The Company is providing e-voting facility ('remote e-voting') to all its members to cast the vote on all resolutions set out in the Notice of 32nd AGM. Additionally, the Company i providing the facility of voting through e-voting system during the AGM ('e-voting'). Detailed procedure for joining the AGM and remote e-voting/e-voting is provided in the Notice of  $32^{n}$ AGM. Members attending the AGM through VC/OAVM will be counted for the purpose of reckoning the guorum under Section 103 of the Act.

For Goldedge Estate and Investment Lim Sd/

Jagdish Chand Agrawal	
(Chairman)	
DIN: 01898337	

## APPENDIX IV-A

Place: Gurgaon

Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Samma Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.) [CIN L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold o "as is where is", "as is where is", and "whatever there is" basis on 04.110.2024 from 04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 40,23,855/- (Rupees Forty Laki Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Five only) pending towards Loar Account No. HHLNOD00421838, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 20.08.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 21.08.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from PREMIDEVI, LAISHRAM BINA DEVI and ABDUL KADIR SHAH (GUARANTOR). The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 21,60,000/- (Rupee: Twenty One Lakh Sixty Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD" will be Rs. 2,16,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Sixteen Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

RESIDENTIAL FLAT NO. UGF - 1 (UPPER GROUND FLOOR), FRONT RIGHT HAND SIDE MIAL FLAI NO. (WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS), HAVING ITS SUPER & COVERED AREA 600 SQUARE FEET I. E. 55.74 SQUARE METERS, BUILT UPON FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL PLOT NO. B - 1/60, SITUATED IN RESIDENTIAL COLONY, DLF DILSHAD EXTENSION - II, VILLAGE BRAHAMPUR ALIAS BHOPURA, PARGANA LONI, TEHSIL & DISTRICT GHAZIABAD, GHAZIABAD 201010, UTTAR PRADESH.

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

	sd/-
	AUTHORISED OFFICER
	SAMMAAN CAPITAL LIMITED
08.2024	(Formerly known as
AZIABAD	INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD.)

#### APPENDIX IV-A Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property

E-Auction Sale Notice of sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) an Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Sammaa Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.) [CIN LE5922DL2005PLC13629 ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession c which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold o "as is where is". "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 04.10.2024 fro 04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 24,97,204/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakk Ninety Seven Thousand Two Hundred Four only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLNDA00492859, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 27.08.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 28.08.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from MANISH KUMAR WADHWANI and BHAVVI MANISH WADHWANI @ MINTI BALRAM PHULWANI. The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 15,75,000/- (Rupee: Fifteen Lakh Seventy Five Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposi ("EMD") will be Rs. 1,57,500/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Five Hundred only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

FLAT NO. FF - 1 (M. I. G.) ON FIRST FLOOR (WITHOUT ROOF RIGHT HAND FRONT SIDE, HAVING COVERED AREA 500 SQUARE FEET I. SQUARE METERS, CONSTRUCTED UPON PLOT NO. B - 13/6, SITU D. L. F. ANKUR VIHAR, HADBAST SADULLABAD, PARGANA & TEHS DISTRICT GHAZIABAD – 201102, UTTAR PRADESH AND WHICH IS BO AS FOLLOWS :-

EAST :	ROAD 9 METERS WIDE FLAT NO. FF - 4	WEST :	FLATNO.FF-2
NORTH :	FLAT NO. FF - 4	SOUTH :	PLOT NO. B - 13/5

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Samnaar Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.) [CIN L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 19.09.2024 from 04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 17,71,470/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Seventy One Thousand Four Hundred Seventy only) pending towards Loan Account No. HHLNOD00278490, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till **27.08.2024** with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. **28.08.2024** along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from **HIMANSHU, ANITA DEVI and RAM KUMAR (GUARANTOR)**.

The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 7,00,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 70,000/- (Rupees Seventy Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

FLAT NO. 306 (L. I. G.) ON SECOND FLOOR (BACK MIDDLE SIDE), HAVING AREA 30 SQUARE METERS (WITH ROOF RIGHTS), BUILT UPON PLOT NO. 10 ROAD NO. A - 3 (PLOT NO. A-3/10), IN THE RESIDENTIAL COLONY DLF ANKUR VIHAR, VILLAGE - LONI, TEHSIL AND DISTRICT - GHAZIABAD - 201010, UTTAR PRADESH AND WHICH IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS :-

WEST : FLAT NO. 305	SOUTH : PLOT NO. MM - 20 & MM - 22
EAST : FLAT NO. 307	NORTH : COMMON PASSAGE & FLAT NO. 30

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

AUTHORIZED OFFICER
SAMMAAN CAPITAL LIMITED
(Formerly known as
INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD.)

Date : 27.08.2024 Place : GHAZIABAD

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The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 7,50,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Fifty Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 75,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Description of the Seventy Five Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price

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LOOR (WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS), LEFT ED AREA 500 SQUARE FEET I. E. 46.45 JPON PLOT NO. B 13/6, SITUATED IN DULLABAD, PARGANA & TEHSIL LONI, AR PRADESH AND WHICH IS BOUNDED WEST : FLATNO, FF-2	SQ. METERS, BUILT ON PLOT NO. F - 12 IN SLF VED VIHAR, SITUATED AT VILLAGE - LONI, TEHSIL & DISTRICT GHAZIABAD, GHAZIABAD - 201003, UTTAR PRADESH. BOUNDARIES OF THE FLAT : EAST : COMMON PASSAGE AND STRAIR CASE WEST : OTHER'S PROPERTY NORTH : PLOT NO. F - 11	
SOUTH : PLOT NO. B - 13/5 e, please refer to the link provided on the sammaancapital.com; Contact No : 0124- For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.sammaancapital.com; Contact No : 0124-		
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# 16 dead in rain-related incidents in T'gana

#### PTI HYDERABAD

t least 16 people lost their Alives in various rainrelated incidents as torrential rains lashed Telangana and the state government on estimated the Monday damage at Rs 5,000 crore and sought an immediate assistance of Rs 2,000 crore from the Centre.

The incessant rainfall caused inundation of low-lying areas, damage to agricultural crops and disruption of the state's rail and road links with Andhra neighbouring Pradesh. Chief Minister A Reddy, Revanth who announced an ex-gratia of Rs five lakh each to the kin of those who were killed in the rain-related incidents, urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to visit the rain-hit areas and to declare the floods as a national calamity. An official release quoted Revanth Reddy as saying that the damage was to the tune of Rs 5,000 crore as per preliminary estimates.

The CM held a meeting with ministers and officials at Survapet as part of his visit to

## rain-hit areas.

State IT and Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu told reporters that full details on the loss of life and others would be known after reports on damage are received. The state government will

submit a comprehensive report on the flood damage to the Centre, the release said. Meanwhile, the flood-hit areas of Khammam presented a scene of extensive damage as household items were washed away and some items carried away by water were stuck to the gates of houses. Residents of flood-affected areas narrated their woes to state Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao,

who visited them. In view of the forecast of rains in Adilabad, Nizamabad and Nirmal districts on Monday and Tuesday, the Chief Minister, who held a meeting with officials in Hyderabad earlier in the day, directed the Collectors and other officials of these districts to be alert and to shift the people in low-lying that crops in over 1.5 lakh He also ordered sanctioning



areas to relief camps if necessary. He suggested setting up control rooms in district Collectorates to monitor the situation. Officials informed the CM

acres suffered damage as per preliminary estimates. Revanth Reddy instructed officials to enumerate the crop damage so that ex-gratia can announced be expeditiously.

houses under the of 'Indiramma' housing scheme for those whose houses collapsed due to the heavy rains.

Officials were directed to address issues related to traffic, supply of power, water continues, he added.

and also sanitation in the Greater Hyderabad Corporation Municipal without any delay. An official Secunderabadthe headquartered South Central Railway (SCR) said due to heavy rains and waterlogging over the tracks at several locations on the SCR network, as many as 432 trains were cancelled and 13 trains were partially cancelled. He said 139 trains trains were diverted till Monday afternoon. A portion of gravel under the railway track near Kesamudram was earlier washed away due to floodwaters.

Restoration works were underway, he said.

SCR General Manager Arun Kumar Jain and other Railway officials reached the site and were monitoring the restoration work.

The SCR official said train services are expected to resume on the Kazipet-Vijayawada section by the evening of September 3.

However, the restoration work may get delayed if rainfall and flood situation

Krida Bharati President and

Legislative Council Member

Avnish Kumar Singh, former

Legislative Council Member

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Director RP Singh, among other

occasion, the statement added.

Due to incessant rains in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, flooding and breaches were reported in Kazipet-Vijayawada section and five trains were stranded. Around 10,000 passengers from these trains were brought to the nearest Railway stations in state-run RTC buses on Sunday evening and special trains were arranged to take them to their respective destinations, he added.

Traffic on NH-65 between Hyderabad and Vijayawada is being allowed as usual from Monday late evening, Suryapet district Superintendent of Police Sunpreet Singh said in a release. Water logging and overflowing on the road stopped, it said.

In the affected areas in Khammam, household items were washed away. As water levels receded, the victims began cleaning up their homes and removing the slush.

Residents said their valuables, including documents and academic certificates, were washed away. Some

complained that they had no drinking water and food and that they did not get any help. The Agriculture Minister told media that workers and also vehicles like tractors in the district are being deployed in Khammam to clean the roads and to restore electricity.

The district administration has been directed to distribute essential items to those affected by the floods, he said.

The Met Centre here predicted heavy rain at isolated places in Adilabad, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagtial, Sangareddy, Medak, Kamareddy districts till 8.30 am on September 3.

It also said thunderstorms accompanied with lightning and gusty winds (30-40 kmph) are very likely to occur at isolated places in many districts of Telangana during this period. It issued a yellow alert for this forecast. rime Minister Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah spoke to Revanth Reddy on Sunday and promised to help the state on behalf of the Centre.

# 1,000 playgrounds across UP to be dedicated to football: Yogi



#### PTI LUCKNOW

 $\mathbf{I}_{1,000}^{n}$  playgrounds are being established across Uttar Pradesh to promote the sport, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Monday.

He made the announcement while addressing the audience as the chief guest at the Mohun Bagan vs East Bengal football match, held at KD Singh Babu Stadium under the Chief Minister's Cup in the state capital, according to an official statement.

The chief minister also emphasised the government's commitment to sports, mentioning that over 500 athletes who won medals in the Olympics, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, and World Championships have been directly recruited to government jobs.

his support will continue in the future " he added Adityanath also hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi, crediting his leadership for the "remarkable growth" in sports in the country over the past decade. The 'Khelo India' initiative, championed by the prime minister, has been a key driver of this progress, he said.

blocks and full-scale stadiums in all 75 districts, he said, these developments are on priority for the government."

Adityanath said the Indian Football Association envisions dedicating one stadium in every district and 18 divisions specifically for football, and the government fully supports this initiative to advance sports activities. 'Uttar Pradesh has made

significant contributions to the world of sports. Legendary hockey players like Major Dhyan Chand and KD Singh Babu



## CHANGE OF NAME

I, Khushboo Agrawal Wife of Nishant Kumar, currently residing at Flat No 1-A-111, G C Grand, Vaibhav Khand, Indirapuram. Ghaziabad-201014, U.P. that my name is wrongly written in the old passport, I hereby change my name from Khushaboo Agraval to Khushboo Agrawal.

hailed from the state, with the latter having this stadium named in his honour. Uttar Pradesh has also made notable strides in football," he added. He highlighted that two players from Uttar Pradesh in the Indian hockey team have excelled in the Paris Olympics. Last year, hockey player Lalit hockey r Upadhyay was Deputy Kumar appointed

### <u>महाविद्यालय में सत्र 2024-25 हेतु कैन्टीन</u> <u>हेतु कुटेशन आमंत्रण</u>

नहाविद्यालय में कैण्टीन संचालन हेतू ऐसे व्यक्तिये से कटेशन आंत्रित किए जाते हैं जिनको वि संबंधित क्षेत्र में कम से कम 10 वर्ष का अनभव हो डस विज्ञापन के प्रकाशित होने के सात कार्य दिवस की अवधि में महाविद्यालय कार्यालय में सीलबन्द लेफाफे में जमा कर सकते है । कैण्टीन संचाल हेतू सेवा शर्ते महाविद्यालय कार्यालय से दिनांक )7/09/2024 तक प्राप्त की जा सकती हैं। तही/-

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PUBLIC NOTICE It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Shya Kishor Yadav who is the owner of the Upper Groun Floor without roof and terrace rights, Piot No. I. 2/105, Old No. 105, area 37 1/2 sq. yds., Block-E-Gali No.3, Shastri Nagar, Delhi owner vide Sal Deed Dated 2.11.2.2019 (Doc. no.12530) execute oy Mrs. Nerru Goswami and same to be finance of pudgane by Mitther the by Mrs. Neeru Goswami and same to be finance mortgage by Muthoot Homefin (India) Ltd. (MHI hat, Original Sale Deed Dated 04 10 2049 (\* 10.11289) executed 9) executed by N f Mrs. Nearu Gov Vour of wirs. Neeru Jooswanii in respect of sa popery has isokinispiaced and FIR for the san so filed/indiged vide No:2076194/2024 date (08.2024 in respect of Article / Document Lost elhi SO No: 430 / 2014 Delhi Police. To comply fu quirements of BANK/NBEC, we give this pub tice that if any Person having any type of dai hollille/furtered/respicor mortgane, nyce the sa holde that if any Person having any type of calin high tilletinterest/creating mortgage over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within 7 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien etc. Lucem Legal LLP B-93B, Second Floor, Opp. SBI Bank Sector 2,Noida,UP-201301Contact#0120-4269379 Superintendent (DSP) in Uttar Pradesh Police, and soon, hockey player Raj Kumar Pal will also be recruited as a DSP, Adityanath stated.

State minister Girish Yadav, Indian Football Association President Kalyan Chaubey, Uttar Pradesh

#### **HINDUSTAN AUTO FINANCE LIMITED** CIN: L65910DL1980PLC010617

Regd. Office: Cabin No. DA-8, 02<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Vikas Marg, Shakarpur, New Delhi-110092

## Email: hindaf1980@gmail.com, Website: www.hindaf.in NOTICE OF 44th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, **REMOTE E-VOTING AND INTIMATION OF BOOK CLOSURE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the 44th Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of members of Hindustan Auto Finance Limited will be held on Monday, 30\* September, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the registered office of the Company to transact the businesses as set out in the Notice convening the AGM.

The Annual Report for the financial year 2023-24 including the Notice convening AGM along with Attendance Slip and Proxy Form has been sent to members whose emails are registered with their depository participants as on Sunday, September 01, 2024. Physical copy of the Annual Report along with AGM Notice has been sent by permitted mode to members who have not registered their e-mail address. The emailing and dispatch of Annual Report along with Notice of AGM has been completed on Monday, September 02, 2024. The Annual Report along with the Notice convening the AGM is available on the website of the Company at www.hindaf.in, website of Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India Limited, and on the website of Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) at www.evotingindia.com

The shareholders whose email ids are not registered with Company/RTA or with respective DPs may temporarily get their email id registered with the Company by sending e-mail at hindaf1980@gmail.com and follow the emporary registration process as guided thereafter to receive the Annua Report for FY 2023-24 along with the Notice of AGM which inter-alia contains the instructions for attending the AGM. However, for permanent registration of email id, members are requested to approach their respective DPs and follow the process advised by DPs.



and his wife and childredn if any due to nisconduct and chaos in his life. Both of my top dignitaries were present on the oove named clients have also disowned and barred his said son, son's wife and children if I feel mis safu son's Sol's wire and immovable erfties. Anybody dealing with Sh. Sagar and egal heirs will do at his/her/their own risk responsibilities and my client will not be onsible for any act, deed or dealing wing Sh. Sagar. v Delhi Date 02 09 2024 hi, Date : 02.09.2024 ADEEB ARSHAD (Advocate) Enrollment No. UP13235/22

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Client, Sh. Ramesh

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110062 have terminate with their son Sh. Sag disobedient and are harassing my said client for the greed from last several years. Therefore, my above said client Shri Rajender has severed all kinds of relationshi with his "SON" Shri. Sandeep Sharma his wife an with his "SUN" Shin, Sandeep Sharma his wife an children have disowned them and debarred them fron inheriting any kind of movable and immovable property owned by my above said client. Any perso dealing with them will do so at their own risk. **WIPIN & ASSOCIATE ADVOCATE, Ch. No. 628, 6th floor Dwarka Courts, New Delhi-110075** 



निम्न कार्य की निविदा ई-टेण्डरिंग पद्धति (Online System) से वेबसाइट https://www.mptenders.gov.in पर आमंत्रित की जाती है। 1. कम्पोजिट उद्योग भवन ग्वालियर जिला ग्वालियर (म.प्र.) का निर्माण कार्य अनुमानित लागत रु. 11.23.17.743/-। निविदा की बिड जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि 17.09.2024 सायं 5.30 बजे। निविदा की समस्त जानकारी उक्त वेबसाइट पर देखी जा सकती है। निविदा में संशोधन व परिवर्तन किया जाता है तो उसकी जानकारी मात्र उपरोक्त वेबसाइट पर दी जावेगी, पुथक से समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशन नहीं किया जावेगा, बिना कोई कारण बताये निविदा को स्वीकृत अथवा अस्वीकृत करने का अधिकार निगम के पास सुरक्षित है। म.प्र. माध्यम/116218/2024

महाप्रबंधक (सं./नि.)

"In line with the Indian Football Association's goals, 1,000 football-specific playgrounds are also being established," the statement quoted him as saying.

"Inspired by the PM's vision, Uttar Pradesh has aligned itself with this mission, charting a new course by constructing playgrounds in all 57,000 gram panchayats across the state," he added.

The chief minister said, "Additionally, the state is developing mini stadiums in its 825 development

## PD(720)A

I, Vinod Sharma S/o Sh. Puran Chand Sharma, R/oRZD47A Street no. 6Raj Nagar Part2 Palam Colony, New Delhi-110077, state that both the names Vinod Kumar Sharma and Vinod Sharma are of the same person and I shall thereafter be known as Vinod Sharma for all purposes.

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Indian Overseas Bank **GLA ENGINEERING COLLEGE - AJHAI Branch** (Address : GLA ENGINEERING COLLEGE - AJHAI, Ajhai Khurd Phone No: & E-mail : iob1999@iob.in)

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (Rules)

1. Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Indian Overseas Bank under SARFAESI Act and in ercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3, issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2 of the said Act, calling upon the Borrowers/ mortgagors/ guarantors listed hereunder (hereinafter referred to a he "said Borrowers"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the Notice, within 60 days from the date of receipt o Notice, as per details given below.

2. The said Notices have been returned undelivered by the postal authorities/have not been duly acknowledged by the borrowers/mortgagors/guarantors. \* Hence the Bank by way of abundant caution is effecting this ublication of the demand notice. The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrowers/ mortgagors/ guarantors as per the said Act. Copie of the said Notices are available with the undersigned and the said Borrowers/ mortgagors / guarantors, may, i they so desire, collect the said copies from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours. 3. Against the above background, Notice is hereby given, once again, to said Borrowers/ mortgagors/ guaranto

to pay to Indian Overseas Bank, within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated/payable as given below under the loan & other documents. As security for due repayment of the loan the following assets have been mortgaged to Indian Overseas Bank by the respective parties as below

S No.	Name of the Borrowers/ Mortgagors/ Guarantors with Address	Total Outstanding as on 06.05.2024 (in Rs.)	Description of Secured Assets	Date of Demand Notice
1.	1.Chirag Agrawal Address: New Adarsh Nagar, Gurukul road, Vrindavan Bangar, Mathura-281121 2.Suresh Chand Agrawal Address: Adarsh Colony Gall No.2, Police Qir Ke Peechhe, Vrindaban, Mathura-281121 3.Neeraj Agarwal Address: House No325 R am e sh w ar D h am Radhaniwas Vrindaban Mathura 281121	22,75,038.78	Plot no-17, Mauza Vrindaban Bangar within Mohalla Radha Niwas Vrindaban Tehsil and District Mathura measuring 153.43 Sq Mtr Boundaries East-Kathiya Baba West-Kathiya Baba South-Road 15 feet Wide and Plot no 16A&18	15.05.2024

payable with further interest at contractual rates/rests as agreed from the date mentioned above till date of

If the said bon wers/mortgagors/guarantors fail to make payment to Indian Overseas Bank as aforesaid, th Indian Overseas Bank shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act and Rules entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the said borrowers/ mortgagors/ guarantors.

1. Further, the attention of borrowers/ mortgagors / guarantors is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets.
 3. The said Borrowers/ mortgagors / guarantors are prohibited under the SARFAESI Act from transferring the

secured assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of Indian Oversea Bank. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules shall be liable fo nt and/ or fine as given under Section 29 of the Act. Date : 31.08.2024

Place : Mathura

Sd/- Authorized Officer	L	Co
Sd/- Authorized Officer Indian Overseas Bank		S

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE Information is given to general public at large that Muskan Madhesia & Om Prakash who is/are purchasing the Built-up Third Floor without Roof rights. Part of Prop. Bearing No. F-130, area meas. 50 sq. yds., out of total 104 sq. yds. Kh No. 82 & 83, Khata No. 28, Khatoni No. 138, Vill. Masjid Moth, now known as Gautan 138, Vill. Masyid Moth, now known as Gautan 138, Vill. Masyid Hoth, now known as Gautan 138, Vill. Masyid 10049 from Rajendra Kumar S/o Har Prasad who was the owner by virtue of Regd. GPA dated 07.12.1992 (Doc. No. 3675), ATS & Will executed 09. Joginder Singh Intend to mortgage the same against the financial assistance from Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited. Original ATS & Will is missing in favour of Rajendra Kumar S/o Har Prasad and same are not available with Seller. To comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any person(s) having any objection regarding ownership and/ or creating mortgage of the said property is/are thereby requested to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days at below address. NGR LAW ASSOCIATES (Advocate) & Consultants A-98. Sector-9, New Vijay Nagar, Ghaziabad, (U.P.)-20105

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform to the public at large that Mrs. Raj Rani Goyal had acquired Plot No. B-9, area measuring 100 sq. yrds., out of Khasra No. 597/1, situated at in the abadi of colony known as Sadh Nagar, Palam Colony, Gail No. 22, New Dethi, area of Village Palam Dethi vide GPA dt. 22.02.1988 executed by Mr. Trilok Chand and Mr. Radhey Shayam along with ATS & Will, Now Mrs. Raj Rani Goyal is the undisputed owner of the above said property. OR

Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance owsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days tantation while go to be a considered while a construction of the expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such erson shall be treated null and void and also eated as waived and not binding on our client nar Giri (Advocate) H No. 26/161, Base Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi -110024

Public Notice BIHAR BANDHU CO-OPERATIVE GROUP HOUSING SOCIETY LTD Flat No.3, Pocket-DDA Flats, Sector-12, Dwarka, Delhi-11007 n pursuance to rule 19(2) of DCS rules, 200 applications are invited from general public of Delhi who fulfil the conditions laid down in rule-19 & 20 of DCS Rules, 2007 for filling up fourty three vacancies in Bihar Bandhu CGHS Ltd. (Regd. No. 940-GH), which has arisen due to resignation of members, Interested persons can collect the application form in person from Office No.205, Krishna Mall, Plot No.5 Sector-12. Dwarka. New Delhi-78 between 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon free of cost and the same have to deposited along with the amoun of Rs.2.00,110/-, which includes Share money admission fee and land money through ay order/Demand Draft within four days o sue of this notice in favour of the Bihar Bandhu poperative Group Housing Society Ltd. Secretary - Bihar Bandhu CGHS Ltd

Pursuant to provisions of Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act") and the applicable rules framed thereunder and Reg.42 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, ("Listing Regulations"), the register of members and share transfer books of the Company will remain closed from Tuesday, September 24, 2024 and will end on Monday, September 30, 2024 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of 44<sup>t</sup> AGM of the Company.

Pursuant to Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended and Regulation 44 of Listing Regulations, the Members are provided with the facility to cast their votes on the resolutions set forth in the Notice of AGM using electronic voting system from a place other than venue of the AGM ('remote e-voting'), provided by Central Depository Services India Limited (CDSL) and the business may be transacted through such voting. The voting rights of members shall be in proportion to the equity shares held by them in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date, i.e Monday, September 23, 2024, Any person who is a member of the Company as on the cut-off date is eligible to cast vote on all resolutions set forth in the Notice of AGM using remote e-voting or voting through ballot paper at the AGM.

The remote e-voting period commences on Friday, September 27, 2024 at 09:00 a.m. IST and ends on Sunday, September 29, 2023 at 05:00 p.m. IST. During this period, Members may cast their vote electronically. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL thereafter and remote e-voting shall not be allowed beyond the said date and time. Once vote on a resolution is cast by the member, he/she not be allowed to change it subsequently or cast the vote again. The detailed procedure for voting has been mentioned in the AGM Notice. The facility for voting through ballot paper shall also be made available at the AGM and members who have not cast their vote by remote e-voting shall be able to exercise their right at the AGM through ballot paper. The Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend the AGM, but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.

A person who acquires shares and become a member of the Company after the dispatch of notice of the AGM and holding shares as of cut-off date, may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com. However, if he/she is already registered with CDSL for remote e-voting, then he/she can use his/her existing User ID and password for casting the votes.

The Board of Director has appointed CS Aniu Bansal, proprietor of M/s Aniu Bansal & Associates, Company Secretary in Practice (COP No. 17594) as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the 'remote e-voting' process and voting at the AGM, in a fair and transparent manner. The results of AGM will be announced by the Chairman or any other person authorised by him and will be submitted along with report of scrutinizer within two days from the conclusion of AGM to Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India Limited and also be posted on the Company's website www.hindaf.in.

In case of any queries or grievances regarding e-voting, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and e-voting manual which is available at www.evotingindia.com under help section or contact at 022-23058542/43 In case of grievances relating to e-voting, please contact Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Sr. Manager at 25th Floor, A Wing, Marathon Futurex, Mafatlal Mills Compound, NM Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (E), Mumbai-400013; Email: helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or aforesaid number.

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l	Place: New Delhi	Rishabh Aggarwal	
	Date: September 02, 2024	(Company Secretary & Compliance Officer)	

## NORTHERN RAILWAY

Rail Coach Naveenikaran Karkhana, Sonipat **Tender Notice** Invitation of tender through E-tendering (e-Procurement Systems) NIT No 257996 Tender for "Works contract for provision of Surface defect detection by Eddy Current Array (ECA) technique on LHB wheel disc sets at RCNK/SNP" Name of Work and its location Approx Cost Rs. 1998380.80 including GST (Rs. Nineteen Lakh Ninety-Eight ofwork Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Rupees & Eighty Paise only) Earnest Money Rs. 40000.00/-24 months of date of execution of work Completion period of work Cost of Tender document on cash/by post NIL Date and Time for submission Up to 15.00 hrs. on 25.09.2024 Opening of Tender of tender and opening of tender at 15:00 hrs. of tender and opening of tender Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. Website particulars notice www.ireps.gov.in ooard location complete details of tender can be seen No. 257996 Dated: 02/09/2024 2730/2024 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE New Okhla Industrial Development Authority n dida Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, (UP)

## Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.in **E-TENDER NOTICE**

E-Tenders are invited from eligible contractors/firm for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.in & https://etender.up.nic.in. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/ amendments & corrigendum etc.

A) Fresh-Tender Work:

S. No.	Job No.	Name of the Work	Tender Amount (Rs. Lacs)
1.	31/DGM (E&M)/S.M./ E/M-III/ 24-25	Providing street lighting arrangement on Footpath in newly developed green belt park in front of Hide park society, Sector-78 and sec-79, Noida	73.11

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 17.09.2024 up to 5.00 PM. Pre-gualification shall be opened/downloaded on dated 18.09.2024 at 11.00 AM.

#### B) Re-Tender Work:

(E8 E/N 24-	DGM &M)/S.M./ /I-III/	M/o Authority Building (AMC of different Type of A.C.'s & Heater installed in different office Sector-	32.82			
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## **India's special China problem**

S Jaishankar has highlighted India's 'Special China problem,' one that is deeply rooted in the unresolved border disputes

ndia-China relations have long been fraught with challenges, but recent remarks by India's External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar have brought the depth of these issues into sharper focus. Jaishankar has said that India has a "special China problem," which he emphasized is distinct from the more general concerns that the rest of the world, including Europe and the United States, has with China. Jaishankar's comments come at a time when countries globally are grappling with what he termed the "general China problem." This problem, characterised by economic and national security debates, is not unique to India. Across Europe and the United States, policymakers are increasingly preoccupied with China's growing influence and the challenges it poses. From trade imbalances to concerns about Chinese technology in critical infrastructure, these issues have sparked widespread scrutiny of China's global role. However, India's situation is further complicated



by its unique geopolitical and economic circumstances. India shares a long and contested border with China, which has been the site of several military standoffs over the years, the most recent and severe of which began in May 2020 in eastern Ladakh.

India's "special China problem" goes beyond the broader concerns of the international community. It is rooted in the unresolved border dispute between the two nations, which has led to a prolonged military standoff along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh. The ongoing border tensions have necessitated the deployment of approximate-

ly 50,000-60,000 troops by both sides, creating a volatile situation that has yet to see a lasting resolution. Diplomatic efforts to resolve these issues continue, with the 31st meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) taking place on August 29 in Beijing. However what is interesting is that despite tensions and border skirmishes India China trade has flourished and many importer in India make regular rounds to source stuff from China to sell in the Indian market. But Jaishankar's remark could mean a shift in the official policy vis a vis China. If Govt changes its policy, Chinese goods and investments may have to face more barriers dissuading the Chinese investors. Jaishankar also highlighted the economic dimensions of India's relationship with China, pointing out that the trade deficit and the nature of Chinese investments are areas of significant concern. Indeed security is non negotiable and must be implemented in letter and spirit. But at the same time the commerce should not be thought of as an impediment. If one thing that can improve the relations between two countries, it is trade. However, India could restrict Chinese investment in security-sensitive areas such as telecommunications and digital cyber space.



# Orwell's vision remains as relevant as ever



SANTHOSH MATHEW

In an era where "post-truth" and "Big Brother" have transcended fiction to become disturbing reality, Orwell's vision stands as relevant as ever

In his seminal work \*1984\*, George Orwell posits that "those who control the present control the past; those who control the past control the future." This powerful assertion underscores the terrifying consequences of manipulating history and truth. In the dystopian world of \*1984\*, the ruling Party wields absolute power by constantly rewriting history to align with its agenda, erasing inconvenient truths, and ensuring that its version of reality is the only one that exists. This manipulation of truth is key to maintaining the Party's unchallenged dominance, as it keeps the population ignorant and compliant.

As we examine contemporary international politics, it is impossible to ignore the striking parallels between Orwell's dystopian vision and our current reality. Concepts such as "Big Brother," "doublethink," and "post-truth" have transcended Orwell's novel and become disturbingly relevant in today's world. The manipulation of truth, pervasive surveillance, and the rise of populist authoritarianism are phenomena that closely mirror the dangers Orwell warned against.

The term "post-truth" has become a defining characteristic of modern political discourse, echoing Orwell's portrayal of a world where objective truth is malleable. In \*1984<sup>\*</sup>, the Ministry of Truth constantly altered historical records to match the Party's shifting narrative, keeping the populace in a state of ignorance and making it impossible for them to challenge the Party's authority. Today, the concept of post-truth is equally relevant. In 2016, the Oxford Dictionary even named 'post-truth" the Word of the Year, highlighting its prevalence

in contemporary discourse. In this post-truth era, emotional appeals and personal beliefs often overshadow objective facts, making it easier for those in power to manipulate public opinion. Politicians and media outlets selectively present information, listort facts, or even fabricate har ratives to support their agendas. that their followers accept This erosion of truth creates a divided society, much like the decry the "elite" while simulworld Orwell depicted, where taneously benefiting from elite

consensus on basic facts becomes increasingly elusive. Orwell's concept of "Big Brother" — the omnipresent surveillance state that monitors every aspect of citizens' lives is also frighteningly relevant today. In \*1984\*, the Party uses telescreens and hidden microphones to ensure that no dissenting thought or action goes unnoticed, fostering a climate of fear and paranoia that effectively silences opposition. In our contemporary world, mass surveillance has become a reality on a global scale, with governments implementing extensive surveillance programs under the guise of national security.

Snowden in 2013 exposed the extent to which governments were spying on their citizens, collecting vast amounts of data on phone calls, emails, and internet activity. The boundaries between state and corporate surveillance are increasingly blurred as tech giants like Google, Facebook, and Amazon collect vast amounts of data on users' online behavior, often with minimal transparency.

Today's populist leaders have mastered the art of doublethink, often making contradictory romises or statements without question. They may



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status themselves or champion "freedom" while implementing policies that curtail personal liberties. This ability to manipulate and distort reality is a hallmark of populist rhetoric, much like it was for Orwell's Party.

The rise of populism in the 21st century has also brought a resurgence of authoritarian tendencies. Leaders who once espoused democratic values increasingly resort to autocrat-THE BOUNDARIES ic measures to consolidate power. Whether it's the undermining of judicial independence, the suppression of the CORPORATE free press, or the erosion of checks and balances, these SURVEILLANCE ARE actions mirror the totalitarian regime depicted in \*1984\*. INCREASINGLY Orwell's \*Animal Farm\*, while **BLURRED AS TECH** serving as an allegory for the Russian Revolution and the **GIANTS LIKE** subsequent rise of the Soviet Union, offers themes that are universally applicable. The AND AMAZON story of the farm animals' rebellion against their human COLLECT VAST oppressors, only to find them-AMOUNTS OF DATA selves under the tyranny of their fellow animals, is a pow-ON USERS' ONLINE erful commentary on the cyclical nature of power and cor-**BEHAVIOR**, OFTEN ruption. In contemporary politics, the concept of "Snoopgate" — a term used to describe politically motivated

products of their time, reflecting the anxieties and political realities of the 20th century. However, their relevance has only grown with time, as the themes they explore have become increasingly pertinent today. The rise of surveillance states, the erosion of truth, the manipulation of language, and the rise of authoritarianism are all issues that transcend

national borders. In China, for example, the government's use of technology to monitor its citizens has created a digital dystopia reminiscent of Orwell's vision.

The implementation of a social credit system, where citizens are scored based on their behavior and loyalty to the state, is a chilling example of how technology can be used to enforce conformity and suppress dissent. Similarly, in Russia, the government's control over the media and its use of propaganda to shape public opinion is a textbook case of Orwellian doublethink.

The global reach of Orwell's ideas is a testament to the universality of his concerns. Whether in the context of a liberal democracy or an authoritarian regime, the themes of \*1984\* and \*Animal Farm\* resonate deeply with those no value freedom and truth (The writer is an associate professor, views expressed are personal)

surveillance scandals reminiscent of the betraval and manipulation seen in \*Ánimal Farm\*

Orwell's dystopian novels were

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## A journey from corporate grind to personal fulfillment



SANJAY CHANDRA

There are countless opportunities for personal growth and creative fulfillment that we often set aside in our pursuit of material success

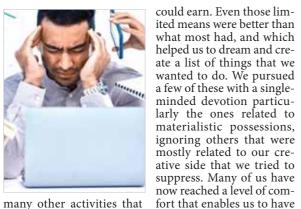
missed.

A friend has started learn-

was having dinner with a friend on a recent visit to Mumbai. He quit a high-profile corporate job a few years back. As he settled into a new unknown routine, he started experimenting. He wrote articles on the relevance of festivals in the modern world, moderates a talk show, has started learning Sanskrit to read the scriptures in original, participates in marathons, and loves to cook.

Not surprisingly, his life mirrors mine.We got around to discussing another mutual ex-colleague, who was recently in the hospital due to a medical scare which could be attributed to a life spent on a stressinducing work schedule. He has recently crossed the age of retirement but has accepted an extension. I told him rather bluntly

that he should stop working, a sentiment that his wife reciprocated. The response was on expected lines, "What will I do if I take retirement?" I immediately listed the number of things that he could do, the chief among them being to



he had wanted to indulge in but could not, caught up in the daily grind of living life and earning.

This incident struck an immediate chord with the Mumbai friend, who had a forward to completing the similar experience with yet license. Now in the reverse another mutual friend.Many do not have count of my life, I realise the luxury of taking retirethat I wish to travel. I want ment. They must necessarto write, I have the urge to ily work till the end for the make friends, and I want to help others to dream.Many next meal on their table. There is a smaller populalike me wish to alleviate the tion, though not insignifidrudgery of the majority so cant, which can do somethat at least the coming thing different. These are generations can look forthe people, who like me, ward to creating their buckwere provided the best by et list. We have seen many initiatives taken by the govtheir parents within the take care of his health, and limited resources that they ernment over the past few

decades to create an ecosystem to help the less fortunate. Corporations also earmark part of profits in a separate fund as social responsibility.

There are individuals from certain communities who donate a percentage of their annual earnings for the purpose. There are faiths actively involved in the betterment of many. I have often wondered about the miracles that we can achieve if all these agencies and individuals come a relook at the ones that we together to ensure that future generations have an ing the keyboard. Another option. There is always an friend started taking flying answer to the query, "What will I do?" We need to look lessons and was looking within and then look hours necessary to earn a around. There is so much to

do, and so little time. Mark Twain summed it up well, "Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things that vou didn't do than by the

ones that you did do.' (The writer is an author, speaker, coach, arbitrator and strategy consultant and conducts workshops on creative writing; views are personal)

## **STOP THE DEMOLITION DRIVE**

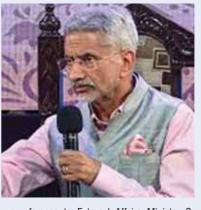
Madam - This refers to ' Demolition notices leave the poor along Boin Lake dazed ' ( Sept 1). The news of HYDRAA demolition drive operations in and around Hyderabad came like a bolt from the blue. Demolition drive operations is creating hovac all over the Telangana. The Telangana state government is hell-bent on demolishing houses, buildings in the name of illegal structures by HYDRAA . Demolition drive operations and the orders issued by the Revenue Department of Medchal-Malkajgiri district to vacate their houses in a couple of days dazed the residents is extreme tyranny and sheer inhumane. People living near Boin Lake in Hasmathpet, are panic-stricken. They are at their wit's end what to do? whom to approach? They are being displaced and being rendered homeless without prior eviction notice is quite unconstitutional, unjustified, undemocratic and unwarranted. Despite possessing and retaining the relevant registered documents their houses are being pulled down and demolished is most distressing and unfortunate. The demolition drive operations are in full swing all over Telangana. The Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy must stop this demolition drive operations on the humanitarian grounds.

People have been living and residing for many years as some of their properties belong to ancestors they got their properties registered in their names. Demolition drive operations started all over Telangana. Mahabubnagar demolition drive operations is shocking and heart-rending sparked outrage and widespread condemnation where the houses belonging to the poor, physical challenged and visual impaired individuals pulled down and demolished. The government must ponder over the poignant plight of the physical challenged, visually impaired individuals and the poor and desist and refrain from demolishing their houses near nalas or lakes areas without providing alternative on the humanitarian grounds.

Zubair Khan | Hyderabad

## **Prioritising security over trade**

THE EDITOR



n reference to External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's statement regarding India's unique challenges with China, it is evident that security concerns in regions such as the Northeast,

### MIND YOUR LANGUAGE

Madam—This is not the first time MP Kangana Ranaut has indulged in controversy. Earlier too, a couple of months ago, after a CISF officer allegedly slapped Ranaut at Chandigarh airport, the officer was reportedly heard saying that her mother participated in the farm agitation and had defamed the women who joined the protests by alleging they were paid to do so.

This time again she used the irresponsible and malicious statements like "dead bodies were hanging and rapes were taking place during the 2020-21 farmers' agitation".

In a recent interview with a Hindi daily, the actress turned BJP MP described the farmers' movement as an anti-national force engaged in destabilizing India with the help of "external forces". Kangana's remarks are unacceptable as the farmers during their agitation lost more than 700 of their comrades. She needs to tender an unconditional apology from the farmers for her utterances

S.K. Khosla | Chandigarh

Ladakh, the Indian Ocean, and neighboring countries like Pakistan and the Maldives far outweigh trade considerations. China's aggressive posturing with the U.S., Japan, Taiwan, and its dominant trade practices with European countries and Australia do little to alleviate our issues with them. The Indian Ocean has become a battleground for global superpowers, largely due to Chinese threats and aspirations for supremacy. It is clear that security and trade issues with China cannot be addressed simultaneously

Reducing our reliance on China for semiconductors, Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients, and the operation and maintenance of Chinese-imported machinery is far more crucial than foreign direct investment from China.While the EAM is undoubtedly well-equipped to handle these multiple concerns, it is imperative to set clear priorities to effectively address them

Vinod Johri | New Delhi

### A G NOORANI IS NO MORE

Madam - In the passing of Abdul Ghafoor Noorani, the country has lost a towering legal luminary, a scholar, a political analyst, and a public intellect. His passing at the age of 93 marks the end of an era—one defined by a relentless pursuit of justice, profound intellectual rigour, and a commitment to the principles that fortified modern India's democratic framework. The prolific author made indelible contributions to legal scholarship and political discourse in India for over six decades. As a relentless defender of justice and the Constitution, Noorani will always be remembered most by the marginalised and those who seek to challenge the structures of power and exclusion. Unlike many others in his profession who would have sought high positions or rewards in the later years of life, Noorani never did.

Ganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

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## **FIRSTCOLUMN** REVITALIZING **THE WORKPLACE**

Yoga and meditation can light up the dull and often tense atmosphere at workplaces



## SAKSHI SETHI

n today's fast-paced, high-stress work environments, organizations are increasingly seeking ways to support the well-being of their employees. Among the most effective and holistic approaches are the practices of yoga and meditation. These ancient techniques, rooted in mindfulness and physical wellness, have transcended their spiritual origins to become powerful tools for enhancing mental and physical health in modern workplaces. Incorporating yoga and meditation into the daily routine of employees not only benefits individual well-being but also significantly impacts organizational productivity and culture.

The modern workplace is often characterized by high levels of stress, tight deadlines, and the pressure to constantly perform. A study published in the Journal of Occupational Health Psychology found that employees who participated in the workplace yoga program experienced significant reductions in perceived stress levels. Participants even reported reductions in musculoskeletal pain, particularly in the lower back, neck and shoulders, areas commonly affected by prolonged sitting. The study found that employees who practised yoga reported higher levels of emotional well-being and lower levels of psychological distress. Another study published in the Journal of Managerial Psychology examined the effects of workplace yoga on organizational culture.

It found that yoga contributed to a more positive and supportive work environment by fostering better communication, teamwork and a sense of community among employees. Many office workers spend long hours sitting at desks, which can lead to a range of physical issues, includ-



ing poor posture, back pain and repetitive strain injuries. Over time, these physical ailments can decrease productivity and increase absenteeism. Yoga addresses these issues by improving flexibility, strength, and posture. The various poses and stretches in yoga help to relieve tension in the neck, shoulders and lower back, common problem areas for office workers. Additionally, the emphasis on breathing exercises improves circulation and oxygenation, leading to increased energy levels and overall vitality. This can strengthen workplace relationships, improve communication, and foster a sense of community and mutual support.

A positive work environment, where employees feel valued and connected, leads to higher morale, reduced turnover and a more cohesive and

t the launch of the Pahle India Foundation's report 'Net Impact of E-Commerce on Employment and Consumer Welfare in India' on August 21, 2024, Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal took pot shot at the world's biggest e-tailer Amazon, for selling products directly to consumers and indulging in "predatory pricing" that could lead to massive growth of e-commerce capturing half of Indian retail market ten years from now. This would adversely impact an estimated 100 million small retailers across the country and in turn, lead to "social disruption".

E-commerce, put simply, is the practice of buying and selling goods or services using the Internet. Predatory pricing involves setting prices for a product at an unrealistically low level to undercut the competition and gain market share. Generally practised by a new player in the market, predatory pricing violates antitrust laws even as it seeks to create a monopoly.Goyal opines that Amazon is selling products on its e-commerce platform at unrealistically low prices which results in heavy losses estimated to be about a billion dollars annually. To fund these losses, it brings the money from its parent but camouflages it as foreign direct investment (FDI). Any FDI in the country is normally welcome given its contribution to capital formation, accelerating economic growth and adding to the foreign exchange kitty. But, the dollars brought by Amazon don't serve this purpose. În 2020 also, he had taunted the Amazon boss for the latter's claim to bring a few billion dollars into India. Then, he had charged that Jeff Bezos was bringing money to make up for the huge loss the company was incurring in its operations in the country. He also voiced concern over the harm it was causing to millions Amazon essentialof small retailers. ly operates the "market-place" model of e-commerce - a special dispensation carved out by the Narendra Modi Government under which 100 per cent FDI is permitted.

acts as a facilitator. The marketplace owner books orders, raises invoices, arranges deliveries, accepts payments, handles rejections, warehousing and so on but can't undertake "direct selling." Considering that the operator is only expected to provide services instead of a fee, there is no question of any loss.

Yet, Amazon is incurring huge losses. The losses incurred by Amazon are due to huge dis-counts on the products sold on the platform as well as expenses on promoting exclusive brands. But the discount is normally given by the seller; this is also true of money spent on promotion. The service provider can't do it unless he is also masquerading as the sell-E-COMMERCE, er. Do the rules permit direct selling? Under the 2016 guide-lines (Press Note PN issued by the PUT SIMPLY, IS THE PRACTICE OF Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade or BUYING AND DPIIT in the Ministry of Commerce and Industries), the permission for 100 per cent FDI in SELLING GOODS OR SERVICES the "market-place" is subject to two

merce majors have been doing. They were operating as direct sellers, controlling inventory, giving discounts and so on. A clarification issued by the DPIIT on December 26, 2018, said that "the owner of the marketplace or its subsidiary or its joint venture (JV) with an Indian company can't

have ownership of the seller." Further, "a seller on the platform can't source more than 25 percent of its inventory from a firm con-nected with the latter."Foreign investors can circumvent the first rider by having less than 50 per cent shareholding in the seller firm and arguing that they have no con-trol (majority) over the latter. The marketplace owner can also sell his 'own' product through its wholesale arm on the platform. All that the wholesale arm needs to ensure is to restrict supplies to the seller within the 25 per cent threshold. Thus, the clarification hasn't helped much in diluting their role as dom-inant sellers. No wonder, small traders, whom the e-commerce platform was intended to help have

Director General (DG) -Investigation.

ASS and FIPL went up to the Supreme Court (SC) to get the order quashed. In August 2021, dismissing their appeal, the SC ordered "the CCI – DG will complete the probe. In its recent find-ings, the CCI-DG has charged ASS and FIPL with indulging in 'predatory pricing' and violation of antitrust laws. The latter will appeal against this starting a fresh round of never-ending litigation. In the end (if at all the result comes), Amazon et al will get away with paying some penalty. How can the government get out of this mess?It could further tighten the rules to say that platform owners can't hold even one per cent equity in the seller. Further, the former's wholesale arm must not supply even one per cent of stocks of the latter. This is an abhorrent idea. It can't be implemented.

Besides, it will be a retrospective change of policy and send a wrong signal. The way forward is to make obvious and straightforvard what the dureaucrats had already done in a 'subtle' way. The government should say that '100 per cent FDI is allowed in retail in all forms, single brand or multibrand retail (MBR), online or offline (currently, while FDI in MBR online is completely barred, in MBR offline, 51 per cent foreign investment is allowed subject to riders which tantamount to completely barring it. All these distinctions should go).

# E-commerce giants versus mom-and-pop stores

Amazon's aggressive pricing strategies could lead to a massive e-commerce expansion, capturing half of India's retail market within the next decade







productive team. The benefits of meditation in the workplace are welldocumented. Regular meditation practice has been shown to reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression, lower blood pressure and improve sleep quality. Employees who meditate regularly are more likely to exhibit improved focus, emotional intelligence, and the ability to manage stress. This not only enhances individual performance but also contributes to a more harmonious and collaborative work environment. Mentally, yoga promotes relaxation and reduces stress by regulating the autonomic nervous system, which governs the body's stress response. The mindful breathing techniques and meditative aspects of yoga help calm the mind, reduce anxiety and enhance mental clarity.

For employees, this means better focus, improved decision-making and greater resilience in the face of workplace challenges. The cumulative effect of these benefits is a more productive, engaged, and satisfied workforce. The modern workplace is often characterized by high levels of stress, tight deadlines, and the pressure to constantly perform. Moreover, prolonged stress can have severe consequences on employees' mental and physical health, leading to issues such as anxiety, depression and chronic illnesses. Therefore, investing in employee well-being through practices like yoga and meditation is not just a trend but a strategic move that can yield substantial returns

(The writer is an educator, views expressed are personal)

The "market-place" is a platform where vendors sell their products to consumers even as its owner (say, Amazon) merely

main riders viz, The entity can-USING THE not permit more than 25 percent of total sales on its platform from INTERNET. one vendor or its group companies. PREDATORY Further, it can't directly or indirectly influence the sale price." Sans PRICING any specification as to "who the vendor is", a firm connected with the "market-place" (either its sub-INVOLVES SETTING PRICES sidiary or a joint venture (JV) with an Indian company) is eligible. FOR A PRODUCT AT AN UNREALISTICALLY LOW LEVEL TO UNDERCUT THE AND GAIN

MARKET SHARE

In other words, each such entity could control up to 25 per cent of sales on the platform. So, you have companies like Cloudtail - an Amazon venture in partnership with a firm owned by Narayan Murthy - operating as lead sellers on the platform. Thus, contrary to **COMPETITION** the real intent of the policy which disallowed the e-commerce platform owners from direct selling to individual consumers, the fine print permitted them to do so,

This is precisely what the e-com-

suffered neavily.

This is because the business that should have gone to the former was appropriated by the latter i.e. the dominant seller owned by itself. The small retailers haven't got relief from the court. In 2019, Delhi Vyapar Mahasangh (DVM) complained to the Competition Commission of India (CCI) alleging anti-competitive behaviour by Amazon Seller Services (ASS) and Flipkart Internet Private Limited (FIPL).

It argued that ASS and FIPL had entered into exclusive sales agreements with smartphone makers to sell certain phones through a small number of preferred sellers and offering to pay for part of the discount that such sellers would offer during key sales periods such as Flipkart's big bullion day and Amazon's Prime Day. Prima facie, albeit through a subsidiary or JV. the CCI agreed with DVM's contention and ordered a probe by the

With this, even as Amazon et al can continue with direct selling to consumers alongside running a marketplace model, Indian retailers including the millions of momand-pop stores will also have 'unrestrained' access to foreign capital thereby ensuring a level playing field.

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## Envisioning a feminist world: Building a just and inclusive future

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Eni envisions a feminist world

as one where economic and

political environments treat

that if feminists lead the world,

it would be a peaceful one, as

The 4th Asia Pacific Feminist Forum seeks to challenge the patriarchal systems that dominate the world today, writes SHOBHA SHUKLA

he 4th Asia Pacific Feminist Forum (APFF) is set to take place next month in Chiang Mai, Thailand, under the theme "Feminist world-building: Creative energies, collective journeys." This theme highlights the importance of uniting people of all genders who are dedicated to defending human rights and promoting gender equality. The forum aims to collectively resist the patriarchal, militarized, and greed-driven world we currently inhabit, envisioning instead a feminist world order. What is a Feminist World Order? A feminist world order envi-

sions a different kind of development model, one rooted in sharing and caring rather than power and violence. Unlike the patriarchal systems that dominate today, where power is concentrated in the hands of a few through violence and exploitation, a feminist system emphasizes care, solidarity, and the equitable redistribution of power. This system aspires to be socially just and ecologically sustainable, ensuring justice and sustainability for everyone, everywhere. At its core, this vision is grounded in the principles of development justice. Abia Akram, founder and CEO of the National Forum of Women with Disabilities in

Pakistan, describes a feminist world as a place where women and all diverse genders can fully realize their strength and contribute meaningfully at the grassroots level. In her view, such a world would bring ly 300 million people now liv-

about systematic changes through transformative laws and legal practices that are aligned with human rights. Migrant rights activist Eni Lestari, Chairperson of the International Migrants Alliance, shares her perspective on the feminist world order based on her decades of experience in feminist movements. She observes that neoliberal globalization has exacerbated structural exploitation, with each new crisis worsening poverty, displacement, and unemployment. Having migrated from Indonesia during the 1997 Asian financial crisis, Eni highlights that migration has become an inte-

capitalist countries, with near-

everyone with fairness and equality, eliminating the need for migration or displacement as a means of survival. In such a world, women would lead and ensure that justice and equality are upheld for all members of society. Feminist World: A Joyous and Inclusive World Ivy Josiah, a women's rights activist and former President and Executive Director of Malaysia's Women's Aid Organisation, describes a feminist world as a joyous and inclusive one, where no one is gral part of the economic left behind-not just as a tagline, but in reality. She believes development strategy for many



war is a choice, and so is peace. Feminist World: Ånti-Capitalism

A feminist world would stand in stark opposition to capitalism, which prioritizes profit maximization for a tiny elite while subjecting the majority of people and the planet to unbridled exploitation. Ivy argues that a feminist world would not serve the interests of the wealthy few but would instead be characterized by equitable resource distribu-

tion. Shrinking Spaces for Civil Society: Abia Akram raises concerns about the shrinking spaces for civil society organizations under the current political systems. She argues that creating an enabling envi-ronment where everyone has equal rights and opportunities is missing from the agendas of many countries. Budgetary allocations often fail to include a gender perspective, resulting in inadequate resources and opportunities for women and girls with disabilities, transgender individuals, and LGBTQI-AP+ communities. Abia asserts that meaningful engagement and equitable representation from feminist movements are essential for ensuring justice for all.

The Present World Order:

The present world order, driven by patriarchy, fundamentalism, militarism, and corporate capitalism, stands as the anti-thesis of a feminist world order. This model has transferred wealth, power, and resources from the working people to the rich, and from developing countries to wealthy ones. The resulting financial, environmental, food, and energy crises have devastated the lives of women, particularly in the Global South. Transformative Shifts of the **Development Justice Model** The current world order urgently needs to be replaced with a development justice model that addresses the inequalities of wealth, power, and resources between countries, between rich and poor, and between men and women

and gender-diverse communities. This model is grounded in five transformative shifts: redistributive justice, economic justice, social and gender justice, environmental justice, and accountability to the peo-

The Asia Pacific Feminist Forum (APFF) plays a crucial role in advancing the vision of a feminist world order. Organized by the Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD), this tri-annual event brings together feminists and women's rights activists of all genders from across Asia and the Pacific.

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# Strike in Israel over hostage deaths reflects political divisions

#### AP TEL AVIV

rare call for a general Astrike in Israel to protest the failure to return hostages held in Gaza led to closures and other disruptions around the country on Monday, including at its main interna-tional airport. But it was ignored in some areas, reflecting deep political divisions

Hundreds of thousands of Israelis poured into the streets late Sunday in grief and anger after six hostages were found dead in Gaza. The families and much of the public blamed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, saying they could have been returned alive in a deal with Hamas to end the nearly 11-month-old war.But others support Netanyahu's strategy of maintaining military pressure on Hamas, whose October 7 attack into Israel triggered the war. They say it will force the militants to give in to Israeli demands, potentially facilitate rescue operations and ultimately annihilate the group.

disrupt major sectors of the

economy, including banking

and health care. Airlines at

Israel's main international

A labour court ruled that the strike must end by 2:30 pm local time, accepting a petition from the government saying it was politically motivated

The head of Israel's largest trade union, the Histadrut, airport, Ben-Gurion, halted said it would abide by the outgoing flights between 8 court decision and instructed members to return to either departed early or were work. Arnon Bar-David had slightly delayed. Arriving

flights continued as usual, called for the general strike the first since the start of the according to the Israel war. It aimed to shut down or Airports Authority.

'There's no need to punish the whole state of Israel because of what is happening, overall, it is a victory for Hamas," said one passenger, Amrani Yigal.

am and 10 am. Those flights But in Jerusalem, resident Avi Lavi said that "I think this is fair, the time has come to

stand and to wake up, to do others prioritize the destruceverything for the hostages to come back alive?

The Histadrut said banks. some large malls and govern-ment offices had joined the strike, as well as some public transit services, although there did not appear to be

major disruptions. Municipalities in Israel's pop-ulated central area, including Tel Aviv, participated, leading to shortened school hours. Other municipalities, including Jerusalem, did not participate. The demonstrations on Sunday appeared to be the largest since the start of the war, with organizers estimat-ing that up to 500,000 people joined nationwide events and the main rally in Tel Aviv. Israeli media estimated that 200,000 to 400,000 took part. They are demanding that Netanyahu reach a deal to return the remaining roughly 100 hostages held in Gaza, a third of whom are believed to be dead, even if it means leaving a battered Hamas intact and withdrawing from the territory. Many Israelis support this position, but

tion of the militant group over freedom for the hostages.

Netanyahu has pledged "total victory" over Hamas and blames it for the failure of the negotiations, which have dragged on for much of this vear

Ísrael said the six hostages found dead in Gaza were killed by Hamas shortly before Israeli forces arrived in the tunnel where they were held. Three were reportedly scheduled to be released in the first phase of a cease-fire proposal discussed in July. The Israeli Health Ministry said autopsies had determined the hostages were shot at close range and died on Thursday or Friday. Netanyahu blamed Hamas, saying "whoever murders

hostages doesn't want a deal." Hamas blamed their deaths on Israel and the United States, accusing them of dragging out the talks by issuing new demands, including for lasting Israeli control over two strategic corridors in Gaza. Hamas has offered to

release the hostages in return for an end to the war, the complete withdrawal of Israeli forces and the release of a large number of Palestinian prisoners, including high-profile militants.

One of the six hostages was Israeli-American Hersh Goldberg-Polin, 23, a native of Berkeley, California, who lost part of his left arm to a grenade in the Oct. 7 attack. În April, Hamas issued a video that showed him alive, sparking protests in Israel. He was one of the bestknown hostages, and his par-ents had led a high-profile ity in December. campaign for the captives' release, meeting with President Joe Biden, Pope Francis, and addressing the Democratic National

Convention last month. Around 400 mourners gathered ahead of Goldberg-Polin's funeral outside the family residence, still draped with posters reading "Bring Hersh Home." Waving Israeli flags, they marched toward the cemetery."It feels like he could have been my son," said Irit Doley, whose two sons went to school with him 'I've buried so many friends this year, but this is the hard est one, because he was alive," said Amit Levy, who was among hundreds of others at the cemetery.

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Some 250 hostages were taken on Oct. 7. More than 100 were freed during a cease-fire in November in exchange for the release of Palestinians imprisoned by Israel. Eight have been res cued by Israeli forces. Israeli troops mistakenly killed three Israelis who escaped captiv-

Hamas-led militants killed some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, when they stormed into southern Israel on Oct. Israel's retaliatory offensive in Gaza has killed over 40,000 Palestinians, according to local health officials, who do not say how many were militants. The war has displaced the vast majority of Gaza's 2.3 million people, often multiple times, and plunged the besieged territory into a humanitarian catastrophe, including new fears of a polio outbreak

# Keir Starmer faces challenges | Red sea ship hit by suspected after unrest-filled summer

### AP LONDOIN

There was no summer hon-eymoon for Keir Starmer. Britain's new prime minister, elected in a landslide less than two months ago, had to cancel a planned vacation after antiimmigrant unrest erupted across the country. He has spent his first weeks in office dealing with the aftermath, and issuing stark warnings about the state of the nation

and the economy. As lawmakers returned to Parliament on Monday after a shortened summer break, Starmer's left-of-centre Labour Party government was preparing for a budget statement next month that's likely to include tax rises or public spending cuts — or both.

The mood music is in stark contrast to the campaign song used by former Prime Minister Tony Blair, the last Labour leader to win an election: "Things Can Only Get Better."



'Frankly, things will get worse before they get better," Starmer told voters in a televised speech last week. Starmer is seeking to hammer

home the message that the right-leaning Conservative Party, booted out by voters in the July 4 election, presided over "14 years of rot" that's left Britain weakened economically, structurally and even moral-

During the election campaign,

and restore frayed public services such as the state-funded National Health Service. Since winning power he's said the situation is "worse than we ever imagined," with an unex-pected 22 billion pound (USD 29 billion) hole in the public

finances. Labour has decided not to increase taxes on "working people," but it has to find money somewhere. It has already scaled back a payment intended to help pensioners heat their homes in winter.

Starmer said last week that a budget statement coming on October 30 will be "painful" and involve "short term pain for long term good."

Conservative economy spokeswoman Laura Trott accused Starmer and his government of trying to "run from responsibility for the tax rises they always planned but hid from the public during the election

Paul Johnson, who heads eco-Starmer vowed to get the coun-try's sluggish economy growing for Fiscal Studies, has said

AP BERLIN

Labour is being "disingenuous" when it claims to be surprised by the state of the finances, but that the Conservatives had "left Labour a mess to clear up." Rob Ford, professor of political science at the University of Manchester, said Starmer's government was going to "have to grasp the nettle" and confront the fact that two key pledges improving public services and not raising any of the main taxes - "aren't both achievable." Starmer faced a big test within weeks of taking office when anti-immigrant violence erupted after three children were stabbed to death in the town of Southport. The violence, fueled by online misinformation blaming a migrant and stirred up by far-right groups, spread across England and Northern Ireland over several days. Starmer responded firmly, con-

demning a "mindless minori-ty of thugs" fueled by the "snake-oil of populism" and pledging swift justice and tough sentences for rioters.

# Yemen rebel attack: Officials

## AP DUBA

suspected attack by Yemen's Houthi  ${f A}$  rebels targeted a ship in the Red Sea on Monday, authorities said, just north of where crews hope to salvage a tanker loaded with oil and still ablaze after another assault by the group.

Monday's attack marks the latest in the Iranian-backed rebels' campaign that has disrupted the USD 1 trillion in goods that pass through the Red Sea each year over the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip as well as halted some aid ship-ments to conflict-ravaged Sudan and Yemen.

Meanwhile, the efforts to salvage the still-burning Sounion seek to head off the potential ecological disaster posed by its cargo of 1 million barrels of crude oil

In Monday's assault, two projectiles hit the vessel, and a third explosion occurred near the ship, the British military's United Kingdom Maritime Trade

Operations centre said. "Damage control is underway," the UKMTO said. "There are no casualties onboard and the vessel is proceeding to its next port of call."

The timing of the attack and coordinates offered by the UKMTO corresponded to

the reported path of the Panama-flagged oil tanker Blue Lagoon I, now travelling south through the Red Sea to an unlist-

ed destination. The Blue Lagoon I was coming from Russia's port of Ust-Luga on the Baltic Sea and had been broadcasting that it had Russian-origin cargo on board. In recent months, the Blue Lagoon I

travelled to India, which gets more than 40 per cent of its oil imports from Russia despite Moscow's ongoing war on Ukraine and the international sanctions it faces over it.

The Greek-based firm operating the ship could not be immediately reached.

The Houthis did not immediately claim responsibility for the attack. However, it can take the rebels hours or even days

to acknowledge their assaults. The Houthis have targeted more than 80 vessels with missiles and drones since the war in Gaza started in October. They seized one vessel and sank two in the campaign that also killed four sailors. Other missiles and drones have either been intercepted by a United States-led coalition in the Red Sea or failed to reach their targets.

The rebels maintain that they target ships linked to Israel, the US or the UK to force an end to Israel's campaign

against Hamas in Gaza. However, many of the ships attacked have little or no connection to the conflict, including some bound for Iran.

Meanwhile Monday, a salvage effort appeared to be underway to tow away the Sounion oil tanker, which was ear lier hit by the Houthis and abandoned by its crew. Jamel Amer, an official with the Houthis, wrote online Saturday that tug boats assigned to pull the Sounion away should arrive Sunday.

However, NASA fire satellites showed a blaze at the site of where the Sounion had been abandoned on Monday morn

The Sounion was carrying some 1 mil-lion barrels of oil when the Houthis initially attacked it on August 21 with small arms fire, projectiles and a drone boat. A French destroyer operating as part of the European Union's Operation Aspides rescued the Sounion's crew of 25 Filipinos and Russians, as well as four private security personnel, after they abandoned the vessel and took them to nearby Djibouti. Last week, the Houthis released footage showing they planted explosives on board the Sounion and blew them up in a propaganda video, something the rebels have done before in their campaign.

## Far-right success in German votes piles new pressure on Scholz's coalition

## boost in Pennsylvania at Labour Day parade

Harris seeks Biden's

## AP WASHINGTON

Vice President Kamala Harris and President Joe Biden are co-headlining a campaign event Monday in the marquee battleground state of Pennsylvania as Harris balances presenting herself as "a new way forward" while remaining intensely loyal to Biden and the policies he has pushed. The pair will attend Pittsburgh's Labor Day parade and offer some remarks, the first time the two have shared a speaking slot on the political stage together since the surprising election shakeup that provided a fresh jolt of Democratic enthusiasm to the 2024 election. Harris' campaign has said Pennsylvania voters are newly energized since Harris moved to the top of the ticket six weeks ago, with tens of thousands of new volunteers signed up to canvass for her and Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, the Democratic vice presidential nominee. Harris' and Biden's appearance at the parade, one of the largest such gatherings in the country, is part of a battleground state blitz with just over two months until Election Day.

Harris, 59, has sought to appeal to voters by positioning herself as a break from poisonous politics, rejecting the acerbic rhetoric of her Republican opponent, former President Donald Trump, while looking to move beyond the Biden era as well. Yet while her delivery may be very different from Biden's, Harris' agenda is chockfull of the same issues he has championed: capping the cost of prescription drugs, the Affordable Care Act, the economy and helping families afford child care. "We fight for a future where we build what I call an opportunity economy, so that every American has the

 $T^{\rm he \ Alternative \ for}_{\rm Germany \ party's \ success \ in}$ opportunity to own a home, two state elections piled new start a business and to build pressure on Chancellor Olaf wealth and intergenerational Scholz's fractious government wealth. And a future where we lower the cost of living for and left the country's main opposition party facing polit-ical contortions on Monday to America," she said at a recent rally, echoing Biden's calls to find a way to govern a pair of eastern regions without grow the economy "from the bottom out and the middle up." involving the far-right party. Harris briefly appeared on stage Alternative for Germany, or with Biden after the president AfD, became the first farright party to win a state elec-tion in post-World War II delivered his remarks on the opening night of last month's Germany in Thuringia on National Democratic Sunday under one of its hard-est-right figures, Björn Höcke. Convention, but the two haven't shared a microphone at a polit-ical event since Biden himself In neighbouring Saxony, it finished only just behind the was running for office. At that time, the campaign was using mainstream conservative Christian Democratic Union, Harris mostly as its chief spokeswoman for abortion which leads the national oppo-sition. Voters punished the rights, an issue they believe can help them win in November as restrictions grow and health care worsens for women follow-

ing the fall of Roe v. Wade. The pair have appeared at official events and met together at the White House since the ticket-swap. For more than 3 1/2 years,

Harris has been one of Biden's chief validators. Now the tables are turned, as Harris looks to lean on Biden - a native of Scranton, Pennsylvania - to help win the potentially decisive state. Biden, for his part, has laid low since ending his reelection bid. He was last at the White House on Aug. 19 and has since been vacationing in Southern California and Delaware. But even as she's taken on the mantle of leading the Democratic Party, Harris has stood steadfastly at Biden's side. In her first sit-down interview of her candidacy, Harris delivered an impassioned defense of Biden's record and ability to do the job, even despite the events of the past two months that ended with her running for the Oval Office and Biden a lame duck

three parties in Scholz's gov-erning coalition, which took well under 15 per cent of the vote between them

Deep discontent with a national government notorious for infighting, inflation and a weak economy, anti-immigration sentiment and scepticism toward German military aid for Ukraine are among the factors that contributed to support for populist parties in the formerly communist east, which is less prosperous than western Germany. A new party founded by a prominent leftist was the second big winner on Sunday — and will probably be needed to form state governments since no one is prepared to govern with AfD

The debacle for the governing parties added to awful performances in the European Parliament election in June for

Scholz's coalition, and it's not obvious that they have any recipe to turn things around with Germany's next national election due in a bit over a year. Another state election on Sept. 22 in an eastern region Brandenburg, which unlike the two that voted Sunday is currently led by Scholz's center-left Social Democrats could add to their embarrassment.

Voters "wanted to send a signal to Berlin above all," Jens Spahn, a senior CDU lawmaker, told ZDF television. "They want to send a signal to the (coalition) that the chancellor no longer has their confidence. Ölaf Scholz is the face of failure in Thuringia and Saxony too."

But the two elections also bring difficult decisions for the CDU, which leads national polls. AfD holds now more refused to work with it.

## 3 in Hawaii: Police spokesperson did not immedi-

**Man fatally shoots** 

Honolulu (AP): Three people were killed and two others than a third of the seats, at least in Thuringia's state legisinjured in a shooting at a home lature — which would, for stemming from a dispute example, allow it to block between neighbors on Saturday appointments of judges to the night in Hawaii, police said. regional constitutional court The shooter was also fatally and that will make it hard shot by a resident, who was to build workable governarrested on a second-degree murder charge.

AfD's strength in the east has Witnesses reported that a 58pushed other parties into year-old man was using a frontend loader to ram cars into the unconventional coalitions as home where a family gathering far back as 2016, but Sunday's was taking place, then opened results took that to a new level. fire at people gathered in the In Thuringia, even a previously improbable combination of carport, fatally shooting three the CDU, Scholz's party and the new leftist Sahra women at the residence in Wainanae, a community about Wagenknecht Alliance lacks a 30 miles (48 kilometers) west of downtown Honolulu, majority; to get one, the con-Honolulu police detective Lt. servatives would also need help from the Left Party, which Deena Thoemmes said.

At some point, a 42-year-old man who lived in the home fatally shot the suspect with a handgun, she said at a news conference. A police

The women who were killed were 34, 36 and 29, Thoemmes said. A 31-year-old man and a 52-year-old woman were taken to the hospital in critical condition, she said. The suspect, who was not iden-tified, had four 55-gallon

ately respond to to a telephone

message or an email asking for

details about why the resident

was arrested.

drums containing an unknown fuel in the front-end loader, Thoemmes said. Witnesses reported that he fired rounds into them but police have not confirmed that vet, she said.

The shootings are the latest of several shootings in recent weeks in the area that have led to police to pledge to work to fight gun violence, Police Chief Joe Logan said at the news conference. But he said Saturday's shootings were not related to the earlier ones.

## Some Lebanese fearing war plan to move to Syria

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AP BEIRUT

 $R^{ ext{esidents of Beirut's south-}}_{ ext{ern suburbs have been}}$ scrambling to make contingency plans since an Israeli airstrike on an apartment building in a busy neighbourhood killed a top Hezbollah commander and touched off fears of a full-scale war.

For most, that means moving in with relatives or renting homes in Christian, Druze or Sunni-majority areas of Lebanon that are generally considered safer than the Shiite-majority areas where the Hezbollah militant group has its main operations and base of support.But for a small number, plan B is a move to neighbouring Syria. Although Syria is in its 14th year of civil war, active fighting has long been frozen in much of the country. Lebanese citizens,



who can cross the border without a visa, regularly visit Damascus. And renting an apartment is significantly cheaper in Syria than in Lebanon

Zahra Ghaddar said she and her family were shaken when they saw an apartment building reduced to rubble by the July 30 drone strike in her area,

known as Dahiyeh. Along with Hezbollah commander Fouad Shukur, two children and three women were killed and dozens more were injured in the targeted Israeli attack. Previously, the Lebanese cap-ital had been largely untouched by the near-daily cross-border clashes that have displaced around 100,000 peo-

ple from southern Lebanon and tens of thousands more in Israel since October 8. That's when Hezbollah began firing rockets into northern Israel in support of its ally Hamas, which a day earlier led a deadly raid in Israel that killed some 1,200 people and took another 250 hostage. Israel responded with an aerial bombardment and ground offensive in Gaza that has killed 40,000 more than Palestinians.In recent weeks, the conflict in Lebanon appeared on the brink of spiralling out of control.

Ghaddar said her family first considered moving within Lebanon but were discouraged by social media posts blaming displaced civilians, along with Hezbollah, for the threat of allout war. Also, surging demand prompted steep rent hikes. We found the rents started at USD 700, and that's for a

house we wouldn't be too comfortable in," she said. That amount is more than many Lebanese earn in a month.Ghaddar's family found a four-bedroom apartment in Aleppo, a city in northwestern Syria, for USD 150 a month. They paid six months' rent in advance and returned to Lebanon.

Israel periodically launches airstrikes on Syria, usually targeting Iranian-linked military sites or militants, but Bashar Assad's government has largely stood on the sidelines of the current regional conflict.Israel and Hezbollah fought a bruising monthlong war in 2006 that demolished much of southern Lebanon and Beirut's southern suburbs. At the time, some 180,000 Lebanese took refuge in Syria, many taking shelter in schools, mosques and empty factories. Those who

could afford it rented houses Some put down permanent roots.Rawad Issa, then a teenager, fled to Syria with his parents. They returned to Lebanon when the war ended, but Issa's father used some of his savings to buy a house in Syria's Hama province, just in case."That way, if another war happened, we would already have a house ready," Issa said. The house and surrounding area were untouched by Syria's civil war, he said. A few weeks ago, his sister and her husband went to get the house ready for the family to return, in case the situation in Lebanon deteriorated.Issa, who works in video production, said he initially planned to rent an apartment in Lebanon if the conflict expanded, rather than joining his family in Syria.But in "safe" areas of Beirut, "they are asking for fantastic prices," he said.

is descended from East Germany's communist rulers and led the outgoing state government. So far, they have



## **Russia launches** Pacific summit removes Taiwan reference after Chinese backlash drones, missiles at Kyiv school

ussia launched an overnight and ballistic missiles at Kyiy, officials said on Monday, as children prepared to return to school across Ukraine. Some pupils found classes cancelled because of damage from the attack.

Several series of explosions rocked the Ukrainian capital in the early hours. Debris from intercepted missiles and drones fell in every district of Kyiv, wounding three people and damaging two kindergartens, Ukraine's Interior Ministry said. City authorities reported multiple fires.

After more than 900 days of the war, Russia and Ukraine show no sign of letting up in the fight or moving closer to the negotiating table. Both sides are pursuing ambitious ground offen-sives, with the Ukrainians driving into Russia's Kursk region and the Russian army pushing deeper into the Donetsk region of eastern Ukraine that is part of the industrial Donbas region. Russian President Vladimir Putin said Monday that Ukraine's Kursk assault won't prevent Russian forces from advancing in eastern Ukraine. Ukrainian forces haven't achieved their goal of diverting Russian troops from the fighting there, he said. "The main task that the enemy set for themselves - to stop our offensive in Donbas — they haven't achieved it," Putin told school students during a trip to southern Siberia. However, Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said last month that the aim of the Kursk incursion is to create a buffer zone that might prevent further attacks by Moscow across the border. Putin predicted that Ukraine's

Kursk offensive, which began August 6, will fail and that subsequently Kyiv officials will want "to move to peace talks". Russia launched 35 missiles of various types and 26 Shahed drones at Ukraine overnight ing resources into weapon production.

from Sunday to Monday, the Ukrainian air force said. Nine ballistic missiles, 13 cruise missiles and 20 drones were downed, it said. Residents of the capital hurried into the city's

bomb shelters. Oksana Argunova, an 18-yearold student at a Kyiv high school, said that she was still shaking after the nighttime scare.

"I woke up, my neighbour was shouting: Let's go down (to the shelter), there are big explosions.' We all ran," Argunova told The Associated Press. Monday was the first day back

at school after the summer vacation. In Ukraine, the day involves ceremonies and rituals. Students of all ages and often teachers or parents wear traditional costumes. Celebrations include concerts and dances. Small groups of children and

parents gathered outside a damaged Kyiv school as firefighters put out flames and removed rubble One 39-year-old mother turned

up at the school with her 7-yearold daughter, Sophia, unaware it had been hit. It was Sophia's first day at what for her was a new school, her mother said, after a frightening night. "Of course, the child was scared. We hid in the bathroom, where it was relatively safe," said the mother, who provided only her first name, Olena. "Today is one of the most important days of the year for millions of our Ukrainian children, families and teachers," Zelenskyy said on his Telegram channel."Ukraine is doing everything to give children as many opportunities as possible. And all our schools, all higher education institutions that are working today are proof of the resilience of our people and the strength of Ukraine," he said. Both sides are battering each other with regular longrange drone and missile strikes, sometimes launching more than 100 weapons in aerial attacks that suggest they are still pour-

 $T^{urmoil}_{for influence in the South}$ Pacific has overshadowed the region's most important diplomatic summit after a Pacific island leader apparently pledged to erase an affirmation of Taiwan's involvement in the

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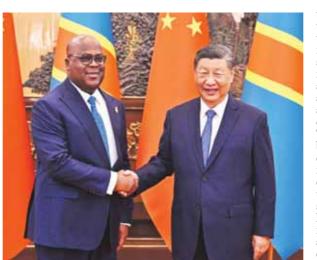
meeting from its closing statement, at Beijing's behest. The Pacific Islands Forum — a group of 18 island nations, plus Australia and New Zealand — initially included a reassertion of the standing of self-governing Taiwan, which China claims as its own territory, in a public communique Friday outlining leaders' agreements after their weeklong annual meeting. But it was then removed

Saturday.Officials at the summit in Nuku'alofa, Tonga, did not explain why the statement had changed. But video posted by a news outlet late on Sunday appeared to show a Pacific leader assuring China's special envoy to the Pacific, Qian Bo, that the reference to Taiwan would be removed after Qian demanded it in remarks to reporters.

a fraught, largely private regional debate about China's

The document row highlights

on



In this photo released by Xinhua News Agency, Chinese President Xi Jinping, right meets with President of Congo Felix Tshisekedi, at the Great Hall of the People AP/PTI ahead of the China Africa Forum in Beijing, Monday.

role in the region that Pacific nations had sought to publicly quash ahead of the meeting. The chaotic end to the annual summit — at which member nations had emphasized regional unity and rejected major powers' jostling for influence in their affairs - shows how difficult it is for some of the world's tiniest nations to balance the demands of larger countries who see them as

geopolitical pawns, analysts said."The ability of the (forum) to pursue increasingly demanding regional agendas ... and at the same time manage the geopolitical interests of external actors is clearly at risk," said Anna Powles, a professor at Massey University's Center for Defense and Security Studies. The public display of China's influence-wielding as it denounced the summit's men-

tion of Taiwan was "deeply troubling" and provoked questions about autonomy for the region's top diplomatic body, she added. In 2019, six Pacific nations recognized Taiwan as an independent democracy — a snub to Beijing — but Taipei's allies in the region have since dwindled to three.

The Pacific Islands Forum began in 1971 for leaders to coordinate responses to the issues confronting a remote, diverse region where individ-ual nations hold little solo sway on the global stage. Its leaders, from low-lying islands imperiled by rising seas, were at the forefront of urging action on climate change.

Annual meetings were not widely attended until the Pacific Ocean in recent years emerged as the site of an intense geopolitical contest for influence over waters, resources and political power. As Beijing wooed Pacific leaders with loans, diplomacy and security agreements, Western alarm about its foothold in the region grew, prompting a rapid expansion of attendance of forum summits.

This year, Pacific leaders sought to channel the global clamor toward their preferred topics the climate change havoc and

crises of debt, health and secu-rity, including fundraising for a Pacific-led climate and disaster resilience facility in Tonga while warning major powers against overshadowing the summit with geopolitical squabbling. "We don't want them to fight in our backyard here. Take that elsewhere,"

Baron Waga, the forum's secretary-general and a former president of Nauru, told reporters in July.For most of the five-day summit, an uneasy calm prevailed, at least in public, with superpowers making unusual overtures of cooperation to opponents. As the forum's partner nations presented their offerings to Pacific leaders on Wednesday, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Kurt Campbell said the United States and China had pledged to work together to find areas of cooperation on Pacific projects. In response, China's emissary, Qian, said Campbell's words were encouraging and that cooperation between Beijing and Washington was in the region's best interests although those remarks were not recorded in a public version of his statement. "It's a different

approach, that's for sure," said Mihai Sora, director of the Pacific Islands Program at the

Lowy Institute, an Australian think tank, adding that in the past the United States and China had each cast the other as the region's aggressor. "I remain deeply skeptical about what potential there would be for any credible cooperation." Still, it reflected an effort by superpowers to display new restraint.

Even the announcement of a regional policing program, which Australia will fund to apparently counter China's offers to equip and train Pacific police, did not provoke rancor from Beijing.

China welcomes all parties to make concerted efforts for the development and prosperity of the Pacific Island coun tries," said China's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian when asked about the initiative Wednesday.

Campbell was later recorded on a reporter's microphone candidly telling Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese that the United States had stepped aside in the Pacific policing matter to allow Australia to take the lead. At the summit's final news conference Pacific nations underlined health care and climate initiatives as their central concerns for the year ahead.

The mutiny occurred weeks

after Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina's Awami League gov-

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## B'desh interim govt to re-investigate 2009 BDR mutiny

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Bangladesh interim gov-ernment on Monday said it will "soon" start re-investigation and fair trial into the 2009 mutiny in the paramil-itary Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) that had killed 74 people, including 57 army officers serving in the force. Home and Agriculture Affairs Advisor to the interim government Lt Gen (retd.) M Jahangir Alam Chowdhury said that as a citizen and a former member of the military, he was committed to ensuring justice for the tragic event.

The proper re-investigation and fair trial process into the BDR carnage will start soon," he told the media after a meeting with Swedish

Siegfried Renggli at his office here.

The mutiny started on February 25-26, 2009, when army officers refused to fulfil the demands made by the BDR jawans. The rebel soldiers staged the revolt at the BDR's Pilkhana headquarters in Dhaka and it quickly spread to sector headquarters and regional units of the frontier force across the country.

The rebellion saw the paramilitary soldiers turn their guns to their commanders, shooting them from close ranges or hacking and torturing them to death, hiding their bodies in sewers and hurriedly dug graves and cap-tivating and humiliating their frightened family members in

Ambassador to Dhaka Reto barracks. The mutiny left 74 people, including 57 army officers killed

Under a massive reconstruction campaign, the government renamed the mutinystained BDR as Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) in 2012, changing its logo, uniform, flag and monogram to free the force from the rebellion stigma.

Alam, who previously served as the (BGB) chief, said, "Not only as an adviser but as a former member of the army and a general citizen, I want a just trial of the BDR killings as well".

His comments came as demands for a re-investigation mounted particularly on social media, though a special three-judge High Court bench in 2017 upheld 139

BDR soldiers' death penalties after their trial in the lower court.

The lower court had given death sentences to 152 BDR members and two civilians, and life imprisonment to 158 others in the case, which is pending before the apex Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for a review. The accused were tried on charges like masterminding the mutiny, torturing and killing their officers, looting their belongings or captivating their family members during the two-day rebel-lion. They also killed eight civilians, eight BDR soldiers, who were opposed to the revolt, and an army soldier apart from the 57 military officers Legal experts earlier called it

Bangladesh's biggest-ever criminal trial in which some 800 ex-paramilitary soldiers stood accused of killing 74 people.

The rebel soldiers staged the revolt for what they said was "deprivation", coinciding with the annual Darbar or meeting of ordinary soldiers with the top brasses.

The then BDR chief Maj Gen Shakil Ahmed was the first victim of the rebellion.

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may be downloaded using the URL-https://www.ppgcl.co.in/tenders.php Eligible vendors willing to participate may submit their expression of interest along with the tender fee for issue of bid document latest by 12th Sept' 2024.



E-Tender Enquiry No.: 203/MM-I/TGM-346(V)/O&M/GHTP/2024 dated 29-08-2024. Dy. Chief Engineer, Mechanical Maintenance Circle-1/GHTP, Lehra Mohabba invites e-tender for "Removal of old ceramic pads, application of old/new ceramic pad insulation & supply of new ceramic insulation pads/quilt for HP Turbine

## Russian officials recover 22 bodies from far east helicopter crash

Moscow (AP): Russian emer- has been launched into a gency officials said on possible pilot error or a tech-Monday they had recovered nical malfunction. eliconter The

## Storm causes floods, landslides in Philippines

## AP MANILA

storm set off landslides Aand unleashed pounding rains that flooded many northern Philippine areas overnight into Monday, leavast 14 neonle de ad and no at

into Casiguran town in the northeastern province of Aurora Monday afternoon and gained strength with sustained winds of 85 kilometers (53 miles) per hour and gusts of 105 kph (65 mph), according to t weath

strengthen further, possibly becoming a typhoon, before blowing away toward southern China in the next two At least 14 people died, mostandslides and due to

provinces. It was forecast to of the capital, killing at least three people, including a pregnant woman.

Four other villagers drowned in swollen creeks, Antipolo's days, the weather bureau said. disaster-mitigation officer Enrilito Bernardo Jr. told The Associated Press hv

that crashed with tourists on board in Russia's Far East. The crash occurred in Kamchatka — a pristine peninsula with numerous volcanoes, known for its rugged beauty and rich wildlife. A Mi-8 helicopter with 19 passengers and three crew members on board took off close to the Vachkazhets volcano on Saturday and rescuers located the wreckage the following day. Russian state news agency RIA Novosti said, citing the Emergencies Ministry, that it likely crashed due to poor visibility in bad weather conditions. The local branch of the Investigative Committee, Russia's top law enforcement body, said in a statement Monday that an investigation

helicopter designed in the 1960s. It is widely used in Russia, where crashes have been frequent, as well as in neighbouring countries and many other nations. Russian media described the flight operator Vityaz-Aero as one of the largest carriers in the Kamchatka region. After a helicopter crash in 2021, in which eight people were killed, authorities had banned the company from transporting passengers pending an investigation into a possible violation of flight safety rules. Vityaz-Aero is the biggest of

several local carriers that fly tourists to the Kronotsky reserve, a top attraction that includes Russia's only geyser basin

## Expenditure violations lead to Presidential disgualification, says SL election commision

Colombo (PTI): Any candidate found to have violated campaign finance regulations in Sri Lanka's presidential election can face disqualification, the island nation's election commission said on Monday. Defying expenditure limita

tions in the September 21 presidential poll can result in the disqualification of the candidate apart from him/her losing their civic rights for three years, Commissioner General of Elections Saman Sri Ratnavake told the media in the central district of Kandy. The presidential election has come under the campaign finance regulations for the first time since the new act was made into law in January last year. On January 19, 2023, the Parliament of Sri Lanka passed

the Regulation of Election Expenditure Bill, the first

framework to regulate "expen-

diture incurred by candidates" in local, provincial, parliamentary, and presidential elections. Each candidate contesting the presidential election this year is authorised to incur expenses not exceeding Rupees 109 per elector for election propaganda activities, totalling Rs 1,868,298,586 (approx USD 5 million) per candidate, a gazette notification said on August 16.

The parties must submit expenditure reports to the Elections Commission within 21 days of the declaration of the results. Ratnavake said voters have the right to lodge a police complaint and proceed to court if candidates are found to have violated the expenditure law. As many as 38 candidates have been contesting the election with over 17.1 million registered voters eligible to elect a president for five years.

prompting authorities to sus-The storm, locally called pend school classes and gov-Enteng, gained speed and was moving northwestward at 20 ernment work in the densely kph (12 mph) toward the populated capital region. country's northernmost Tropical Storm Yagi slammed

drownings, officials said. A landslide hit two small shanties on a hillside in Antipolo city on Monday in Rizal province just to the west Bernardo said.

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Module & IP turbine Module of 210 MW Unit-II of GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat" For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer refer https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 29-08-204 at 18:30 Hrs onwards. NOTE: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at 'The creeks overflowed and a part of the hillside gave in https://eproc.punjab.gov.in GHTP-74/24 because of the heavy rains,

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	Sr. Name of Work/Item No.	Period/Tentative Qty		
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provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") and the Rules made thereunder and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 read with General Circular Nos. 20/2020 dated 5 <sup>th</sup> May, 2020 and 9/2023 dated 25 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023 issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) read with SEBI Circular dated 7 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023 (collectively referred to as Circulars) to transact the business as the transition of the Company of the Com	Hiring of milkpowder plant having conversion capacity in the range of 2.00 to 4.00 LLPD for conversion of liquid milk into standard grade SMP and WMP for Verka Dairies.	Annual		
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Board's Report, Auditor's Report and other documents required to be attached thereto, have been sent on Monday, September 02, 2024 through electronic mode has sent only to those Members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company or Registrar & Share Transfer Agent (RTA) or Depository	Hiring of commercial insulated/ refrigerated vehicles for transportation of packed	3.0 Ton-05 No's		
Participants (DP). The requirement of sending physical copies of the Notice of the AGM has been dispensed with vide MCA Circulars and the SEBI Circular.	milk and fresh milk products. 3. For Verka Bathinda Dairy	4.0 Ton-04 No's		
However, in line with SEBI circular dated January 5, 2023, hard copy of AGM documents will be sent to those members who specifically request for the same. In respect to the receipt of hard copy of Annual Report for 2023-24, members are requested to drop an email to <u>Corporate@Orissasponge.com</u> duly quoted their folio No/. DP ID/ cilent ID. The Annual Report 2023-24 of the Company, inter-alia, contains the Notice of the 44 <sup>a</sup> AGM is also available on the	Notice inviting expression of interest to run the Verka Milk booths location in Bathinda city & Bathinda Army Cantt. Area:-			
website of the Company at https://orissasponge.com/docs/Notice%202024.pdf and on the website of National Securities Depository Limited ("NSDL") at www.evoting.nsdl.com.	i. Nai Basti. ii. Ajit Road, Street No.17			
Further, Members may directly access the Annual Report for FY 2023-24 at the following link: https://orissasponge.com/docs/Annual%20Report%202023-24.pdf	iii. Mehna Chowk			
Remote E-Voting and joining AGM through VC/OAVM: In compliance with Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended from time to time, the Secretarial Standard on General Meetings (SS-2) issued by the Institute	iv. P.A.U Research Station	Three Year		
of Company Secretaries of India and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Company is providing to its Members the facility of remote e-Voting before as well as during the AGM in respect of the business to be transacted at the AGM and for this	v. Partab Nagar vi. Shopping Complex No.1 (Army Catt.)			
purpose, the Company has appointed NSDL for facilitating voting through electronic means.	vii. Abdul Hamid Enclave (Army Cantt.)			
The detailed instructions for remote e-Voting and joining AGM are given in the Notice of the AGM. Members are requested to note the following: a. The remote e-Voting will commence from 09:00 A.M. (IST) on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 and ends at 05:00 P.M. (IST) on Friday, September	viii. Badlu Singh Enclave (Army Cantt.) ix. Gurnam Singh Enclave (Army Cantt.)			
27, 2024. The remote e-Voting module shall be disabled thereafter by NSDL for voting.	x. Shopping Complex No.06 (Army Cantt.)			
<li>b. The voting rights of the Members shall be in proportion to their share of the paid-up capital of the Company as on Saturday, September 21, 2024 ("Cut-off" date).</li>	4. For Verka Jalandhar Dairy			
c. The facility of remote e-Voting system shall also be made available during the AGM and the Members attending the Meeting, who have not already cast	Outsourcing of Milk Booths at:- i. Civil Hospital, Phillaur.			
their vote by remote e-Voting shall be able to exercise their right during the Meeting. A person whose name is recorded in the Registrar of Members/ Register of Beneficial Owners as on the Cut-Off date shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-Voting before/during the AGM.	ii. Nagar Council, Kartarpur			
d. Any person who acquires shares of the Company and becomes a Member of the Company after dispatch of the Notice and holds shares as on the Cut-Off	iii. Civil Hospital, Sultanpur Lodhi			
date, may obtain the login-id and password for remote e-Voting by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.com. or may contact on toll free number 022- 48867000 as provided by NSDL. A person who is not a member as on the Cut-off date should treat the Notice of the AGM for information purpose only.	iv. MCC Lasara v. Civil Hospital Nakodar	Three Year		
e. The notice of AGM inter-alia includes the process and manner of remote e-voting/e-voting and instructions for participation in the AGM. f. Members who have cast their vote by remote e-Voting prior to the meeting may also attend the meeting electronically, but shall not be entitled to vote	vi. Municipal Corp., Jalandhar	Thee real		
again.	vii. Civil Hospital Kapurthala			
g. The same login credentials for e-Voting, may also be used for attending the AGM through VC/OAMV. h. The Company has appointed Mr. Neeraj Jain, Practicing Company Secretary (Membership No. FCS 9599, COP No. 26163), Proprietor of M/s. Neeraj	viii. MCC Khat Kar Kalan ix. Shalimar Bagh Kapurthala			
Jain & Associates, Company Secretaries, to act as the Scrutinizer for conducting the e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner. The Scrutinizer	x. Kemra Bagh Kapurthala			
will submit his report to the Chairman / or a person as may be authorized by the Chairman, within 48 hours of the conclusion of AGM. The voting results of the voting conducted for 44 <sup>th</sup> AGM along with scrutinizer's Report will be made available on the website of the Company at <u>www.orissasponge.com</u>	xi. Lajpat Nagar, Backside Petrol Pump (Rose Park) Jalandhar			
and on the website of NSDL at <u>www.evoting.nsdl.com</u> .	xii. Rail Coah Factory, Kapurthala xiii. Jang E-Azadi, Kartarpur			
Any person who acquire shares and become member of the Company after dispatch of notice and holding shares as on cut-off date i.e. Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> September, 2024 may obtain login Id and password by sending a request over email at evoting@nsdl.com mentioning demat account number/folio number,	xii. Jang E-Azadi, Kanapul xiv. Adarsh Nagar Chaupati, Jalandhar			
PAN, name and registered address. However Members who are already registered with NSDL for e-voting can use their existing User id and Password	5. For Verka Faridkot Dairy			
for casting their vote through remote e-voting/e-voting at the AGM. Manner of voting for members holding shares in physical form, dematerialized form or who have not registered their e-mail address with the Company is provided in the Notice of AGM, which is also available on the website of the Company at https://orissasponge.com/docs/Notice%202024.pdf	Hiring of insulated road milk tanker for transportation of milk from BMC's to various Milk Chilling Centres/Milk Plants in Punjab etc. on rate contract. Cap. 10000 Kg.	01 No.		
	6. For Verka Ferozepur Dairy	Annual Rate Contract		
Registered Office & Corporate Office of the Company. Subject to the requisite number of votes, the Resolutions shall be deemed to be passed on the date of the AGM i.e. 28th September, 2024.	Hiring of:-	For:-		
REGISTRATION OF E-MAIL ADDRESS: Members who have not yet registered their e-mail addresses are requested to register their email address. Member holding shares in demat form are requested to update the same with their Depository Participant or to Skyline Financial Services Private Limited	<ul> <li>a) Insulated road milk tankers for transportation of milk from:-</li> <li>i. MCC's to various Milk plants in Punjab or to any other destination etc. Capacity 15000 Kgs (Double Chamber).</li> </ul>	2 year/08 No's		
("RTA") for members holding shares in physical form. In case of any queries, grievances connected with remote e-Voting, you may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions and e-Voting user manual for	ii. BMC's to Verka Ferozepur Dairy (Malwal, Ghallu, Jalalabad, Zira)	2 year/		
shareholders available at the "Downloads" section of <u>www.evoting.nsdl.com</u> or call on toll free no.: 022-48867000 or send a request to Ms. Pallavi Mhatre, Senior Manager at evoting@nsdl.com_Further, the shareholders may also write to Mr. Suraj Thakur, Company Secretary at email ID	Cap. 10000 Kgs (Double Chamber). Cap.6000 Kgs	03 No's 02 No's		
corporate@orissasponge.com . The members are requested to carefully read all the notes set out in the notice of 44th AGM and in particular, instructions for	b) Mahindra Pickup/ Balero camper / Max Pickup etc, to lift the Cattlefeed to	02 110 3		
joining AGM through VC/OAVM, manner of casting vote through remote e-voting. BOOK CLOSURE: Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 91 of the Act and rules framed thereunder, the register of members and the Share	MccMalwal, Jalalabad, Ghallu, Zira .	01 year/02 No's		
Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from 23 <sup>rd</sup> September, 2024 to 28 <sup>th</sup> September, 2024 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of holding 44 <sup>th</sup> AGM.	IOTE: 1. For complete details regarding above tender (NIT), please visit our website i.e. www.verka.coop eproc.punjab.gov.in.	& e Tendering portal i.e.		
2. Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website only.				
Place: New Delhi Suraj Thakur Date: 02.09.2024 Company Secretary and Compliance Officer	NA/12/25125/2023/37207 Dated CHD :- 9/2/2024 Dy. Genera	ll Manager (Purchase)		



# **FICCI CASCADE** underlines need for global cooperation to curb smuggling for sustainable growth

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

To combat the menace of smuggling and L counterfeiting that feed into terror financing and organised crime, FICCI Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Destroying the Economy (CASCADE) will be organising the 10th edition of MASCARADE (Movement Against Smuggling and Counterfeit Trade) this month in the national Capital. MASCARADE

an international forum that hosts senior officials from prominent international organizations, including the World Customs Organization (WCO), World Intellectual Property Organization (WĪPO) International Control Narcotics Board (INCB), INTERPOL, among others, and representatives from several countries to provide insights against smuggling and illicit trade.

India is the fastest growing major economy in the world and has been the sole 'bright spot' in an otherwise sagging scenario of slowing global economy, but the silent menace of smuggling and



and organised crime.

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illicit trade threatens its ambition of becoming a \$5 Trillion economy. "Smuggling and counterfeiting threaten Indian

industries, hampering job creation and impeding educate the young or the toeconomic growth, apart from be-consumers depriving the government of tax revenue and bleeding MASCARADE ropes experts from various fields resources for enforcement and such as cyber-law, artificial public health measures," said intelligence, Anil Rajput, Chairman FICCI property rights and e-CASCADE which has been incessant officials from the Government running an campaign against the menace. of India to brainstorm on the has roped in the It detection of connections international community and between smuggling, organized crime and terror financing. organisations to highlight and underline the hidden links Meanwhile. MASCARADE discussions on between smuggling, counterfeiting and terrorism solutions

around consumer awareness, The body has also been stricter enforcement and calibrated government awareness programmes on strategies to policies in terms of taxation, counter smuggling, including trade deals etc. There also needs to be a inter-school competitions to

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would revolve

multinational collaboration to address the issue comprehensively.

"This collaborative effort could involve optimizing intelligence sharing conducting joint commerce, along with senior investigations and enforcement actions, sharing best practices, establishing bilateral and multilateral agreements and enhancing mutual legal assistance, among other measures," said

Rajput. Additionally,

the

collaboration should leverage the power of new-age and emerging technologies, such as AI and machine learning, to identify and analyse patterns of illicit trade, thereby enhancing detection and enforcement capabilities. The 9th edition of MASCRADE last year was a two-day event organised on the theme- 'Tackling Illicit Trade: Socio-Economic Perspectives and Way Forward'.

A 2022 FICCI CASCADE study titled 'Illicit Markets: A Threat to Our National Interests' revealed a staggering 163% increase in tax losses due to smuggling in India from 2010 to 2020.

The government faced a substantial financial impact, with losses reaching ?58,521 crore, compared to ?22,230 crore, spanning crucial sectors such as alcoholic beverages, mobile phones, FMCG-household and personal goods, FMCG-packaged foods, and tobacco products. These industries collectively suffered an astounding 340% surge in sales losses, escalating from ?59,046 crores in 2010 to ?2,60,094 crores in 2020, highlighting the gravity of the illicit trade issue



## Sensex, Nifty hit all time high

### PTI MUMBAI

 $B_{\mathrm{Sensex}}^{\mathrm{enchmark}}$  equity indices fresh all-time closing high levels on Monday, tracking foreign fund inflows and a rally in the US markets. The US rate cut hopes and renewed foreign fund inflows are fuelling the recent rally in domestic equities, traders said. Surging for the 10th straight session, the 30-share

BSE Sensex jumped 194.07 points or 0.24 per cent to settle at an all-time closing high of 82,559.84. During the day, it surged 359.51 points or 0.43 per cent to reach a new intra-day record peak of 82,725.28

The NSE Nifty climbed 42.80 points or 0.17 per cent to settle at a lifetime closing high of 25,278.70, taking its winning run to the 13th day in a row. During the day, it

soared 97.75 points or 0.38 but mild up-move caused by per cent to hit a fresh all-time intra-day peak of 25,333.65. Among the 30 Sensex firms, the accumulation of quality large-caps. FIIs turning buyers last week mainly due Bajaj Finserv, Bajaj Finance, HCL Tech, IndusInd Bank, to some large bulk deals also has improved sentiments in the market," said VK Vijayakumar, Chief ITC, UltraTech Cement, Axis Bank and Infosys were the biggest gainers.On the other hand, Tata Motors, NTPC, Mahindra & Mahindra, Bharti Airtel, Larsen & Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services. Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.14 per cent to USD 77.04 a barrel.Gross GST Toubro and Power Grid were among the laggards. In Asian markets, Seoul and Tokyo settled in the positive collections in August grew 10 per cent to about Rs 1.75 lakh

crore, reflecting higher domestic consumption. On Friday, the BSE benchmark climbed 231.16 territory, while Shanghai and Hong Kong ended lower. European markets were trading in the negative territory. The US markets points or 0.28 per cent to settle at an all-time closing high of ended higher on Friday. 82,365.77. In its best winning streak

Institutional Foreign (FIIs) bought since its launch in 1996, the Investors NSE Nifty soared 83.95 points equities worth Rs 5,318.14 crore on Friday, according to or 0.33 per cent to hit a new exchange data."The market has entered a zone of steady lifetime closing high of 25,235.90.

"We expect the rupee to trade

with a slight positive bias as

domestic markets are trading

at fresh record highs with

fresh FII inflows. A weak tone

in crude oil prices may also

support the rupee. However,

any recovery in the US Dollar

may cap sharp upside,"

Meanwhile, in the domestic

equity markets, Sensex climbed 194.07 points to

settle at a new all-time closing

high of 82,559.84, while Nifty

rose 42.80 points to hit its

by 0.06 per cent to 101.64. Brent crude, the international benchmark, fell 0.23 per cent

to 76.75 in futures trade. domestic On the macroeconomic front, gross

goods and services tax (GST) collections in August grew 10 per cent to about Rs 1.75 lakh crore on Sunday, reflecting higher domestic consumption

Institutional Foreign Investors (FIIs) were net buyers in the capital markets on Friday, as they purchased shares worth Rs 5,318.14 crore, according to exchange data.

Meanwhile, the Centre's fiscal deficit at the end of the first four months of the current fiscal year touched 17.2 per cent of the full-year target, according to data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA).

India's forex reserves jumped record peak of USD 7.023 billion to touch a new high of USD 681.688 billion in the week ended August according Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

## Single filing with exchange to be Rupee falls seven paise against US dollar reality very soon says SEBI chief PTI MUMBAI

## PTI MUMBAI

apital markets regulator Sebi Chief Madhabi Puri Buch on Monday said a single disclosure by listed companies on one stock exchange will soon be automatically uploaded on the other bourse.

This comes after the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) recently proposed sweeping changes to disclosure as well as listing requirements by companies based listed on recommendations from committee led by S K Mohanty, former whole-time member of Sebi. Speaking at a CII event, Sebi chairperson said, "a single filing with the exchange will be a reality very soon".

As part of the proposed changes, a filing made on one exchange wi automatically collate on the other exchange, she said



filing made on one А exchange will automatically collate on the other exchange. Additionally, Buch said soon investors will be able to start SIP (Systematic Investment Plan) with as low as Rs 250 per month.

"We are on the way of Rs 250 SIP becoming a reality," she Her husband Dhaval Buch is a said.Buch avoided senior advisor with commenting on Real Estate Blackstone, a major player in Investment Trusts (REITs), the REIT space. However, the but said there are regulations

REIT regulations 2014 favoured a specific financial conglomerate, which Sebi denied.

The Sebi chief highlighted plans to make IPO documents available in multiple languages to remove language barriers and increase investor awareness. Also, she emphasised on the importance of the inclusion. Additionally, she said that creating capital for the industry and wealth creation for the citizens of the country are two very important areas of the regulator.

Buch stressed on the need of adoption of technology in markets, complexity of the market (right product for the right person) and co-creation with the industry.

On co-creation, Buch said, "It is not because that

India's manufacturing sector

August as output and sales

rose at slowest rates since January, while competitive pressures and inflation concerns hampered business

confidence, a monthly survey

The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Manufacturing

Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) stood at 57.5 in

August, below July's reading of 58.1 but above its long-run average of 54.0, signalling a

substantial improvement in

operating conditions. In PMI parlance, a print

above 50 means expansion, while a score below 50

"The Indian manufacturing

sector continued to expand in

August, although the pace of

expansion moderated slightly.

New orders and output also

mirrored the headline trend,

denotes contraction.

growth moderated

regulator is magnanimous, it's out of sheer necessity, which

## The rupee declined 7 paise to close at 83.92(provisional) against the greenback on Monday on disappointing domestic

macroeconomic data. However, positive domestic markets, wherein both the benchmark indices scaled lifetime high levels and foreign fund inflows

cushioned the downside. Moreover, easing crude oil prices and weakness of the American currency in the overseas market supported the local unit and restricted further slide.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened 2 paise lower at 83.87 against the American currency. It rose to the intra-day high of 83.85 but pared gains and slipped to the day's low of 83.93 before settling at 83.92 (provisional) against the US dollar, registering a decline of 7 paise over its



disappointing macroeconomic data," said Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP

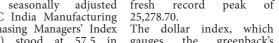
India's manufacturing sector growth moderated in August as output and sales rose at slowest rates since January, while competitive pressures and inflation concerns hampered

business Monday.

The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)

positive US Dollar and Paribas.

confidence, a monthly survey said on



simplifying such entities. "If I utter a word on REITs, I

Also, Hindenburg alleged that Sebi's recent amendments to

will be accused of conflict of

The remarks came as US

Research raised questions

about a potential conflict of

interest involving Buch and

equity

Hindenburg

major

interest," she added.

short-seller

private

Blackstone.

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ited the allegations will actually serve market".

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said on Monday

7 paise on Monday on

with some panellists citing

fierce competition as a reason

According to the survey, new

business rose sharply through

the second quarter of the

fiscal year, but the pace of

expansion eased to a seven-

Economist at HSBC, said.

for

Bhandari,

month low.

slowdown," Pranjul dari, Chief India

since the start of the 2024

On the prices front, goods

producers benefited from a

moderation in cost pressures

"On a positive note, the rise in

input costs slowed sharply.

Manufacturers increased their

raw material buying activity

in order to build safety stocks.

calendar year.

during August.

strength against a basket of six currencies, dipped marginally data released on Friday

Choudhary added.



## Maruti Suzuki cuts prices of selected models of Alto K10, S-Presso

## PTI NEW DELHI

Maruti Suzuki India on Monday said it has reduced prices of select variants of entry-level models Alto K10 and S-Presso with immediate effect. The price of S-Presso LXI

Petrol has been reduced by Rs 2,000 and the price of Alto K10 VXI Petrol has been reduced by Rs 6,500, the auto major said in a regulatory filing.

The Alto K10 range is priced from Rs 3.99 lakh and Rs 5.96 lakh while the S-Presso trims

are tagged between Rs 4.26 lakh and Rs 6.11 lakh (exshowroom Delhi). In August, sales of the

company's mini segment cars, comprising Alto and S-Presso, declined to 10,648 units last month as against 12,209 units a year ago.

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on these land parcels.

the

"Indian rupee depreciated by August, below July's reading of 58.1.

Indian manufacturers see softer increases in new business: PMI

solid in the context of

historical data. According to the survey, business confidence retreated and panelists were at their least optimistic level since April 2023.

"Business outlook for the year ahead moderated slightly in August, driven by competitive pressures and inflation concerns," Bhandari said. Meanwhile, India's economic

growth slowed to a 15-month low of 6.7 per cent in April-June 2024-25, mainly due to poor performance of the agriculture and services sectors, government data showed on Friday.

The gross domestic product (GDP) expanded 8.2 per cent in the June quarter of 2023-24. The HSBC India Manufacturing PMI is 24. Manufacturing PMI is compiled by S&P Global from responses to questionnaires sent to purchasing managers in a panel of around 400 manufacturers.

## INBRIEF

### VIT-AP UNIVERSITY, ARACT SIGN MOU

VIJAYAWADA: The Vellore Institute of Technology-Andhra Pradesh University and Amara Raja Advanced Cell Technologies Private Limited sign a Memorandum of Understanding. The MoU signifies



the start of a 5-year collaboration aimed at advancing research and innovation facilitating knowledge transfer, and developing the workforce

## **GM OF NFR INTERACTION WITH TRAIN RUNNING STAFF**



NEW DELHI: Shri Chetan Kumar Shrivastava, General Manager of N. F. Railway today interacted with various categories of field officials at New Jalpaiguri under Katihar Division who plays an important role in safe train operations. General Manager in his speech asked all railway officials to be Pradhikaran (HSVP)". alert and ensure safety at any cost

both plots is Rs 515 crore, it added

Realty firm Godrej Properties has won bid for The plot measuring 3.6 acres is located in the prestigious two residential plots in Golf Course Road micro-Gurugram costing Rs 515 crore and will develop luxury market whereas the plot measuring 1.97 acres is strategically located in Sector homes worth Rs 3,400 crore 39 with proximity to NH 48. In a regulatory filing on "The land parcels together Monday, Godrej Properties will offer a development potential of over 1 million informed that it has "emerged as the highest bidder and has square feet and an estimated secured the Letter of Intent to revenue potential of over Rs 3,400 crore comprising luxury develop two group housing plots at premium locations in residential apartments of Gurugram through an evaried configurations," auction conducted by the Haryana Shehri Vikas Godrej Properties said. In the last fiscal, Godrej Properties Ltd had bought The combined bid value for two prime parcels of 5.15



New export orders, likewise, In line with input costs, the increased at the weakest pace pace of output price inflation

acres and 2.76 acres in Golf Course Road micro-market from HSVP at auction and plans to launch both these projects during this fiscal.

Delhi-NCR portfolio having a total estimated revenue potential in excess of USD 1 billion.

also decelerated, but the

deceleration was to a much

increasing margins for manufacturers," Bhandari

The survey further noted that

job creation softened midway

through the second fiscal

quarter as a few firms

Nevertheless, the overall rate

of employment growth was

smaller

added.

trimmed

extent, thereby

Bhandari

headcounts.

Gaurav Pandey, MD & CEO, Godrej Properties, said, "We have demand for our projects in NCR market demonstrating huge trust and confidence which the customers have placed in us. I am very confident that these two new acquisitions will further strengthen our development portfolio in NCR as well as cater to strong demand for our products in this market." Godrej Properties is one of the leading real estate developers in the country. It became the largest player last fiscal in terms of sales bookings. The company sold properties worth Rs 22500 crore in 2023-24 and has set a target of Rs 27500 crore for

the current fiscal. In the first quarter of this fiscal also, Godrej Properties has retained its number one position in sales bookings by selling properties worth Rs 8637 crore. Godrej Properties is focusing

Delhi-NCR, Mumbai Metropolitan Region, Pune, Bengaluru and Hyderabad markets for group housing projects. It is also coming up with plotted developments in smaller cities.

auctions for two land parcels in Greater Noida in the current quarter.

These four plots in Greater Noida and Gurugram will The company also won strengthen the company's

Godrej Properties wins bid for two housing plots in Gurugram costing ₹515 cr

witnessed strong on



# Kathuniya bags second consecutive Paralympic silver in men's discus throw F-56 event

## PTI PARIS

India's Yogesh Kathuniya clinched his second consecutive Paralympic silver medal in men's discus throw F-56 event with a season's best effort 42.22m at the ongoing Games here on Monday.

The 27-year-old hurled the discus to the podium-clinching distance in his very first attempt to add to the silver he won in the Tokyo Paralympics three years ago. Brazil's Claudiney Batista dos Santos registered a hat-trick of Paralympic gold medals, creating a new Games record with an effort of 46.86m in his fifth attempt. Konstantinos

Greece's Tzounis won the bronze with 41.32m.

The F-56 classification covers limb deficiency, leg length difference, impaired muscle power and impaired range of movement. At the age of 9, Kathuniya developed the Guillain-Barre syndrome, a rare autoimmune condition which causes numbness, tingling and muscle weakness that can progress to paralysis. He was bound to the wheelchair during his childhood but overcame the



odds with the help of his mother Meena Devi, who learnt physiotherapy to help him regain muscle strength to walk again. His father has served in the Indian Army. Kathuniya is a commerce graduate from Delhi's prestigious Kirori Mal College.

Besides two Paralympic silver medals, he has three world championship championship medals, including two silver and a bronze.

On Monday, Kathuniya won't be satisfied with his performance given that he won the silver in Tokyo with a much better effort of 44.38m.

Kathuniya's toughest competitor, the 45-year-old Dos Santos broke the Paralympic record twice on Monday, first registering 46.45m in his second attempt and then hurling the discus to 46.86m in his penultimate throw.

Dos Santos is a three-time world championships goldmedallist, and has also held the Paralympic record of 45.59m in this category which he achieved in the last edition in Tokyo. Slovakia's Dusan Laczko

finished fourth and last with a best effort of 41.20m.



## Shuttler Thulasimathi Murugesan makes Paralympics final with win over fellow Indian Manisha Ramadass

## PTI PARIS

Thulasimathi Murugesan compatriot Manisha Ramadass in an all-India affair to reach the SU5 women's singles badminton final at the Paralympics here.

Murugesan, the top-seed from Nadu, defeated Tamil Ramadass 23-21, 21-17 in the semifinal played on Sunday night.

"It is like a dream come true. There is happiness but I need to prepare for the final. I mentally prepared for this match. We have a healthy competition every time (Manisha). Strategy for final, we are playing after a long time, we will see. It has been a very hard journey for me," Murugesan said after the win. The SU5 category is for

athletes with impairment on the upper limbs, which could be in the playing or the non

playing hand. Assured of at least a silver medal, the 22-year-old Murgesan will face a stiff test from China's Yang Qiuxia in the final on Monday.

Only six athletes are competing the women's singles SU5 category at the Paris Paralympics. Having started at a tender age

of seven, Murugesan has gone on to become an accomplished para athlete. She won three medals at the 2022 Para Asian Games including a gold in women's singles.

She was born with a congenital deformity in her left hand resulting in the loss of her thumb finger. A major accident further limited the mobility of her left hand.

## Para-athletes Preethi, Nishad win silver and bronze; shuttlers Suhas, Manisha assure medals

## PTI PARIS/CHATEAUROUX

 $P_{and}^{ara-athletes}$  Nishad Kumar and Preethi Pal fetched a silver and bronze for India respectively while shuttler Suhas Yathiraj positioned himself for glory by reaching the summit clash for a second consecutive time at the Paris Paralympics here on Sunday.

Another shuttler, Manisha Ramadass also assured India of a medal but star shooter Avani Lekhara missed out on repeating her medal-winning feat in her pet event.

India ended the Day 4 of competitions at 27th spot in the rankings with seven medals (1 gold, 2 silver, 4 bronze).

Preethi created history as she became the first Indian woman track and field athlete to win two medals at the Paralympics while Nishad Kumar clinched his second successive silver at the showpiece in the men's high

jump T47 category. 3-vear-old

her lower body was plastered for six days after birth. Weak legs and an irregular leg posture made her prone to various

diseases Preethi also became only the second Indian woman to win two medals -- both bronze -- in a single Paralympics after shooter Avani Lekhara who won a gold and a bronze in Tokyo

three years ago. T35 classification is meant for athletes who have coordination impairments such as hypertonia, ataxia and athetosis. Later in the day, the 24-year-old Nishad, who hails from Una in Himachal Pradesh, won India's third medal from para-athletics and seventh overall for the country in Paris Paralympics with a season's best effort of

2.04m. He lost his right hand in a grasscutting machine when he was six-year-old.

Nishad, who had also won a silver in Tokyo Paralympics three years ago with a jump of 2.06m, had a tough fight with world record holder and defending champion Townsend Roderick of the USA, who clinched the gold after clearing 2.12m STRONG SHOW BY SHUTTLERS: Tokyo Games silver medallist Suhas is set to

become the first Indian shuttler to win back-to-back medals at the Paralympics after outplaying compatriot Sukant Kadam in straight games to reach the men's singles SL4 final.

The 41-year-old Suhas, a 2007 batch IAS officer, beat Sukant 21-17, 21-12 to make another

final at the global showpiece. Later, Nitesh Kumar also guaranteed a medal for himself in SL3 with a 21-16 21-12 victory over Japan's Daisuke

Fujihara in the semifinal. Before Suhas sizzled, it was Manisha who set up an all-Indian women's singles SU5 semifinal with compatriot Thulasimathi Murugesan, assuring the country of at least a silver.

The 19-year-old Manisha, who was born with Erb's palsy which affected her right arm, had no trouble in dispatching Japan's Mamiko Toyoda 21-13 21-16 in the quarterfinals. The second seeded Indian left-hander needed 30 minutes to d unseeded rival. Erb's palsy is a nerve disorder in the shoulder and arm that results in weakness or loss of muscle function. In the last four, Manisha will meet top seed Thulasimathi, who had defeated Portugal's Beatriz Monteiro in group A on



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NO SUCCESS IN SHOOTING RANGE: After the high of four medals in two days, there was disappointment in store for India in the shooting range with Lekhara failing to qualify for the final following a 11th-place finish in the mixed 10m air rifle prone (SH1) qualification in which

Sidhartha Babu ended 28th. In the mixed 10m air rifle prone (SH2) qualification, Sriharsha Ramakrishna ended in 26th place with a total of 630.2. In the Paralympics mixed event, both men and women

men open category. Rakesh held his slender onepoint lead and needed a 9-point seal the issue in five But he slipped with an 8pointer red-ring, leaving both the archers locked at 144-144 after regulation five ends comprising 15 arrows. In the shoot-off, the 39-year-

successive

archer Rakesh Kumar

overcame a blip to defeat Ken

Swagumilang of Indonesia in

the shoot-off and enter his

quarterfinals in the compound

Paralympics

104.9, 103.6, 105.7. In the SU5 category, the players In SH1, athletes are able to hold their gun without difficulty and shoot from a standing or sitting position (in a wheelchair or

Sidhartha aggregated 628.3 across six series. the quarterfinals. Athletes classified in SH2

category are unable to hold their rifle independently, so they use a stand, but can aim by themselves and control the weapon when they shoot. Certain athletes may have an assistant to reload their gun. Only the top eight from qualification progress to the final. RAKESH SHINES: World No

Devaraddi

compete on the line against each other. medal in the 10m air rifle standing SH1 event, Lekhara ended the competition with a total of 632.8. Lekhara's sequence of scores read 105.7. 106.0, 104.1, 106.0, 104.8, 106.2, while Sidhartha had scores of 104.6, 103.8, 105.7, managed an 8.

daughter from farmer's Muzaffarnagar in Uttar Pradesh, bagged a bronze in the 200m T35 category with a personal best time of 30.01 seconds. She also won a bronze in the 100m T35 category on Friday.

She faced significant physical challenges when she was born as



## Ukrainian badminton player chasing first Paralympic medal with an unexpected guest in the stands

## AP PARIS

Oksana Kozyna's Paralympic debut was sure to have some unexpected moments, but the surprise she received might beat anything that could have happened on the court.

Ukrainian The para badminton player was raised in an orphanage for disabled children in Dnipro, Ukraine, alongside teammate Oleksandr Chyrkov. Before her first singles match in the SL3 classification (standing with lower limb impairment), she met one of her former teachers from the orphanage -a reunion that brought back memories of learning the sport while also featuring all the emotions felt by Ukrainians as the war continues back home. "I didn't recognize her at first and then, when I recognized her, I just couldn't believe it," Kozyna said of her teacher, Svitlana Shabalina, while meeting with reporters Sunday

evening. "It's like a dream." Shabalina had left the orphanage years earlier and recently emigrated to Sweden. Kozyna fled Ukraine shortly after Russia attacked in 2022 and now lives with Chyrkov, two other Ukrainian athletes and their families in France, where she trained for the

Paralympics. Kozyna has been a key player in Ukrainian para badminton since winning silver at the European Championships in 2017. The 29-year-old also won Ukraine's first world para badminton championschip in badminton championship in 2022.

Shabalina didn't plan to see her former students. Chyrkov actually surprised Shabalina actually surprised Shabalina while training near where she lives in Sweden. The two had stayed in touch in the years after Chyrkov left the orphanage, and he invited Shabalina to watch him and Kozyna compete. Two weeks

before the games began, Shabalina decided to go.

we've tried to figure out how to do it in a proper way," Chyrkov said.

of Ukrainians came and supported?

the last few days discussing how life has changed since they left the orphanage. Kozyna had not seen Shabalina since before the war began.

"Ever since we began the war, semifinal. "It really helped because a lot

Kozyna said the trio has spent

Kozyna had her first women's singles loss on Sunday, falling in straight sets to No. 1 seed Qonitah Ikhtiar Syakuroh of Indonesia. She will play Nigerian Mariam Bolaji for the

bronze medal on Monday. "I did have favorite pupils, (and) they were one of them," Shabalina said about Kozyna and Chyrkov. "I loved what I do and my kids,

because I really think they are like my kids.

## Suhas, Nitesh keep India on track for badminton gold in Paralympics

## PTI PARIS

Suhas Yathiraj and Nitesh Kumar on Sunday inched closer to their maiden gold medal after progressing to the men's singles final in their respective categories at the Paris Paralympics here. While Suhas, a silver medallist from

Tokyo Games, is set to become the first Indian shuttler to secure back-to-back medals at the Paralympics after

outplaying compatriot Sukant Kadam 21-17, 21-12 in SL4, Nitesh guaranteed a medal for himself in SL3 with a 21-16 21-12 victory over Japan's Daisuke Fujihara in another

However, Indian shuttler Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan lost her women's singles SH6 semifinals to China's Lin Shuangbao 13-21, 19-21. She will play for a bronze medal.

The 41-year-old Suhas, a 2007 batch IAS officer, will now face France's Lucas Mazur, aiming to settle the score after losing to him in the Tokyo Paralympics

final three years ago. "I still can't believe (back-to-back finals). I thank God. I tried my best and didn't let pressure get to me," Suhas said. Nitesh, who had lost his left leg after a train accident in 2009, will square off against Great Britain's Daniel Bethell in the summit clash. Bethell, who was the runner-up to Pramod Bhagat in the Tokyo Games, is

a formidable opponent, setting the stage for an electrifying final on Monday.

Sukant, meanwhile, will next play for the bronze medal.

With his win, Nitesh, an IIT Mandi graduate, who won three medals,



including a singles silver at the Asian Para Games, ensured that India return with a medal from the SL3 category, after Pramod Bhagat clinched the gold when para badminton made its debut three years ago in Tokyo.

'I have been performing consistently, so I had the self belief that I will make the finals and it feels amazing to actually do that because there is pressure and I had lost my mixed doubles but I didn't let it affect me," the 29-year-old said.

A computer engineer, Suhas, who served as the District Magistrate of Gautam Buddh Nagar during the COVID-19 pandemic and was also the DM of Prayagraj, delivered a commanding performance to book his place in the final.

Talking about Mazur, Suhas, who never let his ankle impairment hinder his passion for badminton, said: "We know each other very well. I defeated him in World championships this year and he would want to take revenge.

"I lost to him in Tokyo but fortunately I have won Asian Para Games gold, became world no 1. I don't want to put too much pressure on myself. I will just go out there and enjoy myself."

In SL4, athletes compete while standing with less severe impairment than in SL3, which is for players, like Nitesh, who compete with more severe lower limb disabilities, requiring play on a

half-width court. Nitesh's sports journey began with a passion for football in childhood. accident However, an in Visakhapatnam left him bedridden for months and resulted in permanent leg damage. Despite this, his interest in sports endured, particularly during his time at IIT-Mandi, where he developed a keen interest in badminton.

He kept honing his skills along with studies and made his debut at the Nationals in Faridabad, winning a bronze while representing Haryana. The following year, he clinched a silver in singles and bronze in doubles at Bengaluru, establishing himself in para-badminton.

His domestic success peaked at the 2020 Nationals, where he defeated

Pramod and Manoj Sarkar to win gold. Nitesh's win assured India its third medal from para badminton after medal from para badminton after Manisha Ramadass confirmed a podium after setting up a women's singles SU5 semifinals duel with compatriot Thulasimathi Murugesan. The 19-year-old Manisha, who was born with Erb's palsy which affected her right arm, had no trouble in dispatching Japan's Mamiko Toyoda 21-13 21-16 in the quarterfinals. Erb's palsy is a nerve disorder in the shoulder and arm that results in weakness or loss of muscle function. The second seeded Indian left-hander

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needed 30 minutes to down her unseeded rival.

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India's medal hopes were further bolstered by Nithya Sivan Sumathy, who advanced to the women's singles SH6 semifinals with a 21-4, 21-7 victory over Poland's Oliwia Szmigiel. On Saturday, Sukant Kadam earned the right to take on compatriot Suhas Yathiraj in SL4 semifinals to assure the

country its first medal in badminton from this edition of the Games. However, Mandeep Kaur and Palak Kohli were eliminated following

contrasting defeats in their respective quarterfinals on Sunday.

Competing in SL3 category, Mandeep hardly posed a challenge to Nigeria's third seed Bolaji Mariam Eniola, losing the contest 8-21 9-21 in 23 minutes.



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## Saina Nehwal reveals struggles with arthritis, to decide on retirement by end of year rgan PTI 📕 NEW DELHI

ce Indian shuttler and former Olympic bronzemedallist Saina Nehwal has revealed that she is battling arthritis and will have to decide on her future in badminton by the end of this year as the ailment has made it impossible for her to train the usual hours. The 34-year-old former world No.1, who was the first Indian shuttler to win an Olympic medal with her bronze in London 2012, participated in three editions of the Games before being hampered by injuries.

2010 2018 The and Commonwealth Games goldmedallist said she can no longer overlook the fact that her career is in its final leg.

"The knee is not very good. I have arthritis. My cartilage has gone to a bad state. It is very difficult to push for eight-nine hours," Nehwal said on the House of Glory podcast hosted by shooting great Gagan Narang, who was Indias chefde-mission in the recent Paris Olympics

"How will you challenge the best players in the world in such a state? I think I will have to accept it somewhere. Because two hours of training is not good enough to play with the highest level of players and get the desired results," she added.

Nehwal said she is still considering the impact retirement will have on her but admitted that she would eventually have to take a call. The trailblazing star, who is also a BJP member now, was last seen in action more than a year ago in the Singapore Open where she lost in the opening round.

"I am also thinking about it (retirement). It will be sad



normal person does. Obviously, a sportspersons career is always a short one. I started at the age of 9. I will be 35 next year," she said. "I have also had a long career and I am very proud of that. I have broken my body to a great

extent. I am happy with what I have done and given it all. (I) will assess how I feel by the end of this year," she added.

because it is like a job that a her childhood dream and missing the showpiece for two consecutive editions has been hurtful.

"Competing at the Olympics is a childhood dream for all. You prepare to reach that level for years. Hence, at times, when you realise you will not be able to make it, it hurts a lot," she expressed. "Because it is not like you do

not want to play, but your body The Padma Shri awardee said competing at the Olympics was well and you have injuries." Nehwal, however, said she would look back at her run in the Games with pride. "But I have done a lot of hard work. I competed in three Olympics. I gave my 100 per cent in all of them. I can take pride in that and be happy about it," she said

Nehwal also spoke about the pressure of expectations and said as a top athlete, she has faced it not just from observers of the game but also from near and dear ones

"When you become a big player, your friends, family, coaches, sponsors, everyone wants you to perform. There are a lot of stakeholders involved," she said. "With already a short career

span, athletes cannot afford to take a four-year break and have keep performing to continuously. If you wish to become an international champion, you have to be strong to make tough decisions," she added

## Nagal pulls out of Davis Cup tie against Sweden due to back injury

Indias top singles player Sumit Nagal on Monday pulled out of the upcoming Davis Cup tie against Sweden due to a back injury. Nagal recently lost his first round singles contest to Tallon Griekspoor at the US Open. The indoor hard-court contest in Stockholm will be played on September 14-15. Reserve player Aryan Shah has been drafted into the main team after Nagals withdrawal while Manas Dhamne has been put on standby.

"I was really looking forward to representing in the upcoming Davis Cup tie against Sweden," Nagal wrote on social media.

"However, due to a back issue thats been bothering me for the past few weeks, doctors have advised me to rest for the next two weeks, leaving me without enough time to



prepare and compete in Sweden. This same issue also led to my withdrawal from the US Open doubles

"Im deeply disappointed to be missing this tie, but I have to listen to my body to prevent the back from worsening, so that I can finish the season strong and healthy. Good luck to the Indian team - Ill be cheering for you all from

home!" he added. Nagal reached a career-high ranking of 68 in July but has dropped to 82 in the latest rankings. Indias highest-ranked singles player not being part of the Davis Cup tie is a

big blow to the team. Former national champion Ashutosh Singh has been named as new coach of the national team.

## **Bopanna-Ebden** ousted from US Open

### PTI NEW YORK

Indias challenge in the mens doubles event of the US Open ended with the defeat of Rohan Bopanna and his Australian partner Matthew Ebden in the third round, here.

The second seeded Bopanna-Ebden pair lost 1-6 5-7 to the 16th seed Argentine combo of Maximo Gonzalez and Andres Molteni in 66 minutes on Sunday night.

Bopanna and Ebden had won the Australian Open early this year.

The 44-year-old Bopanna has already announced retirement from Davis Cup and it will be interesting to see if he will return to defend his Australian Open crown in January 2025.

Sumit Nagal had exited the mens singles with an opening round defeat while Yuki Bhambri and N Sriram Balaji earlier lost in mens doubles at different stages of the tournament.



Bopannas challenge is still alive in the mixed doubles event with Indonesian partner Aldila Sutjiadi and interestingly, he and Ebden will now be up against each other. Ebden and Čzech Republics Barbora Krejcikova are seeded fourth in the mixed doubles

## Juventus remains unbeaten following a Kylian Mbappé ends scoring drought in Spanish league and scores 2 in Real Madrids win over Betis 0-0 draw with visiting Roma in Serie A

## AP ROME

Thiago Mottas  $F_{\rm Juventus,\ it\ was\ a\ well-earned\ point\ that\ kept\ the}$ Bianconeri unbeaten. For Daniele De Rossis Roma, it was a step in the right direction after a difficult start to the season.



Udinese beat promoted Como 1-0 with a first-half volley from Brenner. Como forward Patrick Cutrone

forward rational missed a late penalty. DISTANCE: Robin Gosens scored a late equalizer on debut for Fiorentina, which came back from two goals

## AP MADRID

With two goals in less than 10 minutes, Kylian Mbappé ended his scoring drought in the Spanish league, leading Real Madrid to a 2.0 win over Pael Batic to a 2-0 win over Real Betis. Madrids biggest signing in years, Mbappé had scored nce in the teams win over Atalanta in the UEFA Super Cup final last month, but he had yet to find the net in his previous three Spanish league matches.

Valladolid two rounds ago, also at the Bernabeu. This win defending moved the champion four points behind leader Barcelona, the only team to win all four matches to start the season.

"After the game against Las Palmas we knew that we had to win and we did it," Mbappé said. "It was a tough match,



Bernabeu, going back to last season, a first for the club in the competition since 1996. Madrid is unbeaten in 26 home games in the league, with 22 wins and four draws, the best run under Ancelotti. The five points from three matches until now had meant Madrids worst start in the eague since 2019-20hen it won the competition. SEVILLA CONTINUES TO STRUGGLE: Sevilla lost 2-0 at home to Girona to remain winless after four matches. Iván Martin and Abel Ruiz scored a goal in each half for Girona, which has now won two in a row. It will play the Catalan derby against against Barcelona in the next round. Sevilla had drawn two of its first three matches, both on the road, with a loss to Villarreal at home. **OTHER RESULTS:** Getafe, another team without a victory, drew 0-0 with Real Sociedad at home, while Las Palmas - also winless - lost 2-0 at Alaves. Osasuna won 3-2 against Celta Vigo, which had opened with two straight wins but now has lost two in a row.

draw at home by Roma in Serie A on Sunday with each side producing only one shot on goal.

Roma dominated the possession early on before Juventus grew more dangerous through Dusan Vlahovic

De Rossi kept former Juventus forward Paulo Dybala on the bench at the start then sent the Argentina international, who recently turned down an offer from Saudi Arabia, on midway through the second half.

But Dybala produced little with both sides slowing down by then on a warm evening in Turin.

Juventus moved level on seven points with defending champion Inter Milan, Torino and Udinese in Mottas first season since coming over from Bologna.

Winless Roma, which was coming off a dispiriting defeat at home to Empoli, has two points in De Rossis second campaign after replacing Jose Mourinho in January

Having grown more offensive under De Rossi last season, Roma has produced only one goal in three matches this season.

Alessandro Nestas Monza.

Gosens, who was signed on loan from Union Berlin on deadline day, redirected in a corner with a looping header in stoppage time.

Monza went ahead with early goals from Milan Djuric and Daniel Maldini before Moise Kean pulled one back for Fiorentina before the break. It was a third consecutive draw in Serie A for Fiorentina under new manager Raffaele Palladino, who previously coached Monza.

Fiorentina was coming off a penalty-shootout win over Puskas Akademia in the Conference League. Fiorentina also drew the first leg with Puskas, and the second leg was locked at 1-1 before the shootout.

Maldinis long-distance effort was his third goal from outside the box in 2024, tied for the joint lead in Serie A over that span with Dusan Vlahovic, Khvicha Kvaratskhelia, Alexis Saelemaekers and Michael Folorunsho.

Hellas Verona beat Genoa 2-0 with goals from Jackson Tchatchoua and Casper Tengstedt for its second win in three matches after defeating Napoli 3-0 in its opener.

"I was looking forward to scoring in this legendary stadium, the best in the world," Mbappé said. "But the most important thing was the victory.

He opened the scoring at the Santiago Bernabeu with a low left-footed shot from inside the area after a neat backheel pass by Federico Valverde in the 67th minute. Mbappe then added to the lead by converting a 75th-minute penalty kick after a foul on Vinicius Junior.

Madrid had drawn two of its first three games, with its lone victory coming against

but we are Real Madrid and in the end we won it." Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti

said there was never any pressure on Mbappé to end his drought in the league. "For him it was important to

score, but we evaluate the work of the team as a whole, which was better than in the previous match. It was a step forward."

The result kept Betis winless after three matches. Manuel Pellegrinis team had drawn its first two games.

Řoque, Vitor young Brazilian forward, was a second-half substitute for the Seville club where he is playing on loan from Madrid rival Barcelona

Madrid has not conceded in its last five league games at

Loco Gauff loses at the US Open to Emma Navarro

#### AP NEW YORK

This is pretty much all anyone needs to know about defending champion Coco Gauffs 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 loss to Emma Navarro in the U.S. Opens fourth round : Gauff wound up with more double-faults, 19, than winners, 14.

It was the latest in a series of earlyfor-her exits in recent weeks, including bowing out in the third round at the Paris Olympics, then going 1-2 at hard-court tuneup events before arriving in New York. "I feel like theres 70 other players in the draw that would love to have the summer that I had, even though its (the) least, probably, (Ive) done well during this time of the year," said the No. 3-seeded Gauff, who went 18-1 during the North American swing on hard courts 12 months ago, including the run to her first

Grand Slam title. "So many people want to be in the fourth round. So many people want to make the Olympics. So many people want to

be flag bearer. Its perspective." The 20-year-old from Florida did fight her way back into the match with a four-game run in which she claimed 14 of 17 points and grabbed the second set. "Had a little bit of a lull there," said the 13th-seeded Navarro, an American who was 0-2 at the U.S. Open until this year, "but I was able to regroup."

After each of her past two contests in New York, Gauff headed back out onto the practice courts to work on her serve. That didnt help much on Sunday, when she tied her career high for double-faults: She also had 19 in a loss at the 2020 French Open. Against Navarro, Gauff delivered a trio of double-faults in four different games. Eleven of the

## Ending her title defense with 19 double faults

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double-faults came in the final set alone.

Gauff attributed her problems to a mix of issues with her mechanics -"I go down on my left side a lot on my serve, and its something Im aware of, but its tough in the moment to, I guess, try not to do it," she explained - and in her mind.

"Its sometimes more of an emotional, mental thing, because if I go out on the practice court right now, I would make, like, 30 serves in a row. Ive done it before," Gauff said. "I think its also just kind of a mental hurdle that I have to get over when it comes. ... But I definitely want to look at other things, because I dont want to lose matches like this anymore."

She finished with a total of 60 unforced errors - a whopping 29 on her forehand side.

The 23-year-old Navarro, who also

eliminated Gauff in the fourth round at Wimbledon in July, was far steadier on Sunday, although she still did have 35 unforced errors. "It was a little bit of a battle of will there for a bit. But proud of just my effort today," said Navarro, a U.S. Teammate of Cauffs at the Paris for a bit. But proud of just my effort today," said Navarro, a U.S. Teammate of Gauffs at the Paris Games. "I was able to stick in there through some tough moments." This result follows a third-round loss by defending mens champion Novak Djokovic on Friday, meaning the lengthy droughts without anyone winning consecutive titles in New York will

continue. The last woman to win at

least two in a row was Serena

Williams with three from 2012-14;

the last man to do so was Roger Federer with five from 2004-08.

Frances Tiafoe eliminated No. 28

seed Alexei Popyrin, the player who

stunned Djokovic, with a 6-4, 7-6

champion Williams watching and offering a thumbs-up at matchs end. Also moving on Sunday was No. 12 Taylor Fritz, who beat three-time Grand Slam finalist Casper Ruud 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2. Fritzs quarterfinal opponent will be 2020 U.S. Open runner-up Alexander Zverev, who got past Brandon Nakashima 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2. "Im at the point now where Im still

happy to make quarterfinals, but I wouldnt be happy with it ending here," said Fritz, who has yet to reach a Grand Slam semifinal. "I definitely am at the point where I really want more than that."

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